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Little Rock District	$108	$ 32	$6	$3	$256	11	29	2	1	53	156	7	15	737
Hot Springs District	140	40	7	5	84	6	40	2		10		10	10	400
Pine Bluff District	111	26	4	2	115		23			32	35	16	14	466
Forrest City District	174	30	8	—	173	6	32	1	1	30	87	15	30	590
Grand Total	$623	$128	25	17	628	23	124	5	2	125	178	48	69	2133

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Sessions of the Conference.

NO.	YEAR.	DATE.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1	1879	Feb. 21	Van Buren	Andrews	J. G. Pollard
2	1880	Feb. 11	Jacksonport	Merrill	J. G. Pollard
3	1881	Feb. 3	Hot Springs	Foss	J. G. Pollard
4	1882	Feb. 9	Little Rock	Peck	J. G. Pollard
5	1883	Feb. 8	Pine Bluff	Hurst	J. 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	Fayettville	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	Jan. 22	Texarkana	Newman	Thos. Mason
14	1892	Feb. 3	Van Buren	Mallalieu	Thos. Mason
15	1893	Feb. 9	Little Rock	Newwman	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
19	1897	Jan. 28	Forrest City	Andrews	Thos. Mason
20	1898	Jan. 27	Van Buren	Merrill	W. R. R. Duncan
21	1899	Feb. 3	Hot Springs	Joyce	H. P. Strong
22	1900	Jan. 31	Little Rock	Goodsell	H. P. Strong
23	1901	Feb. 7	Brinkley	Warren	H. P. Strong

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

Cincinnati 1880.

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

Philadelphia, 1884.

Ministerial.—G. W. Sams. Reserve.—W. H. Crawford. Lay.—A. L. Richmond. Reserve.—Susan Johnson.

New York, 1888.

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

Omaha, 1892.

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

Cleveland, 1896.

Ministerial.—W. O. Emory. Reserve.—W. R. R. Duncan. Lay.—J. M. Cox. Reserve.—W. H. Strickland.

Chicago, 1900.

Ministerial.—W. R. R. Duncan. Reserve.—J. W. Jackson. Lay.—R. C. Childers. Reserve.—B. S. Humphires.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

No.	Name.	P. O. Address.	Conference Relation.	When Born.	Birthplace.	Com. Travel'g
1	Adams, J. C.	Solgohachie	Effective	May, 8,1864	Miss	1894
2	Aerhart, J. M.	Conway	do.	Dec. 1, 1887	S. C.	1889
3	Bright, H.	Texarkana	do.	Aug. 5, 1865	Miss.	1894
4	Brooks, W.	Dumas	Superannuated	Dec. 11,1844	Miss.	1870
5	Brown, J. B.	Morrilton,	Effective		S. C.	1893
6	Burns, J. W.	Pine Bluff	Supernumerate	Aug.15,1864	Miss.	1894
7	Clark, J. M	Auvergne.	Effective	Aug.18,1858	Miss.	1893
8	Cooper, S. T		do.	Dec. 19, 1864	Ga.	1896
9	Coulter, H. P.	Center Point	do.	Sept. 11,1863	Ark.	1886
10	Cox, J. M	Little Rock	do.		Ga.	1898
11	Crawford, W. H.	Little Rock	Superannuated	Sept. 13, 1843	Ark,	1867
12	Cunningham, W.J.	conway	Supernumerate	Jan. 6, 1848	S, c.	1887
13	Crump, H. C	New Lewisvile	Effective		Miss	1899
14	Daniels L. D	Camden	do.	June 1, 1885	N c	1892
15	Davis, S. B	Bledsoe.	do.		Miss.	1895
16	Donnelly, G. B.	Oak Forest	do.	March 4, 1849	Miss.	1881
17	Duncan, W. R. R.	Little Rock	do.	Jan. 27, 1857	S. c	1880
18	Dunlap, H. C.	Sweet Home	do.	Feb. 8, 1849	Tenn.	1882
19	Foster, M. H.	Little Rock	do.	July 4, 1852	S. c	1872
20	Freeman, J. J	Danville.	do.	Jan 10,1850	Miss	1892
21	Fuller, Wm	Texarkana	Superannuated	Feb. 12,1858	S. c.	1882
22	Greer, J. H	Lonoke.	Effective	Oct. 14, 1862	N.C	1895
23	Griffin, B.J	Brinkley.	do.	Oct. 14, 1852	S. c	1882
24	Hall, David.,	DeQueen	do.	Nov. 25,1860	Miss	1893
25	all, G. A.	Nashville.	do.	Oct. 6, 1864	Miss	1892
26	Hamilton, A J.	Morrilton.	do.		Misi.	1893
27	Harston, D. B	Dumas	do.	Jan. 1, 1863	Miss.	1891
28	Higgins, W.H.	Pine Bluff	do.	Aug. 25, 1857	Md.	1879
29	Hodges, L. G	Cotton Plant.	do.	Mar. 18, 1864	Miss	1896
30	Jackson, J. W.	Marianna	Effective	Jan. 8, 1850	Ark.	1886
31	Johnson, A. S.	Bingen	do.		Miss	1899
32	Johnson, B. H.	Pine Bluff	Superannuated	Jan. 8, 1853	Wa.	1880
33	Johnson, D. W	White Cliffs	do.	Mar.7, 1859	Miss.	1894
34	Johnson, G. N.	clow	Effective	Dec. 5, 1856	Tenn	1882
35	Johnson, S. Q	Hensleys	do.	Dec. 5. 1860	S. C.	1894
36	Johnson, S. J	Camden	Superannuated		Ark	1892
37	Kilpatrick, J. W.	Mena	Effective	July 2, 1860	Miss	1806
38	Kitchens, U. S.	Favetteville	do.		Ky	1878
39	Lacey, M. L	Cotton Plant	do.			1899
40	Lewis, B. J	Altheimer.	do.	Mar.12,1872	Ga.	1893
41	McDonald, S	Ft. Smith	do.	Dec. 0, 1865	N. C	1889
42	McIntosh, W	Little Rock	Supernumerate	July 4, 1862	S. C	1891
43	Morris, W. H	Batesville	Eff ctive	Aug.20,1862	N c	1883
44	Nelson, W. D	Little Rock	Supernumerate	June 26, 1861	S. c	1891
45	Nelson, Lee	White Cliffs	effective	Oct.10, 1862	Miss	1896
46	Owens, Phillip	Park Place	do.			1892
47	Phillips, A. J.	Van Buren	do.	Oct. 28, 1848.	Ala	1870
48	Preston, L. J.	Brinkley.	do.			
49	Prowell, J. W.	Jacksonport	do.			
50	Pruitt, W. E	Lake Village	do.			
51	Renfro, H. M	Little Rock	do.		Miss	1897
52	Roberts, Eiza	Little Rock	Superannuated	Jan.30, 1852	Tenn	1888
53	Sherrill, W. S.	Pine Bluff	Effective	July 24,1840	Va.	1870
54	Simpson, W. H.	New Port	do.	Apr. 8. 1861	Tenn	1894
55	Strong, H P	Hot Springs	do.	Jun. 24, 1865	Mo	1897
56	Stroug, M. F	Dermott	do.	Jan. 2, 1868	Ga.	1890
57	Stephens, A.T	Warren	do.	Apr. 4, 1874	Miss	1897
58	Stokes, S. M	Crawfordsville	do	Feb. 11, 1860	Tenn	1896
59	Taylor, c. A.	Fayetteville	do.	Aug 15,1850.	Tenn.	1886
60	Taylor, G. W	Little Rock.	Superannuate	May 3, 1855	La.	1883
61	Thompson, G.W	Gurdon	Supernumerate	Sept 1835	Ark.	1873
62	Thompson, T. J.	Horatio	Effective	Oct.26, 1853	Tex.	1882
63	Wallacc, c. c.	Danville.	Supernumerate	Oct 4. 1869	Miss.	1891
64	Wamble, T. R	Clow	Effective	Feb. 2, 1854	Miss	1896
65	Whitehead, c W.	Forrest City	do.	July 28.1861	Miss	1890
66	Langston, M.W.	Helena	do.	Mar 18,1865	Miss.	1895
67	Reed, J.H.	Little Rock	do.		Miss	1890

