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First Year—James Mackey, W. W. Gillespie, T. H. Howard.

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Third Year—John Rhyne, E. W. Coleman, C. H. Ellis.

Fourth Year—A. R. Bennick, W. T. Noe, Elias Jackson.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

The White River Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, commenced its first session at Mt. Zion Church, Cross county, Arkansas, on the 28th day of September, A. D., 1870, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Bishop John C. Keener, D. D., presiding.

The Conference was opened by the reading of the fourth chapter of Second Corinthians, singing the 272d hymn—

“And are we yet alive,
And see each other's face?”

And prayer, conducted by the Bishop.

The Bishop then addressed the Conference in a short and appropriate address, after which the Conference proceeded to organize by appointing James Wickersham Secretary *pro tem*.

The roll of members of the Arkansas Conference within the bounds of this Conference was then called and the following names were enrolled as members of the White River Conference :

John M. Steel, Burwell Lee, George A. Dannelly, Wm. A. Cobb, E. T. Jones, W. T. Noe, John Rhyne, M. B. Pearson, Benoni Harris, James Mackey, Charles H. Gregory, E. M. Baker, M. C. Morris, George A. Shæffer, R. G. Brittain, B. F. Hall, J. P. Webb, J. L. Denton, W. W. Gillespie, E. W. Coleman, H. T. Gregory, W. M. Watson, D. W. Reid, L. D. Webb, F. A. Ellis, W. G. Hilton, James A. Walden, T. H. Howard, J. H. Cox, H. A. Barnett, J. W. Patton, J. W. Walkup, J. A. Williams, C. H. Ellis, A. R. Bennick, John H. Dye, H. P. Clay, C. S. Floyd, R. N. Francis, W. R. Young, J. H. Hall, George De Boze.

NAMES OF LAY DELEGATES.

Helena District.—James M. Hanks, W. F. Sale, H. T. Blythe, J. F. Smith.

Jacksonport District.—James Wickersham, M. H. McMurtry, T. W. Trice, J. A. Garrett.

Harrisburg District.—J. H. McFerrin, L. L. Mack, Wm. N. Allen, A. T. Holleyman.

Batesville District.—F. W. Thacker, Samuel B. Wycoff, R. S. Bryant, Lewis Williams.

The following members were present, all of whom answered to their names at the first roll call except J. H. Cox; he arrived and took his seat on Friday, the 30th:

Clerical.—John M. Steel, Burwell Lee, George A. Dannelly, Wm. A. Cobb, W. T. Noe, John Rhyne, Benoni Harris, James Mackey, E. M. Baker, M. C. Morris, J. H. Cox, H. A. Barnett, J. W. Walkup, C. H. Ellis, W. W. Gillespie, E. W. Coleman, H. T. Gregory, W. M. Watson, J. H. Dye, D. W. Reid, T. H. Howard, H. P. Clay, R. N. Francis, W. R. Young.

Lay.—James M. Hanks, W. F. Sale, H. T. Blythe, J. F. Smith, James Wickersham, M. H. McMurtry, Aleck Miller (alternate for T. W. Trice), J. A. Barnett, J. H. McFerrin, J. C. Brookfield (alternate for L. L. Mack), Wm. N. Allen, A. T. Holleyman, Josiah Roberts (alternate for F. W. Thacker), R. C. Shirrell (alternate for Samuel B. Wycoff).

Twenty-four clerical and fifteen lay members present.

VISITORS.

J. B. McFerrin, D. D., Missionary Secretary; W. C. Johnson, Editor *Western Methodist*; Elias Jackson, of the North Mississippi Conference; Andrew Canley, of the Memphis Conference.

The hour of meeting was fixed at 9 o'clock A. M., and adjournment at 12½ P. M.

The Conference appointed the following Standing Committees:

Public Worship—W. A. Cobb, John W. Walkup.

Books and Periodicals—W. T. Noe, W. F. Sales, J. C. Brookfield.

Sabbath Schools—A. T. Holleyman, Jas. M. Hanks, John Rhyne, James Wickersham, R. S. Bryant.

Education—C. H. Ellis, J. F. Smith, J. H. McFerrin, M. H. McMurtry, John Rhyne.

Temperance—John H. Dye, Wm. R. Young, Aleck Miller.

Bible Cause—H. T. Blythe, Benoni Harris, John Rhyne.

Missions—W. T. Noe, John H. Dye, A. T. Holleyman, Josiah Roberts.

Statistics—E. M. Baker, W. R. Young.

Memoirs—John M. Steel, James Mackey.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

Clerical—James Mackey, Wm. A. Cobb, W. T. Noe, C. H. Ellis.

Lay—J. W. Stayton, O. T. Hunt, J. C. Brookfield, Thos. Vincent.

A communication from Dr. A. H. Redford, addressed to Bishop Keener, calling attention to the fact that he had shipped to our Conference, care of W. T. Noe, a box containing the General Minutes, as per order of a number of the members of this Conference who had subscribed for the same, was read; also, a communication from the same, accompanying the annual exhibit of the Publishing House, which was read and referred. (See Doc. "A.")

Dr. McFerrin, Revs. W. C. Johnson and J. M. Steel addressed the Conference on the interests of the Publishing House and our periodicals.

The annual circular letter from Dr. McFerrin as Secretary of the Missionary Board was presented and read, together with a form for a Constitution for an Annual Conference Board of Missions; also annual report of the Board of Domestic Missions of the M. E. Church, South, all of which was referred. (See Doc. "B.")

The following examining committees were announced:

Candidates for Admission on Trial—B. F. Hall, Benoni Harris, E. M. Baker.

First Year—C. H. Gregory, James Mackey, G. A. Shaeffer, John Rhyne.

Second Year—J. L. Denton, W. R. Youg, John H. Dye.

Third Year—John Rhyne, E. W. Coleman, C. H. Ellis.

Fourth Year—R. G. Brittain, A. R. Bennick, W. T. Noe, M. C. Morris.

