

295.97671

DREW UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

MINUTES

OF THE

LITTLE ROCK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

1895.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

JOHN M. WALDEN, PRESIDENT.

THOMAS MASON, SECRETARY.

W. O. EMORY,

M. N. LANGSTON,

J. E. TOOMBS, STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

B. H. JOHNSON,

J. J. FREEMAN,

SETH NEAL,

ANDREW J. FLETCHER, TREASURER.

JOHN QUALLS,

W. H. HIGGINS,

ASSISTANTS.

ASSISTANTS.

ASSISTANTS.

NO.	YEAR.	DATE.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1	1879	Feb. 21	Van Buren	Andrews	I. G. Pollard
2	1880	Feb. 11	Jacksonport	Merrill	I. G. Pollard
3	1881	Feb. 3	Hot Springs	Foss	I. G. Pollard
4	1882	Feb. 9	Little Rock	Peck	I. G. Pollard
5	1883	Feb. 8	Pine Bluff	Hurst	I. G. Pollard
6	1884	Feb. 13	Little Rock	Wiley	W. O. Emory
7	1885	Feb. 19	Van Buren	Mallalieu	Thos. Mason
8	1886	Feb. 11	Pine Bluff	Bowman	W. O. Emory
9	1887	Feb. 17	Fayetteville	Merrell	Thos. Mason
10	1888	Feb. 15	Little Rock	Warren	Thos. Mason
11	1889	Feb. 7	Het Springs	FitzGerald	Thos. Mason
12	1890	Feb. 13	Fort Smith	Vincent	Thos. Mason
13	1891	Feb. 22	Texarkana	Newman	Thos. Mason
14	1892	Feb. 3	Van Buren	Mallalieu	Thos. Mason
15	1893	Feb. 9	Little Rock	Newman	Thos. Mason
16	1894	Feb. 7	Hot Springs	Bowman	Thos. Mason
17	1895	Jan. 24	Pine Bluff	Walden	Thos. Mason

DREW UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

CONFERENCE ROLL.

NO.	NAME.	P. O. ADDRESS.	CONFERENCE RELATION.	WHEN BORN.	BIRTH PLACE.	COMMENCED TRAVELLING.
1	Aerhart, James	Conway	Effective	Dec. 1, 1857	S. C.	1889
2	Brooks, Washin'tn	Augusta	Effective	Dec. 10, 1846	Miss	1877
3	Brown, John B.	Morrilton	Effective			1893
4	Clark, James M.	Dermott	Effective	Aug. 10, 1858	Miss	1892
5	Coulter, H. P.	Clow	Effective	Sept. 11, 1863	Ark	1886
6	Crawford, W. H.	Althimer	Effective	Sept. 13, 1843	Ark	1869
7	Crawley, J. C.	Texarkana	Effective	Feb. 25, 1858	Miss	1888
8	Cunningham, W. J.	Center Ridge	Effective	June 6, 1848	S. C.	1887
9	Duncan, W. R. R.	2008 State St.	Effective	Jan. 27, 1857	Ark	1880
		Little Rock				
10	Dunlap, H. C.	Brinkley	Effective	Feb. 8, 1849	Tenn	1882
11	Emory, W. O.	1111 State St.	Effective	Aug. 9, 1852	Mo.	1878
		Little Rock				
12	Fletcher, A. J.	Jacksonport	Superannuate	Sept. 27, 1853	S. C.	1876
13	Flowers, Wm. H.	Crawfordsville	Effective			1893
14	Foster, M. H.	Hope	Effective	July 4, 1852	S. C.	1876
15	Franklin, J. P.	So. Atlanta, Ga.	Effective			1892
16	Freeman, J. J.	Little Rock	Effective	Jan. 16, 1858	Miss	1892
17	Gaffin, W. M.	Texarkana	Superannuate	Jan. 1, 1846	Ga.	1884
18	Giffin, B. J.	Fayetteville	Effective	Oct. 14, 1852	S. C.	1882
19	Hall, David	Oak Forest	Effective			1892
20	Hall, G. A.	Newport	Effective			1893
21	Hanna, T. H.	Solgochachie	Superannuate	Feb. 12, 1853	S. C.	1886
22	Harris, D. H. E.	Auvergne	Effective	Dec. 25, 1867	Miss	1891
23	Harston, D. B.	Texarkana	Effective	Jan. 1, 1863	Miss	1891
24	Higgins, W. H.	Batesville	Effective	Aug. 25, 1851	Md.	1879
25	Jackson, J. W.	1618 Ringo St.	Effective	June 8, 1850	Ark	1886
		Little Rock				
26	Johnson, B. H.	Helena	Effective	Jan. 8, 1853	Va.	1880
27	Johnson, G. N.	So. Atlanta, Ga.	Effective	Dec. 25, 1856	Tenn	1882
28	Kitchens, U. S.	Danville	Effective		Ky.	1878
29	Langston, M. N.	Little Rock	Effective	Mar. 18, 1856	Miss	1890
30	Lenons, Jun	Pine Bluff	Effective	Aug. 2, 1851	Tenn	1889
31	Lewis, B. J.	Marvell	Effective			1893
32	Lewis, Wm.	Little Rock	Effective	Mar. 12, 1868		1892
33	Mack, James P.	Fayetteville	Effective	Mar. 7, 1857	Ind	1874
34	Mason, Thos.	Little Rock	Effective	Oct. 4, 1850	S. C.	1891
35	McIntosh, Waters	Solgochachie	Effective	July 4, 1863	S. C.	1889
36	McDonald, Silas	Cotton Plant	Effective	Dec. 9, 1865	N. C.	1883
37	Morris, W. H.	Little Rock	Effective	Aug. 29, 1852	Ga.	1881
38	Neal, Seth	Van Buren	Effective	Oct. 26, 1861	S. C.	1891
39	Nelson, D. W.	Little Rock	Effective	June 26, 1861	S. C.	1891
40	Phillips, A. J.	Hot Springs	Effective	Oct. 28, 1845	Ala.	1870
41	Qualls, John	Fort Smith	Effective	June 1, 1858	La.	1873
42	Renfro, H. M.	Centre Point	Effective	Dec. 30, 1850	Tenn	1888
43	Roberts, Eliza	Little Rock	Superannuate	July 24, 1840	Va.	1870
44	Sherrell, J. C.	Pine Bluff	Effective	Nov. 14, 1863	Tenn	1889
45	Spencer, Edward	So. Atlanta, Ga.	Effective	Feb. 12, 1862	Miss	1882
46	Stokes, S. M.	Cotton Plant	Effective	Aug. 15, 1850	Tenn	1886
47	Strong, H. P.	Sweet Home	Effective	Jan. 2, 1868	Ga.	1890
48	Taylor, C. A.	Lonoke	Effective	May 4, 1855	La.	1883
49	Taylor, G. W.	Conway	Effective	Sept. 1, 1836	Ark	1872
50	Thompson, G. W.	Canfield	Effective	1853	Tex.	1883
51	Thompson, T. J.	Little Rock	Effective	Oct. 4, 1860	Miss	1891
52	Toombs, J. E.	Hot Springs	Effective	1860	Va.	1883
53	Walton, H. W.	Johnsville	Effective		Miss	1890
54	Wamble, T. R.	Johnsville	Effective	July 28, 1861		

PROBATIONERS IN THE CONFERENCE.

Second Year.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	Became a Probationer
1 Adams, John C.	Bearden.....	....1894....
2 Bailey, Thos. H.	Wilmot.....	....1894....
3 Bright, Haywood.....	Hensley.....	....1894....
4 Burns, James W.	Gains' Landing.....	....1894....
5 Cain, Mansfield B.	Fulton.....	....1894....
6 Daniels, Laban D.	Bledsoe.....	....1892....
7 Donnelly, Gabriel B.	Magnolia.....	....1894....
8 Hamilton, John H.	Locksburgh.....	....1893....
9 Hawkins, Thos. J.	New Edingburgh.....	....1893....
10 Johnson, S. J.	Camden.....	....1892....
11 Johnson, Squire.....	Dumas.....	....1894....
12 Kilpatrick, John. W.	Forrest City.....	....1894....
13 Owens, Philip.....	Gurdon.....	....1892....
14 Sherrell, Wm. S.	Forrest City.....	....1894....
15 Torrence, A. L.	Lewisville.....	....1894....
16 Wall, Charles L. J.	Little Rock.....	....1894....
17 Wilson, George W.	Rison.....	....1894....