PROBATIONERS.

Second Year.

NO.	NAMES.	POSTOFFICE.	BECAME A PROBATIONER.
1	Augustus, Edward	Marche	1899
2	Cain, Samuel M.	Brinkley	1899
3	Green, William	Park Place	1899
4	Henry, Robert B	Caddo Gap	1900
5	Ray, Archie R	Wilmot	1900
6	Saxton George T	Little Rock	1900
7	Webb Prince W.	Fort Smith	1900

First Year.

1	Brown, Samuel J	Haynes	1901
2	Bryan, John L	Atkins	1900
3	Fagan, Ruben B.	A gusta	1900
4	Field, Zachariah A	Monticello	1901
5	Martin, Forest B	Palestine	1900
6	Speed, William M	New Edinburg	1901

IN MEMORIAM.

"He giverh His beloved sleep."

Necrological Roll in Cronogical Order.

NAME.	BIRTH	DEATH	ENTERED MINISTRY.
Wm. M. Todd	Feb. 3, 1858	March 4, 1879	Feb. 3, 1897
Jefferson A. Peele	Feb. 3, 1851	April 6, 1881	Feb. 13, 1897
Chas. A. Taber,	Oct. 6, 1836	Dec. 21, 1881	Feb. 13, 1887
George W. Sams	1184	Jan. 6, 1886	1874
Jno. D. Johnson	Apr.24, 1860	March 6, 1887	Feb. 10, 1883
W. S. Langsford	1883	July 7, 1887	1862
J. G. Thompson	'10	Sept. 1887	1857
John R. Frazier	Nov.27, 1857	1889	Feb. 13, 1884
Henry McDonald		Dec. 3o, 1889	Feb. 13, 1883
Albert Tate		1890	Feb. 23, 1889
Alexander Spears	Jan.10, 1832	May 8, 1892	1873
John Qualls	June 1, 1858	Nov. 15, 1897	Feb. 23, 1878
June Lemons	Aug. 2, 1851	July 5, 1897	Feb. 7. 1889
E. D. Spencer	Feb.12, 1862	Dec. 10 1897	Feb. 9, 1882
Thos. J. Bailey	=1859	Jan. 31, 1898	Feb. 7, 1894
A. J. Fletcher	Sept.27,1853	Oct. 22, 1898	1876
J. C. Crawley	Feb. 25, 1858	Oct. 5, 1899	Feb. 7, 1888

Necrological Roll.—Continued.

MINISTERS' WIVES.

NAMES.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH
Valliver Fletcher	February, 15, 1861	July 18, 1888
Amelia Crain		1881
Mary Philips		1876
Amelia Thompson	February 7, 1829	Feb. 15, 1885
Susan Jordan		1884
Ellza McDonald	1870	1892
Virginia Mason	December 13, 1854	Sept. 30, 1892
A. G. Duncan	April 20, 1955	April 10, 1893
S. Stokes		
Alice N. Jackson	May 7, 1851	April 3, 1896
Ella Hawkins	April 27, 1855	June 7, 1898
Rachel Cunningham	January 27, 1867	Sept. 24, 1895
Annie E. Morris	December 13, 1858	Nov. 1, 1895
Rosa Hall	March 3, 1867	Feb 6, 1897
Mittie G. Harston	March 15, 1867	Eeb. 18, 1897
Annie Nelson	October 18, 1870	Jan. 23, 1899
Nancy Crawford		May 22, 1885
G. W. Barber	August 29, 1854	July 5, 1888
J. Lemons	1854	Mar. 30, 1890
H. Coulter	January 7, 1862	Oct. 24, 1890
M. E. Lacey		May 23, 1891
Amanda Sherrill	1874	Aug. 31, 1899
Sallie Owens		Aug. 12, 1900
Mary Lacey	1875	Aug. 15, 1900

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Public Worship.

Pastor and Presiding Elder.

Missions.

Presiding Elders.

Education.

Silas McDonald, R. B. Henry, M. F. Strong.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

J. M. Cox, H. C. Crump, W. F. Pruitt, L. G. Hodges.

Bible Cause.

J. W. Lewis, G. A. Hall, U. S. Kitchens, J. W. Prowell.

Sunday School and Tracts.

C. W. Whitehead, M. H. Forester, S. W. Burns, S. G. Johnson.

Temperances.

A. J. Phillips, L. D. Daniels, H. C. Dunlap, J. A. Hamilton.

Auditing Presiding Elder's Account.

W. H. Simpson, H. Bright, B. J. Lewis, J. W. Jackson.

Episcopal Funds.

S. P. Davis, J. C. Adams, A. R. Ray, A. S. Johnson.

Church Extension.

J. H. Greer, S. Q. Johnson, H. M. Renfro, S. M. Stokes.

Gospel in all Lands.

L. G. Hodges.

State of the Church,

H. P. Strong, J. B. Brown, D. B. Harston, S. B. Davis.

Memoirs

C. A. Taylor, Edward Augustus, W. S. Sherrill, G. B. Donnelley.

Stewards.

D. B. Harston, J. J. Freeman, D. Hall, L. G. Hodges.

Auditing the Accounts of the Treasurer.

W. McIntosh, W. E. Pruitt. H. Bright, A. T. Stephens.

Conference Relation.

C. A. Taylor, W. S. Sherrill, G. A. Hall, L. G. Hodges.

Epworth League.

G. N. Johnson, Lee Nelson, H. C. Crump, B. J. Lewis.

Twentieth Century Movement.

L. J. Preston, J. M. Areheart, H. C. Dunlap, J. T. Brown.

Dr. Mason New Century Fund.

Dr. J. M. Cox, A. R. Ray, H. P. Coulter, Phil Owens.

Sunday Observance.

G. W. Taylor, W. E. Pruitt, J. W. Kilpatrick, J. M. Clark.

Book Account.

W. S. Sherrill.

Postmaster.

A. T. Stephens.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS AND BOARDS.

Triers of Appeal.