QUESTION 1. *Who are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER.—Batesville District, Prospect Bluff Circuit, Jos. Parker; Big Creek Circuit, Thomas Vincent. Helena District, Osceola Circuit, Edwin A. Garrison. Jacksonport District, Trenton Circuit, Stephen D. Evans, Wm. J. Ross; Prairie Circuit, Wesley M. Whitehead, Thomas J. Settles; Cotton Plant Circuit, Jerome Haralson, Wm. H. Corley, Nathaniel G. Murphy. Searcy District, Searcy Circuit, Wm. J. Dodson. Harrisburg District, Harrisburg Circuit, Wm. C. Malone.

QUESTION 2. *Who remain on trial?*

ANSWER.—Leroy D. Webb, continued; Dudley W. Reid, Robt. N. Francis, continued in class of first year.

QUESTION 3. *Who are discontinued?*

ANSWER.—Wm. G. Hilton, George De Boze, James A. Walden, Henry P. Clay—the last two at their own request.

QUESTION 4. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

ANSWER.—Fletcher A. Ellis, Calvin S. Floyd, continued on trial in class of first year; John H. Porter, a transfer from Indian Mission Conference, continued on trial; Wm. R. Young, admitted and elected to Elder's orders.

QUESTION 5. *Who are re-admitted?*

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION 6. *Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?*

ANSWER.—John H. Porter, from Indian Mission Conference.

QUESTION 7. *Who are the deacons of one year?*

ANSWER.—John H. Dye, W. W. Gillespie.

QUESTION 8. *What traveling preachers are elected deacons?*

NOTE.—I place the questions and answers in regular order, for the convenience of readers.

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION 9. *What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?*

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION 10. *What local preachers are elected deacons?*

ANSWER.—Jacksonport District: Cotton Plant Circuit, Wm. H. Corley, Jeremiah J. Beam; Prairie Circuit, Thos. J. Settles; Jacksonport Circuit, Wm. N. Green; Black River Circuit, Benj. J. K. Hite. Harrisburg District: Greensboro Circuit, Daniel McWhirter.

QUESTION 11. *What local preachers are ordained deacons?*

ANSWER.—Wm. H. Corley, Thos. J. Settles, Daniel McWhirter, Jasper Sibert, Denis Birchett, Hezekiah Highfield; Solon Graham, colored.

QUESTION 12. *What traveling preachers are elected elders?*

ANSWER.—Wm. R. Young, Henry T. Gregory, T. H. Howard, Jno. H. Dye, W. W. Gillespie.

QUESTION 13. *What traveling preachers are ordained elders?*

ANSWER.—Wm. R. Young, Henry T. Gregory, T. H. Howard, John H. Dye, W. W. Gillespie.

QUESTION 14. *What local preachers are elected elders?*

ANSWER.—Batesville District: Mammoth Spring Circuit, Moses C. Clark; Big Creek Circuit, Thos. Vincent; Grand Glaze Circuit, John Cook; Pocahontas Circuit, Larkin F. Johnson, W. H. Phipps. Jacksonport District: Prairie Circuit, Hardy Williams; Clarendon Circuit, Thos. A. Craig. Harrisburg District: Harrisburg Circuit, A. T. Holleyman.

QUESTION 15. *What local preachers are ordained elders?*

ANSWER.—Thos. Vincent, Moses C. Clark, John Cook, Hardy Williams, Thos. A. Craig, A. T. Holleyman.

QUESTION 16. *Who are located this year?*

ANSWER.—J. A. Williams, on the ground of unacceptability; J. W. Patton, at his own request.

QUESTION 17. *Who are supernumerary?*

ANSWER.—Edward J. Jones.

QUESTION 18. *Who are superannuated?*

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION 19. *What preachers have died during the past year?*

ANSWER.—Elijah F. McNabb, John Cowle.

QUESTION 20. *Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*

NOTE.—To save the space usually taken up in recording the names of the preachers in the order in which they are examined, we here state that their names were called, one by one, and their characters examined and passed, except that of George De Boze and J. P. Webb.

NOTE.—The Presiding Elder of Harrisburg District was instructed to investigate reports involving the moral character of J. P. Webb and report at the next session of this Conference.

NOTE.—See document marked C—case of E. W. Coleman.

QUESTION 21. *What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?*

ANSWER.—See statistical report.

QUESTION 22. *How many infants have been baptized during the year?*

ANSWER.—See statistical report.

QUESTION 23. *How many adults have been baptized during the year?*

ANSWER.—See statistical report.

QUESTION 24. *What is the number of Sunday Schools?*

ANSWER.—See statistical report.

QUESTION 25. *What is the number of Sunday School teachers?*

ANSWER.—See statistical report.

QUESTION 26. *What is the number of Sunday School scholars?*

ANSWER.—See statistical report.

QUESTION 27. *What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers?*

ANSWER.—\$800 00.

NOTE.—This amount is to be divided between this and the Arkansas Conferences.

QUESTION 28. *What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?*

ANSWER.—Whole amount collected, \$251 65. Paid Sister Carline, \$100 00; Sister Carroll, \$100 00; Sister White, \$51 65. Total, \$251 65.

QUESTION 29. *What has been contributed for Missions?*

ANSWER.—On old debt, \$680 00; regular collection, \$393 87. Total, \$1,073 87.

QUESTION 30. *Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?*

ANSWER.—Batesville, Independence Co., Arkansas.

QUESTION 31. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

APPOINTMENTS.

HELENA DISTRICT—*John M. Steel, P. E.*

Helena Station, James L. L. Denton; Helena Circuit, to be supplied (by Elias Jackson, transfer); Long Lake Circuit, to be supplied; Trénton Circuit, Thos. J. Settles; Mariana Circuit, Wm. T. Noe; Prairie Circuit, to be supplied (by Dr. D. D. McCutchen); Clarendon and Macedonia Station, Elias M. Baker; Shady Grove, to be supplied (by Thos. A. Craig).