First Year.

1 Allen, William.....	Winchester.....	....1894....
2 Davis, Squire B.	Brinkley.....	....1895....
3 Greer, John H.	Mariana.....	....1895....
4 Pruitt, Miles P.	Lonoke.....	....1895....
5 Whitehead, Charles W.	Wilson.....	....1895....

Journal of Daily Proceedings.

FIRST DAY.

PINE BLUFF, ARK., Jan. 24, 1895.

The Seventeenth session of the Little Rock Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in St. James M. E. Church, Pine Bluff, Ark., Jan. 24, 1895, at 8:30 A.M. and was opened with a sacramental service conducted in a very impressive manner by Bishop Walden.

Roll Call.—The Secretary of the last session called the roll of the conference and 60 members and probationers responded to their names.

Introductions.—The following visitors were introduced to the conference: Rev. A. J. Nelson, D. D., of the Arkansas Conference, Rev. J. C. Battle of the Baptist church, Rev. H. H. Kip of the A. M. E. church, and Rev. W. J. Rodgers of the M. E. church South.

Officers elected.—Thos. Mason was re-elected secretary, J. E. Toombs Statistical Secretary and A. J. Fletcher, Treasurer.

Assistant Secretaries.—W. O. Emory and M. N. Langston, on the nomination of the secretary, were elected assistants.

Assistant Statisticians.—B. H. Johnson, J. J. Freeman, and Seth Neal were elected assistant Statistical Secretaries.

Assistant Treasurer.—John Qualls and W. H. Higgins were elected assistant treasurers.

Time of Meeting and Adjournment.—The time of meeting and adjournment was fixed at 8:30 A.M. and 12:00 M. respectively, the first half hour to be devoted to religious services.

Conference Bar.—The bar of the conference was fixed on a line corresponding with the rear of the first window.

Standing Committees.—The report of the committee on nominating standing committees was adopted with a few amendments.

Drafts ordered.—The Bishop announced that the conference was authorized to draw on the Charter Fund for \$25.00 and on the Book Concern Dividend for \$337.00 and the drafts were ordered paid.

Apportionments.—The Bishop announced that the conference was asked to raise for General Conference expenses and for the Episcopal Fund \$98.00 each and the presiding elders were asked to apportion these amounts to the various charges.

Papers referred.—Communications from various societies were presented by the Bishop and referred to appropriate committees.

Bishop's Address.—The Bishop gave an address to the conference full of practical thought.

Classes referred.—The superannuates and the super-numeraries were referred to the committee on conference relations. The following brethren were referred to the same as a committee of inquiry: W. B. Wall, C. A. Taylor, H. M. Renfro, J. W. Killpatrick, H. W. Walton, T. R. Wamble, G. W. Lacey, W. Brooks, D. H. E. Harris, and D. W. Nelson.

Afternoon Session.—On motion of J. W. Jackson it was ordered that when we adjourn we do so to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Pentecostal Service.—J. E. Toombs was appointed to conduct the pentecostal service at 4 o'clock today.

H. C. Dunlap was appointed to conduct the religious services at the opening of the conference tomorrow morning.

On motion of W. R. R. Duncan the conference adjourned. One stanza of the hymn commencing.

"My faith looks up to thee"
was sung and Bishop Walden pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2 o'clock and was opened with devotional services conducted by W. R. R. Duncan.

The charges of conference were called and reports were given to the Secretaries.

Referred.—J. W. Burns and A. J. Fletcher were referred to the committee of inquiry.

13th Question.—The Thirteenth question was taken up: "*Was the character of each preacher examined?*"

J. W. Jackson, A. J. Phillips, W. H. Morris, and W. R. R. Duncan reported their respective districts and their characters passed.

The following effective elders reported their Mission and Freedmen's Aid Collections and number of probationers and their characters passed: W. H. Higgins, Silas McDonald, S. M. Stokes, B. H. Johnson, H. P. Coulter, H. C. Dunlap, M. H. Foster, J. E. Toombs, J. C. Crawley, U. S. Kitchens, Seth Neal, B. J. Griffin, W. J. Cunningham, June Lemons, T. H. Hanna, John Qualls, J. C. Sherrell, G. W. Taylor, G. N. Johnson, J. P. Franklin, Thos. Mason.

On motion of W. H. Morris the Bishop was requested to leave G. N. Johnson and J. P. Franklin without appointment to attend school.

Referred.—Edward Spencer was referred to the committee of inquiry.

Conference adjourned regularly and joined in the pentecostal service.

SECOND DAY.

PINE BLUFF, ARK., Jan. 25th, 1895.

Conference met at 8:30 A.M. Bishop Walden in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by H. C. Dunlap.

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

The Secretary called the list of absentees

The Statistical Secretary called the names of the charges failing to report yesterday.

Introduction—C. C. Morse of the Southwestern Christian Advocate was introduced to the Conference.

Bishop's Address.—The Bishop gave a twenty minute practical talk to the brethren.

Ninth Question.—The ninth question was taken up: "*What members are in the studies of the fourth year?*" The following were called, their characters passed, the committee reported and they were advanced to the fourth year's course of study: Wm. Lewis, J. J. Freeman, J. M. Clark, G. A. Hall, J. M. Aerhart, and T. J. Thompson.

J. P. Mack was continued in the third year.

Twenty second Question.—The twenty second question was called: "*Who are the supernumerary preachers?*"

The committee reported Wm. M. Fuller and he was continued in the same relation.

P. B. McDonald having been requested to locate was referred to a select committee consisting of the following: W. H. Higgins, M. H. Foster, B. J. Griffin, J. C. Sherrell, S. McDonald, J. E. Toombs, U. S. Kitchens, G. W. Taylor, A. J. Fletcher, J. C. Crawley, W. J. Cunningham.

B. H. Johnson was appointed to preside. John Qualls was appointed counsel for the brother and H. C. Dunlap for the church.

W. H. Crawford's character passed, he was made effective and given one year to make settlement of the account against him.

Introductions.—Revs. J. F. Carr and A. O. Evans of the M. E. Church South, pastors of the city were introduced.

Twenty-third Question.—The twenty third question was called: "*Who are the superannuated preachers?*" Elza Roberts was called, his character passed, the committee reported and he was continued in the same relation.

Fifth Question.—The fifth question was called: "*Who have been continued on trial?*"

The following were called, their characters passed, the committee reported and they were advanced to the second

year: David Hall, Laban D. Daniels, and W. H. Flowers.

Seventh Question.—The seventh question was taken up: "*Who have been admitted into full membership?*"

On motion of M. H. Foster it was ordered that the minimum for passing the examinations be placed at 7 in a scale of 10.

The following were called forward and addressed very plainly and forcibly by the Bishop, the committee reported, and they were admitted into full connection: B. J. Lewis, J. B. Brown, David Hall and W. H. Flowers.

Laban D. Daniels was continued in the second year's course of study.

The time was extended.

G. W. Lacey was referred to the select number appointed in the case of P. B. McDonald with same counsel.

The character of D. H. E. Harris passed, and he was referred to the presiding elder.

W. Brooks character passed and he was given one year to liquidate his debt.

Various announcements were made.

J. C. Crawley was appointed to conduct the pentecostal services this afternoon and Silas McDonald to open the conference with the half hour's religious service tomorrow morning.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Walden.

THIRD DAY.

PINE BLUFF, ARK., Jan. 26, 1895.