C. A. Taylor, W. S. Sherrill, A. J. Phillips, G. B. Donnelly Waiters McIntosh, W. H. Morris and Silas McDonald.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon—M. N. Langston; Alternate, D B. Harston.

Conference Board of Church Location.

Forest City District:—Presiding Elder, ex-officio, L. G. Hodges; J L. Preston; Nathan Darby, N. T. Pinkett.

Hot Springs District:—Presiding Elder, ex-officio, H. Bright, G. A Hall, Ducket Whitmore and J. A. Carr.

Little Rock District:—Presiding Elder, ex-officio, C. A. Taylor, A J. Phillips, G. W. Ingram and E. M. Jeffries.

Pine Bluff District:—Presiding Elder, ex-officio, W. S. Sherrill, B J. Lewis, W. H. Strickland and Jackson Jones.

Conference Board of Church Extension.

J. M. Cox. President; A. L. Richmond, Vice-President; C. C. Riley, Secretary; G. W. Ingram, Treasurer; M. H. Foster and Presiding Elders, ex-officio.

Deaconesses' Board.

G. N. Johnson, Chairman; C. W. Whitehead, W. S. Sherrill, A. J. Philips, L. G. Hodges, B. J. Lewis, Cora Johnson, Georgia Patillo L. E. Stephens and Mary L. Owens.

Conference Missionary Board.

H. P. Strong, Chairman; J. H. Greer, W. S. Sherrill, C. W. Whitehead, W. H. Morris.

Officers of Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Mrs. Adelia Thompson, President, Auvergne, Ark.; Mrs. Champ Taylor, Vice-President, Fayetteville, Ark.; Mrs. H. M. Nasmyth, Treasurer, Little Rock, Ark.; Mrs. L. J. Johnson, Corresponding Secretary, Clow, Ark.; Miss Nancy McDonald, Assistant Secretary, Wheatley, Ark.

Board of Examiners.

W. R. R. Duncan, Chairman; H. P. Strong, Registrar.

ADMISSION.

J. M. Cox, English Branches.—*Nast, Merrill*, Sermon and Essay
M. T. Strong.—*Wesley, Telford, Smith.*
W. H. Morris.—*Stevens, Montgomery, Burr*, Books read.

First Year.

W. R. R. Duncan.—*Harman, Foster.*
D. B. Harston.—*Miley I., Broans, Rhetoric*, Sermons.
Silas McDonald.—*Discipline*, Book to be Read.

Second Year.

H. P. Strong, *Miley II, Broads, Jevon.*
T. R. Wamble.—*Harman, Discipline*, Essay.
C. A. Taylor.—*Fisher, Wheeler* and Books to Read.

Third Year.

M. N. Langston.—*Terry, Buckley, Ladd,* Sermon.
H. P. Coulter.—*Warren, Hurst, Stewart,* Books to Read.

Fourth Year.

J. W. Jackson, *Rishell, Fairbanks,* Essay.
W. L. Sherill, *Warren, Smyth, Hurst.*

Orders.

A. J. Phillips, W. H. Higgins, B. H. Johnson.

Journal of the Daily Proceedings.

First Day.

MORNING SESSION.

BRINKLEY, ARK., Feb. 7, 1901.

The Twenty-third Annual Session of the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Brinkley, Ark., Feb. 7, 1901. at 9 o'clock, A. M. Bishop, H. W. Warren, D.D. L.L.D. in the chair.

Roll Call. The secretary of the last session called the roll, and fifty-three Members and thirteen Probationers answered to thetr names.

Organization. H. P. Strong was re-elected Secretary. He nominated W. S. Sherrill and L. G. Hodges as his assistants, and they were elected.

J. W. Jackson was elected Statistical Secretary. He nominated J. W. Burns, D. B. Harston and W. H. Simpson as his assistants and they were elected.

Silas McDonald, H. P. Coulter and C. W. Whitehead were placed in nomination for Treasurer. A ballot was taken, resulting in no election. C. W. Whitehead withdrew his name from the contest. A second ballot was taken, resulting in the election of H. P. Coulter. He nominated W. H. Morris, H. M. Renfro and J. H. Greer as his assistants and they were elected.

Time of Meeting and Adjournment. The time of meeting and adjournment was fixed at 9 a. m. and 12:30 p. m. respectively.

Introductions. Dr. M. S. Hard, of the Church Extension Society, Prof. I. G. Penn, of the Epworth League, Rev. S. H. Babcock, Jr., of the M. E. Church Soulh, this city, Revs. H. G. Montgomery and Wm. Person, of the A. M. E. Church, were introduced.

Standing Committees. T. R. Wamble read the list of Standing Committees nominated by the presiding elders, and they were constituted. (See list.)

Drafts Ordered. The Bishop presented a draft on the Book Dividend for $287, and one from the Chartered Fund for $22, which were ordered payed.

The Thirteenth Question. Was the character of each preacher exnmined? W. R. R. Duncan, presiding elder of the Little Rock District, was called, his character passed, and he reported his district. The report showed increase on all lines. The Conference joined in sing ing "Praise God from Whom all Biessings Flow."

W. H. Higgins, presiding elder of the Pine Bluff District, was called, his character passed, and he reported his district. The report showed increase in church building, membership nnd benevolent collections.

B. J. Griffin, presiding elder of the Forest City District was called, his character passed, he made his report, which was a good one with some increase.

T. R. Wamble, presiding elder of the Hot Springs District was called, his character passed and he reported his district. His report showed advance over last year.

Addresses: Dr. Hard was presented to the conference and he addressed the assembly in the interest of the cause which he represents.

Prof. I. G. Penn was presented and he addressed the conference n the interest of the cause he represents.

Motion. On motion of J. W. Jackson a statistical session was ordered for 2:30 p. m. Dr. Cox was appointed to preside.

The committee on public worship made announcements, the conference sang the Doxology. Benediction by the bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference assembled at 2:30 p. m., Dr. Cox in the chair. W. S. Sherrill conducted the devotional services.

Roll of Charges. The chairman called the roll of charges by districts.

The Pine Bluff District reported in full. Fifteen charges on the Forrest City District reported, and six were not ready. Thirteen charges on the Hot Springs District reported and six answered not read. Eighteen charges on the Little Rock District reported and five were not ready.

The time of the meeting of the various committees was announced. The committee of public worship made announcement of the night service and the conference adjourned until 9, a. m. tomorrow.

Second Day.

BRINKLEY, ARK., Feb. 8, 1901.

The conference met at 9 o'clock.

Devotion. The bishop conducted the devotion by giving expositions of scripture. The bishop led in prayer.

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

The Thirteenth Question: The thirteenth question was resumed, the following elders names were called, their characters passed and they made their report. J. W. Jackson, S. B. Davis, L. G. Hodges, S. M. Stokes, C. W. Whitehead, Phillip Owens, W. H. Morris, J. A. Hamilton, G. B. Donnelly, L. D. Daniels, H. P. Coulter, G. A. Hall, David Hall, H. P. Strong, Haywood Bright, G. W. Taylor, J. J. Freeman, C. A. Taylor, U. S. Kitchen, Silas McDonald, Warters McIntosh, L. J. Preston, G. N. Johnson, M. H. Foster, J. C. Adams, J. M. Arehart, J. H. Green, H. M. Renfro, A. J. Phillips, B. J. Lewis, D. B. Hoarston, S. Q. Johnson, H. C. Dunlap and W. S. Sherrill. The following did not pass and were referred to the Committee on Conference Relation:

A. T. Stephens, J. M, Clark, J. W. Burns, D. W. Johnson, J. W.

Kilpatrick, T. J. Thompson.