HARRISBURG DISTRICT—*Wm. A. Cobb, P. E.*

Harrisburg Circuit, to be supplied (Wm. J. Ross, junior preacher); Wittsburg Circuit, to be supplied (by Miller H. White, transfer);

Taylor's Creek Circuit, John W. Walkup; Forest City Circuit, to be supplied (by Author Davis transfer); Jonesboro Circuit, Henry T. Gregory; Greensboro, to be supplied (by Daniel B. Warren); Manmelle Circuit, E. W. Coleman; Gainsville Circuit, Leroy D. Webb; Beayo Deview Circuit, W. C. Malone.

JACKSONPORT DISTRICT—*George A. Dannelly, P. E.*

Jacksonport Station, John H. Dye; Jacksonport Circuit, Edwin A. Garrison; Augusta Circuit, James Mackey (E. T. Jones, supernumerary); Cotton Plant Circuit, Thos. H. Howard; Pleasant Valley Circuit, Stephen D. Evans; Searcy Station, Calvin S. Floyd; Searcy Circuit, to be supplied (by James Talkington); Cadran Circuit, Thos. A. Graham; Black River Circuit, N. G. Murphy; Cherokee Bay Circuit, Jacob H. Cox; Prospect Bluff, Thos. Vincent; Grand Glaze, W. M. Whitehead.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—*Burwell Lee, P. E.*

Batesville Station, C. H. Ellis; Batesville Circuit, A. R. Bennick; Bethesda Circuit, to be supplied (by Josiah Robberts); Smithville Circuit, F. A. Ellis; Pocahontas and Powhattan Station, to be supplied; Pocahontas Circuit, Wm. M. Watson; Mammoth Spring Circuit, to be supplied (by James Denton); Evening Shade Circuit, Dudley W. Reid; Salem Circuit, Joseph Parker; La Crosse Circuit, Moses C. Morris; Big Creek Circuit, to be supplied (by Jesse Griffin transfer).

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT—*Benoni Harris, P. E.*

Elm Bend Circuit, Benoni Harris; Walnut Bend Circuit, W. W. Gillespie; Marion Circuit, to be supplied by Andrew Cauley; Frenchman's Bayou, J. H. Porter; Osceola, Wm. R. Young; Agent American Bible Society, John Rhyne:

John Anderson, of Jacksonport, formerly a minister in the O. S. Presbyterian Church, now a member of the M. E. C., S., appeared before the Conference, took the ordination vows, and was recognized as an Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Rev. W. C. Johnson, editor of the *Western Methodist*, presented a written report upon the condition of that paper as the organ of this Conference, which was read and referred.

Dr. J. P. McFerrin, Secretary of the Missionary Board, presented the claim against this Conference of the *old* missionary debt, \$650, which was promptly met by the members of the Conference and friends present, in subscriptions and cash, and \$30 over. The Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to collect the above subscriptions and forward the same to W. C. Johnson, at Memphis.

Resolutions Adopted.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Resolved, That George A. Dannelly be, and he is hereby, appointed a committee to confer with the Arkansas Conference in reference to our Conference claimants, and make such arrangements with said Conference as shall be just and equitable, both for the present year and for future action.

J. M. STEEL,
WM. A. COBB.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

1. *Resolved*, That each preacher be, and is hereby, required to collect five per cent. upon the total amount of his allowance, including everything, for the support of the widows and orphans of the Conference.

2. *Resolved*, That the stewards of every circuit and station be, and they are hereby, required to add the amount of the said five per cent. to the year's estimates.

3. *Resolved*, That the preacher in charge also take up a public collection to secure the said per cent.

4. *Resolved*, That the preacher in charge shall be required to pay so much of the said per cent. as he may not have collected by the next session of the Conference.

JOHN M. STEEL,
WM. A. COBB.

BISHOP'S CLAIM.

Resolved, That each Presiding Elder shall be responsible for the Bishop's claim in their several districts.

JAS. MACKEY.

LAY DELEGATES TO DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Resolved, That the laymen of a District Conference shall consist of four from each pastor's charge, to be elected by the Quarterly Conference at its first session in each year.

GEO. A. DANNELLY.

LAY DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That each Quarterly Conference in a District shall nominate by ballot one brother (eligible), whose name shall be brought before the District Conference as a delegate to the Annual Conference.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY.

In pursuance of the action of the last session of the General Conference, this Conference, on the fifth day, proceeded to the election of a Conference Sunday School Secretary, to act in conjunction with the General Conference Secretary, which resulted in the selection of James Wickersham, of Jacksonport.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The action of the General Conference at its last session, in providing for a General Sunday School Convention, to be held at Nashville, Tenn., in May next, was responded to in the election of James Wickersham as delegate to represent this Conference.

VETO POWER OF THE BISHOPS.

At the afternoon session, October 3, Monday, Bishop Keener presented to the Conference the constitutional question with regard to the veto power of the Bishops, ordered to be submitted to the several Conferences by the General Conference at its last session for their action. The yeas and nays were taken, with the following result: yeas 27, nays none.

PUBLICATION OF CONFERENCE MINUTES.

Resolved 1, That it is the sense of this Conference that one thousand copies of the Minutes of this session be published in pamphlet form.

2. That the Secretary be requested to make the best arrangements he can for the publishing of said Minutes, preferring our own Publishing House if it will do the work as cheap as any other house.

3. That each merchant and minister be requested to solicit advertisements to meet the expense and forward the same to the Secretary.

4. That the Secretary is hereby requested to purchase a suitable book for a Conference record.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due to the brethren and friends of Mt. Zion and community for their hospitality and kind attention to us during this session.

A. T. HOLLEYMAN.

NOTE.—The Secretary feels under obligations to the ladies, and especially to the kind lady at whose house he had the privilege of staying.

REPORTS.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

The subject is one of direct interest to the Church in this age of the world. This is evident from the fact that the press has an almost limitless influence in the formation of public opinion and morals. In view of the fact that much of the literature of the times does not contribute to the promotion of good morals or religion, it becomes of the first importance to scatter over the land a pure and sanctified literature to counteract the vicious productions of the day. Science is perverted by skepticism, nature is opposed to revelation, and the faith of many is shaken. Fatal effects are produced upon the minds of the young by the poison too often concealed by an avowal of reverence for the teachings of God's Word. The people will read, and, having nothing better, will entertain themselves with the perusal of books and papers that are not at all calculated to improve them in the principles of our holy Christianity. The White River Conference has felt and now feels the truth of this remark.

