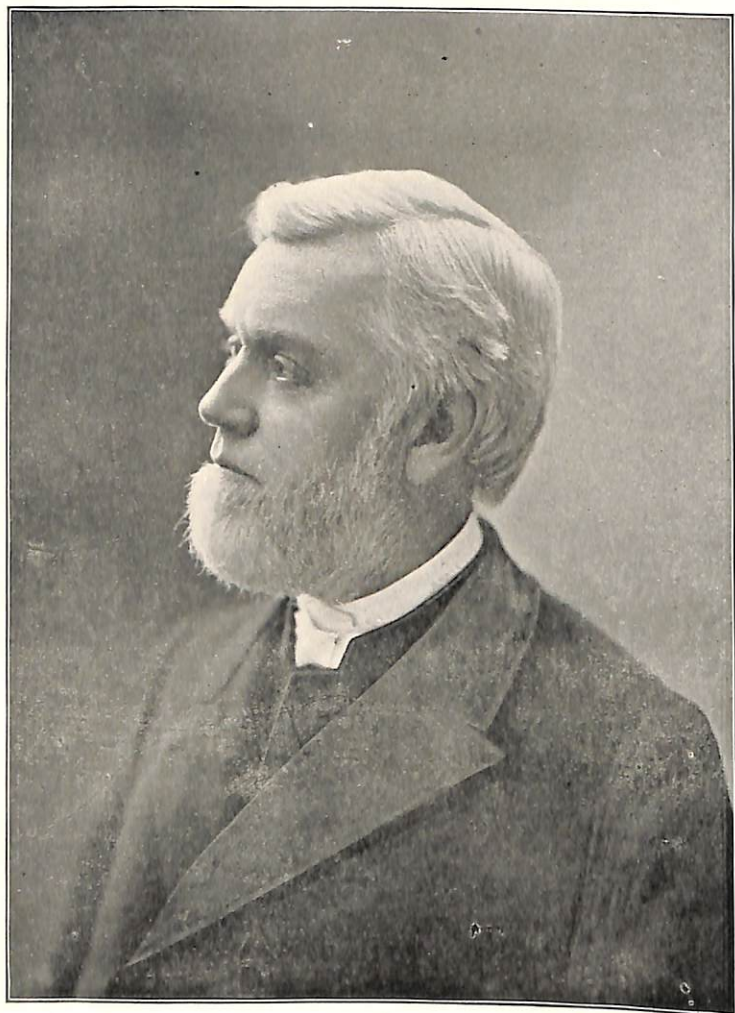


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Sessions of the Conference.

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	Merrill	Thos. Mason
10	1888	Feb. 15	Little Rock	Warren	Thos. Mason
11	1889	Feb. 7	Hot 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
18	1896	Jan. 22	Batesville	Ninde	Thos. Mason

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Conference Roll.

NO.	NAME.	P. O. ADDRESS.	CONFERENCE RELATION.	WHEN BORN.	BIRTH PLACE.	COMMENCED TRAVELING.
1	Adams, John C.	Bearden	Effective.			
2	Aerhart, James	Lonoke	Effective.	May 8, 1864	Miss.	1894
3	Bailey, Thos. H.	Little Rock	Effective.	Dec. 1, 1857	S. C.	1889
4	Bright, Haywood	Hensley	Effective.			1894
5	Brooks, Washin'ton	Augusta	Effective.	Aug. 15, 1865	Miss.	1894
6	Brown, John B.	Fayetteville	Effective.	Dec. 10, 1846	Miss.	1877
7	Burns, J. W.	Ga nes Landing	Effective.			1893
8	Clark, James	Dermott	Effective.			1894
9	Coulter, H. P.	Fulton	Effective.	Aug. 10, 1858	Miss.	1892
10	Crawford, W. H.	Little Rock	Superannuate	Sept. 11, 1863	Ark.	1886
11	Crawford, J. C.	Texarkana	Effective.	Sept. 13, 1843	Ark.	1869
12	Cunningham, W. J.	Center Ridge	Effective.	Feb. 25, 1858	Miss.	1888
13	Daniels, L. D.	Bledsoe	Effective.	June 6, 1848	S. C.	1887
14	Donnelly, G. B.	Forest City	Effective.			1892
15	Duncan, W. R. R.	Little Rock	Effective.			1881
16	Dunlap, H. C.	Conway	Effective.	Jan. 27, 1857	Ark.	1880
17	Emory, W. O.	Little Rock	Effective.	Feb. 8, 1849	Tenn.	1882
18	Fletcher, A. J.	Jacksonport	Superannuate	Aug. 9, 1852	Mo.	1878
19	Flowers, Wm. H.	Pine Bluff	Effective.	Sept. 27, 1853	S. C.	1876
20	Foster, M. H.	Canfield	Effective.			1893
21	Freeman J. J.	Morrilton	Effective.	July 4, 1852	S. C.	1876
22	Fuller, W. M.	Texarkana	Supernumera'y	Jan. 16, 1858	Miss.	1892
23	Griffin, B. J.	Fayetteville	Effective.	Feb. 12, 1858	S. C.	1886
24	Hall, David	Oak Forest	Effective.	Oct. 14, 1852	S. C.	1882
25	Hall, G. A.	Newport	Effective.			1892
26	Hamilton, J. A.	Locksburch	Effective.			1893
27	Harris, D. H. E.	Auvergne	Effective.			1893
28	Harston, D. B.	Alth-imer	Effective.	Dec. 25, 1867	Miss.	1891
29	Hawkins, T. J.	Sweet Home	Effective.	Jan. 1, 1863	Miss.	1891
30	Higgins, W. H.	Brinkley	Effective.			1893
31	Jackson, J. W.	Little Rock	Effective.	Aug. 25, 1851	Md.	1879
32	Johnson, B. H.	Little Rock	Effective.	June 8, 1850	Ark.	1886
33	Johnson, D. W.	Mariana	Effective.	Jan. 8, 1853	Va.	1880
34	Johnson, G. N.	Texarkana	Effective.			1882
35	Johnson, S. J.	Camden	Effective.	Dec. 25, 1856	Tenn.	1892
36	Johnson, Squire	Avery	Effective.			1892
37	Kitchens, U. S.	Rison	Effective.			1894
38	Langston, M. N.	Little Rock	Effective.			1878
39	Lemons, June	New Edinburg	Effective.	Mar. 18, 1856	Miss.	1890
40	Lewis, B. J.	Helena	Effective.	Aug. 2, 1851	Tenn.	1889
41	Lewis, Wm.	Danville	Effective.			1893
42	Mason, Thos.	Little Rock	Effective.	Mar. 12, 1868		1892
43	McDonald, Silas.	Cotton Plant	Effective.	Oct. 4, 1850	Ind.	1874
44	McIntosh, Waters.	Little Rock	Effective.	Dec. 9, 1865		1889
45	Morris, W. H.	Little Rock	Effective.	July 4, 1863	S. C.	1891
46	Neal, Seth	Van Buren	Effective.	Aug. 29, 1852	N. C.	1883
47	Nelson, D. W.	Little Rock	Effective.	Oct. 26, 1852	Ga.	1881
48	Owens, Philip	Lewisville	Effective.	June 26, 1861	S. C.	1891
49	Phillips, A. J.	Hot Springs	Effective.			1892
50	Qualls, John	Fort Smith	Effective.	Oct. 28, 1845	Ala.	1870
51	Renfro, H. M.	Cloy	Effective.	June 1, 1858	La.	1878
52	Roberts, Elza	Little Rock	Superannuate.	Dec. 30, 1850	Tenn.	1888
53	Sherrell, J. C.	So. Atlanta, Ga.	Effective.	July 24, 1840	Va.	1870
54	Sherrell, W. S.	Forrest City	Effective.	Nov. 14,	Tenn.	1889
55	Spencer, Edward	Pine Bluff	Effective.			1894
56	Stokes, S. M.	Johnsville	Effective.	Feb. 12, 1862	Miss.	1882
57	Strong, H. P.	Pine Bluff	Effective.	Aug. 15, 1850	Tenn.	1886
58	Taylor, C. A.	Lonoke	Effective.	Jan. 2, 1868	Ga.	1890
59	Taylor, G. W.	Conway	Effective.	May 4, 1855	La.	1883
60	Thompson, G. W.	Gurden	Effective.	Sept. 1836	Ark.	1872
61	Thompson, T. J.	Little Rock	Effective.	1853	Tex.	1883
62	Toombs, J. E.	Hot Springs	Effective.	Oct. 4, 1860	Miss.	1891
63	Wamble, T. R.	Batesville	Effective.	1860	Va.	1883
64	Wilson, G. W.	Hot Springs	Effective.	July 28, 1861	Miss.	1890

Serials

PROBATIONERS.

Second Year.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	Became a Probationer.
1 Davis, Squire B.	Brinkley	1895....
2 Greer, John H.	Crawfordsville	1895....
3 Kilpatrick, John W.	Palestine	1894....
4 Whitehead, Charles W.	Wilton	1895....

First Year.

1 Allen, William	Little Rock	1894....
2 Buford, David L.	Warren	1896....
3 Cooper, Stephen P.	Park Place	1896....
4 Hodges, Louis G.	Jacksonport	1896....
5 Nelson, Lee	Little Rock	1896....
6 Stevens, Albert T.	Center Point	1896....
7 Wallace, Christopher C.	Magnolia	1896....



Directory of Local Preachers.

Forrest City District.

NAME	POST OFFICE.	NAME	POST OFFICE
Austin, J. M.	Auvergne	Jones, S. S.	Cotton Plant.
Burter, Joe	Cotton Plant.	Lofton, R. B. T.	Moro
Button, E.	Clarendon	Montgomery, Caksy	Crawfordsville.
Chaney, Harry	Cotton Plant.	Scruggs, G. F.	Mariana
Donaldson, S.	Howell	Smith, Henry	Cotton Plant.
Gaskin, E. N.	Howell	Tucker, S.	Clarendon
Holiday, Thos.	Cotton Plant.	Walton, A. W.	Oak Forest
Jackson, B. V.	Park Place	Watson, H.	Park Place.
Johnson, John J.	Cotton Plant.	Wright, Charles	Cotton Plant.
Jones, Berry.	Cotton Plant.		

Hot Springs District.