G. W. Taylor was granted a superannuated relation, at his own request.

The characters of D. W. Nelson and C. C. Wallace passed, and at their own request were given supermemorary relations.

Introductions. Dr. J. B. Scott, of the South-western Christian Advocate was introduced and he addressed the conference in the interest of the cause which he represents.

The accounts of the Western Book Concern were presented by W. R. R. Duncan and turned over to Dr. Cox for collection.

Mrs. L. J. Johnson, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society read a lengthy report of the work done by that society in the bounds of the Little Rock conference.

Tenth Question. Who have completed the conference course of study? The names, Lee Nelson, Stephen T. Cooper, Wm. H. Simpson and Mortimer F. Strong were called, their characters passed, they reported their work, the Committee on Examination reported favorably and they were elected to elders orders.

D. L. Bueford was granted a location at his own request.

Drs. I. B. Scott, J. M. Cox and Prof. I. G. Penn, were constituted a committee to visit the public schools and the Baptist Academy.

The Gommittee on Conference Relations was ordered to meet at 2:30 p. m.

The Committee on Public Worship made the announcement of the night service.

The doxology was sung.

Benediction by the Bishop.

Third Day.

BRINKLEY, ARK., FEB. 9, 1901.

Conference assembled at 9 o'clock, Bishop Warren in the chair.

Devotion. Bishop Warren conducted the devotional services by giving expositions of the scripture. The Bishop led in prayer.

Minutes. The minutes read and approved.

Introductions. Rev. W. B. Hays, of the M. E. Church South, was introduced.

The Fifth Question. Who have been continued on trial? (b) in studies of the second year. The names, Prince W. Webb, Geo. I. Saxton, Robert B. Henry and Archie R. Ray, were called, their characters passed, they made their reports. The committee on examination reported favorably, and they were advanced to the second year.

(a) In studies of the first year? The names, Forrest B. Martin, Jno. L. Bryan and Ruben B. Fagan, were called, their characters passed, they made their reports and were continued in the first year.

Eugene J. Pinkett was discontinued on account of impaired health.

The Seventh Question. Who have been admitted into full membership? Henderson C. Crump, Moses L. Lacey and Aaron S. Jonnson. were called forward and the usual questions were propounded by the Bishop. The Bishop then addressed the class in a forceful way on the work of the minister. The committee on examinations reported, the presiding elders, recommended and they were elected to full membership.

Edward Augustus was continued on trial in the studies of the third year.

Joel T. Brown was discontinued.

Wm. Green was continued in the second year and left without appointment to attend school. Samuel M. Cain was continued in the studies of the second year.

The Eleventh Question. Who have been elected to deacons' orders? The following having received the proper recommendations and passed satisfactory examinations were elected to deacons' orders. Wm. M. Speed, Prince W. Webb, James R. Wilson, Wm. A. Smith, and Robert B. Henry.

The Committee on Conference Relation reported in the following cases. W. McIntosh to take a supernumerary relation. T. J. Thompson and J. M. Clark to be reprimanded by the Bishop and

their characters passed.

The Bishop administered a kind reproof and their characters passed. J. W. Burns to begin the supernumerary relation, which was granted.

Introductions. Hon. J. F. Hodges attorney at law Forrest City, Ark, Rev. H. R. McMillian of the Baptist Church, Mr. Joseph Campbell a teacher in the city schools, were introduced.

Twenty-third Question. Who are the superannuated preachers? The following were callad, their characters passed and they were continued in this relation. Elza Roberts, W. H. Crawford, B. H. Johnson, W. Brooks and S. J. Johnson. Wm. Fuller was requested to locate.

Twenty-second Question. Who are the supernumerary preachers? The following were called, their characters passed and they were continued in this relation. J. W. Cunningham, G. W. Thompson.

Report of Committees. The Committee on Education made its report which was adopted. (see report) The Committee on Freedman Aid and Southern Education reported, pending its adoption Dr. Cox, President of Philander Smith College, made a speech to the delight of the conference. The report was adopted. (see reports.)

The Committee on Public Worship made the following announcements for to-morrow. 9 a. m. "Love Feast." 10 a. m. Ordinations of Deacons and Elders. 10:45, Baptism of Children. 11 a. m. Sermon by the Bishop. 3 p. m. Sermon by Secretary Penn, of the Epworth League. 7:30 p. m. Sermon by Dr. Scott, of the Southwestern. To-night at 7:30, Missionary Sermon by L. J. Preston.

The doxslogy was sung and benediction by the Bishop.

Fourth Day.

BRINKLEY, ARK., Feb. 11, 1901.

The conference met at 8:30 o'clock.

The Bishop having business with the cabinet; appointed C. W. Whitehead to preside and conduct the devotional services.

After devotion the minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Introductions: Prof. L. W. Futrell, A. M., Principal of the Clow Academy, was introduced and he addressed the conference in the interest of the Academy.

The Bishop came in and took the chair.

Committees Reported. The following committees made their reports, which were adopted: Sunday School Union and Tracts, Epworth League, State of the Church, Sunday Observance, Temperance Church Extension, Episcopal Fund. (see reports.)

Committee on Conference Relation reported in the cases of J. W. Kilpatrick and A. T. Stephens. They be reprimanded by the Bishop and their characters passed. This was done by the Bishop in his usual fatherly way, and their characters passed.

The Bishop made the special appointments. (see list.)

The following were announced as Triers of Appeals:

C. A. Taylor, W. S. Sherrill, A. J. Phillips, J. W. Jackson, B. J. Lewis, W. H. Morris, Silas McDonald.

The stewards made their report, which was adopted. (See report.)

Twenty first Question: What other personal notations should be made? William Hanna, from the A. M. E. Z. Church, Samuel Browu from the A. M. E. Church, and Ransom A. Wheeler from the Baptist Church, credentials were recognized.

New Constitution. The conference took a vote on the proposed new constitution with the following results: Affirmative, 53; negative 1.

The Statistical Secretary made his report. (See statistics.)

T. R. Wamble read the report of the Committee on Missions which was adopted. (See report on missions.)

Fourth Question. Who have been admitted on trial? The following have been properly recommended, passed a satisfactory examination, were admitted. Wm. M. Speed, Zacariah A. Fields and Samuel J. Brown.

The Thirtieth Question. Where shall the next conference be held? Fort Smith, Forrest City and Clow were placed in nomination; a vote was taken and Fort Smith was selected.

Silas McDonald presented a resolution complimentary to the pastor and people of Brinkley for their hospitality and to the Rev. S. H. Babcock Jr., of the M. E. Church South, for courtesies shown, which was unanimously adopted. (See resolutions.)