To counteract this we want good books—Methodist books; for if we believe our doctrines at all we believe them altogether, and your committee does not believe that the faith of the Church can be vigorous and effective as a Church without an enlightened view of Gospel truth; nor do we believe that we have or can gain anything by a compromise at this point. Hence our Sunday School literature should be entirely Methodistic, and compromise is equivalent to the suppression of the Methodist element altogether. Our Church literature breathes a truly catholic spirit. The Histories of Methodism in Kentucky and Tennessee, together with the recently published Life of Bishop McKendree, have contributed largely to the interest felt in our publications. They are commended to the people as valuable and interesting productions.

The *Western Methodist* has redeemed every pledge heretofore made, and now appears greatly enlarged, its mechanical execution excellent, and withal the subscription price reduced. A career of extending usefulness awaits it. We wish also to make mention of the great central organ—the *Christian Advocate*—the *New Monthly Magazine*, and the *Sunday School Visitor*. The *Visitor* is now more attractive than ever before, since it now has its own editor, whose entire time and energies are directed to it. The Sunday Schools must have it. The *Christian Advocate* is next in importance to our own special organ to this Conference. It is indispensable. The *New Monthly Magazine* will be issued January 1, 1871. We look forward with much anxiety to the appearance of this magazine. The

preachers are requested to canvass their charges for subscribers, and secure as large a subscription as possible by the first of December. In harmony with the above, we report the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, 1, That efforts be made in each charge to procure and circulate our books, by the preachers themselves or through merchants who may be induced to purchase them for the benefit of the people.

2. That the members of this Conference renew their efforts to carry out the letter of a former resolution, to place the *Western Methodist* and the *Sunday School Visitor* in every Methodist family within our bounds.

3. That the *Christian Advocate* is dear to our hearts, and that every reasonable effort shall be made to extend its circulation in our charges.

W. T. NOE, *Chairman*.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee, to whom was referred the important subject of Sunday Schools, beg leave to submit the following report:

We approach the subject with great pleasure because it is one that is nearest our hearts. It is here that we start our preachers, and those who are to provide for that self-sacrificing class of men. Hence we deem it a great cause—one of vital interest to our Church, and one that should engage the serious attention of not only the members of this Conference, but every lover of his country. Hence, can the mind of man suggest a method possessing more of the elements of success than that of the Sunday School?—for here we devise ways and means for saving the young and raising the standard of Christian holiness. Can the mind of man suggest any one, save the parent, that is more responsible, in a moral sense, to the rising generation than the members of the different Conferences? Your committee not only believe that this Conference may and must exert a great influence upon the children growing up among us, but they also believe that unless we put forth all our efforts to save them they will not only be lost to the Methodist Church, but many of them lost in eternity. What a thought, that the blood of these little lambs should be upon us! God forbid! The lessons taught us by the experience of the past, the observations of the present, and the Word of eternal truth, lead to but one conclusion; that is, to impress upon the tender hearts true principles of religion. It will never fail to shape their after life and vibrate in the winter of old age. It is not left to us to suggest a plan for sowing the Gospel seed in this field. The great plan was set on foot in 1782, in the village of Gloucester, England, which has been tried, with what success the Sunday morning bells in every city, town and place of public wor-

Tennessee, President. This school opened Sept. 5, with twenty-six pupils, and has steadily increased up to this time, and now numbers forty-seven, with good prospects ahead. Batesville is a high, healthy, and beautiful situation for a school, and easy of access from the lowlands. In addition to this, the society is good. Students in attendance will have thrown around them a good moral and religious influence. The Rev. A. R. Bennick is not only a thorough scholar, but a tried and experienced President, having served in that capacity for a number of years with great acceptability and success. His assistants, Miss Woodward and Mrs. Green, are highly recommended, and will, no doubt, give entire satisfaction; therefore,

Resolved, 1, That we heartily endorse the Rev. A. R. Bennick and his assistants, and pledge them our constant co-operation and support in their arduous work.

2. That we recommend the Board of Trustees to make a vigorous effort to meet the indebtedness (\$966), as far as possible, in and around the town of Batesville, and to appoint the Rev. G. A. Dannelly to solicit contributions in the different parts of the Conference.

3. That we will do all we can to promote the success of the agent by recommending him and his cause to the favorable consideration of our respective congregations.

4. That Bishop John C. Keener, the Rev. Dr. McFerrin and the Rev. W. C. Johnson be requested to attend the Batesville District Conference at its next session, and that they visit the Batesville station for the purpose of considering the interests of the Soulesbury Institute.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. H. ELLIS, *Chairman*.

T E M P E R A N C E .

It is with profound gratitude to almighty God that your committee is enabled to report an increasing interest—and with many it amounts to even enthusiasm—in this great cause of redeeming our fellow men from the curse of black intemperance, and in bringing joy and gladness to the hearts of parents, wives and children, to the firesides of families where woe, misery and degradation had heretofore reigned supreme.

A little over one year since, a few brethren, members of this Church within the bounds of the White River Conference, contemplating the sad effects of intemperance and its increasing desolations throughout North Arkansas, determined to try to do something for the benefit of suffering humanity in this part of the State; whereupon, a temperance society, called the Council of Temperance Reform, was organized at Jacksonport (the first organized in North Arkansas), with fourteen or fifteen members, but met with a great and determined opposition. Notwithstanding, these brethren persevered

in this good cause, and by the blessing of God on their feeble efforts, at this time your committee are rejoiced to report to this Conference that thirty-three societies of Temperance are in successful operation in North Arkansas, and nearly all within the bounds of the White River Conference, numbering in all over one thousand members. Also, a Grand Council of Temperance Reform was organized in Jacksonport during Thursday and Friday of last week, which was well attended by delegates from the different Councils, who manifested great zeal in trying to benefit this unfortunate class of our fellow-citizens, and especially to save our young men from falling into this pernicious and soul-destroying practice, that has been slaying its thousands and tens of thousands of the handiwork of our heavenly Father, and in many cases bringing reproach upon the Church of God and disgrace upon its members, and sometimes even upon its ministers.