Brownlee, J. W.	Ronto.	Nolte, William	Bingen.
Gamble, Drayton	Clow.	Pointer, Abram	Springfield.
Jackson, Amos	Texarkana.	Russey, G. A.	Hot Springs.
Johnson, J. H.	Clow	Sampson, Geo. T.	Clow
Lambert, M. W.	Ronto.	Thompson, James	Texarkana.
Lyon, Randell	Springfield.	Wesson, T. D.	Murfreesboro.
Marrs, Simon	Hot Springs	Wheeler, O.	Texarkana.
Moons, Isaac	Caddo Gap.	Willis, John A.	Bingen.
Murphy, Jack	Texarkana.		

Little Rock District.

Bledsoe, Walter	Lonoke	Hall, W. A.	Little Rock
Bradford, Nathan	Little Rock	Hulet, J. J.	Lonoke
Brown, J. B.	Solgochachie.	Moses, Eli	Lonoke
Bryant, L. B.	Solgochachie.	Reed, Wm	Lonoke
Cox, James M.	Little Rock	Riley, C. C.	Little Rock
Davis, Jesse	Marche	Sanders, Robt.	Cato
Dilohay, Tard	Lonoke		

Pine Bluff District.

Banks, J. C.	Linwood	Nimmer, R. H.	Wilmott
Brownfield, Wash	Dermott	Payton, J. A.	Dumas.
Cobb, E.	Dermott	Sanders, G. W.	Dumas.
Hagen, L. D.	Dumas.	Stevens, Joseph	Kearney
Harris, S.	Dumas.	Thomas, C. H.	Dexter
Hines, J. H.	Dumas.	Whitmas, J. A.	Noble Lake.
Johnson, J. J.	Wilmot.	Whitherspoon, M. J.	Dumas.
Lockett, S. K.	Dermott		

STANDING COMMITTEES.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Pastor and Presiding Elder.

MISSIONS.

Presiding Elders.

EDUCATION.

C. A. Taylor, J. A. Hamilton, G. A. Hall, E. D. Spencer.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

H. P. Coulter, L. D. Daniels, J. W. Burns, and W. J. Cuningham.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION.

D. B. Harston, H. P. Strong, D. H. E. Harris, and W. O. Emory.

BIBLE CAUSE.

W. H. Higgins, J. C. Crawley, W. McIntosh and H. Bright.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.

J. M. Clark, W. M. Renfro, J. J. Freeman and David Hall.

TEMPERANCE.

John Qualls, B. J. Lewis, J. T. Hawkins, and S. J. Johnson.

AUDITING.

John Qualls, H. P. Coulter, H. P. Strong, and Silas McDonald.

EPISCOPAL FUND.

H. M. Renfro, T. H. Bailey, W. S. Sherrell, and Wm. Lewis.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Seth Neal, Silas McDonald, G. W. Wilson and Peter Owens.

GOSPEL IN ALL LANDS.

M. N. Langston.

MEMOIRS.

W. O. Emory, June Lemons, H. C. Dunlap, J. C. Crawley.

STEWARDS.

B. J. Griffin, M. H. Foster, T. R. Wamble, W. H. Higgins.

GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSES.

M. N. Langston, J. C. Adams, W. H. Flowers, E. D. Spencer.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

G. W. Taylor, H. P. Coulter, T. R. Wamble, David Hall, U. S. Kitchens.

ON PUBLISHING MINUTES.

Secretary.

POST MASTER.

W. H. Higgins.

Special Appointments.

To Preach Missionary Sermon—T. R. Wamble. Alternate—John Qualls.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

For Admission on Trial—H. P. Coulter, A. J. Fletcher, Thos. Mason.

First Year—J. B. Brown, M. N. Langston, H. C. Dunlap.

Second Year—W. R. R. Duncan, H. P. Strong, J. C. Crawley.

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

Fourth Year—W. H. Morris, John Qualls, W. H. Higgins.

Local Orders—A. J. Phillips, T. R. Wamble, D. B. Harston.

TRIALERS OF APPEALS.

B. H. Johnson, W. R. R. Duncan, A. J. Phillips, W. H. Morris, B. J. Griffin, Seth Neal, T. R. Wamble.

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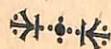
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Forrest City District—W. S. Sherrell, W. H. Higgins, D. M. Darden, Nathan Darby.

Hot Springs District—G. W. Thompson, J. A. Hamilton, D. Gamble, D. W. Whitmore.

Little Rock District—John Qualls, M. N. Langston, G. W. Ingram, A. Chilton.

Pine Bluff District—H. P. Strong, S. M. Stokes, Wm. Neely, C. Patillo.



Appointments.

Forrest City District.

J. W. JACKSON, P. E.

(P.O. 1618 Ringo St. Little Rock, Ark.)
Augusta..... Washington Brooks.
Auvergne..... D. H. E. Harris.
Batesville..... T. R. Wamble.
Bledsoe..... L. D. Daniels.
Brinkley..... W. H. Higgins.
Brinkley Cir..... S. B. Davis.
Clarendon..... To be supplied.
Cotton Plant..... Silas McDonald.
Cotton Plant Cir... Waters McIntosh.
Crawfordsville..... J. H. Greer.
Forrest City..... W. S. Sherrell.
Forrest City Cir... G. B. Donnelly.
Jacksonport..... Louis Hodges.
Jonesboro..... To be supplied.
Mariana..... D. W. Johnson.
Marvell and Helena... B. J. Lewis.
Newport..... G. A. Hall.
Oak Forrest..... David Hall.
Palestine circuit... J. W. Kildpatrick.
Park Place..... S. T. Cooper.

Hot Springs District.

J. E. TOOMBS, P. E.

Bearden..... J. C. Adams.
Camden..... S. J. Johnson.
Canfield..... M. H. Foster.
Center Point..... A. T. Stevens.
Center Point Circuit... M. B. Cain.
Clow..... H. M. Renfro.
Fort Lane Cir..... To be supplied.
Fulton..... H. P. Coulter.
Gurden..... G. W. Thompson.
Hot Springs..... A. J. Phillips.
Hot Springs mission... G. W. Wilson.
Lewisville..... Philip Owens.
Locksburgh..... J. A. Hamilton.
Magnolia..... C. C. Wallace.
Texarkana First church, G. N. Johnson.
Texarkana College Hill, J. C. Crawley.
Texarkana circuit... To be supplied.
Wilton..... C. W. Whitehead.

Little Rock District.

W. O. EMORY, P. E.

Argenta..... M. N. Langston.
Center Ridge..... W. J. Cunningham.
Conway mission..... G. W. Taylor.
Conway circuit..... H. C. Dunlap.
Danville..... John W. Lewis.
Fayetteville..... B. J. Griffin.
Fayetteville circuit... J. B. Brown.
Fort Smith..... John Qualls.
Little Rock:

Wesley chapel, W. R. R. Duncan.
White chapel and mission, W. H. Morris.

Circuit..... B. H. Johnson.

Lonoke..... C. A. Taylor.

Morrilton..... J. J. Freeman.

Richwoods..... J. M. Aerhart.

Solgohachie..... To be supplied.

Van Buren..... Seth Neal.

Thomas Mason, President Philander Smith College, member Wesley chapel, Little Rock Quarterly Conference.

Pine Bluff District.

E. D. SPENCER, P. E.

Altheimer..... D. B. Harston.
Avery circuit..... Squire Johnson.
Dermott..... James M. Clark.
Dumas..... Thos. P. Curtis.
Gaines Landing..... J. B. Burns.
Hamburg..... To be supplied.
Hensley..... Haywood Bright.
Johnsville..... S. M. Stokes.
Monticello..... To be supplied.
Morell..... To be supplied.
New Edinburgh..... June Lemons.
Pine Bluff..... H. P. Strong.
Pine Bluff circuit... W. H. Flowers.
Rison and Grapevine... U. S. Kitchens.
Sherrell..... To be supplied.
Sweet Home..... J. T. Harkins.
Tamo mission..... To be supplied.
Warren and Lanark... D. L. Buford.
Wilmot..... To be supplied.
T. J. Thompson, J. C. Sherrell, C. L. J. Wall, D. W. Nelson, T. H. Bailey, William Allen, Lee Nelson, left without appointment to attend school.

General Conference Delegates.

CINCINNATI, 1880.

Ministerial.—W. H. Crawford. *Reserve*.—A. J. Phillips.
Lay.—A. L. Richmond. *Reserve*.—Margie LaPorte.

PHILADELPHIA, 1884.

Ministerial.—George W. Sams. *Reserve*.—W. H. Crawford.
Lay.—A. L. Richmond. *Reserve*.—Mrs. Susan Johnson.

NEW YORK, 1888.

Ministerial.—W. R. R. Duncan. *Reserve*.—W. H. Crawford.
Lay.—C. C. Riley. *Reserve*.—A. M. Neeley.

OMAHA, 1892.

Ministerial.—W. R. R. Duncan. *Reserve*.—Thos. Mason.
Lay.—J. M. Cox. *Reserve*.—J. D. Denson.

CLEVELAND, 1896.



W. O. Emory, D. D.,
Ministerial.
W. R. R. Duncan,
Reserve.



J. M. Cox, A. M., B. D.,
Lay.
W. H. Strickland,
Reserve.

Journal of Daily Proceedings.

First Day.

BATESVILLE, ARK., Jan. 22, 1896.

The Eighteenth session of the Little Rock Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Batesville, Ark., Jan. 22d, 1896, at 9:30 A.M. and opened with a sacramental service conducted by Bishop W. X. Ninde.

Roll Call.—The Bishop expressed a few words of kindly greeting, after which the Secretary of the last session called the roll of the conference and 60 members and probationers responded to their names.

Transferred.—J. P. Franklin was announced transferred to the North Carolina Conference.

Officers elected.—Thos. Mason and H. P. Strong were put in nomination for Secretary; a ballot was taken resulting in a reelection of Thos. Mason. H. P. Strong and J. E. Toombs were nominated for Statistical Secretary and the ballot vote resulted in the election of H. P. Strong. A. J. Fletcher and H. P. Coulter were nominated for Treasurer and a ballot vote was taken resulting in the reelection of A. J. Fletcher.

Assistant Secretaries.—On the nomination of the secretary, W. O. Emory and M. N. Langston were reelected Assistant Secretaries.

Assistant Statisticians.—The Statistical Secretary nominated J. E. Toombs, B. H. Johnson, and J. J. Freeman as his assistants and they were elected.

Assistant Treasurers.—The Treasurer nominated John Qualls and W. H. Higgins to assist him and they were elected.

Time of Meeting and Adjournment.—The time of meeting and adjournment was fixed at 9.00 A.M. and 11.30 A.M. respectively the first half hour to be devoted to religious services.

Conference Bar.—The bar of the conference was fixed so as to include the first six seats nearest the altar.

Introduction.—Rev. J. B. Stephenson, pastor of the M. E. Church South was introduced to the conference.