The treasurer made his report. (See report.)

J. W. Jackson presented a complimentary resolution to the Bishop which was adopted. (See resolutions.)

On motion of J. W. Jackson the presiding elders are instructed to withhold one dollar from charges to which missionary money is appropriated, and be responsible for self supporting charges and pay over the amount to the Secretary for publishing minutes. Carried.

On motion of L. C. Hodges, after the approval of the journal, the reading of the appointments the conference adjourned.

The Bishop announced the parting hymn, "And let our bodies part." The conference joined in singing. The Bishop read the appointments, the conference adjourned with benediction by Bishop Warren.

H. W. WARREN, President.
H. P. STRONG, Secretary.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

At 9 a. m. C. W. Whitehead and W. H. Crawford conducted Love Feast. It was a spiritual uplift to all present. At 10 a. m. the Conference Secretary presented the following to Bishop Warren to be ordained deacons: Wm. A. Smith, Wm. M. Speed, Jas. R. Wilson, Prince W. Webb and Robert B. Henry.

After which the following were ordained elders: Steven T. Cooper, Lee Nelson, Wm. H. Simpson, Mortimer F. Strong.

The services were very impressive. B. J. Griffin, presiding elder of the Forest City district, read the epistle. W. R. R. Duncan, presiding elder of the Little Rock district read the gospel.

Brother and Sister Griffin presented their little infant Cornelia for baptism, which was administered by Bishop Warren.

At 11 a. m. Bishop Warren preached from Romans 1:16 which was an intellectual as well as a spiritual feast.

At 3 p. m. Prof. I. G. Penn preached a soul-stirring sermon. Christians wept for joy and sinners wept for sorrow. Many came forward for prayers. One young lady was happily converted.

At 7:30 the church was filled to overflowing, standing room could not be had to hear Dr. Scott, editor of the *Southwestern Christian Advocate*. He charmed the audience with the magic eloquence of the Word of God.

Sunday was a day of good things. The people of Brinkley and members of the Conference will long remember that day.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

4. Who have been received on trial?

(a.) *In studies of first year.*

Wm. M. Speed, Zachariah A. Fields and Samuel J. Brown.

(b) *In studies of third year.*

None.

5. Who have been continued on trial?

(a) *In studies of first year.*

Forest B. Martin, John L. Bryan, Ruben B. Fagan.

(b) *In studies of second year.*

Prince W. Webb, George T. Saxton, Robert B. Henry, Archie R. Ray, Samuel M. Cain and William Greene.

(b) *In studies of third year.*

Edward Augustus.

(d) *In studies of fourth year.*

None.

6. Who have been discontinued?

Eugene J. Pinkett, Joel T. Brown and John W. Lewis.

7. Who have admitted into full membership?

(a) *Elected and ordained deacons this year.*

None.

(b) *Elected and ordained deacons previously.*

Henderson C. Crump, Mose L. Lacey, A. S. Johnson.

8. What members are in the studies of third year?

H. C. Crump, M. L. Lacey, A. S. Johnson.

(c.) *Admitted into full membership this year.*

William C. Pruitt.

9. What members are in studies of fourth year?

J. M. Cox.

10. What members have completed the conference course of study?

(a) *Elected and ordained elders this year.*

Steven T. Cooper, Lee Nelson, William H. Simpson, Mortimer F. Strong.

1. Who has been received by transfer, and from what Conference?

M. N. Langston, from Atlanta Conference, J. M. Reed from the Texas conference.

2. Who have been readmitted?

None.

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

None.

(b) *Elected and ordained elders previously.*

None.

11. What others have been elected and ordained deacons?

(a) *As local preachers.*

Prince W. Webb, William M. Speed, James R. Wilson, William A. Smith, and Robert B. Henry.

(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?

This was strictly done as each name was called in open conference.

14. Who have been transferred, and to what conferences?

D. H. E. Harris, to the Atlanta conference, J. C. Sherrill Liberia,

15. Who have died?

None.

16. Who have been located at their own request?

D. L. Bueford, in studies of the fourth year.

17. Who have been located?
None.

18. Who have withdrawn?
None.

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?
William Hanna, from the A. M. E. Z. Church; Samuel S. J. Brown, from the A. M. E. Church, and Ransom A. Weaver, from the Baptist Church, were recognized as deacons.

22. Who are the supernumary preachers?
D. W. Nelson, C. C. Wallace, J. W. Cunningham, G. W. Thompson, W. McIntosh, J. W. Burns.

23. Who are the superannuated preachers?
G. W. Taylor, W. H. Crawford, Elza Roberts, L. J. Johnson, B. H. Johnson, W. Brooks, D. W. Johnson. Requested to locate, Wm. Fuller.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals?
C. A. Taylor, W. S. Sherrill. A. J. Phillips, G. B. Donnelly, Waiter McIntosh, W. H. Morris and Silas McDonald.

23. What is the statistical report for this year?
See tabulated statement.

26. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the Ceneral Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
$1738.

27. What are the claims on the Conference fund? $357.
See Steward's report.

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

See Steward's redcrt.

29. Where are the preachers stationed?
See appointments.

30. Where shall the next Conference be held?
Fort Smith.

Report of Committee on Twentieth Century Movement.

Whereas, we resolved at the last session of the Little Rock Conference, at the request of the Bishops, of the whole church to raise Twenty Million Dollars as a thank offering. And

Whereas, we resolved that we would raise two thousand dollars as our share of this cause to be applied to the industrial department of Philander Smith College. And,

Whereas, we have succeeded in raising for this cause $169. We therefore

Resolved to pledge ourselves to perpetuate this resolution until we shall succeeded in raising every dollar pledged for our institutiou. We further

Resolve to save our portion of the twenty millions of souls for the Kingdom of God.

L. J. PRESTON,
J. B. BROWN.

Episcopal Fund.

We, your Committee on Episcopal Fund submit the following as our report.

We find that we raised only $60 in 1899, and in 1900 we were asked to raise $130. We raised only $61, not quite half the amount assessed. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we give more attention to this fund and raise every dollar apportioned to us for 1901.

S. B. DAIVS,
A. R. RAY,
J. C. ADAMS, | Commitree.

State of the Church.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has been a great factor in the religious and intellectual life of the conntry, and has found its way to nany nations. But we find that in the last few years the church membership has not increased with the corresponding ratio of former years.

This fact should arouse every pastor and layman to Christian activity and in the great forward movement of the 20th Century for 2,000,000 that the Little Rock Conference do its best to bring in 2000 of that number.

Resolve, That we begin early in the year with revivals and continue the work on the aggressive line all the year.

S. B. DAVIS,
H. P. STRONG,
J. B. BROWN,
Committee.

Appointments.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT.