Conference met at 8:30 A.M. Bishop Walden in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by Silas McDonald.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Fifth Question.—The fifth question was resumed. The following were called, their characters passed, the committee reported and they were passed to the studies of the second

year: John W. Kilpatrick, Haywood Bright, Squire Johnson, John C. Adams, George W. Wilson, Thos. Bailey, Charles L. J. Wall, William Sherrell, Mansfield B. Cain, Alex. Torrence.

G. B. Donnelly was advanced to the second year but excused from the course of study because of former connection with the Conference.

Wm. B. Wall and James W. Scruggs were discontinued. William Allen was continued in the first year.

James W. Burns' character passed, the committee reported and he was continued in the second year, his presiding elder being instructed to see that his accounts are adjusted.

Introductions.—Rev. W. A. Spencer, D. D., of the Church Extension Society, Rev. E. M. Pitkin of the American Bible Society, and Rev. D. W. Comstock of the Children's Home Society were introduced and addressed the conference in the interests they represent.

A resolution endorsing the work of Bro. Comstock was adopted.

Tenth Question.—The tenth question was called: "*What members have completed the conference course of study?*" The following were called, the committee reported and they were passed and elected to elders' order: Waters McIntosh, D. B. Harston, G. W. Thompson, J. M. Aerhart, and T. J. Thompson.

H. P. Strong's character passed and he was continued in the fourth year's course.

D. H. Harris' character passed, he completed the course of study but was continued with the class of the fourth year.

D. W. Nelson's character passed, he was continued in the fourth year, and the presiding elder was instructed to see that he paid the accounts against him.

On motion of W. H. Morris the bishop was requested to leave D. W. Nelson without an appointment to attend school.

H. W. Walton was continued in the fourth year with request to locate.

Eleventh Question.—The eleventh question was called: "*What others have been elected and ordained deacons?*" The following were properly recommended, the committee

reported and they were elected to deacons' orders: Squire Johnson, Laban D. Daniels, John C. Adams, Mansfield B. Cain, Miles P. Pruitt, Jessie D. Denson, Squire B. Davis, and George W. Davis.

The time was extended.

Introductions.—Rev. W. F. Shedd, D. D., President of Little Rock University, Revs. J. W. Zelender and J. C. Richardson of the Central Missouri Conference, and R. C. Coulter of the Western Book Concern, were introduced.

E. W. P. Gaskins, J. C. Crawley, and W. O. Emory were referred to the committee of inquiry.

On motion it was ordered that when we adjourn we do so to meet at 2:30 this afternoon.

Dr. Emory was appointed to open the afternoon session.

Announcements were made, the conference joined in singing a stanza of

"Nearer my God to thee"

and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. A. O. Evans of the Church South.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2:30, Bishop Walden in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by M. H. Foster.

Minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved.

Fifth Question.—The fifth question was resumed.

(Division b.) S. J. Johnson (1892), Phillip Owens (1892) and T. J. Hawkins (1893) were continued in the second year's course of study.

John H. Hamilton's character passed, the committee reported and he was advanced to the third year.

The committee of inquiry reported in the case of A. J. Fletcher, and his character passed, he reported his work and he was granted a superannuated relation at his own request and on motion of J. W. Jackson he was placed on the claimants' list.

The same committee reported H. M. Renfro, his charac-

ter passed and his presiding elder was instructed to see that he adjusted his accounts.

The same committee reported C. A. Taylor and his character passed.

The same committee reported Edward Spencer, his character passed and he was referred to the presiding elder for the adjustment of the accounts against him.

The select committee reported action in the cases of G. W. Lacey and P. B. McDonald. (See Report).

Thirtieth Question.—The thirtieth question was called: "*Where shall the next conference be held?*" Batesville and Fort Smith were put in nomination and Batesville was selected. The Secretary was instructed to extend a vote of thanks to the people of Fort Smith for the kind invitation.

The committee reported in the case of W. O. Emory that the little matter of debt be left with him to adjust having confidence in his purpose to do so.

Bishop's Address.—The Bishop addressed the conference briefly on practical matters.

Announcements of the Sabbath's services were made.

A session was ordered for 2:30 P.M. tomorrow for memoirs and ordinations.

The conference adjourned regularly for the pentecostal services.

FOURTH DAY.

PINE BLUFF, ARK., Jan. 28, 1895.

Conference met at 8:30 A.M. and was opened with religious services conducted by M. N. Langston. Bishop Walden in the chair.

Minutes of Saturday's afternoon session were read and approved.

On Resolutions.—A. J. Fletcher and B. H. Johnson were appointed a committee on resolutions.

Benevolent Fund.—A resolution relating to the benevolent money raised during the ensuing year was presented by J. W. Jackson and adopted by the conference.

Certificate.—The Bishop presented the certificate of the ordinations of yesterday.

Discontinued.—The committee reported in the case of E. W. P. Gaskins and he was discontinued.

Recognition of Orders—Jas. H. Balch of the A. M. E. church was presented for the recognition of orders and he was recognized as a local deacon in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Bishop's Address.—Bishop Walden gave a twenty minute address on practical questions.

Report.—The committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education reported, and pending the adoption of which Dr. J. W. Hamilton addressed the conference and took a subscription to the Building Fund for Philander Smith College.

The report was adopted.

Steward's Report.—The stewards presented their preliminary report and they were permitted to withdraw to complete the same.

The time was extended.

Afternoon Session.—On motion it was ordered, that when we adjourn it be to meet at 2:30 today.

Printing Minutes.—The Secretaries presented a resolution pertaining to the publication of the minutes and also for the purchase of a conference trunk which were adopted.

The triers of appeals and committees of examination were constituted.

J. C. Sherrell was appointed to preach the missionary sermon at the next conference with Silas McDonald alternate.

Mission Report.—The committee on missions reported and the report was accepted.

W. McIntosh was appointed to open the conference this afternoon.

The conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Hamilton.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2 o'clock, Bishop Walden in the chair. Religious services were conducted by W. McIntosh.

The Stewards presented their report which was adopted. T. H. Hanna was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request.

A paper from the Baltimore conference relating to a constitutional amendment was presented by the Bishop and on motion of Dr. Emory it was ordered printed in the minutes and action thereon postponed until next conference.

Fourth Question. The fourth question was called: "Who are admitted on trial?" The following were properly recommended, the committee of examination reported and they were admitted on trial: Squire B. Davis, Miles P. Pruitt, John H. Greer, Charles W. Whitehead.

Reports. The following committees reported and the reports were adopted:

On Church Extension.

On Episcopal Fund.

On General Conference Expenses.

On Bible Cause.

On Sunday Schools and Tracts.

On Temperance.

On Auditing Presiding Elders' Accounts.

On State of the Church.

On Memoirs.

On Missions.

On Resolutions.

Stewards.

The Statistical Secretary presented his report.

The Treasurer presented his report which was received.

A collection for the sexton was taken amounting to \$3.05.

Journal was read and approved.

Bishop Walden addressed the Conference and read the appointments.

The Conference joined in singing

"A charge to keep I have,"

and adjourned *sine die* with the benediction by the Bishop.

John M. Walden

THOS. MASON, Secretary.

President.

Questions of Discipline.

1. Who have been received by transfer and from what Conferences?

None.

2. Who have been readmitted?

None.

3. Who have been received on Credentials, and from what Churches?

None.

4. Who have been Received on Trial?

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.

Squire B. Davis, Miles P. Pruitt, John H. Greer, Charles W. Whitehead.

(b) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.

None.

5. Who have been Continued on Trial?

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.

William Allen.

(b) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.

John W. Kilpatrick, Haywood Bright, Squire Johnson, John C. Adams, George W. Wilson, Thos. H. Bailey, Charles L. J. Wall, William S. Sherrell, Mansfield B. Cain, Alex. Torrence, Laban D. Daniels, S. J. Johnson (1892), Philip Owens, (1893), Thos. J. Hawkins, (1893), J. W. Burns.

(c) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.

John H. Hamilton.

(d) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR.

None.