But all that has been done as yet is but a drop in the bucket to what might have been done, if the members and ministers of the Church of God, and especially of the M. E. Church, South, had given to this cause that attention which it demands; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That this Annual Conference, with profound reverence and gratitude, acknowledge the goodness of our Heavenly Father for what has been done in this great cause of temperance reform within our bounds, by the blessing of God upon the efforts of its friends.

2. That the members of this Annual Conference co-operate with the Grand Council of Temperance Reform and do all in their power in the future to further this cause, that has done so much in alleviating suffering humanity; and that we discountenance the traffic in intoxicating drinks.

J. H. DYE, *Chairman.*

MISSIONS.

Your committee to whom was referred the important subject of Missions, beg leave to report that the cause of Missions is the cause of God, and that the Methodist Church is emphatically a missionary Church. Whenever, therefore, our ministry and membership shall lose the spirit of Missions the Church will be shorn of its strength and will be powerless for good. Each and every one of our people should cultivate the spirit of Christ and of the early Christians, and should never tire in the work of evangelizing the world. Our missionary work, foreign and domestic, is integrant to the Methodistic form of Christianity. The late General Conference consolidated our two Boards, foreign and domestic, so that the whole missionary enterprise of the Church is controlled by one organization. Our fields are inviting—China, the Indian country, the poor in our own country, the uncultivated in our own State and upon our territorial borders, all demand help. We want, and must have, men and

means. We want more prayer and more liberality. There should be system: all should give, and all should give every year while God bestows the ability.

In organizing our new Conference we should take a decided stand in favor of missionary work, and train and educate ourselves, our children, and the several charges to whom we, as ministers, are sent, to a large liberality. While we find that there has been something done during the year just closed, much more might have been done; but we can not attribute this deficiency entirely to the want of liberality amongst the people. This has been one of the most trying years, financially, that we have ever known; and we think that when the subject is properly presented to our people they will always respond liberally. Hence we recommend more preaching and lecturing, by the ministers, upon this subject; for stop the great wheel and the whole machinery ceases to move. Therefore, for the more efficient working in this cause, your committee offer for adoption the following Constitution, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. This Board shall be denominated and known as the Board of Missions of White River Annual Conference, auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South. *Down*

ART. 2. The officers of the Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and five Managers, who shall be chosen quadrennially by the Conference. In case of vacancy, by death, resignation or otherwise, the Board shall fill the vacancy, subject to confirmation by the Conference. *Committee*

ART. 3. The President, and in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Board. *in 187*

ART. 4. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the funds and property of the Board, subject to the order of the Board, and shall make an accurate and full report, annually, of all the receipts and disbursements of the Board.

ART. 6. The Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of the Board, and make the annual report of the Board.

ART. 7. Forty per cent. of all collections made for Missions in the bounds of this Conference shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South, at Nashville, Tenn. Should any surplus accrue, after defraying the expenses of Missions in this Conference, it shall also be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South.

ART. 8. There shall be a public anniversary of this Board at the time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference. At said anniversary a report, or an abstract of the report of the Board and Treasurer, shall be made, and the interests of the missionary cause promoted in such manner as the Board shall deem expedient.

Your committee, in view of the great blessing that has been vouchsafed to us this year in the way of an abundant harvest, both of provisions and the great staple of our country, urge the preachers, as soon as they get on their work, to present this subject to their congregations while they have means to meet it. If this is done, none of these claims will come up short at the next Conference.

Your committee would further report that they have considered the appeal in behalf what is called the Old Debt, and do most earnestly recommend the adoption of the plan understood to be suggested by the Bishops—that is, that the entire amount be divided

between the several Annual Conferences, taking the assessment for the support of the Bishops as a basis. We learn that the amount to be raised in the White River Conference is \$650. It is true that, already, liberal contributions have been made in portions of our territory, but we must again appeal to the magnanimity of our people, and pray them to help once more, and for the last time, that this burden may be rolled from the Church.

Therefore, your committee offer for adoption the following resolutions, viz. :

Resolved, 1. That the honor of our Church is involved in the payment of the debt of the old Society.

2. That we request the presiding Bishop to appoint an agent or agents in this Conference to collect, receive and forward our portion of this debt to the Treasurer of the Parent Board at Nashville.

3. That an appeal be made, at this session of our Conference, in aid of the effort to liquidate the old debt.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. T. HOLLEYMON, Chairman.

MEMOIRS.

REV. JOHN COWLE

Was born in Huntingdonstein, England, January, A. D. 1815, and came with his parents to America in 1822, and settled in Vanderberg county, Indiana, where he continued until 1838, at which time he came to Arkansas.

He was received by the Arkansas Conference on probation in 1841, at Batesville. He proved to be a close student. His examination on the course of study was always good.

His first circuit was Bayou Bartholomew, where he conducted a fine revival.

The first Annual Conference he attended was held at Helena, in 1842. He soon proved himself a workman that needed not be ashamed. He filled the Helena Station about 1850, after which he was placed in the district work for some sixteen years consecutively, always acquitting himself with honor and proving a blessing to the Church wherever he labored. He served as Delegate in the General Conference in 1854.

Brother Cowle's health failed in 1868, and he received a superannuated relation. He resided at Memphis, his health steadily declining, and at our late General Conference, when his Arkansas brethren visited him, he expressed his desire to return to Evansville,

Indiana, to the home of his only sister, where he desired to die, that his remains might be deposited in the family cemetery.

His brethren complied with his request, and sent him to his sister, the wife of the Hon. Asa Iglehart, at whose house he breathed his last, on the 6th of June, 1870.

In a conversation with Brother Cowle, about the 1st of May, I asked him as to his feelings and future prospects. He stated that he "felt his physical nature giving way, and that he desired to depart and be with Jesus." He has lived for the Church; his life and labors have been directed by and for the Church, and now that his work was done, he was ready; that there was not a cloud on his mind; that he was anxious to depart. All he regretted was leaving his family, which he left with his brethren. He said to his sister: "I thank the Lord that I am here—that I see you all once more." His last words were: "O blessed Jesus! Glory!" and he ceased to breathe.