B. J. Griffin, P. E.
Post Office, Brinkley, Ark.

Augusta Missions, R. B. Fagan.
Auvergne, J. M. Clark.
Batesville, W. H. Morris.
Bledsoe, S. B. Davis.
Brinkley, L. J. Preston.
Brinkley Circuit, S. M. Cain.
Caldwell and Wynne, S. T. Cooper.
Clarendon, supplied by R. M. Pigues.
Cotton Plant, G. L. Hodges.
Cotton Plant Circuit, M. L. Lacey.
Crawfordsville, S. M. Stokes.
Forrest City, C. W. Whitehead.
Forrest City Circuit, to be supplied.
Haynes, S. J. Brown.
Jacksonport, J. W. Prowell.
Maranna, J. W. Jackson.
Marvel and Helena, M. N. Langston.
New Port, W. H. Simpson.
Osceola, to be supplied by E. J. Pinkett.
Oak Forest, G. B. Donnelly.
Palestine, F. B. Martin.
Park Place, Phillip Owens.
Sulphur Rock, to be supplied.

HOT SPRINGS DISTRICT.

T. R. Wamble, P. E.
Post Office, Clow, Ark.

Bearden and Camden, L. D. Daniels.
Boggy and Ft. Lynn, supplied by J. W. Wheeler.
Bingen, A. S. Johnson.
Clow, G. N. Johnson.
Center Point, H. P. Coulter.
College Hill and Stamps, H. Bright.
Caddo Gape, R. B. Henry.
De Queen and Holly Grove, D. Hall.
Fulton and Mandaville, supplied by W. C. Patterson.
Fordyce and Little Bay, supplied by L. L. Conway.
Gurdon and Okolona, supplied by A. S. Miller.
Hot Springs, H. P. Strong.
Horatio and Wilton, T. J. Thompson.
Locksburg, supplied by C. W. Sampson.
Mena and Dallas, J. W. Kilpatrick.
Nashville and St. Paul, G. A. Hall.
New Lewisville, H. C. Crump.
White Cliffs and Saratoga, Lee Nelson.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

W. R. R. Duncan, D. D., P. E.
P. O., 2008 State St., Little Rock, Ark.

Atkins, L. J. Bryan.
Conway, J. M. Arehart.
Danville, J. J. Freeman.
Fayetteville, C. A. Taylor.
Fayetteville Circuit, U. S. Kitchen.
Fort Smith, Mallalieu, S. McDonald.
Fort Smith, Ebenezer, P. W. Webb.
Fort Smith Circuit, supplied by H. H. Thompson.
Houston, supplied by P. Piggee.
Little Rock, North Side, supplied by J. H. Hubbard.
Little Rock, Wesley, J. H. Reed.
Little Rock, White Chapel, M. H. Foster.
Little Rock, Rock Street, G. T. Saxton.
Little Rock Circuit, H. M. Renfro.
Lonake and Richwoods, J. H. Greer.
Marche, Edward Augustus.
Morrillton, J. A. Hamilton.
Solgohachie, J. C. Adams.
Van Buren, A. J. Hhillips.
Van Buren Circuit, to be supplied.
Wooster, J. B. Brown.
J. M. Cox, President Philander Smith College, member of Wesley Chapel Quarterly Conference.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

W. H. Higgins, P. E.
P. O., 115 N. Linden St., Pine Bluff, Ark.

Altheimer, B. J. Lewis.
Dumas, D. B. Harston.
Dermott, M. F. Strong.
Lake Village, W. E. Pruitt.
Hensley, S. Q. Johnson.
Monticello, Z. R. Fields.
Morell, W. M. Hanna.
New Edinburg, W. M. Speed.
Pine Bluff, W. S. Sherrill.
Pine Bluff Circuit, to be supplied.
Sherrill and Union Grove, supplied by J. R. Wilson.
Sweet Home, H. C. Dunlap.
Warren and Johnsville, A. T. Stephens.
Wilmot, A. R. Ray.
S. T. Cooper and Wm. Greene, members Park Place Quarterly Conference, left without appointments to attend one of our schools.

REPORTS.

Report of Missions.

Forrest City District	
Augusta	$246 00
Auvergne	20 00
Batesville	35 00
Brinklev	40 00
Brinkley Circuit	80 00
Crawfordsville	20 00
Forrest City Circuit	40 00
Haynes	20 00
Jacksonport	16 00
Marianna	30 00
Marvel and Helena	60 00
Newport	90 00
Palestine	35 00
Fark Place	30 00
Sulphur Rock	20 00
	20 00
Total	$802 00
Hot Springs District	
Bearden and Camden	$240 00
DeQueen and Holly Grove	30 00
Fulton and Mandaville	50 00
Gurdon and Okolona	40 00
Horatio and Wilton	20 00
Mena and Dallas	20 00
Nashville and St. Paul	20 00
Caddo Gape	100 00
	50 00
Total	$570 00
Pine Bluff District	
Dumas	$352 00
Dermott	70 00
Lake Village	60 00
Monticello	60 00
Hensley	35 00
Sweet Home	30 00
New Edinburg	35 00
Sherrill and Union	35 00
Morrell	40 00
Pine Bluff Circuit	25 00
Warren and Johnsville	40 00
Wilton	45 00
	25 00
Total	$858 00
Little Rock District	
Atkins	$240 00
Conway	30 00
Danville	40 00
Fayetteville Circuit	50 00
Fort Smith, Ebenezer	40 00
Houston	60 00
	20 00

Little Rock:	
White Chapel	50 00
Rock Street	80 00
North Side	40 00
Morrillton	40 00
Lonoke	30 00
Total	$710 00
Forrest City	$802 00
Hot Springs	570 00
Pine Bluff	858 00
Grand total	$2,940 00

W. H. HIGGINS, Chairman.
T. R. WAMBLE, Secretary.

I concur in the above appropriations.

H. W. WARREN,
Presiding Bishop.

Steward's Report.

RECEIPTS.

From book dividend	$287 00
From chartered fund	22 00
From conference collections	48 00
Total	$357 00

Mrs. A. J. Fletcher. Given to Dr. Cox.	$ 25 00
W. H. Crawford. Given to himself.	35 00
Elza Roberts. Given to Dr. Duncan.	12 00
W. Brook. Given to himself.	27 00
S. J. Johnson. Given to Wamble.	56 00
D. W. Johnson. Given to himself.	33 00
Mrs. John Qualls. Given to McDonald.	40 00
J. W. Jackson. Given to himself.	60 00
Mrs. J. C. Crawley. Given to herself.	27 00
G. W. Taylor. Given to himself.	27 00
B. H. Johnson. Given to Higgins.	15 00

Epworth League.

Whereas, the Epworth League in the Methodist Episcopal Cburch in its history of service and results has so marvelously justified the wisdom of a young people's society for the church, And

Whereas, its equally marvelous growth from 27 members to quite two millions in twelve years, together with the great work it is doing in training the young people into a deeper spiritual life show that it was providentually born. And, whereas, in the Eighteen Colored Conferences there are 1622 chapters.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we record with delight the progress the Little Rock Conference has made in organizing fifty-seven chapters, and that we pledge ourselves to organize a chapter in each of the thirty-one charges where there is no league.

2. That we record with great pleasure the great progress which is being made in the circulation of church literature, in this hitherto barren field; and we suggest that our leaguers give more than ever, this important, interest, loyal and faithful support.

3. That we encourage the attendance of the brethren and delegates to the International convention at San Francisco in July next. And that we endorse the Inter-denominational meeting of Christian Young People of the Negro Race in 1902.