6. Who have been Discontinued?

William B. Wall, James W. Scruggs, Edward P. Gaskins.

7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.

None.

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.

Benjamin J. Lewis, John B. Brown, David Hall, William H. Flowers.

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*

(a) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.

Benjamin J. Lewis, John B. Brown, David Hall, William H. Flowers.

(b) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY:
James P. Mack, (1894).

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*

William Lewis, Jeremiah J. Freeman, James M. Clark, George A. Hall, Henry W. Walton, (1894) Duncan W. Nelson, (1894) Henry P. Strong, (1894) Daniel H. E. Harris. (The last named credited with 4th year's studies.)

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.

Waters McIntosh, David B. Harston, George W. Thompson, James E. Aerhart, Thomas J. Thompson.

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.

None.

11. *What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?*

(a) AS LOCAL PREACHERS.

Laban D. Daniels, John C. Adams, Mansfield B. A. Cain, Squire B. Davis, Miles P. Pruitt, Jesse D. Denson, Squire Johnson, George W. Davis.

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.

None.

12. *What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders.*

(a) AS LOCAL DEACONS.

None.

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.

None.

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher examined?*

Yes, as the name of each Preacher was called in open Conference.

14. *Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences?*

None.

15. *Who have died?*

None.

16. *Who have been Located at their own Request?*

None.

17. *Who have been Located?*

Peter B. McDonald.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*

None.

19. *Who have been permitted to withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*

George W. Lacey.

21. *What other personal Notation should be made?*

James M. Balch, from the A. M. E. church recognized as a Deacon.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

W. M. Fuller, T. H. Hanna.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

Elza Roberts, A. J. Fletcher.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

W. O. Emory, B. H. Johnson, J. C. Sherrell, Seth Neal, H. C. Dunlap, John Qualls, Silas A. McDonald.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this year?*
See tables.

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*
\$1099.15.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?*
Not estimated.

28. *What has been Received on these claims, and how has it been Applied?*
\$387, applied by order of Conference.

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*
See list of appointments.

30. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*
Batesville, Ark.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Pastor and Presiding Elder.

MISSIONS.

Presiding Elders.

EDUCATION.

A. J. Fletcher, S. M. Stokes, J. M. Clark, June Lemons.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION.

W. O. Emory, A. L. Torrence, G. A. Hall, J. B. Brown.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

B. H. Johnson, G. W. Taylor, H. M. Renfro, M. N. Langston.

BIBLE CAUSE.

H. P. Coulter, L. D. Daniels, J. W. Burns, W. J. Cunningham.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACTS.

D. B. Harston, J. T. Hawkins, D. H. E. Harris, C. A. Taylor.

TEMPERANCE.

W. H. Higgins, J. C. Crawley, Waters McIntosh, S. J. Johnson.

AUDITING.

Silas McDonald, D. B. Harston, J. A. Hamilton, J. J. Freeman.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

Secretary.

EPISCOPAL FUND.

W. H. Higgins, M. B. Cain, G. W. Wilson, T. H. Hanna.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

John Qualls, G. W. Thompson, J. M. Clarke, B. J. Lewis.

MEMOIRS.

B. H. Johnson, J. E. Toombs, J. C. Sherrell, J. J. Freeman.

STEWARDS.

D. B. Harston, Silas McDonald, J. C. Sherrell, John Qualls.

GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSES.

B. J. Griffin, A. J. Fletcher, J. E. Toombs, W. S. Sherrell.

BOOK CONCERN ACCOUNTS.

D. H. E. Harris, W. McIntosh, H. P. Coulter, D. A. Hall.

NEW YORK ACCOUNTS.

W. H. Higgins.

MISSION CAUSE.

D. Hall, D. B. Harston, Seth Neal, J. M. Clark.

GOSPEL IN ALL LANDS.

W. S. Sherrell.

CONFERENCE RELATION AND INQUIRY.

B. H. Johnson, H. P. Coulter, J. C. Sherrell A. J. Fletcher.

POST MASTER.

J. C. Sherrell.

Appointments.

Forrest City District.

J. W. JACKSON, Presiding Elder,
P. O. 1618 Ringo St., Little Rock.

- 1 Augusta..... Washington Brooks 1
- 2 Auvergne..... D. H. E. Harris 1
- 3 Batesville..... W. H. Higgins 4
- 4 Bledsoe..... L. D. Daniels 2
- 5 Brinkley..... H. C. Dunlap 2
- 6 " circuit..... S. B. Davis 1
- 7 Clarendon..... To be supplied.
- 8 Clover Bend..... To be supplied.
- 9 Cotton Plant..... Silas McDonald 2
- 10 " Cir..... S. M. Stokes 3
- 11 Crawfordville..... W. H. Flowers 1
- 12 Forrest City..... W. S. Sherrell 1
- 13 " Cir..... J. W. Kilpatrick 1
- 14 Helena..... B. H. Johnson 3
- 15 Marianna..... J. H. Greer 1
- 16 Marveli..... B. J. Lewis 1
- 17 Newport & Jacksonport G. A. Hall 1
- 18 Oak Forest..... David Hall 1
- 19 Park Place..... To be supplied.

Little Rock District.

W. H. MORRIS, Presiding Elder,

P. O. 1022 Victory St., Little Rock, Ark.

- 1 Argenta..... M. N. Langston 2
 - 2 Center Ridge W. J. Cunningham 1
 - 3 Conway..... G. W. Taylor 1
 - 4 " Cir..... J. M. Aerhart 2
 - 5 Danville and Russellville..... U. S. Kitchens 2
 - 6 Fayetteville..... B. J. Griffin 1
 - 7 " Cir..... J. P. Mack 1
 - 8 Fort Smith..... John Qualls 1
 - 9 Little Rock—Wesley Chapel—W. O. Emory..... 3
 - 10 " White Chapel Wm. Lewis 1
 - 11 " S. E. Mission To be supplied.
 - 12 " Cir..... J. J. Freeman 2
 - 13 Lonoke..... C. A. Taylor 1
 - 14 Morrilton..... J. B. Brown 2
 - 15 Richwoods (Lonoke) M. P. Pruitt 1
 - 16 Solgohachie..... Waters McIntosh 1
 - 17 Van Buren..... Seth Neal 1
- Thomas Mason, President of Philander Smith College and member of Wesley Chapel Quarterly Conference.

Pine Bluff District.

W. R. R. DUNCAN, Presiding Elder,
P. O. 2008 State St., Little Rock, Ark.

- 1 Altheimer..... W. H. Crawford 1
 - 2 Dermott..... J. M. Clarke 1
 - 3 Dumas..... Squire Johnson 1
 - 4 Gaines Landing..... J. W. Burns 2
 - 5 Hamburg..... To be supplied.
 - 6 Hensley..... Haywood Bright 1
 - 7 Johnsville..... T. R. Wamble 1
 - 8 Monticello..... To be supplied.
 - 9 New Edinburg..... T. J. Hawkins 1
 - 10 Pine Bluff..... J. C. Sherrell 2
 - 11 " Cir..... June Lemons 1
 - 12 Rison..... G. W. Wilson 1
 - 13 Sherrell..... To be supplied.
 - 14 Sweet Home..... To be supplied.
 - 15 Wilmot..... T. H. Bailey 1
 - 16 Winchester..... William Allen 2
- E. D. Spencer, G. N. Johnson, J. P. Franklin, C. L. J. Wall, T. J. Thompson, D. W. Nelson, H. P. Strong left without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

Hot Springs District.