J. M. STEEL, *Chairman Committee.*

REV. ELIJAH F. McNABB,

We believe, was raised in Kentucky; came to Arkansas in an early day, and settled in Phillips county. We made his acquaintance in 1841. He joined the Arkansas Conference, perhaps, in 1843. We can not define his field of labor. He was a man of ordinary talent, but earnest and faithful as a pastor.

His health failed and he took a superannuated relation about 1850, we think, since which time his home has been in Phillips county.

He well maintained his Christian integrity, beloved by all. He died in March last, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, in the city of Helena, Arkansas.

All men speak well of E. F. McNabb.

J. M. STEEL, *Chairman Committee.*

A number of gentlemen, among others Author Thompson, Ed. Porter, J. J. Horner, H. P. Coolidge, Henry Rightor, Jas. S. Monnier and W. P. Taylor, were returning from the cemetery at Helena, where they had but just deposited the remains of Colonel Oliver H. Oates, and met a funeral procession, accompanying the remains of Bro. McNabb. They inquired where they intended burying the body, and was answered, "In the Potters' Field." These gentlemen—though some of them were not professors of religion, yet knowing and appreciating the noble character of this man, and out of respect for the holy calling of a preacher of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ—went at once to the trustees of the cemetery and secured a lot and caused it to be set apart for the resting place of all ministers whose friends might feel disposed to avail themselves of this donation, and Bro. McNabb was buried in this lot.

J. W.

(DOCUMENT B.)

CONSTITUTION ADOPTED BY THE WHITE RIVER ANNUAL
CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

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(DOCUMENT C.)

We, your committee, to whom was referred the case of Mr. E. W. Coleman, beg leave to report:

That we find certain rumors in circulation, seriously affecting the moral and ministerial character of Bro. E. W. Coleman; but, after careful investigation upon our part, we find no evidences of the truthfulness of said charges.

J. H. DYE.

B. HARRIS.

M. C. MORRIS.

MT. ZION, ARK., Sept. 1, 1870.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

MEMBERS, BAPTISMS, CHURCH PROPERTY.

HELENA DISTRICT.

PASTORAL CHARGE.	PASTORS' NAMES.	MEMBERS.					BAPTISMS.					CHURCH PROPERTY.				
		Local Prech-ers.	White.		Colored.	Adult.	Infant.	Number of Churches.	Estimated value of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	Estimated value of Parsonages.	Other City Property.	Five acres land valued at \$500.			
		
Helena Station.....	J. L. Denton.....	1	87	.....	2	.....	1	\$ 7,500	.....	.....	.....	.....
Helena Circuit.....	.....	.....	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Lake Circ't.....	No report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walnut Bend Ct.....	No report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elm Bend Circ't.....	No report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marion Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tyrancee Circuit.....	No report.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Osceola Circuit.....	.....	.....	225	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	.....	4	522	.....	2	.....	6	\$14,000	.....	.....	.....	.....

JACKSONPORT DISTRICT.

Jacksonp't Stat'n.....	John H. Dye.....	1	100	.....	1	12	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jacksonport Ct.....	W. W. Gillespie.....	3	225	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Black River Ct.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cache Mission.....	.....	2	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cotton Plant Ct.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Augusta Circuit.....	.....	4	280	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clarendon Circuit.....	.....	1	212	40	.....	40	72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Surround'd Hill Ct.....	No report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prairie Circuit.....	.....	2	116	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trenton Circuit.....	.....	4	124	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	.....	6	199	.....	.....	26	6	.....	500	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	.....	23	1582	42	141	971	14	\$10,900	1	\$ 300	.....	.....

HARRISBURG DISTRICT.

Harrisburg Ct.....	.....	3	310	20	.....	9	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wittsburg Ct.....	.....	3	209	50	.....	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Taylor's Creek Ct.....	.....	.....	108	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jonesboro Ct.....	.....	1	400	10	.....	68	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greensboro Ct.....	.....	7	376	4	.....	60	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gainsville Ct.....	No report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mauemille Circuit.....	.....	3	393	.....	.....	9	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Madison Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	.....	17	2076	84	180	32	30	\$12,350	.....	.....	.....	.....

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Batesville Station.....	.....	4	81	.....	.....	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Batesville Circuit.....	.....	4	292	1	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethesda Circuit.....	.....	3	335	4	.....	14	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Smithville Circuit.....	.....	3	302	3	.....	20	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pocahontas Circ't.....	.....	6	250	.....	.....	10	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Glaze Ct.....	.....	1	106	2	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prospect Bluff Ct.....	.....	2	164	.....	.....	3	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Big Creek Circuit.....	.....	2	250	.....	.....	12	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Evening Shades Ct.....	378
Mammoth Spr'g Ct.....	5	162	13	25
Total.....	26	2320	10	123	74	86	\$17,100

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STATISTICS—(CONTINUED.)

SEARCY DISTRICT.

PASTORAL CHARGE.	PASTORS' NAMES.	Local Preachers.	MEMB'S.		BAPT'NS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.					
			White.	Colored.	Adult.	Infant.	Number of Churches	Estimated value of Churches.	Number of Parsonages	Estimated value of Parsonages	Other Ch'n Property.	
Searcy Station.....		1	101	.....	.....	.....	1	\$ 1,600	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cadron Circuit.....		2	518	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Searcy Circuit.....		5	550	.....	30	22	4	3,000	1	600	.....	.....
Total.....		8	1167	12	30	22	5	\$1,600	1	\$600	.....	.....

YELLVILLE DISTRICT.

Salem Mission.....	3	138	.....	2	3	3	\$ 450	.....	.....	.....
Wild Hawes.....	9	446	16	15	10	9	2,500	1	300	.....
Total.....	12	582	16	17	13	12	\$2,950	1	\$300	.....

NOTE.—At this session of the Conference Searcy Station, Searcy Circuit and Cadron Circuit were placed in Jacksonport District, and Salem Mission—now a circuit—and Wild Hawes, now called LaCrosse Circuit, in the Batesville District. J. W.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCES.