Standing Committees.—The usual standing committees were nominated by the Presiding Elders and elected by the conference. (See list.)

Papers Referred.—Various papers on the Bishop's table were referred to appropriate committees.

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.

The Bishop appointed W. H. Higgins to preside. B. J. Griffin was appointed to conduct the opening devotions.

G. A. Hall was appointed to conduct the religious services at the opening of tomorrow's session.

Announcements.—Announcements were made, during which Rev. J. B. Stephenson kindly tendered the use of rooms in his church for committees and on motion of J. W. Jackson the offer was accepted and a vote of thanks tendered for the same. The doxology was sung and the conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. J. B. Stephenson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 2 o'clock and was opened with religious services conducted by J. C. Adams. W. H. Higgins in the chair.

Secretary's call.—The Statistical Secretary called the charges of the conference and 52 reports were passed in.

Announcements.—Announcements were made and the conference adjourned with the benediction by the Secretary.

Second Day.

BATESVILLE, ARK., Jan. 23, 1896.

Conference met at 9 o'clock. Bishop Ninde in the chair. Religious services were conducted by G. A. Hall. The Secretary called the list of absentees. The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Statistical Secretary called the names of the charges from which no reports had as yet been presented.

Communication.—A communication from the Faculty of Gammon Theological Seminary was presented by the Bishop and read by the Secretary and referred to the committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education.

Papers Referred.—Various other papers on the Bishop's table were referred to the appropriate committees.

13th Question.—The Thirteenth question was called: "*Was the character of each Preacher examined?*" The character of J. W. Jackson, Presiding Elder of Forrest City District passed and he reported his work. The characters of the following effective elders on the district passed and reports given: W. Brooks, W. H. Higgins, H. C. Dunlap, S. McDonald, S. M. Stokes, B. H. Johnson.

A. J. Phillips, Presiding Elder of the Hot Springs District was called, his character passed and he made his report. G. W. Thompson, H. M. Renfro, H. P. Coulter, J. E. Toombs, D. B. Harston, J. C. Crawley, and M. H. Foster, effective elders were called, their characters passed and reports were given. The character of W. H. Morris passed and he reported the Little Rock District. The characters of the following elders passed and reports were given: M. N. Langston, W. J. Cunningham, G. W. Taylor, J. M. Aerhart, U. S. Kitchens, B. J. Griffin, John Qualls, W. O. Emory, C. A. Taylor, W. McIntosh, Seth Neal, Thos. Mason.

Time Extended.—The time was extended to complete the question.

• W. R. R. Duncan, Presiding Elder of Pine Bluff District was called, his character passed and he made his report. The

characters of W. H. Crawford, T. R. Wamble, and June Lemons, elders, passed and they gave their reports.

Left Without Appointment.—On motion of the Presiding Elder the Bishop was requested to leave J. C. Sherrill and T. J. Thompson without appointment to attend school.

Introductions.—Revs. T. W. Fisackerly of the second M. E Church South, and J. H. Miller of the A. M. E. Church were introduced to the conference.

David Hall was appointed to lead the devotions at the opening of tomorrow's session.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung and the conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. J. H. Miller.

Third Day.

BATESVILLE, ARK., Jan. 24, 1896.

Conference met at 9 o'clock with Bishop Ninde in the chair. The opening devotions were conducted by David Hall. The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Book Accounts.—The New York Book Accounts sent to the conference were placed in the hands of the Secretary for collection.

A communication relating to the Episcopal Fund was read by the Secretary and referred to the committee. The Presiding Elders were authorized to apportion the amount asked for this Fund the ensuing years to the various charges.

Drafts Ordered.—The Bishop announced that the conference was authorized to draw on the Book Concern Dividend and the Chartered Fund for \$428.00 and \$22.00 respectively and the drafts were ordered.

On motion of J. W. Jackson all members of conference endorsed by the Presiding Elders as necessitous cases were referred to the Board of Stewards for consideration.

Superannuate.—W. H. Crawford was granted a superannuate relation.

Lay Conference.—The Bishop addressed a few words to the members of the Lay Conference present and they withdrew to the room provided for them for organization and work.

Introductions.—Rev. F. J. Johnson of the Arkansas Conference and P. C. Clay of the A. M. E. church were introduced to the conference.

22d Question.—The Twenty Second question was called: "*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*"

W. M. Fuller's character passed and he was continued in the same relation.

T. H. Hanna was referred to the committee on conference relations.

23d Question.—The Twenty-third question was taken up: "*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*" The characters of Elza Roberts and A. J. Fletcher passed and they were continued in the same relation.

5th Question.—The Fifth question was called: "*Who have been continued on trial?*" The following were called, passed in character, represented their work, committee reported, were continued on trial, and advanced to the Second Year: S. B. Davis, J. H. Greer, and C. W. Whitehead. The last named, with the understanding that he be required to read the books which he had failed to do.

Miles P. Pruitt was discontinued. Wm. Allen passed in character and was continued in the first year. The Bishop was requested to leave him without an appointment to attend school.

J. A. Hamilton's character passed and he was advanced to the Fourth Year's Course of Study.

Election.—On motion of B. H. Johnson the election of our delegate to the General Conference was made the special order for eleven o'clock today.

9th Question.—The Ninth Question was called: "*What members are in the studies of the Fourth Year?*" The characters of the following passed, they reported their work, the committee of examination reported, and they were advanced to the Fourth Year: Benjamin J. Lewis, John B. Brown, David Hall, William H. Flowers.

James P. Mack was referred to the committee on conference relations.

10th Question.—The Tenth question was taken up: "*What members have completed the Conference Course of Study?*" Wm. Lewis, Jeremiah J. Freeman, James M. Clark, George A. Hall, Duncan W. Nelson, Henry P. Strong and Daniel H. E. Harris were called, passed in character and having completed the Course of Study were elected to Elder's Orders.

H. W. Walton passed in character and was granted a location.

Reconsidered.—On motion of M. H. Foster the vote by which 11 o'clock today was selected as the time for the election of our General Conference delegate was reconsidered; and on motion of J. W. Jackson this was made the special order for tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

Constitutional Changes.—On motion of J. W. Jackson the vote on Constitutional Changes was made the special order for 10 o'clock Monday.

30th Question.—The Thirtieth question was called: "*Where shall the next conference be held?*" Forrest City, Fort Smith, Van Buren, and Fayetteville were put in nomination and represented. Fayetteville was withdrawn and finally Fort Smith was withdrawn and the vote electing between Forrest City and Van Buren was taken, resulting in the selection of Forrest City. The vote was then made unanimous.

A vote of thanks was given for the kind invitations from the places represented.

Seth Neal was appointed to conduct the devotions at the opening of tomorrow's session.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung and the conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. J. B. Stephenson.

Fourth Day.

BATESVILLE, ARK., Jan. 25, 1896.

Conference convened at 9 o'clock. Bishop Ninde in the chair. Seth Neal conducted the opening devotions.

5th Question.—The 5th Question was resumed: "*Who have been continued on trial?*"

The class was called forward and was addressed very plainly and impressively by the Bishop and the following, being in orders, were reported by the committee, received into full connection and advanced to the Third Year: Haywood Bright, Squire Johnson, John C. Adams, George W. Wilson, William S. Sherrell, Laban D. Daniels, Samuel Johnson, Phillip Owens, Thos. J. Hawkins, J. W. Burns, Gabriel B. Donnelly.

Thos. H. Bailey was passed, admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's orders.

J. W. Kilpatrick's character passed, and he was advanced to the Third Year's Course of study.

A. L. Torrence was discontinued. John A. Hamilton was admitted into full connection. By action of yesterday his character was passed and he was advanced to the Fourth Year's Course of study.

The characters of Charles L. J. Wall and Mansfield B. Cain passed and they were continued in the Second Year.

The Special Order of the day was taken up. Seth Neal and J. E. Toombs were appointed tellers.

W. O. Emory was elected delegate to the next General Conference with W. R. R. Duncan as reserve.

The time was extended. W. O. Emory was appointed to look after the interests of the Southwestern and to report our conference to the same.

T. Mason was appointed reporter for the Central and H. P. Strong for the Western.

11th Question.—The Eleventh question was taken up: "*What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?*"

The following were called forward and introduced, the committee and the Presiding Elders reported and they were elected: Louis Hodges, Lindsay Mallory, Christopher C. Wallace, Lee Nelson, David Buford, Thos. P. Curtis.

John H. Greer was elected to Deacon's orders under the Missionary Rule.

James P. Mack was granted a location at his own request. T. H. Hanna was recognized as having withdrawn.

3rd Question.—The Third question was called: "*Who have been received on Credentials and from what churches?*" Dillard W. Johnson's credentials as a Deacon in the C. M. E. Church were presented by J. W. Jackson, and he was admitted, credentials recognized and he was placed in the Third Year's Course of study.

Afternoon Session.—On motion of A. J. Fletcher an afternoon session was ordered beginning at 3 o'clock. W. O. Emory was appointed to preside.

Reconsidered.—On motion of B. H. Johnson the action by which our vote on the Constitutional Changes be made the special order for Monday, 10 o'clock, was reconsidered and laid upon the table.

The Bishop in a neat little speech on behalf of the preachers of Forrest City District, presented J. W. Jackson, P. E. with a suit of clothes, to which he gave a happy response.

M. H. Foster was appointed to open the afternoon session.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung and the conference adjourned with the benediction by the Secretary.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order by Dr. Emory. M. H. Foster conducted the devotions.

Resolution.—A. J. Fletcher presented a resolution pertaining to publication of the minutes which was adopted. (See resolution.)

Reports.—The following committees presented their reports which were adopted:

On Church Extension.

On Sunday Schools and Tracts.

On Episcopal Fund.

On Auditing Presiding Elders' Accounts.

On the State of the Church.

On General Conference Expenses.

On Temperance.

On Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education.

Pending the adoption of the last report, a subscription was taken for Philander Smith College, conducted by H. P. Strong, amounting to \$392.00, \$32.00 of which was paid.

On motion of J. W. Jackson it was ordered that when we adjourn we do so to meet at 8 o'clock Monday. A collection for the Janitor was taken amounting to \$2.75.

Announcements were made, and the conference adjourned with the benediction by W. H. Crawford.

Fifth Day.

BATESVILLE, ARK., Jan. 27, 1896.

Conference convened at 8 o'clock and was opened with devotional services conducted by D. B. Harston. Bishop Ninde in the chair.

Complimentary resolutions were presented, which were adopted by a rising vote. (See resolutions.)