A. J. PHILLIPS, Presiding Elder,

P. O. Hot Springs, Ark.

- 1 Bearden..... J. C. Adams 2
- 2 Camden..... S. J. Johnson 3
- 3 Canfield..... G. W. Thompson 2
- 4 Center Point..... H. M. Renfro 2
- 5 Clow..... H. P. Coulter 2
- 6 Fulton..... M. B. A. Cain 2
- 7 Gurden..... Phillip Owens 1
- 8 Hope and Prescott M. H. Foster 2
- 9 Hot Springs..... J. E. Toombs 3
- 10 " Mission To be supplied.
- 11 Lewisville..... A. L. Torrence 2
- 12 Locksburg..... J. A. Hamilton 1
- 13 Magnolia..... G. B. Donnelly 2
- 14 Texarkana..... D. B. Harston 2
- 15 " Circuit J. C. Crawley 3
- 16 Wilson..... C. W. Whitehead 1

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

To Preach Missionary Sermon—J. C. Sherrell. Alternate—Silas McDonald.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

For Admission on Trial—J. B. Brown, M. N. Langston, H. C. Dunlap.

First Year—J. C. Sherrell, W. O. Emory, J. C. Crawley.

Second Year—M. H. Foster, Silas McDonald, C. A. Taylor.

Third Year—John Qualls, W. H. Higgins, J. E. Toombs.

Fourth Year—B. H. Johnson, H. M. Renfro, B. J. Griffin.

Local Orders—H. P. Coulter, A. J. Fletcher, Thos. Mason.

TRIERS OF APPEALS.

W. O. Emory, H. C. Dunlap, B. H. Johnson, John Qualls, J. C. Sherrell
Silas McDonald, Seth Neal.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

President, Thos. Mason; Vice President, A. L. Richmond; Treasurer,
Wm. LaPorte; Secretary, W. O. Emory; B. Crumpton, M. N. Langston, G. W.
Ingram, C. C. Riley, W. J. Cunningham.

BOARD OF CHURCH LOCATION.

Forrest City District—H. C. Dunlap, T. R. Wamble, L. G. Gorman, Simon Hurd.

Hot Springs District—D. B. Harston, H. P. Coulter, D. Gamble, D. W. Whitman.

Little Rock District—W. O. Emory, M. N. Langston, G. W. Ingram, A. Chilton.

Pine Bluff District—J. C. Sherrell, H. P. Strong, Wm. Neely, C. Patillo.

RESOLUTIONS.

Action of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Relating to the Amendment of the Second Restrictive Rule.

WHEREAS, The General Conference of 1892, directed the submission to the Annual Conferences in the Autumn of 1895, and the Spring of 1896, of certain resolutions which provide in part, as follows:

“(1st) That we submit to the Annual Conferences the proposition to amend the Second Restrictive Rule by adding the words “And such delegates must be male members,” after the words “Two lay delegates for an Annual Conference,” so that it will read “Nor of more than two lay delegates for an Annual Conference, and said delegates must be male members.”

* * * * *

“(5th.) That if the amendment so submitted does not receive the vote of three-fourths of the members of the Annual Conferences, and two-thirds of the General Conference, the Second Restrictive Rule shall be so construed that the words “Lay Delegates” may include men and women, and thus be in harmony with the legislation of previous General Conferences;” and,

WHEREAS, This action involves a principle, the application of which is claimed to be without precedent, and without constitutional authority; and,

WHEREAS, The fifth section of said resolutions, requires, “The votes of three-fourths of the members of the Annual Conferences” to enact said proposed amendment; while the Discipline requires, so far as relates to the Annual Conferences, only “the concurrent recommendation of three-fourths of all the members of the several Annual Conferences who shall be present and vote on such recommendation.” Therefore be it

Resolved, 1st. That, waiving all question of the expediency of the admission of women to the General Conference,

we declare our judgment that such admission should not be secured or sanctioned by any method that wears the suspicion of irregularity or inadequacy.

2nd. That we deem it unwise to vote upon the proposition to amend the Second Restrictive Rule in the manner proposed by the aforesaid action of the General Conference of 1892.

3rd. That we propose the following amendment to the Second Restrictive Rule to add the words, “And said delegates may be men or women,” after the words, “Two Lay delegates for an Annual Conference,” so that the entire clause will read, “Nor of more than two Lay delegates for an Annual Conference, and said delegates may be men or women.”

4th. That we hereby record our purpose to vote on this proposed amendment at the session of this Conference in the year 1895.

5th. That the Secretary of this Conference is hereby instructed to forward to each of the Bishops, and to the secretaries of the various Annual Conferences a certified copy of this paper; and that the Bishops are hereby requested to submit this proposed amendment to the Second Restrictive Rule to all the Annual Conferences, meeting in the year 1895, and to report the vote on the same to the General Conference of 1896.

JOHN F. GOUCHER, C. HERBERT RICHARDSON, J. LANAHAN, A. M. COURTENAY, W. S. EDWARDS, D. H. CARROLL, J. ST. CLAIR NEAL, J. B. STITT, Committee.

Certified Copy:

GEORGE E. MAYDWELL, Secretary,
Baltimore Conference,
Methodist Episcopal Church.

On Publishing Minutes.

Resolved, That the Secretaries be requested to publish 1200 copies of the minutes, and that to defray the expenses of publication each preacher be charged \$1.25, Presiding Elders to hand over to the Secretaries the full amount at the close of

the Conference and they are hereby authorized to withhold this amount from each charge to which missionary money is appropriated and to collect from others during their quarterly visitation.

Resolved, That each preacher be requested to pay to the secretaries 5 cents to be used in the purchase of a trunk in which to keep the records of the Conference.

Bishop Walden.

WHEREAS, Bishop J. M. Walden, LL.D., in the providence of God, has been permitted to preside over the deliberations of our Conference, and

WHEREAS, By his fatherly councils and Godly admonitions, we have been greatly edified and instructed, therefore, *Resolved*, That we hereby tender him our heartfelt thanks and pray the blessings of God to rest upon him, and if he shall be sent to us again we will rejoice in his coming.

A. J. FLETCHER,
B. H. JOHNSON.

Children's Home Society.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the Children's Home Society represented by Bro. Comstock and that we advise all our people to acquaint themselves with the work of the Society and to do all in their power to help forward the good work.

Complimentary.

WHEREAS, Bro. J. C. Sherrell, the pastor, and his faithful membership, together with the good people of Pine Bluff have so royally and carefully entertained this session of our Conference, therefore be it

Resolved, That we hereby tender them our heartfelt thanks and assure them that they shall have our prayers as we shall go from them.

A. J. FLETCHER,
B. H. JOHNSON.

Drs. Spencer and Hamilton.

WHEREAS, Our hearts have been made better, and we as a Conference have been greatly benefitted and strengthened by the presence, sermons and advice of Drs. Spencer and Hamilton, our General Conference officers,

Resolved, That we show them our appreciation of the same by bringing up larger collections for their causes at our next Conference.

A. J. FLETCHER,
B. H. JOHNSON.

The Southwestern.

Resolved, That we renew our pledge to support the Southwestern Christian Advocate, our Conference organ, and endeavor to put a copy of the same in each family of our charges, so far as we shall be able.

A. J. FLETCHER,
B. H. JOHNSON.

Benevolent Monies.

Resolved, That all benevolent monies collected during any quarter shall be reported in the Quarterly Conference, either in cash or vouchers, and all cash reported shall be immediately sent to its proper treasury by pastor or presiding elder.

J. W. JACKSON.

Secretaries.

Resolved, That we thank all of our secretaries for the faithful performance of their duties.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education.

We your committee would submit the following: We regard the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, in its work of education and christianization as of the very first importance. No better work is being done anywhere in the South than in these schools. There have been educated since the close of the war more than 100,000 men and women, and there are now nearly 10,000 students in these schools. The great majority of physicians, a large share of the colored teachers, and most of the colored ministers in all the states of the South have been educated in our Methodist schools.

Now as we are the beneficiaries of this work, we ought to do everything in our power to aid the Society out of the distressing embarrassment through which it has been passing for the last two years. The financial depression through which we are passing, has required painful sacrifices on the part of the teachers, most of whom have suffered a cut of one-quarter, and in the case of our own at Philander Smith College, one-half, in their salaries. Ought we not to feel as much interest in the salaries of these self-sacrificing co-laborers as in our own?