4. Resolved further, that we organize a bureau in each league, whose duty it shall be to collect 5 cents per month from each member for the new building at Philander Smith college. And one-half of the amount collected on the Hot Springs District go to the Clow seminary.

G. N. JOHNSON,
LEE NELSON,
B. J. LEWIS, } Committee.

Education.

Whereas, the need of education is being felt more as the days go by. And our people are turning toward Philander Smith College as never before, and her influence is being felt among our people more than any other institution of learning in the great State of Arkansas.

And whereas, the Board of Education is the great factor in helping our young men in their preparation for the ministry in this and other institutions of the church.

SILAS MCDONALD, Sec.

Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society.

Your committee submits the following report:

We are impressed more and more with the importance of the work being done by the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society. The schools of this society, planted in all parts of the Southland, are veritable lighthouses, and to them the race and the nation owe a lasting debt. In these schools thousands of young men and women have received a Christian education and gone forth into all sections of the country to do life's work, and other thousands are still in training. We rejoice in the re-election of the Rev. Dr. M. C. B. Mason to serve another quadrennium as corresponding secretary of this society, and our joy is made all the more full because the church elected his co-laborer the Rev. Dr. W. P, Thirkield whose qualifications and experience in our southern work eminently fit him for the position.

The success of the many schools of the society is indeed cheering, but especially are we delighted with the prosperity of our own Philander Smith College, the pride and joy of the Little Rock conference. That the noble work of this school may continue and its benign influence spread farther and farther, we call upon and urge our people to rally tu its support as never before. Work on our m ch needed building has been resumed, and that there may be no cessation for the lack of funds, we hereby bind ourselves to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That as a conference we pledge ourselves to raise at least $2,000 for this cause during the year 1901, and that on or before the first Sunday in Mny we will present the claims of this society, take the collection and forward at once to tha president of the college.

Resolved, Further, that we will endeavor to get the Epworth League Chapters of our charges to furnish and name rooms in the domitory department of the building.

Resolved, Also, that we bestir ourselves as never before in looking up the bright young men and women of our communities and directing them ot our college.

L. G. HODGES,
W. E. PRUITT,
H. C. CRUMP,
J. M. COX.

The Mason Fund.

We recognize the necessity of our conference and people cooperating heartily with Dr. M. C. B. Mason in his efforts to raise $100,000 to apply on the indebtedness of ths Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, and hereby assure him that we will do what we can to increase this fund.

A. R. RAY,
L. G. HODGES.

Temperance.

Whereas, We believe that intemperance is the greatest foe to our Christianity; and, whereas, we believe that the ministry ought to be the greatest foe against the evil.

Rrsolved, that we pledge ourselves anew to do all in our power to stamp out the evil. And that we endorse the actions of the present congress in abolishihg the canteen law as practiced in the army and navy of the United States.

J. A. HAMILTON,
L. D. DANIELS,
G. D. DONNELLY,
A. J. PHILLIPS, Chairman. | Committee.

The Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized A. D. 1866. From 1866, when this work began, to November 1, 1900, the board collected and disbursed $6,945,969.07. The general fund is derived chiefly from collections and personal gifts.

The society has aided the connection in building 11,677 churches. And 69 churches in our conference. The Church Extension Society is a worthy institution of our church and we must stand by it. There is no place on this globe but where the influence of the Methodist

Church is felt. The part our conference is to take in both giving and receiving is definitely fixed, under provisions of discipline by the General Committee from year to year.

For the ensuing year: Our conference is asked to raise by collections $212. Our needy churches may on approved applications receive $540. We have raised this year $137.

Since we cannot do without the work of the great Church Extension Society; be it

Resolved, That we as prerchers of the Little Rock Conference use every possible means to raise every cent of our apportionment. Be it further resolved, that the second Sunday in September shall be rally day for hurch Extension Society. We respectfully submit.

Your committee,

J. H. GREER,
S. M. STOKES,
S. Q. JOHNSON,
H. N. RENFRO.

Whereas, The Bible cause is of so much importance in our great Methodist Episcopal Church. and one which should be looked after by every ministers in the bounds of Metnodism; and

Whereas, This cause is of much use in preparing Bibles of all kind for the many races that are in the Church, it shouid be supported by the ministers and members of our own Church instead of burying elsewhere; and

Whereas, This society is doing so much in getting up Bibles of various kinds with help attachments of the latest improvement.

Resolved, That the ministers of the Little Rock Conference go to work from this time forward to raise the money apportioned to each charge and each circuit and each mission.

G. A. HALL,
J. W. LEWIS,
U. S. KITCHENS, | Committee.

Report of the Tract Committee to the Annual Conference.

1. The Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church aids in the circulation of religious literature, particularly in the form of tracts and leaflets throughout the entire world. It is cireulating literature in

at least twelve languages in the United States alone, and in more than twenty languages in foreign lands. Every year it gives away 11,000,000 pages of tracts in the United States alone, besides sending $10,000 annually to our mission stations for aid in the publication and circulation of religious literature. During the past year it has distributed tracts to the soldiers in nearly all our camps, to the sailors and marines wherever access could be obtained, to the prisons and public institutions throughout our land wherever application was made, and to thousands of pastors for circulation in their charges.

2. We recommend that the pastors in our Conference avail themselves more generally of the liberal offer of the Tract Society, which provides that every preacher who will make application can rcceive from the Society free, in the form of tracts, one-half of the last collection of his charge for the Tract Society. If a larger grant is needed, and his Church is not able to pay for the tracts, the Society will make generous donations of tracts for distribution.

3. We recommend that our pastors send to the Book concern for the catalogue of tracts, which will be sent free to all who apply for it; and that they examine the abundant store of tracts published under the auspices of our Church. Tracts are exceedingly cheap, being sold at the uniform rate of 16 pages for one cent, so that $1.00 will purchase 1,600 pages of tracts. We earnestly hope that our pastors will avail themselves of the opportunity furnished by the Book concern and the Tract Society for an increased circulation of these leaves from the tree of life.

4. Inasmuch as the Tract Society needs the sum of $50,000 per annum in order to carry on its work throughout the Church and the world, we urge that a collection be taken for this Society in all our Churches during the coming year, and that our support, both morally and financially, be given to the efforts of this Society to spread a Christian literature throughout the world.

C. W. WHITEHEAD,
M. H. FOSTER,
J. W. BURNS.

Report of the Sunday School Committee to the Annual Conference.

1. We recognize in the Sunday School one of the most important factors in the religious and educational life not only of our own age, but of the ages to come, since the Sunday School teaches the Bible and brings the Gospel to vast multitudes in the respective periods of childhood. The total Sunday School population in the United States is more than 12,000,900, of whom there are in the Methodist Episcopal Church over 31,000 Sunday Schools, with 350,000 officers and teachers, and more than 2,6000,000 scholars.

2. Inasmuch as the education of the young in religion is of the highest importance, great care should be exercised in the selection of teachers. The pastor and superintendent should mutually aid in choosing for the instruction of our children, men and women of earnest Christian character; with a knowledge of the Bible and aptness in teaching. We hope the time is not far distant when every teacher in our Sunday Schools shall be a professed follower of Jesus Christ, with a living experience.