4th Question.—The Fourth question was called: "*Who are admitted on trial?*"

The following were called, represented by the Presiding Elders, committee reported, and they were admitted:—Stephen P. Cooper, Louis G. Hodges, Christopher C. Wallace, Lee Nelson, Albert T. Stevens, David L. Buford.

Some Leaflets and envelopes for subscriptions to *Christianity in Earnest* were presented by the Bishop and distributed through the conference.

Dr. Hartzell addressed the conference in the interest of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and on his nomination, the President of the College, the P. E. of Little Rock District, and the Pastor of Wesley Chapel were appointed a building committee, and the conference authorized the P. E.'s to apportion \$1500.00 to the various charges to be raised for this work, during the year. The building committee was authorized to go forward with the building only so far as funds are in hand.

Reports.—The Statistical Secretary presented his report. The Treasurer presented his report.

The committee on Bible Cause presented report, which was adopted.

Dr. Emory read the report of the committee on memoirs which was adopted with the understanding that a suitable memoir of Sister Hawkins be prepared and published with the report.

The Board of Stewards presented their report.

The Committee on Missions reported.

Special Committees and the officers of conference societies were constituted.

T. R. Wamble, for the Board of Stewards, presented a resolution which was adopted (see resolution.) Board of Stewards disbursed the money in hand in accordance with their report. Amount for the Frazier heirs was ordered placed in the hands of the local Board of Stewards, placed in Bank to be used as necessity required.

Dr. Curtis of the Western Book Concern addressed the conference on the publishing interest of the church.

Committee on Education presented its report.

A count vote on the Constitutional Changes was taken resulting as follow:

Proposition I,

" II,

" III,

Ayes 0,

" 53,

" 0,

Noes 51.

" 1.

" 53.

C. A. Rodgers having been expelled from the membership of the church owing to irregularity was restored to membership.

Bishop on behalf of the Preachers of the Pine Bluff District presented W. R. R. Duncan a \$5.00 gold piece, and on behalf of the preachers of the Hot Springs District he presented A. J. Phillips \$9.00 and from the Preachers of the Little Rock District to W. H. Morris \$4.50.

A collection was taken for the sexton amounting to \$3.10.

The conference joined in singing a hymn and Bishop Nind led in a fervent prayer.

The Bishop addressed the conference briefly and read the appointments and the Eighteenth Session adjourned *sine die*.

W. H. Nind

President.

THOS. MASON, Secretary.



Questions of Discipline.

1. *Who have been received by transfer and from what Conference?*
None.
2. *Who have been readmitted?*
None.
3. *Who have been received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*
Dillard W. Johnson from the C. M. E. Church.
4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*
(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.
Stephen P. Cooper, Louis G. Hodges, Christopher C. Wallace, Lee Nelson Albert T. Stevens, David L. Buford.
(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.
Squire B. Davis, John H. Greer, Charles W. Whitehead, (The last named to bring up "books to be read.")
(c) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.
John W. Kilpatrick.
(d) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR.
None.
6. *Who have been Discontinued.*
Alexander Torrence, Miles P. Pruitt.
7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership.*
(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.
Thos. H. Bailey.

- (b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.
Haywood Bright, Squire Johnson, John C. Adams, George W. Wilson, William S. Sherrell, Laban D. Daniels, Samuel J. Johnson, Phillip Owens, Thos. J. Hawkins, James W. Burns, Gabriel B. Donnelly, John A. Hamilton.

What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

- (a) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.
Dillard W. Johnson, Thos. H. Bailey, Haywood Bright, Squire Johnson, John C. Adams, George W. Wilson, William S. Sherrell, Laban D. Daniels, Samuel Johnson, Phillip Owens, Thos. J. Hawkins, James W. Burns.

- (b) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY.
None.

9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?

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

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

- (a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.
John W. Lewis, Jeremiah J. Freeman, James M. Clark, George A. Hall, Duncan W. Nelson, Henry P. Strong, Daniel H. E. Harris.

- (b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.
None.

11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

- (a) AS LOCAL PREACHERS.
Lindsay Mallory, Louis G. Hodges, Christopher C. Wallace, Lee Nelson, David L. Buford, Thos P. Curtis.

- (b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.
John H. Greer.

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?*
This was done in open conference.

14. *Who have been Transferred and to what Conference?*

John P. Franklin to the North Carolina Conference.

15. *Who have Died?*
None.

16. *Who have been Located at their own Request?*
James P. Mack, Henry Walton.

17. *Who have been Located?*
None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*
Thos. H. Hanna.

19. *Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints.*
None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*
None.

21. *What other personal Notation should be made?*
None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*
W. M. Fuller.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*
Elza Roberts, A. J. Fletcher, W. H. Crawford.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*
B. H. Johnson, W. R. R. Duncan, W. H. Morris, A. J. Phillips, B. J. Griffin, Seth Neal, T. R. Wamble.

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

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

\$1,182.56.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

\$462.75.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

\$462.75.

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*
See Appointments.

30. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*
Forrest City.



Reports of Committees.

Committee on Education.

The work of Education in the Methodist Episcopal Church is one of great importance to our people throughout the South. And we as members of the Little Rock Annual Conference recognize the work done by the Board of Education. And we as ministers will hereafter cooperate and support the plans as set forth by Dr. C. H. Payne, and we urge upon every Sunday School the observance of Children's Day, the use of the program prepared by the Board, the taking of a collection for the Children's Fund, the keeping of the collection from all other collections, and as soon as taken send it directly to the Board at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

We rejoice to learn that the Board of Education aided over 1,500 students the last school year. We recommend that Children's Day be made an occasion for instructing the children of the church, as well as the church itself, on the importance of the work of Christian Education and for this we recommend the programs prepared by the Board of Education. It will be seen that the law of the church now requires that the pastor shall cause Children's Day to be observed by every school in his charge.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. TAYLOR.

On Temperance.

WHEREAS, There exists today in the heart of our nation a stupendous evil which is indeed the sum of all villainies, an evil which is a most terrible taskmaster, driving men to mental and spiritual destruction; a curse which has become the

agent of Satanic hate, to creep with stealthy step into our homes, and rob us of our brightest flowers of youth and purity; the business of which is to demoralize and ruin public life, to corrupt the church, to confront and poison our converts.

Resolved, That we will, as ministers of the Little Rock Conference, not only endorse all the wording of our discipline and the action of our General Conference, but labor for the accomplishment of the same.

WHEREAS, The honorable secretary, Charles Waters, of London Sunday School Union, has presented a plan for the co-operation of all Christians in temperance work, by the universal observation of the fourth Sunday in November in each year as Temperance Sunday, and

WHEREAS, This plan is heartily endorsed by the National Woman's Temperance Union and many Christian workers, therefore

Resolved, That we hereby endorse the same and seek its adoption.

JOHN QUALLS,

B. J. LEWIS.

On Church Extension.

We the Committee on Church Extension report as follows: As the Church Extension Society has done so much and is doing a great work for our people in this Southland, therefore be it

Resolved, That the fourth Sunday in May be set apart as Church Extension Day throughout the Little Rock Conference; and the same be forwarded to Dr. Spencer.

H. P. COULTER.

General Conference Expenses.

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

WHEREAS, We have been assessed \$98, and

WHEREAS, We raised \$18 last year, leaving a deficiency of \$80, and

WHEREAS, We have raised \$44.75 this year, leaving a deficiency of \$35.25. We therefore recommend that the remainder of the amount due be apportioned as follows.

The Forrest City District, \$9.85; Little Rock District, \$10.80; Hot Springs District, \$7.80; Pine Bluff District, \$6.80.

We also recommend that the Presiding Elders apportion to each charge an amount to make up the assesment required and collect it on their first round and forward it at once to Hunt & Eaton, N. Y. City, N. Y.

M. N. LANGSTON.

Auditing Presiding Elders' Accounts.

We your committee on Auditing the Presiding Elders' accounts after a careful examination find the money paid out correct.

JOHN QUALLS,
H. P. STRONG,
S. McDONALD.

State of the Church.

The Committee on State of the Church beg leave to make the following report: We believe, in the providence of God, that the church is growing as never before in this state. Many souls have been converted to the Lord and new churches have been built. We praise the Lord for Philander Smith College in our midst, and Dr. Mason at the head is doing much good for our people in the state. We recommend that each pastor do all in his power to push the claims for the school.

S. McDONALD.

On Episcopal Funds.

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

WHEREAS, The receipts of last year from all the Annual Conferences reached a total of \$88,422.65, and the expenditures were \$82,328.75. Leaving an excess of \$6,093.90. and

WHEREAS, The amount apportioned for the ensuing year is \$116 for the Little Rock Conference.

Resolved, That the amount be apportioned the Districts, and that we pledge ourselves as pastors in charge to raise the amount apportioned to us by the Presiding Elders.

H. M. RENTRO,
J. W. LEWIS,
W. S. SHERRELL,
T. H. BAILEY.

On Sunday Schools and Tracts.

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 29,862 schools, with 348,685 officers and teachers, and 2,510,539 scholars, and

WHEREAS, The amount apportioned to the Little Rock Conference is \$30 for each of the Societies, making a total of \$60 for year 1896, and

WHEREAS, The Sunday-school Union has aided during the past year, more than 3,000 schools and has no other resources except the contributions from the charges, and ask from the entire church the sum of fifty thousand dollars as the smallest amount with which its work can be accomplished,

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.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education.

We your committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, would submit the following report:

We find that during the past year the Society has suffered greatly from the financial stringency of the times, but all our schools have been kept open. Teachers and officers of all grades have gladly submitted to large cuts in their salaries, and there has been unusual devotion and heroism displayed by our workers.

During the year 1894-5 we have maintained and superintended forty-five institutions of learning, twenty-three among the colored people and twenty-two among the white people. 4845 colored and 3278 white students were enrolled, making a total of 8123. 459 teachers have been employed. Of our students, 218 have been in the College classes, 1013 in the College Preparatory, 688 in the Normal, and the remainder in the Special and English courses. 219 were preparing for the ministry. Conversions reported during the year, 161. In Medical Courses, 295. A large number of students are in Industrial classes.

The total receipts of the Society for the year ending June 30th, 1895, were \$284,740.26. Unfortunately there is a decrease in Conference collections. This is greatly to be regretted.

On the other hand, the financial stringency has led to greater economy in the administration of the schools in all particulars, and has also led our people in the South to much greater efforts toward self-help. On this latter point, our people in the South are doing much more for the education of their people than ever before.