In view of the fact that the Society has already expended nearly \$3,000 on our new building, and now purpose to put \$4,000 more into the work as soon as we can provide \$1,000 to finish the building; we recommend that \$1,500 be apportioned among the Districts, and that every preacher raise the amount apportioned to his charge. (See apportionment below).

Resolved, That we pledge to the Board at Cincinnati, and the Secretaries, our prayers and cooperation in their work.

Resolved, That we have in Dr. Mason and his assistants, competent and faithful teachers, and tender to them our prayers and sympathy in their work.

APPORTIONMENT:

Pine Bluff District.

Pine Bluff.....	\$70	Pine Bluff circuit.....	\$10
Alzheimer.....	20	Sweet Home.....	35
New Edinburgh.....	15	Lake Village.....	5
Johnsville.....	20	Dermott.....	8
Dumas.....	15	Grape Vine.....	8
Hamburg.....	5	Linwood.....	2
Monticello.....	10	Portland.....	5
Tillar.....	5	Watson.....	5
Hensly.....	20		

Hot Springs District.

Hot Springs.....	75	Texarkana.....	25
Clow.....	25	Locksburg.....	25
Bearden.....	20	Canfield.....	20
Lewisville.....	15	Fulton.....	15
Texarkana circuit.....	20	Magnolia.....	20
Camden.....	5	Center Point.....	35
Gurden.....	10	Hope.....	10
Keller.....	15		

Little Rock District.

Wesley Chapel.....	150	Argenta.....	30
White's Chapel.....	28	Van Buren.....	50
Conway circuit.....	25	Morrilton.....	20
Fayetteville circuit.....	20	Fort Smith.....	50
Danville and Russellville.....	10	Solgohachie.....	40
Little Rock S. E. mission.....	10	Conway.....	8
Fayetteville.....	40	Lonoke.....	10
Little Rock circuit.....	30	Richwood.....	15

Forrest City District.

Batesville.....	50	Cotton Plant.....	50
Brinkley circuit.....	20	Jacksonport.....	25
Brinkley.....	20	Oak Forest.....	35
Cotton Plant circuit.....	20	Forrest City.....	25
Crawfordsville.....	15	Helena.....	10
Auvergne and Jonesville.....	25	Newport.....	16
Mariana.....	5	Marvell.....	10
Augusta.....	15	Holly Grove.....	5
Bledsoe.....	15	Clarendon.....	10
Forrest City circuit.....	25	Park Place.....	15

State of the Church.

We your Committee on the State of the Church believe our church is growing in this state as never before, we are advancing in many sections and on all lines. We have drawn an

idea from the reports made from various charges, churches and parsonages are built, souls converted; we had one new district added to our work in this state and we praise the Lord for its work. We believe the time is coming when the church in this state will reach its desired end.

We are glad of Philander Smith College with Dr. Mason at its head. It is of great benefit especially in shedding light in this state.

G. W. THOMPSON.

On Church Extension.

The committee on Church Extension beg to report that while the collections for this very important cause is in advance of last year we regret it is not sufficient to meet our assessment which is so necessary, therefore,

Resolved, That we raise every dollar of our assessment and that we take our church extension collection early in the conference year, the same to be paid over at once.

B. H. JOHNSON.

General Conference Expenses.

We your committee on the General Conference Expenses beg to make the following report,

WHEREAS, we have been assessed the small amount of \$98, and

WHEREAS, we have raised only \$18, this year, thus leaving \$80, to be raised another year. We recommend the following.

To the Forrest City District \$22; to the Little Rock District \$25; to the Hot Springs District \$17, and to the Pine Bluff District \$16, to be apportioned by the Presiding Elders to the several charges.

B. J. GRIFFIN.

On Sunday School Union.

We, your committee on Sunday School Union and Tract Societies, after careful examination of the papers placed in

our hands by the Societies, beg leave to report as follows:

WHEREAS, The importance of the Sunday School work in our church, embracing as it does 28,856 schools, is great, and

WHEREAS, The need of money to send this literature to our Sunday Schools throughout the land is pressing, and

WHEREAS, The amount apportioned to the Little Rock Conference is \$25 for each of the societies, making a total of \$50 for the year 1895,

Resolved, That we recommend that each Presiding Elder and pastor do hereby pledge himself to raise every dollar of the apportionment and as much more as possible.

D. B. HARSTON.

On Episcopal Fund.

We the Committee on the Episcopal Fund beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, The receipts of last year from all of the Annual Conferences reached a total of \$92,748.12, the total expenditure was \$83,857.05. The excess of receipts over expenditures was occasioned by the fact that the salaries of the Missionary Bishops were paid from the treasury of the missionary society instead of from the Episcopal fund as heretofore.

WHEREAS, The amount apportioned for the ensuing year is \$98 for the Little Rock conference.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders apportion to each charge the amount necessary to raise the above assessment.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves as pastors in charge to raise the amount apportioned to us by the presiding elders.

W. H. HIGGINS.

On Temperance.

We are truly glad that the temperance reform is engaging the public attention more than ever; that our state is almost a prohibition one, and that there is before the legislature of the state a bill making it a crime to give alcohol or whiskey away, and that we as ministers of God and members of the Methodist Episcopal church do pledge ourselves anew to ab-

MINUTES OF THE

stain from all intemperate practices, and to teach our people that alcohol and tobacco are the blighting, withering curse of our race, and all races that are intemperate, and that we will teach the people that total abstinence is the only safeguard, and that we will do all that we can to suppress the only system that licenses adultery, divorce, murder, arson, and threaten to destroy our government, and that we will cooperate with all temperance organizations to suppress intemperance, and that we will pray the blessing of the ever-living God upon our efforts.

W. H. HIGGINS.

American Bible Society.

WHEREAS, The Bible Society is doing so much to circulate the Bible, the book that contains the revealed will of God to man, and the wonderful plan of salvation to the world.

Resolved, That we preach on the circulation of the sacred Book throughout the length and breadth of the world, and lift a collection for the same.

H. P. COULTER.

Auditing Presiding Elders' Accounts.

We your committee on auditing the presiding elders' accounts, after a close examination of their books, find that every dollar has been paid out as conference demanded.

S. McDONALD.

Stewards' Report.

Received from Charter Fund.....	\$ 25.
" " Book Dividend Fund.....	337.
" " Conference Claimant Fund.....	25.
Total Receipts.....	\$387.

Recommended to pay out as follows:

Elza Roberts.....	\$50	Frazier heirs.....	\$387.
A. Spears' heirs.....	70	A. J. Fletcher.....	\$70
G. A. Hall.....	10	June Lemons.....	30
W. J. Cunningham.....	15	W. Brooks.....	15
M. H. Foster.....	20	U. S. Kitchens.....	25
C. A. Taylor.....	15	B. H. Johnson.....	25
E. D. Spencer.....	5	W. H. Crawford.....	20
J. J. Freeman.....	6	J. M. Clark.....	5
Bank Discount.....	1		5
S. McDONALD, D. B. HARSTON, W. S. SHERRELL, JOHN QUALLS, Com.		Total.....	\$387

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

the years to come to know that he was allowed to remain with you and make your home and friends happy as long as he was. Doubtless you loved him, but God loved him more and has called him to be with him that said "suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of heaven."

Mrs. Alice Jackson,

Wife of Rev. J. W. Jackson was born May 7th, 1851. Was converted when but twelve years old and joined the M. E. church in which she spent her life.

She was married to Rev. J. W. Jackson Feb. 25, 1872, and entered with him upon life's work. She always made herself known and felt in her home and community by reason of her good example and Godly advice. She was the model wife of a model preacher, a loving mother and an exemplary Christian, always contented with her lot and ever ready to comfort the comfortless. Ten children were born to her, three

Recapitulation:	Pine Bluff District.....	\$800
	Forrest City.....	750
	Hot Springs.....	660
	Little Rock.....	590
	Total.....	\$2800

I concur in the foregoing appropriations,
JOHN M. WALDEN.

W. R. R. DUNCAN, Secretary.

A. J. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

Certificate of Ordination.