The following Table has been carefully prepared, in order to give a comparative view of the Finances, by Districts.—J. W.

DISTRICTS.	SALARIES.				AVERAGE PAID, PER MEMBER.				
	Average Assessed.	Average Paid.	Deficit.	For Salaries.	For Conf. Coll.	For Bishop's fd.	For Missions.	For all purposes.	
			Per cent.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.	
Helena.....	\$1,094 33 ³	\$1,072 10 ³	1 20	\$6 29 ¹⁰	—	*14 ¹⁰⁰	1/2	\$10 91 ¹¹ ₁₀₀	
Jacksonport.....	696 20	492 79	29 ¹⁰⁰	3 11 ¹	6 ⁶³ ₁₀₀	6 ⁸² ₁₀₀	10 ⁷⁴ ₁₀₀	3 53 ³²	
Harrisburg.....	485 71 ²	266 96 ⁸	45 ¹⁰⁰	1 02 ¹⁰⁰	2 ¹⁰⁰	2 ¹⁰⁰	4 ⁹⁰	1 64 ¹	
Batesville.....	369 63 ¹¹	221 80	40	1 05 ³⁴	2 ³⁴	2 ¹⁰⁰	4 ¹⁰⁰	1 22	
Searcy.....	624 00	480 50	23	82 ¹⁰⁰	1 ¹⁰⁰	1 ¹⁰⁰	—	3 24	
Yellville.....	270 00	215 00	20 ⁷⁴ ₁₀₀	74	1 ⁷⁷ ₁₀₀	1 ¹⁰⁰	3 ¹⁰⁰	80 ⁷² ₁₀₀	

* Paid by Helena Station.

NOTE.—Only three appointments report from Helena District; and the comparatively large amount expended at Helena Station in Preacher's Salary and Church improvement, accounts for the excess paid per member in that District.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 28, 1870.

Assessments, Receipts on Account of Traveling Expenses, Salaries, Conference Collections, Bishop's Fund, and Missions.

PASTORAL CHARGE.	PASTOR'S NAME.	Assessed.	SALARIES.		Conf. Col.	Bishop's Fund.	Missions	Poor.
			Amt. Paid	Deficit.				
HELENA DISTRICT.								
Helena Station.....	J. M. STEEL, P. E.	\$1,750 00	\$1,715 00	\$ 35 00		\$ 50 00	\$	
Helena Circuit.....	J. L. Denton.....	115 00	115 00					
Long Lake Circuit.....	J. A. Williams.....							
Walnut Bend Circuit.....	No appointment.....							
Elm Bend Circuit.....	D. W. Reid.....							
Marion Circuit.....	No appointment.....							
Tyronee Circuit.....	B. Harris.....					9 00	2 00	
Osceola Circuit.....	No appointment.....	418 00	386 50	31 50		17 50	60	
	L. D. Webb.....							
	Total.....	\$3,283 00	\$2,216 50	\$ 66 50		\$ 76 50	2 60	
JACKSONPORT DISTRICT.								
Jacksonport Station.....	GEO. A. DANNELLY, P. E.	\$1,100 00	\$1,100 00		\$ 20 00	20 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 50 00
Jacksonport Circuit.....	John H. Dye.....	1,000 00	427 00	573 00	20 20	20 00	30 00	
Black River Circuit.....	W. W. Gillespie.....	600 00	341 45	258 55	15 00	10 00	15 00	
Cache Mission.....	J. H. Cox.....	450 00	170 00	280 00	10 00	8 00		
Cotton Plant Circuit.....	H. P. Clay.....	1,250 00	1,250 00		15 00	20 00	30 00	
Augusta Circuit.....	James Mackey.....	1,150 00	701 80	448 20		15 00	15 00	
Clarendon Circuit.....	C. H. Gregory.....	600 00	600 00		10 00	15 00	35 00	
Surrounded Hill Circuit.....	E. M. Baker.....							
Prairie Circuit.....	T. H. Howard.....	312 00	187 15	124 85	10 00	10 00	20 00	
Trenton Circuit.....	W. G. Hilton.....	500 00	150 50	349 50	5 00	5 00		
	George DeBoze.....							
	Total.....	\$6,962 00	\$4,927 90	\$ 207 10	\$ 105 00	\$ 108 00	\$ 170 00	\$ 50 00

PAID NOTHING.

DISTRICT.	APPOINTMENTS.	PASTOR'S NAME.	OBJECT.
Helena	Helena Station	J. L. Denton	Conf. Collect'n.
"	Helena Circuit	J. A. Williams	"
"	Long Lake		"
"	Walnut Bend	D. W. Reid	"
"	Elm Bend		"
"	Marion	B. Harris	"
"	Tyrangee		"
"	Osceola	L. D. Webb	"
Jacksonport	Augusta	C. H. Gregory	"
"	Surrounded Hill	T. H. Howard	"
Harrisburg	Wittsburg	John H. Walkup	"
"	Maumell	J. P. Webb	"
Batesville	Pocahontas	W. Phipps	"
"	Evening Shade	H. A. Barnett	"
Searcy	Searcy Circuit	R. G. Brittan	"
"	Cadron	Thos. A. Graham	"
Helena	Helena Circuit	J. A. Williams	Bishop's Fund.
"	Long Lake		"
"	Walnut Bend	D. W. Reid	"
"	Elm Bend		"
"	Tyrangee		"
Jacksonport	Augusta	C. H. Gregory	"
"	Surrounded Hill	T. H. Howard	"
Harrisburg	Maumell	J. P. Webb	"
Batesville	Pocahontas	W. Phipps	"
"	Evening Shade	H. A. Barnett	"
Searcy	Searcy Circuit	R. G. Brittan	"
"	Cadron	Thos. A. Graham	"
Helena	Helena Station	J. L. Denton	Missions.
"	Helena Circuit	J. A. Williams	"
"	Long Lake		"
"	Walnut Bend	D. W. Reid	"
"	Elm Bend		"
"	Tyrangee		"
Jacksonport	Cache Mission	H. P. Clay	"
"	Surrounded Hill	T. H. Howard	"
"	Trenton	Geo. De Boze	"
Harrisburg	Greensboro	D. B. Warren	"
"	Gainsville	W. M. Watson	"
"	Maumell	J. P. Webb	"
Batesville	Evening Shade	H. A. Barnett	"
Searcy	Searcy Station	Geo. A. Shaeffer	"
"	Searcy Circuit	R. G. Brittan	"
"	Cadron	Thos. A. Graham	"

SEED THOUGHTS.