The indebtedness of the Society has been funded in five per cent Bonds, and can be carried until lands owned by the Society and not needed for schools can be sold; or what would be still better, the friends of our cause rally to pay off the debt, and let the lands be held and allowed to increase in value and sold to endow the institutions. The real estate of the Society now amounts to nearly \$2,000,000.00.

We find further that this conference promised Dr. Hamilton last year to raise \$1500 to aid in completing our unfinished building at Philander Smith College, and we have raised only \$457.10.

Your committee also find that the Society through the Board at Cincinnati has apportioned \$750.00, which we recommend to be apportioned among the charges and that we raise every dollar of it.

The Conference collections amount to less than one-half the entire receipts of the Society. The cash receipts from tuition, room-rent, and incidentals alone was \$57,275.25.

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

Resolved, Further that we are proud of Philander Smith College, and will endeavor more and more to impress upon our people the fact that it is our school.

And further that we have in Dr. Mason and his co-laborers a faithful faculty to whom we pledge our prayers and active co-operation in their work. Your committee is impressed with the ever increasing demand for a thoroughly educated ministry. The preachers must lead in all social and industrial reforms.

There is the temperance question to be dealt with, the *demon of the age*.

The race problem, as some are pleased to call it, in the South, the labor problem of the North and East will not be settled until settled right. The right way is God's way. Only a thoroughly educated ministry can lead the people to this way and to success.

In view of these things we call upon the P. E's., to be diligent in looking after young men called of God to preach, and direct them to Philander Smith College for a literary training and then to Gammon Theological Seminary for a Theological training.

Resolved, That we pledge to the faculty at Gammon our prayers in the great work of preparing a ministry up to the demands of the times.

No better work is being done anywhere than by this Society in its schools in the Southern states. Hundreds of ministers, thousands of teachers, have been sent out to lead their

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people. Over two hundred and fifty Christian colored physicians have been educated. The work, up to this date, has been little more than foundation laying. Many of our buildings need repairing, and in several places new buildings are absolutely essential.

The schools are well organized as to faculties and courses of study. The South is undergoing a marvelous revolution in sentiment. Our schools are commanding greater respect and support every year among Southern white people, who have not heretofore appreciated the work. No other Church or organization can do our work. The Methodist Episcopal Church has thirty-five Annual Conferences and 547,000 communicants on what was slave territory. All the educational work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in that vast section rests upon this Society, with the exception of the Border states. A work so vast, and meaning so much to the civilization of America, and to the leadership of a lately enslaved race, now numbering eight millions and rapidly increasing among us, should stir the Church to larger benevolence and faith in this most important work.

The following we nominate as visitors: To Gammon Theological Seminary, W. O. Emory and Edward Spencer. To Philander Smith College, J. E. Toombs, A. J. Fletcher, H. P. Strong, B. J. Griffin.

W. O. EMORY.

Little Rock Conference Building Apportionment.

Charge.	Pastor.	App.
Wesley chapel	W. R. R. Duncan..	\$120
White chapel	W. H. Morris ..	28
Conway circuit	G. W. Taylor ..	25
Fayetteville ..	J. B. Brown ..	20
Danville ..	John W. Lewis ..	10
Fayetteville ..	B. J. Griffin ..	40
Little Rock cir.	M. N. Angston ..	35
Van Buren ..	Seth Neal ..	35
Monticello ..	J. J. Freeman ..	50
Port Smith ..	John Qualls ..	20
Solobachie ..	H. C. Unlap ..	50
Conoke ..	A. Taylor ..	38
Ridgewood ..	J. M. Aehart ..	9
Conway mts.	*	10
Total ..		\$500

Pine Bluff District.

Altheimer ..	D. B. Harston ..	20
Avery ..	S. S. Johnson ..	12
Dumas ..	T. C. Curtis ..	6
Dermott ..	J. M. Clark ..	12
Gaines Land'g	J. W. Burns ..	6
Hamburg ..	Thos. Franklin ..	4
Hensley ..	H. Bright ..	12
Johnsville ..	S. M. Stokes ..	12
Monticello ..	Isaac Russell ..	10
Morell ..	Hanna ..	6
New Edinburg	June Lemons ..	12
Pine Bluff-St. J	H. P. Strong ..	80
" circuit	W. H. Flowers ..	8
Rison, Grapev	U. S. Kitchens ..	8
Sherrell ..	E. W. Johnson ..	18
Sweet Home ..	P. J. Hawkins ..	6
Tamo ..	A. N. Egerson ..	6
Warren, Lan'k	D. L. Buford ..	6
Wilnot ..	W. E. Pruitt ..	6
Total ..		\$250

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Forrest City District.

Charge.	Pastor.	App.
Augusta ..	W. Brooks ..	10
Auvergne ..	D. H. E. Harris ..	15
Batesville ..	T. R. Wamble ..	40
Bledsoe ..	L. D. Daniels ..	15
Brinkley ..	W. H. Higgins ..	15
" circuit	to be supplied ..	12
Clarendon ..	H. Greer ..	15
Crawfordsville	ilas McDonald ..	50
Cotton Plant ..	Vaters McIntosh ..	25
" circuit	S. Sherrell ..	30
Forrest City ..	B. Donnelly ..	25
" circuit	to be supplied ..	10
Jonesboro ..	Louis Hodges ..	10
Jacksonport ..	D. W. Johnson ..	15
Marianna ..	B. J. Lewis ..	30
Marvell Helena	G. A. Hall ..	15
Newport ..	David Hall ..	40
Oak Forrest ..	G. A. Hall ..	15
Park Place ..	S. T. Cooper ..	15
Palestine ..	J. W. Kilpatrick ..	15
	J. W. Jackson, P.E.	30
Total ..		\$450

Hot Springs District.

Charge.	Pastor.	App.
Bearden ..	J. C. Adams ..	8
Camden ..	S. J. Johnson ..	6
Canfield ..	M. H. Foster ..	8
Center Point ..	A. T. Stevens ..	25
Center Point ch	M. B. Cain ..	15
" circuit	H. M. Renfro ..	25
Clow ..	J. W. Wheeler ..	10
Fort Lynn ..	H. P. Coulter ..	15
Fulton ..	G. W. Whompson ..	10
Gurdon ..	A. J. Phillips ..	50
Hot Springs ..	G. W. Wilson ..	5
" Miss ..	Philip Owens ..	10
Lewisville ..	J. A. Hamilton ..	15
Locksburg ..	C. C. Wallace ..	8
Magnolia ..	G. N. Johnsoe ..	15
Texark'a 1st ch	J. C. Crawley ..	10
" 2nd ch	Mat Turner ..	5
" circuit	C. W. Whitehead ..	10
Wilton ..	Wives of Pastors ..	50
Total ..		\$300

American Bible Society.

From the beginning the Little Rock Conference has aided the American Bible Society in its efforts to place the word of God in the hand of every person in the land who can read, and it calls upon all who favor such a work, to aid in the accomplishment of the great work in which the Society is engaged, whose demands are constantly increasing. A large amount of money is needed and all who love the Bible and humanity are urged to contribute to its support.

WHEREAS, We regard the Bible as the foundation of all truth, and

WHEREAS, The American Bible Society is doing all in its power to place the word of God in every home in every land, and

WHEREAS, We long to see the time when the blessed Bible shall be in every land and home, therefore be it

Resolved, That we here express our appreciation of the great work being done by this Society, and that we will do all in our power to give it a more liberal support and patronage from our churches and Sunday-schools and will increase our collection for the same.

W. H. HIGGINS,
H. BRIGHT,
W. MCINTOSH.

On Missions.

Forrest City District.....	\$225	Augusta.....	\$ 32
Auvergne.....	32	Bledsoe.....	24
Brinkley.....	80	Brinkley Cir.....	24
Clarendon.....	20	Crawfordsville.....	40
Jonesboro.....	35	Jacksonport.....	30
Marvell and Helena.....	50	Marianna.....	32
Newport.....	20	Park Place.....	20
Palestine.....	20	Total.....	\$690
Hot Springs District.....	\$240	Camden.....	30
Canfield.....	30	Center Point Cir.....	20
Gurdon.....	30	Lewisville.....	30
Magnolia.....	30	Texarkana 1st church.....	20
Texarkana 2nd church.....	20	Texarkana circuit.....	30
Wilton.....	30	Hot Springs Mission.....	90
		Total.....	\$600
Little Rock District.....	\$240	Conway Mission.....	60
Center Ridge.....	28	Danville.....	40
Fayetteville Cir.....	20	Lonoke.....	32
Morrilton.....	36	Richwoods.....	24
White's Chapel.....	60	Total.....	\$540
Pine Bluff District.....	\$260	Avery.....	32
Dumas.....	32	Dermott.....	40
Gaines Landing.....	50	Hamburg.....	20
Hensley.....	32	Johnsville.....	32
Morell.....	20	Monticello.....	30
New Edinburg.....	32	Pine Bluff Cir.....	30
Rison and Grapevine.....	40	Sherrell.....	20
Tamo.....	20	Warren.....	40
Wilmott.....	40	Total.....	770
		Hot Springs District.....	600
		Little Rock District.....	540
		Forrest City District.....	690
		Total.....	\$2,600

J. W. JACKSON, Secretary.

Approved, W. X. NINDE.

A. J. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Stewards' Report.

Receipts:	
From Chartered Fund.....	\$ 22.00
" Book Concern Dividend.....	428.00
" Conference Claimant Fund.....	12.75
Total.....	\$462.75

FORREST CITY DISTRICT.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT			
Disbursements:			\$14.00
Frazier heirs.....	\$ 50.00	Dr. A. J. Fletcher.....	5.00
W. H. Higgins.....	13.50	Washington Brooks.....	5.00
G. A. Hall.....	5.00	S. M. Stokes.....	5.00
Silas McDonald.....	5.00	B. H. Johnson.....	5.00
H. C. Dunlap.....	2.50	W. H. Flowers.....	
D. H. E. Harris.....	5.00		
	Total.....		\$115.00

HOT SPRINGS DISTRICT.