THIS CERTIFIES that at Pine Bluff, Ark., on January 27th, 1895, I ordained as Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church: Laban D. Daniels, John C. Adams, Mansfield B. A. Cain, Squire Johnson, Miles B. Pruitt, Squire B. Davis, Jesse D. Denson, George W. Davis.

And at the same place and on the same day, assisted by elders present, I ordained as Elders in the same Church, Waters McIntosh, David B. Harston, George W. Thompson, James E. Aerhart, Thomas J. Thompson.

Given under my hand this 28th day of January, A. D. 1895.

JOHN M. WALDEN.

MINUTES OF THE

stain from all intemperate practices, and to teach our people that alcohol and tobacco are the blighting, withering curse of our race, and all races that are intemperate, and that we will teach the people that total abstinence is the only safeguard, and that we will do all that we can to suppress the only system that licenses adultery, divorce, murder, arson, and threatens to destroy our government, and that we will cooperate with all temperance organizations to suppress intemperance, and that we will pray the blessing of the ever-living God upon our efforts.

American Bible Society.

WHEREAS, The Bible Society is doing so much to circulate the Bible, the book that contains the revealed will of God to man, and the wonderful plan of salvation to the world.

Resolved, That we preach on the circulation of the sacred Book throughout the length and breadth of the world, and lift a collection for the same.

H. P. COULTER.

M. E. Lacey.....	1849.....	May 23, 1891.....
Eliza McDonald.....	1870.....	1892.....
Virginia Mason.....	December 13, 1854.....	September 30, 1892.....
Clarke Clardy.....		
S. Stokes.....		
A. J. Fletcher.....		
A. Jackson.....	May 7, 1851.....	Apr. 3, 1894.....

N. B. Some blanks appear in the dates above from a lack of data. If any one can supply any of the data it will be gratefully received by the secretary.

Ralph Oscar McDonald.

Ralph Oscar McDonald was born Aug. 11, 1888, and died Oct 13, 1894.

Friends how feeble the effort to carry consolation to the hearts of bereaved parents who have been bereaved of a loving son, a vine tenderly woven which from the very moment that the Angel of Light gave him to you, brought joy and sunshine into your home. But the enemy has been to that home and little Ralph's voice is hushed, the parents no longer hear his merry laugh, his chair is vacant and can no more be filled, and if it could be it is not your desire. It will be a joy to you in

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

the years to come to know that he was allowed to remain with you and make your home and friends happy as long as he was. Doubtless you loved him, but God loved him more and has called him to be with him that said "suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of heaven."

Mrs. Alice Jackson,

Wife of Rev. J. W. Jackson was born May 7th, 1851. Was converted when but twelve years old and joined the M. E. church in which she spent her life.

She was married to Rev. J. W. Jackson Feb. 25, 1872, and entered with him upon life's work. She always made herself known and felt in her home and community by reason of her good example and Godly advice. She was the model wife of a model preacher, a loving mother and an exemplary Christian, always contented with her lot and ever ready to comfort the comfortless. Ten children were born to her, three of whom passed ahead of her over the Jordan and were awaiting to greet her coming. Since 1886, she has taken her place with her husband in the ministry and while he preached and ministered to the people, she made friends for him and in the midst of sore trial and apparent discouragement her face was always aglow with light and smiles, and from her heart would flow words of encouragement, which for a time would dispel all gloom and remove all impossibilities. But, alas! death comes and who can hinder him? Having served with her husband many charges she broke down her health and on the 3rd day of April, 1894, surrounded by many friends she passed to her reward. Rev. Jackson lost in her his best earthly friend, his children a loving mother and the church a useful member and an exemplary Christian.

"Servant of God, well done,
Thy glorious warfare's past,
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last."

Mrs. Angeline Jackson,

Mother of Rev. J. W. Jackson, was born in the year 1828, was converted when quite young and joined the church. She

MINUTES OF THE

lived to see all of her children grown and set before them many Godly examples which still live in them. After several months' illness she passed away to her Heavenly Father in peace, May 11th, 1894, at the age of 67 years. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Katie Lela Pearl Thompson.

Daughter of Thomas J. and Rachel Thompson, was born November, 1892, and died May 8th, 1894. Jesus has said "Suffer little children to come unto me."

Treasurer's Report, Little Rock Conference, 1895.

	Forest City District	Little Rock District	Pine Bluff District	Hot Springs District	Total	Increase over Last Year	Decrease over Last Year
Missionary Society							
Church Extension							
S. S. Union							
Tract Society	123	104	75	102	410	100	
F. A. and S. Education	57	21	43	36	155	51	
Bible Society	6	2	3	5	18	3	
W. F. Missionary Society	83	1	3	4	15	3	
W. H. Missionary Society	23	113	2	28	321	13	
Episcopal Fund	1	40	47	73	113	19	
Conference Claimants	1	2	14	1	4	3	
General Conference Expenses	1	10		28	113	19	
Recapitulation	33	14		1	12	3	
	7	7	6	2	17		51
	352	313	166	236	1088	220	

A. J. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

STATISTICS NO. 1.
Little Rock District, Little Rock Conference, 1895.

NAMES OF CHARGES	MEMBERSHIP.		RAP-TISMS.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS		CHURCH PROPERTY.				
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Present Church Property.
Argentina	70	27	1	7	5	45	1	450			35
Conway	27	14	1	4	6	22	1	400			75
Conway circuit	80	31	1	11	6	35	1	500			1200
Danville, Russellville	26	3	1	9	4	6	1	1000			14
Fayetteville	126	1	2	9	10	85	1	1500			10
Fayetteville circuit	14	91	1	6	3	23	1	1000			140
Fort Smith	6	85	1	9	1	3		600			31
Little Rock, Wesley.	6	325	6	1	10	75	2	1200			30
White's	6	31	2	6	7	2	1	700			85
S. E. Mission circuit	7	12	3	4	2	3		1000			25
Lonoke	13	104	3	2	10	2	4	3400			363
Morrilton	2	39	2	2	3	12	1	3700			1456
Richwoods	3	27	3	6	18	4	2	22150			75
Solgohachie	8	168	3	11	1	12	25	800			8
Van Buren	5	122	1		68	65	30	1189			26
Total	74	1333	33	42	68	65	30	1189			26

Hot Springs District.

Bearden	14	86	1	1	14	4	19	117	2	800	1
Camden	10	42	3	5	12	3	16	99	2	590	1
Canfield	20	200	4	3	4	4	15	100	4	1500	1
Center Point	33	238	6	5	12	3	28	165	4	1330	1
Clow	42	128	4	4	17	4	15	146	3	2000	1
Fulton	28	1	2		1	4	27	2		2500	1
Gurdon	7	28	1	2	8	1	9	68	1	600	1
Hope and Prescott	15	125	2	1	2	2	7	50	2	800	1
Hot Springs	2	20	2	2	4	6	43	250	4	300	1
Keller	2	50	2	4	2	2	16	36	1	300	1
Lewisville	40	240	1	2	9	1	9	70	1	1300	1
Locksburg	2	28	1	2	5	3	8	75	2	850	1
Magnolia	2	41	3	2	10					2125	1
Texarkana	3	26	5	2	20	125	35	192	1213	1015	194
Texarkana circuit											329
Total	198	1259	30	25	20	125	35	192	1213	28	

Pine Bluff District.-Little Rock Conference, 1895.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						Support of Presiding Elders.	Support of Bishops.	Conference Chairmen.	Current Expenses Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, Etc.	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, Books, Etc.	
		Claims.			Receipts.								
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.						Deficiencies.
Alzheimer	W. S. Sherrell	\$132	\$17	\$152	\$152	\$17	\$164	\$8	\$32	\$2	5	5	
Dermott	G. W. Wilson	15	...	15	8	...	8	7	24	20	1	...	
Dumas	J. W. Clark	275	50	325	50	50	100	225	32	22	...	...
Grape Vine	J. T. Hawkins	150	6	156	65	...	65	91	20	11	...	...
Hamburg	Supplied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Johnsville	H. W. Walton	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lake Village	J. W. Burns	20	...	20	...	...	20	12	3	...	...	...
Lanark	C. L. J. Wall	100	50	150	26	8	34	116	6	2	...	...
Linwood .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Monticello	J. A. Hamilton	100	...	100	32	12	44	56	24	13	...	...
New Edinburgh	J. G. A. Hall	300	50	350	62	50	112	237	37	28	...	...
Pine Bluff	J. C. Sherrell	600	100	700	416	100	516	184	50	4	...	...
Pine Bluff circuit	H. Bright	175	12	187	65	12	77	110	20	20	...	...
Portland	S. Johnson	200	30	230	30	30	60	170	32	27	...	...
Sweet Home, Hens	G. W. Taylor	420	24	444	117	24	141	278	50	35	...	...
Tiller	T. Bailey	185	5	190	5	...	5	185	20	...	...	...
Watson	W. M. Allen	225	...	225	...	...	...	225	...	...	...	...
Total		2897	344	3239	4148	207	1351	1884	359	264	12	4	4

Forrest City District.