3. We believe that the literature for the Sunday School supplied by the Methodist Episcopal Church, and published by our own Book concern, is the best for the purpose that can be obtained. We urge that our pastors and presiding elders everywhere see that our literature is used in the Sunday Schools. We are confident that this will help to build up an earnest religious character, loyal to our Church, among the young people who attend our Sunday Schools.

4. We recommend that wherever practicable the Home Department be established in connection with our Sunday Schools. This is a distinct branch of the school for the benefit of those who are unable to attend its sessions, but are willing to study the lesson at home. We suggest that pastors and Sunday School officers send to the Book concern for literature upon this subject, and take steps for the establishment of this department, which links the home and the school in the study of God'f word.

5. As accuracy and fullness are very important in the statistical returns of our Sunday Schools, we recommend that every pastor make a complete and careful report of the items named in what is known in the Discipline as "Statistics No. II," in order that our Conference may be properly represented in the Statistical Table of the Report of the Sunday School Union of our Church.

6. Inasmuch as the Sunday School Union of our Church aids every year about 3,500 needy schools with literature, and has no resources except the collection in the Churches, we urge that an offering be given for this cause in all our charges, and especially that the Sunday nearest Christmas be set apart in all our Sunday Schools for a Christmas contribution to the Sunday School Onion af our Church.

C. W. WHITEHEAD,
M. H. FOSTER,
J. W. BURNS.

Your Committee on Auditing the Presiding Elders accounts have carefully gone over the same and find that the money has deen paid out as directed by the Conference ; excepting on the Little Rock District, Perryville, $30 unexpended; the same has been paid over to the Bishop. On tne Pine Bluff District, Monticello and Brown Chapel, $20 unexpended; the same has been paid over to the Bishop.

W. H. SIMPSON, Chairman.
J. W. JACKSON, Secretary.

Memories.

Sister Mary Lacey, wife of Rev. M. L. Lacey, was born in Mobile, Ala., 1875; for thirteen years she lived a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. On Aug. 15, 1900, she answered the roll call of the Master, "Come ye blessed." We hope to meet her on the other side of the river.

Sister Sallie Owens, wlfe of Rev. Phillip Owens, departed this life in full triumph of faith. She was a strong member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and traveled with her husband in the itenerate ministry since 1892, until her death Aug. 12, 1900. She heard the voice of Jesus saying, "Come unto me and rest," at which time she bid her husband good-bye.

Hilda M. Hodges, daughter of Rev. L. G. and Sister Katie T. Hodges, died Aug. 1900.

Waiters McIntosh, Jr., little son of Fev. Waiters and Sister Belle McIntosh, died Nov. 20,1900.

Lorenza Whitehead, son of Rev, C. W. and Sister Louisa White-

head, died July, 1900.

Ardesa Arehart, daughter of Rev. J. M. and Sister Lizzie Arehart, died April 8, 1900.

C. A. TAYLOR, Chairman.
D. B. DONNELLY, Sec.

Resolutions.

Whereas, It has pleased the Board of Bishops to send as our president, Bishop H. W. Warren, D. D. LL. D. We receive him with gladness, and feel that his able addresses and lectures have been beneficial and ennobling to us.

Resolved, That we thank the Board for such an able president. And pray God's choicest blessing upon him and his, that he may be spared for a long life and use fullness to the Church and people.

Whereas, The Rev. S. H. Babcock, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, has shown us so much kindness and hospitality in taking care of the Bishop. Resolved, that we extend him a vote of thanks.

J. W. JACKSON,

Whereas, The pastor and good people, both Methodist and Baptist, of Brinkley, have so royally entertained the Conference, have thrown open their doors and hearts and made us welcome.

Resolved, That this Conference extend to them a vote of thanks for the many kindnesses received at their hands.

Whereas, The Secretaries and Treasurers have labored faithfully and given us such good services. Resolved, that we record our appreciation of their labor.

S. MCDONALD.

Whereas, We look with pride upon the work being done among the young people of the race, and the able addresses delivered at this Conference by our Secretary, Prof. I. G. Penn; and

Wheress, We look with equal pride and interest upon the work of our able editor of the Southwestern, Dr. Scott.

Resolved, That we thank them for their helpfulness at this Conference, and pledge ourselves to stand by them in their work.

S. T. COOPER.
W. S. SHERRILL.

Report of the Treasurer of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Little Rock District Membership Dues.

Wesley Chapel, Little Rock	$21 25
White Chapel, Little Rock	2 65
Lonoke	2 87

Twentieth Century Fund.

Wesley Chapel, Little Rock	$34 08

Contingent Fund.

Morrilton	$ 3 00
Lonoke	1 45
Wesley Chapel, Little Rock	3 05
Total for all purposes	$68 72

Forrest City District Membership Dues.

Auvergne	$ 4 00
Batesville	2 25
Cotton Plant	2 50
Newport	1 00

Twentieth Century Fund.

Forrest City	$10 00

Contingent Fund.

Newport	$ 2 00
Jacksonport	1 50
Batesville	1 16
Auvergne	2 55
Forrest City	3 04
Cotton Plant	1 75
Marianna	1 95
Brinkley	1 65
Grand total	$36 45

Pine Bluff District Membership Dues.

St. James, Pine Bluff	$ 5 60
Sweet Home	5 45
Hensley	1 00
New Edinburgh	75

Twentieth Century Fund.

St. James, Pine Bluff	$ 3 00
Sweet Home	6 50

Contingent Fundr

St. James, Pine Bluff	$ 2 00
Hensley	1 50
Total for all purposes	$30 75

Summary.

Little Rock District	$68 72
Forrest City	36 45
Pine Bluff	30 75
Traveling Expenses	14 00
Contingent Fund Cash from the charges	16 00
Grand total raised since June 10, 1900	$162 82

MRS. G. N. JOHNSON, Corresponding Secretary.
MRS. H. M. NASMYTH, Treasurer.

Certificate of Ordination.

This certifies that in Brinkley, Ark., on the 10th of February, 1901, I ordained Wm. M. Speed, Prince W. Webb, Geo. T. Saxton (elected 1900), James R. Wilson, Alfred Smith and Robert B. Henry deacons; and by the aid of elders present, Wm. H. Simpson, Mortimer F. Strong, Stephen T. Cooper and Lee Nelson, elders in the Church of God according to the Ritual of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

[Signed.] H. W. WARREN.

Certificate.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the proceedings of the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Brinkley, Ark., February 9-11,1901. And that the same was adopted by that body as its official Journal.

H. P. STRONG, Secretary.

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Little Rock, Ark.

NOTICE.

The statistics were not turned over to me for publication at the close of the session of the Annual Conference; but were taken by the statistical secretary for the purpose of making a few corrections in the footings.

According to his statement, after the corrections were made, he mailed them to me Feb. 16, 1901. I have not yet received them, March 25. The postal authorities have been tracing them but have been unable to locate them.

If they are found they will be published and sent fo you later.

H. P. STRONG, Secretary.

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