Spears' heirs.....	\$ 50.00	M. H. Foster.....	\$ 24.50
H. M. Renfro.....	6.00	G. W. Thompson.....	3.25
J. C. Crawley.....	3.25	Phillip Owens.....	5.00
D. B. Harston.....	6.00	J. A. Hamilton.....	6.00
G. B. Donnelly.....	11.00	Total.....	\$115.00

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

Elza Roberts.....	\$ 25.00	George W. Taylor.....	\$ 20.00
J. M. Aerhart.....	10.00	W. J. Cunningham.....	10.00
Waters McIntosh.....	8.00	M. N. Langston.....	8.00
Duncan W. Nelson.....	5.00	J. J. Freeman.....	7.00
C. A. Taylor.....	10.00	U. S. Kitchen.....	10.00
T. J. Thompson.....	2.00	Total.....	\$115.00

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

W. H. Crawford.....	\$ 40.00	J. T. Hawkins.....	\$ 8.00
H. Bright.....	8.00	S. Q. Johnson.....	8.00
June Lemons.....	9.75	G. W. Wilson.....	5.00
Thos. H. Bailey.....	5.00	J. W. Burns.....	5.00
T. R. Wamble.....	8.00	W. R. R. Duncan.....	20.00
		Total.....	\$116.75
		Little Rock District.....	115.00
		Hot Springs ".....	115.00
		Forrest City ".....	115.00
		Expense account.....	1.00
		Grand total.....	\$462.75

Resolutions.

We the Board of Stewards ask to offer the following Resolutions, First,

Resolved, That each brother who is in the active work raise his apportionment for Conference Claimants. Second,

Resolved, That any brother failing to raise his apportionment shall not be allowed to receive any of the money of the Conference Claimants.

W. H. HIGGINS,

M. H. FOSTER,

B. J. GRIFFIN, Chairman.

T. R. WAMBLE, Sec.

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.

Bishop Ninde.

WHEREAS, Bishop W. X. Ninde, 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.

B. H. JOHNSON.

Complimentary.

WHEREAS, Bro. W. H. Higgins, the pastor, and his faithful membership, together with the good people of Batesville, including especially Bro. Stephenson and his Board of Stewards, have so 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.

We also extend our kindest regards to the rail-roads for reduced rates.

B. H. JOHNSON.

Secretaries.

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

Certificate of Ordination.

THIS CERTIFIES that on January 26, 1896, in Batesville, Ark., I ordained to the office of Deacon, Thomas H. Bailey, Lindsay Mallory, Louis G. Hodges, Christopher C. Wallace, Lee Nelson, David Buford, Thomas H. Curtiss, and John H. Greer.

Also at the same time and place, with the assistance of several elders present, I ordained to the office of Elder: John W. Lewis, Jeremiah J. Freeman, James M. Clark, George A. Wall, Duncan W. Nelson, Henry P. Strong and Daniel H. E. Harris.

W. X. Ninde

MINUTES OF THE LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

The Lay Electoral Conference of the Little Rock Annual Conference met January 24, 1896, and was called to order by Prof. J. M. Cox. After which he stated the object of the meeting.

On motion Bro. A. E. Carr was elected chairman and L. G. Hodges Sec'y. A song was sung "Blest be the Tie that Binds" and prayer by Lee Nelson.

On motion the chairman appointed a committee of three on credentials. Appointment, J. M. Cox, L. C. Forbes and Lydia Forrest.

The committee reported twenty-six present.

It was moved and carried that the ladies be allowed to vote.

Prof. James M. Cox was put in nomination for the Lay Delegate from this conference to the General Conference next May and also Prof. W. H. Strickland, and Cox receiving the majority of votes cast, was elected; and Prof. W. H. Strickland as reserve.

The Conference unanimously passed the following resolution:

That we request our lay delegate to sit with the ministerial delegates.

A. E. CARR, Chairman.

L. G. HODGES, Sec'y.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

IN MEMORIAM.

"He giveth His beloved sleep."

Necrological Roll in Chronological Order.

NAMES.	Date of Birth.	Date of Death.	Date of Entering Ministry.
William M. Todd	February 3, 1857	Martyr, Apr. 23, 79	February 13, 1879.
Jefferson A. Peel	1851	April 6, 1881	February 13, 1879.
Charles A. Tabor	October 6, 1836	Dec. 20, 1881	February 13, 1879.
George W. Sams	1847	Jan. 6, 1886	1874.
John D. Johnson	April 24, 1860	Mar. 6, 1887	February 10, 1883.
W. S. Lankford	1835	July 7, 1887	1862.
J. G. Thompson	1810	Sept. 1889	1857.
John R. Frazier	November 27, 1857	Dec. 30, 1889	February 13, 1884.
Henry McDonald		May 8, 1892	February 13, 1886.
Albert L. Tate	January 10, 1832		February 23, 1885.
Alexander Spears			1873.

WIVES OF MINISTERS.

NAMES.	Date of Birth.	Date of Death.
Mary Phillips		1876
America McCain		August 22, 1881
Susan Johnson		1884
Amelia Thompson	February 7, 1826	February 15, 1885
Nancy Crawford	Feb. 15, 1862	May 22, 1885
Valley Victory Fletcher	August 29, 1854	June 18, 1888
G. W. Baber	1854	July 5, 1889
J. Lemons	January 7, 1862	March 30, 1890
H. Coulter	1849	October 24, 1890
M. E. Lacey	1870	May 23, 1892
Eliza McDonald	December 13, 1854	September 30, 1892
Virginia Mason	Apr. 20, 1857	Apr. 10, 1893
A. G. Duncan		Apr. 3, 1894
Clarky Clardy		June 27, 1895
S. Stokes	May 7, 1851	Sept. 24, 1895
A. J. Fletcher	Apr. 27, 1865	Nov. 1, 1895
Ella Hawkins	Jan. 27, 1867	
Rachel D. Cunningham	Dec. 13, 1858	
Annie E. Morris		

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.

Mrs. Annie E. Arnold-Morris.

The subject of this sketch was born at Greenville, S.C., in 1858, of William and Lucy Arnold, who were devoted Christians, highly respected. She was converted when but a child, and began her education in the public schools, later she went to Clark University where she graduated in 1888, and through the aid of Dr. Thirkield made her way to Wellesley College in Mass., and was subsequently employed by Freedmen's Aid

Society at New Orleans University, where she spent one year, then was sent to Philander Smith College, at Little Rock, where her consecrated life ended in great suffering, yet in greater peace. All who knew sister Morris felt the loss that the church and educational work sustained in her death. We can but say "Servant of God well done." And to our yoke-fellow and brother beloved, we tender our heartfelt sympathy and prayers in this hour of affliction.

Mrs. Rachel D. Cunningham.

Sister Rachel D. Cunningham was born in Greenville, S. C., Jan. 27, 1867. She was converted and joined the M. E. church at 14 years of age. She came with her parents to this state in 1883, and was united in marriage to Rev. W. J. Cunningham in 1885, and departed this life Sept. 24th, 1895, in the triumph of faith.

Peace be to her ashes. And our dear brother Cunningham, bereft of a loving wife and faithful companion, we commit to the God of all grace who careth for thee.

Eugenia A. Burns.

Eugenia A. Burns, daughter of brother and sister J. W. and A. R. Burns, was born Sept. 12th, 1895, died Oct. 8th, 1895. Dear brother and sister your loss is heaven's gain, take comfort from the Master's words, where-in he says "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

We assure our brother and sister of our deepest sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

W. O. EMORY.

Mrs. Ellen Hawkins.

Mrs. Ellen Hawkins was born in Alabama, April 27, 1865; married to J. T. Hawkins 1880; converted to

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these seven years she lived a good Christian, and won to him friends both colored and white. For two years she began to fail in health, until on the morning of June 27, 1895, she died saying she was going to rest with angels, asking her husband and children to meet her in Heaven.

Treasurer's Report, Little Rock Conference, 1896.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Receipts									
	General Conference Expenses	Conference Chairman's	Episcopal Fund	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Bible Society	Children's Fund	Freedmen's Aid and Education Society	Tract Society	Sunday School Union
Forrest City District	\$111	\$35	\$3	\$4	\$102	\$37	\$17	\$95	\$18	\$12
Pine Bluff	93	24	12	3	182	29	24	79	12	12
Little Rock	74	32	12	3	146	107	3	107	13	11
Hot Springs	377	109	13	11	144	6	1	8	7	15
Total	33	45	4	3	6	1	8	7	15	3
Increase over last year	33	45	4	3	6	1	8	7	15	3
Decrease										

A. J. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

JOHN QUALLS, W. H. HIGGINS, Assistants.

STATISTICS NO. 1.

Forrest City District, Little Rock Conference, 1896.

NAMES OF CHARGES	MEMBERSHIP.			BAPTISMS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS		CHURCH PROPERTY.								
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Paid for Building and Improving Churches & Parsonages.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
Angusta.....	6	25	3	2	3	1	7	2	10	31	2	\$ 900	\$ 250	\$ 500	\$ 40
Auvergne.....	7	55	3	1	8	2	10	14	90	1	1600	20	20		85
Batesville.....	13	44	2	3	5	2	14	24	1	600					
Bledsoe.....	11	47	1	2	6	3	1	7	26	1	800	1	200	10	22
Brinkley.....	9	40	3			9	2	12	30	1	200				
Brinkley Circuit.		30		1		9	2	12	30	1	200				
Clarendon.....		19	2					1	4	14	1	500	1	200	
Clover Bend.....		45	3					3	12	90	1	300		198	55
Cotton Plant.....	7	195	2	3		4	1	12	95	1	1500	1	100	40	102
Cotton Plant Circuit.	12	93	4	2	2	8	2	4	70					10	47
Crawfordsville.....	4	42	2		11	1	1	4	18	1					
Forrest City.....	20	60	2	1	4	1	1	4	72	1	1575	1	325	7	15
Forrest City Circuit.	6	120	8	2	1	8	3	14	80	2	1200			54	5
Helena.....	7	15	2			3	15	160						57	19
Marianna.....	2	26	2			1	6	108	1	550				275	50
Marvell.....		65	3		2	8	2	7	45	1	400			50	51
Newport, Jacksonp't	6	70	1	2		2	2	10	105	2	2000	1	200	125	25
Oak Forest.....	30	235	4	7	10	30	2	13	140	2	700	1	300		7
Park Place.....	3	34	2	4	4	7	2	5	44	3	600			118	30
Total.....	143	1260	47	32	56	86	32	159	1292	22	15375	7	1575	1381	157

Hot Springs District.