Augusta.....	J. W. Scruggs.	170	...	170	29	...	29	141	20	12	...								
Auvergne, Jonesb'	J. H. Smith	400	52	452	207	52	259	193	42	49	3	3	2	2	4	11	10		
Batesville.....	W. H. Higgins.	400	...	400	225	...	225	275	50	35	3					15	20		
Bledsoe	L. D. Daniels.	150	60	210	65	25	90	120	26	15	2					28	7		
Brinkley	H. C. Dunlap.	250	4	290	135	40	175	115	26	46	...		1						
Brinkley circuit..	W. Brooks.	375	100	475	179	100	279	195	50	39	4	2			1	20	33		
Clarendon	S. McDonald.	375	18	393	151	5	156	237	50	36	3					16	13		
Cotton Plant.....	S. M. Stokes.	150	...	150	49	...	49	191	28	12	2	2							
Cotton Plant Ct ..	B. J. Lewis.	300	(30	360	155	60	215	145	32	17	2								
Crawfordsville....	T. R. Wamble.	300	36	336	127	...	127	209	50	25	2					6	7		
Forrest City	D. H. E. Harris	250	...	250	70	...	70	180	32	23									
Forrest City Circuit	A. J. Fletcher.	150	...	150	60	...	60	90	20							10	6		
Helena.....	J. W. Kilpatrick	15	...	150	4	...	4	146	24	9	2								
Holly Grove.....	W. H. Flowers.	200	35	235	179	35	214	91	28	12	2	1	1			5	5		
Jacksonport.....	A. L. Richards'n	300	25	325	180	25	205	220	45	42									
Marianna.....	D. A. Hall.	3920	423	4448	1815	342	2152	2359	517	307	25	8	4	2	6	111	101		
Marvell.....	Total	3206	433	3639	1654	345	2065	1762	315	237	11	4	8		2	188	105		
Newport.....	Hot Springs Dist let.	4555	436	5039	2052	407	2262	481	298	18	71	21	2	22	406	261			
Oak Forest.....	Little Rock "	2807	344	3239	1048	303	1351	1884	350	264	12	4	4	3	93	74			
	Pine Bluff "																		
	Grand Total.....	14638	1641	17360	6569	1397	7624	7445	1712	816	65	23	16	7	43	798	574		

Forrest City District, Little Rock Conference, 1895.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.												
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension..	Sunday-School Union.....	Tract Society.....	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.....	Education—(Children's Fund..	American Bible Society.....	Woman's Foreign Miss. Soc.,	Woman's Home Miss. Society	General Conference Expenses	Other Collections
	Church	Sunday-School	Total										
Augusta.....	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.
Auvergne,* Jonesborough .....	.5	13	18	10	1	1	20	6	1	1	3	3	.
Batesville.....	4	4	8	7	1	1	12	1	1				.
Brinkley.....	6	2	8	7	1	1	12	1	1			1	.
Brinkley circuit.....	8	8	16	12	1	1	8	1	1			1	.
(Clarendon.....)	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1				.
Cotton Plant.....	15	15	30	17	1	1	20	3	3			1	.
Cotton Plant Ct.....	12	12	24	6	1	1	4	12					.
Crawfordsville.....	8	8	16	12	1	1	3	1	1			1	.
Forrest City.....	2	2	4	12	1	1	3	1	1				.
Forrest City circuit.....	5	5	10	3	1	1	3	1	1			1	.
Helena.....	1	2	3	3	1	1	3	1	1				.
Holly Grove.....										1	2		15
Jacksonport.....	6	4	10	4	1	1	7	4					.
Marianna.....				2									.
Marvell.....	5	5	10	1			1	1				1	.
Newport.....	6	2	8	3			2	1				1	.
Oak Forest.....	11	11	22	4			5	3			3	1	.
Total.....	95	27	122	56	9	7	71	27	1	2	8	9	15

Hot Springs District.

Bearden	12		12	2	1		4	1					1
Camden	1		1										
Cantfield	6		6	1	1		3	1					
Center Point													
Clow	1	3	4	2			4	6					
Fulton	8	2	10		1	1	2	3					
Gardou	1		1										
Hope and Prescott													
Hot Springs	30	10	40	20	1	1	35	6	1	1	2	1	40
Keller													
Lewisville	2		2	1			3						
Locksburg	5		2	2		1	4					1	
Magnolia	7		7	4	1	1	1	7					
Texarkana	6	4	10	4		1	10	2					
Texarkana circuit	6		6				2						
Total	85	19	104	36	5	5	68	30	1	1	2	3	40

STATISTICS NO. 4.

Little Rock District, Little Rock Conference, 1895.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.												
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension...	Sunday-School Union.....	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.....	Education—Children's Fund.	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Miss. Soc. .	Woman's Home Miss. Society.	General Conference Expenses	Other Collections.....
	Church.....	Sunday-School	Total										
Argenta.....	\$ 3	\$ 2	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 15	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5
Conway.....	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Conway circuit.....	3	3	6	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
Danville, Russellville	3	3	6	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1
Fayetteville.....	9	2	11	4	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1
Fayetteville circuit.....	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fort Smith.....	15	15	30	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1
Little Rock, Wesley chapel	20	16	36	4	1	1	64	12	1	1	3	1	1
" White chapel.....	6	2	8	3	1	1	14	3	1	1	1	1	1
" S. E. mission	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
" circuit.....	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1
Lonoke.....	4	4	8	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
Morrilton.....	4	4	8	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
Richwood.....	5	1	6	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Selgohachie.....	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Van Buren.....	4	6	10	4	1	1	8	6	1	1	10	15	15
Total.....	83	41	124	22	4	1	116	44	1	1	14	19	19

Pine Bluff District.

Altheimer.....	5	5	10	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bermott.....	4	4	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Dumas.....	6	6	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Grapevine.....	6	6	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hamburg.....	6	6	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Johnsville.....	6	6	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lake Village.....	6	6	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lamar.....	6	6	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Linwood.....	6	6	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Monticello.....	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
New Edinburg.....	8	8	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pine Bluff.....	14	11	25	10	2	2	33	8	1	1	4	15	15
Pine Bluff circuit.....	6	6	12	1	1	1	6	4	1	1	1	1	1
Portland.....	8	2	10	1	1	1	4	3	1	1	1	1	1
Sweet Home and Hensley.....	8	2	10	1	1	1	4	3	1	1	1	1	1
Tiller.....	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Watson.....	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total.....	90	13	103	20	3	2	53	18	1	1	4	15	15
Forrest City District.....	95	27	122	56	9	7	71	27	1	2	8	9	9
Hot Springs District.....	85	19	104	36	5	5	68	30	1	1	2	3	40
Little Rock District.....	83	41	124	22	4	1	116	44	1	1	14	19	19
Grand Total.....	323	100	423	134	21	15	308	119	3	3	28	12	74

Serials