Bearden.....	12	96	1	3	12	3	19	117	2	1200	1	250	16	62	5
Camden.....		6								200					
Canfield.....	5	63	1	1	6	1	12	40	2	500	1	350	50	2	600
Center Point.....	62	185	2	1	24	25	3	12	175	4	1200	1	150	25	17
Clow.....	21	218	5	4	9	8	4	23	168	4	1350	1	250	43	23
Fulton.....	7	148	4	4	6	7	4	15	150						
Gurdon.....	7	19	3			2	4	30	2	800				40	
Hope and Prescott.....	7	4				1	2	15	1	150					
Hot Springs.....	1	135	2	3	5	3	1	10	70	1	2500	1	600	50	90
Hot Springs Mission.....															
Lewisville.....	7	57	2	4	3	1	4	19	2	600	1	50	12		
Locksburg.....	40	200			45	6	36	240	5	1200	1	50	25		
Magnolia.....	1	24	1	4		2	11	47	2	800	1	15	135		
Texarkana.....	2	52	4	1	2	3	1	9	42	1	1000	1	600	70	46
Texarkana Circuit.....	10	40	4		2	2	12	30	2	1500	1	100	40		12
Wilton.....	1	54	2		4	3	9	105							
Total.....	176	1301	26	19	59	116	35	183	1268	29	13090	10	2475	404	794

STATISTICS No. 1.

Little Rock District, Little Rock Conference, 1896.

NAMES OF CHARGES	MEMBERSHIP.			BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS		CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.
Argonia.....	18	80	2	1	6	17	2	7	45	2	\$ 1500	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 30
Center Ridge.....		48	2	2	35		3	6	35	3	800		16	
Conway.....		28	1				2	4	30	2	500			
Conway Circuit.....		70	2	4			3	14	50	3	500			
Danville, Russellville.....	6	23	3	1			2	15	35					
Fayetteville.....	6	103	1	3			1	7	40	1	1000	1	800	6
Fayetteville Circuit.....														10
Fort Smith.....	3	90	1		3		1	10	115	1	2600	1	800	44
Little Rock, Wesley.....	7	330	4	2	10		1	23	226	1	6000	1	800	116
" White's.....		13	4	2			1	4	51	1	800		76	
" S. E. mission circuit.....	16	15	2	4	25		12	1	4	33	800			
Lonoke.....	3	119	4	2			3	20	120	2	500			1
Morrilton.....		37	1	1			2	8	75	3	1200	1	300	12
Richwoods.....	3	70	2	2	4		3	6	50	3			66	300
Solgohachie.....		39	4				3	12	25					
Van Buren.....	2	90	2	1	4		2	10	60		200		400	200
Total.....	64	1241	34	27	87	41	31	160	1074	24	19300	4	2700	660

Pine Bluff District.

Altheimer.....	3	102	3	2			2	11	90	2	2100		4	15	51
Dermott.....		26	4				1	4	15	1	500				
Dumas.....	5	62	6	1		3	4	9	58	1	500		800	7	3
Gaines Landing.....	5	10		1			2	8	60						12
Hamburg.....															
Hensley.....	9	72	1		5	9	2	10	53	2	700		120	10	8
Johnsville.....	3	34				1	1	8	37	1	700		15	66	
Monticello.....		40	1			2	1	21	2	1200		100	4	195	
New Edenburg.....	2	55	1			1	4	15	60	4	400	1	100		30
Pine Bluff.....	9	229	5	3		20	1	23	200	1	8000	1	500	45	
Pine Bluff circuit.....	1	38	5	2		2	3	12	45						
Rison.....	8	50	3		2		2	10	30	2	400		100		
Sherrell.....	1	14	1	1			1	3	11						
Sweet Home.....		73	1	3			1	6	25	1	1200	1	150	25	
Wilmot.....	2	18	1			1	1	5	15					16	
Winchester.....		1		1											
Total.....	48	824	36	12	12	37	27	132	690	10	10750	4	850	651	365
Recapitulation, Dist's:															
Forrest City.....	143	1260	47	32	56	86	32	159	1292	22	15875	7	1575	1381	157
Hot Springs.....	176	1301	26	19	59	116	35	183	1268	29	13090	10	2475	404	794
Little Rock.....	64	1241	34	27	87	41	31	160	1074	24	19300	4	2700	660	651
Pine Bluff.....	48	824	36	12	12	37	27	132	690	17	10750	4	850	651	365
Grand total.....	431	4626	143	90	214	280	125	634	4324	95	58515	25	7600	3098	1015

STATISTICS NO. 2.

Little Rock District, Little Rock Conference, 1896.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers.	No. of Teachers.	Total Officers and Teachers.	No. of Schol-ars.	Average Attendance.	No. of Library Books.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions in S. S. this year.	No. of Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	Current Expenses—Lesson Books, etc.	Leaves.
Argenta	2	5	2	7	15	30	45	23	36	7	35	2
Center Ridge	2	6	3	9	12	35	57	20	9	20	2	3
Conway	2	4	4	8	10	20	30	18	4	5	1	3
Conway circuit	3	6	9	15	50	40	40	15	30	5	1	3
Danville and Russellville	2	5	10	15	13	35	20	15	8	7	12	29
Fayetteville	1	4	3	7	15	25	40	35	100	10	45	3
Fayetteville circuit	1	4	6	10	70	45	115	85	68	10	45	3
Fort Smith	1	7	16	23	89	147	236	144	250	23	160	2
Little Rock Wesley chapel	1	4	3	7	19	12	31	18	24	12	8	24
" White chapel	1	4	3	7	20	13	33	25	4	12	5	4
" S. E. Mission	3	9	11	20	80	40	120	60	200	18	30	1
circuit	2	4	4	8	25	50	75	55	15	8	18	1
Lonoke	3	6	6	12	44	23	67	23	10	10	10	5
Morrilton	2	6	4	10	15	10	25	18	12	10	10	5
Richwoods	1	6	6	12	60	10	70	10	10	10	10	5
Solgohachie	1	6	6	12	120	120	65	120	15	50	1	5
Van Buren	1	6	6	12	120	120	65	120	15	50	1	5
Total	31	88	92	174	657	460	1150	649	868	168	435	15

Hot Springs District.

Bearden	3	9	10	19	60	57	117	70	80	18	77	12	10
Camden	1	3	2	5	12	8	20	12	50	3			2
Canfield	1	12	3	15	20	20	40	30	35	12	2		5
Center Point	4	4	8	12	80	95	175	100	80	12	150	3	12
Clow	4	11	12	23	83	85	168	89	128	23	97	3	2
Fulton	4	15											
Gurdon	2	4	4	8									
Hope and Prescott	1	2	2	4	10	5	30			4	5		
Hot Springs	1	4	6	10	25	45	70	50	100	10	25		25
Mission	1	2	2	4									
Lewisville	1	3	1	4	6	13	19	16	26	4	4	2	3
Locksburg	2	5	6	11	5	42	47	32	67	9	12		40
Magnolia	1	4	5	9	18	24	42	27	60	8	30	3	7
Texarkana	3	6	6	12	2			30		6	15	5	18
circuit	3	3	6	9	105	105	210	35	6	3	21	1	8
Wilton	36	109	83	177	576	589	1223	646	807	134	536	28	134
Total													

STATISTICS No. 2.

Forrest City District, Little Rock Conference, 1896.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers.	No. of Teachers.	Total Officers and Teachers.	No. of Schol-ars.	Average Attendance.	No. of Library Books.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions in S. S. this year.	No. of Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	Current Expenses—Lesson Books, etc.	Leaves.
Augusta	2	10	5	15	12	31	25	48	10	48	16	7
Auvergne	2	14	7	21	23	68	90	60	105	9	48	16
Batesville	1	3	2	5	24	24	10	36	4	8		
Bledsoe	2	4	3	7	18	8	26	15	16	7		5
Brinkley	2	9	3	12	10	20	30	25	40	12	16	3
Brinkley Circuit	1	2	2	4	5	9	14	10	30	4		1
Clarendon	3	7	5	12	30	60	90	75	12	12	40	4
Clover Bend	1	12	8	18	45	55	100	68	200	60	65	
Cotton Plant	2	2	4	6	30	40	70	35				2
Cotton Plant Circuit	1	1	1	2	12	6	18	13		4	16	
Crawfordsville	1	8	6	14	20	52	72	50	100	14	60	
Forrest City	3	6	8	14	20	60	80	45	60	13	45	4
Forrest City Circuit	3	10	5	15	75	85	160	85	30	5	60	5
Helena	1	4	6	10	68	40	108	68	75	2	10	
Marianna	1	3	4	7	20	25	45	25		5	40	1
Marvell	2	4	6	10	55	50	105	80	150	8	65	25
Newport, Jacksonport	2	7	6	13	40	100	140	100	25	13	130	2
Oak Forest	2	5	3	8	20	24	44	30	25	5	14	
Park Place												
Total	32	113	84	195	527	702	1247	819	952	187	638	95

Pine Bluff District.

Altheimer	2	5	6	11	20	70	90	53	40	9	25	1	19
Dermott	1	2	2	4	6	9	15	10	14	3	3		
Dumas	4	5	4	9	15	43	58	40		9	12	1	25
Gaines Landing	2	6	2	8	20	10	30	20	40	5	4		
Hamburg	1	5	5	10	15	38	53	38	36	10	25	9	6
Hensley	1	8	4	8	8	27	37	20	25	6	30		5
Johnsville	2	4	4	8	13	8	21	14	30	8	14		1
Monticello	4	6	9	15	35	25	60	40	20	15	25	10	3
New Edinburg	1	11	12	23	90	110	200	140	76	16	100		54
Pine Bluff	3	8	4	12	12	33	45	20	25	12	25	2	5
Pine Bluff circuit	2	5	5	10	15	15	30	25	10	2	20		2
Rison	1	3			3	8	11	8	3	5			
Sherrell	1	4	2	6	12	13	25	10	12	6	15		6
Sweet Home	1	4	1	5	10	5	15	10	20	5	15	1	2
Wilmot													
Winchester													
Total	26	76	60	141	274	407	690	438	351	111	313	24	110
Recapitulation, Dist.													
Little Rock	31	88	92	174	657	460	1150	649	868	168	435	15	258
Hot Springs	36	109	83	177	576	589	1223	646	807	134	536	28	134
Forrest City	32	113	84	195	527	702	1247	819	952	197	568	22	95
Pine Bluff	26	76	60	141	274	407	690	438	351	111	313	24	110
Grand total	125	386	319	687	2034	2158	4310	2552	2978	610	1922	89	598

STATISTICS NO. 3.

Hot Springs District, Little Rock Conference, 1896.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						Support of Presiding Elders.	Support of Bishops.	Conference Claimants, Rec'd, Collections.	Expenses, Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, Etc.	Current S. S.: Lesson Leaves, Books, Etc.	
		Claims.	Receipts.										
			Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.						Total.
Bearden	J. C. Adams.	\$250	\$3	\$250	\$157	\$30	\$187	\$93	\$37	\$37	\$1	\$1	\$1
Camden	S. J. Johnson.	75	25	100	157	30	187	100	37	37	1	1	1
Canfield	G. W. Thompson.	250	24	274	32	24	56	218	44	44	2	2	2
Center Point	H. M. Renfro.	262	20	282	110	20	130	152	44	34	2	5	12
Clow	H. P. Coulter.	350	48	398	142	48	190	208	44	35	1	5	21
Fulton	M. B. A. Cain.	115	10	125	15	10	25	100	25	4	2	5	12
Gurdon	Phillip Owen.	300	96	396	15	15	285	100	20	1	2	5	21
Hope and Prescott	M. H. Foster.	300	96	396	15	15	285	100	20	1	2	5	21
Hot Spring	J. E. Toombs.	600	96	696	501	96	597	99	50	40	2	1	100
Lewisville	A. L. Torrence.	250	24	274	32	24	56	218	24	6	1	1	2
Locksburg	J. A. Hamilton.	250	50	300	210	50	260	4	44	33	1	1	20
Magnolia	G. B. Donnelly.	300	48	348	108	48	156	192	24	17	1	1	30
Texarkana	D. B. Harston.	300	72	372	225	72	297	75	32	32	1	1	40
Wilton	J. C. Crawley.	350	40	390	55	20	75	315	24	10	1	1	18
	C. W. Whitehead.	350	40	390	55	20	75	315	24	8	1	1	18
Total		3652	487	4139	1602	442	2044	2095	394	264	15	4	176

Little Rock

Little Rock District.

Argenta	M. N. Langston	360	60	420	85	85	335	32	15	1	5	3
Center Ridge	W. J. Cunningham	200	15	215	35	5	151	16	4	2	3	2
Conway	G. W. Taylor	175	15	190	35	5	151	16	4	2	3	2
circuit	J. M. Acherhart	150	36	186	83	36	119	67	40	14	1	1
Danville, Russell	U. S. Kitchen	50	50	100	11	36	119	67	40	14	1	1
Fayetteville	B. J. Griffin	400	65	465	271	65	336	129	40	39	2	2
circuit	J. P. Mack	500	60	560	389	60	449	111	50	50	2	1
Fort Smith	John Qualls	500	96	596	249	96	345	351	60	45	2	1
Little Rock Wesley	W. O. Emory	600	60	660	389	60	449	111	50	50	2	1
Whites	William Lewis	175	30	205	75	75	100	20	10	10	1	1
circuit	Lee Nelson	250	36	286	105	36	141	145	20	6	1	1
Lonoke	J. J. Freeman	250	36	286	105	36	141	145	20	6	1	1
Morrilton	C. A. Taylor	250	36	286	105	36	141	145	20	6	1	1
Richwoods	J. B. Brown	250	36	286	105	36	141	145	20	6	1	1
Solgoachie	M. P. Pruitt	250	36	286	105	36	141	145	20	6	1	1
Van Buren	W. McIntosh	200	200	400	25	25	199	24	20	1	1	1
	Seth Neal	465	72	537	250	72	322	215	40	38	2	2
Total		4305	571	4876	1807	482	2248	2547	446	484	21	5

STATISTICS NO. 3.

Pine Bluff District, Little Rock Conference, 1896.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.										Support of Presiding Elders.	Support of Bishops.	Conference Claimants, Received, Collection	Expenses Church, Sexton, Light, Fuel, Etc.	Current S. S.: Lesson Leaves, Books, Etc.
		Claims.			Receipts.											
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.					
Altheimer.....	W. H. Crawford	\$375	\$60	\$435	165	40	50	90	260	24	20	4	33	20	6	20
Dermott.....	J. M. Clark	300	50	350	40	50	8	58	140	32	23	2	3	1	1	1
Dumas.....	Squire Johnson	150	48	198	50									1		
Gaines Landing.....	J. W. Burns															
Hamburg.....	H. Bright	250	12	262	120	12	132	130	40	40	2	1	3	5	6	
Hensley.....	T. R. Wamble	226		225	62		62	163	32	23	1	0	2	2	5	
Johnsonville.....	J. H. Smith	125	24	149	41	24	65	84	20	15	1	1	4	4	1	
Monticello.....	J. T. Hawkins	168	24	192	100	24	124	42	36		1	1	1			
New Edinburg.....	J. C. Sherrell	600	72	672	490	72	562	110	60	60	2	2	184	54		
Pine Bluff.....	June Lemons	300	36	336	40		40	296	32	10	1	1	3	5		
" circuit.....	G. W. Wilson	135		135	20			115	24	8	1	1	1			
Rison.....	G. W. Davis	100	100	10	10	10	90	12	4	1	1	1	8	6		
Sherrell.....	J. W. Strong	250	24	274	73	24	97	177	40	28	7	1				
Sweet Home.....	T. H. Bailey	150		150	11		11	139	18							
Wilmot.....	William Allen	25		25	2		2	23		1						
Winchester.....																
Total.....		3153	350	3503	1124	242	1346	2113	412	272	21	6	1	212	9	

Forrest City District.

Augusta	W. Brooks	150	30	180	11	11	169	20	8	2	1	3
Auvergne	D. H. K. Harris	125	24	149	100	24	124	25	20	15	2	2
Batesville	W. H. Higgins	400	52	452	139	39	178	274	44	44	3	2
Bledsoe	L. D. Daniels	350	350	700	95	95	255	28	17	2	1	3
Brinkley	H. C. Dunlap	200	36	236	40	36	236	187	24	12	2	1
circuit	S. B. Davis	70	70	140	6	6	10	20	14	1	1	1
Clarendon	S. B. Davis	70	70	140	6	6	10	20	14	1	1	1
Clover Bend	L. Mallory	75	25	100	17	25	42	58	20	14	1	1
Cotton Plant	J. W. Wells	150	6	156	39	6	36	120	20	10	3	5
circuit	S. McDonald	300	93	393	150	93	243	150	60	42	3	17
Crawfordville	S. M. Stokes	275	24	299	74	12	86	213	50	25	2	3
Forrest City	W. H. Flowers	300	15	315	28	14	42	273	28	19	2	5
circuit	W. S. Sherrell	300	60	360	140	60	200	160	38	33	2	2
Helena	G. W. Kilpatrick	150	150	300	12	12	164	12	9	1	1	1
Marianna	B. H. Johnson	178	178	356	25	25	75	20	14	1	1	6
Marvell	J. H. Greer	100	200	300	125	125	75	28	19	1	1	1
Newport, Jackson	B. J. Lewis	200	50	250	135	50	185	165	40	40	2	1
Oak Forest	G. A. H. H.	300	50	350	135	50	185	165	40	40	2	1
Park Place	David Hall	250	60	310	222	60	282	28	55	51	3	15
	G. T. Cooper	150	150	300	30	30	50	100	27	27	1	5
Total		4023	475	4498	1603	419	2157	2501	604	413	30	8
Hot Springs		3652	487	4139	1602	442	2044	2095	394	264	45	4
Little Rock		4305	571	4876	1807	482	2248	2547	446	484	21	5
Pine Bluff		3153	350	3503	1124	242	1346	2113	412	272	21	6
Grand Total		15133	6883	20916	6136	1585	7794	7256	1856	1433	117	24

STATISTICS NO. 4.

Hot Springs District, Little Rock Conference, 1896.

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.	Other Collections.
	Church.	Sunday-School.									
Bearden	7	7	3	1	6	3	1				
Camden	3	3	3		3						
Canfield	4	4	2								
Center Point	1	3	4		1						
Clow	8	1	10	6							
Fulton					15	4					
Gurdon	1	1									
Hope and Prescott	2	12	1	1							
Hot Springs mission.	3	9	12	4	1	20	4				
Lewisville.									1	1	50
Locksburg.	5	5	1	1							
Magnolia	1	2	3	10	1	4	1				
Texarkana circuit.	5	8	13		1	1					
Wilton.	2	2	1	1		26					
	1	1	2			3					
Total	46	26	72	51	5	96	24	1	1	1	10 50

Forrest City District.

Augusta	2	2			1	1					
Auvergne	1					3					
Batesville	8	5	13	8	1	12	3	1			
Bledsoe	2	2	1			7					
Brinkley	4	1	5	2		5	3		1	1	2
Clarendon	4	4	1			4	5				
Clover Bend	6	6	1			5	1				
Cotton Plant	1	1									
Crawfordville circuit	20	20	4			18	2				1
Forrest City circuit	4	4	1			2	6			4	
Helena	1	10	1	1	1	9	3				2
Marianna	3	3	1			2					
Marvell	2	2	4	4	1	5	1	1			1
Newport, Jacksonport	10	10	2			2	1			1	
Oak Forest	7	2	9			4	1				1
Park Place	10	2	12	3		12	5				1
	4	4	1			8	3				1
Total	98	12	110	30	3	5	100	36	2	1	6 12 2

STATISTICS NO. 4.

Little Rock District, Little Rock Conference, 1896.

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.	Other Collections.
	Church.	Sunday-School.									
Argenta						25					\$
Center Ridge			3			1					\$
Conway	1	1				4	1				
Conway Circuit	1	2	2			2					
Danville, Russellville	2	2				6					15
Fayetteville	10	10	5			2					
Fayetteville Circuit		16	3			27	4			1	2
Fort Smith	10	6				104	5				
Little Rock, Wesley	15	25	40	10	1	5	1				
White's	4	4	1			6					
S. E. mission circuit						4					
Lonoke	5	5	2	1	1	2	1			1	1
Morrilton	1	1	2	1		5	2		1	1	
Richwoods	2	2				3	4				2
Solgohachie	2	2				4					
Van Buren	6	4	11	2							
Total	57	36	94	29	2	188	30		1	2	7 15

Pine Bluff District.

Alzheimer	7	7	1			3					\$ 2
Dermott	4	4				2					1
Dumas	8	8	2			1					1
Gaines Landing		3									
Hamburg						12	4				1
Hensley	11	1	12	2							
Johnsville	1	1	2	1							1
Monticello	4	4				2					1
New Edinburg	10	10	3	1	1	2	2				1
Pine Bluff	4	26	30	8	1	70	8				4
circuit	4	4				2					1
Rison	3	3	1			1					1
Sherrell											
Sweet Home	6	6									
Wilmot	3	3				1					
Winchester	2	2									
Total	67	31	98	18	2	2	92	16			14
Recapitulation District											
Forrest City	98	12	110	30	3	5	100	36	2	1	6 12 2
Hot Springs	46	26	72	51	5	4	96	24	1	1	10 50
Little Rock	57	36	94	29	2	2	188	30		1	7 15
Pine Bluff	67	31	98	18	2	2	92	16			14
Grand Total	270	105	376	128	12	13	476	106	3	3	9 41 67