	OBJECT.	CIRCUIT OR STATION.	AMOUNT.	PASTOR'S NAME.
Largest amount paid for...	Preacher's Salary.....	Helena Station.....	\$1,715 00	J. L. Denton.
" " " " " "	Bishop's Fund.....	" " " " " "	50 00	J. L. Denton.
" " " " " "	Conference Collection.....	Jacksonport Station.....	20 00	John H. Dye.
" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	20 00	W. W. Gillespie.
" " " " " "	Missions.....	Jacksonport Circuit.....	71 50	W. C. Malone.—Supply.
" " " " " "	Sunday School purposes.....	Harrisburg.....	107 00	A. R. Bennick.
Smallest amount paid for...	Preacher's Salary.....	Batesville Circuit.....	27 00	R. N. Francis.
" " " " " "	Bishop's Fund.....	Mammoth Spring.....	2 00	D. B. Warren.—Supply.
" " " " " "	" " " " " "	Greensboro.....	2 00	R. N. Francis.
" " " " " "	Conference Collection.....	Mammoth Spring.....	2 00	D. B. Warren.—Supply.
" " " " " "	" " " " " "	Greensboro.....	2 00	R. N. Francis.
" " " " " "	Missions.....	Mammoth Spring.....	60	L. D. Webb.
" " " " " "	Sunday School purposes.....	Osceola.....	4 00	W. A. Malone.—Supply.
" " " " " "	" " " " " "	Harrisburg.....		

GENERAL STATISTICS.--CONTINUED.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

PASTORAL CHARGE.	PASTOR'S NAME.	Schools.	Super'ts and teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Requit- sites.	Visitors taken.	Money expended.
HELENA DISTRICT.								
Helena Station.....	J. M. STEEL, P. E.	1	5	20	150	.....	16	\$ 50 00
Helena Circuit*	J. L. Denton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Lake Circuit*	J. A. Williams.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walnut Bend Circuit*	No appointment.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elm Bend Circuit*	D. W. Reid.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marion Circuit.....	No appointment.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tyronee Circuit*	B. Harris.....	1	4	20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Osceola Circuit.....	No appointment.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	L. D. Webb.....	4	16	160	140	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....								
.....	.....	6	25	200	290	.....	16	\$ 50 00
JACKSONPORT DISTRICT.								
Jacksonport Station.....	G. A. DANNELLY, P. E.	1	12	78	800	.....	50	\$ 42 00
Jacksonport Circuit.....	Jno. H. Dye.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Black River Circuit.....	W. W. Gillespie.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cache Mission.....	J. H. Cox.....	1	6	40	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cotton Plant Circuit.....	H. P. Clay.....	5	5	85	120	.....	.....	20 00
Augusta Circuit.....	James Mackay.....	4	10	137	200	.....	31	50 00
Clarendon Circuit.....	C. H. Gregory.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Surrounded Hill Circuit*	E. M. Baker.....	2	9	63	100	.....	.....	16 05
Prairie Circuit.....	T. H. Howard.....	1	15	75	98	.....	.....	76 00
Trenton Circuit.....	W. G. Hilton.....	1	6	25	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Geo. De Boze.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....								
.....	.....	15	63	503	1318	.....	81	\$204 05

* No Report.

HARRISBURG DISTRICT.

Harrisburg Circuit.....
 Witsburg Circuit.....
 Taylor's Creek Circuit.....
 Jonesboro Circuit.....
 Greensboro Circuit.....
 Gainsville Circuit.....
 Maumelle Circuit.....
 Madison Circuit.....

W. A. COBB, P. E.
 Supplied by W. C. Malone, L. P.
 Jno. W. Walkup.....
 E. W. Coleman.....
 H. T. Gregory.....
 Supplied by D. B. Warren, L. P.
 W. M. Watson.....
 J. P. Webb.....
 W. T. Noe.....

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Batesville Station.....
 Batesville Circuit.....
 Bethesda Circuit.....
 Smithville Circuit.....
 Pocahontas Circuit.....
 Grand Glaze Circuit.....
 Prospect Bluff Circuit.....
 Big Creek Circuit.....
 Evening Shade Circuit.....
 Mammoth Spring Circuit.....

Totals.....
 B. LEE, P. E.
 C. H. Ellis.....
 A. R. Bennick.....
 Jas. A. Walden.....
 M. C. Morris.....
 Supplied by W. Phipps, L. P.
 W. R. Young.....
 C. S. Floyd.....
 F. A. Ellis.....
 H. A. Barnett.....
 R. N. Francis.....

SEARCY DISTRICT.

Searcy Station.....
 Cadron Circuit*.....
 Searcy Circuit.....

Totals.....
 M. B. PEARSON, P. E.
 Geo. A. Shaefer.....
 Thos. A. Graham.....
 R. G. Brittain.....

YELLEVILLE DISTRICT.

Salem Mission.....
 Wild Haves Circuit.....

Totals.....
 W. R. FOSTER, P. E.
 J. H. Hall.....
 B. F. Hall.....

* No Report.

3	28	150	300	4	\$ 4 00
3	17	107	207	25	13 00
4	18	107	96	30	12 00
3	25	200	50	50	5 00
4	30	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	25	250	100	.....	10 00
3	15	50	.....	.....	.....
27	164	864	753	109	\$ 44 00
1	11	60	200	64	\$ 40 00
4	24	212	378	37	107 00
7	21	181	118	.....	.....
6	20	75	.....	.....	.....
2	6	30	50	.....	20 00
4	14	35	.....	.....	.....
6	18	130	.....	.....	.....
4	20	172	180	.....	.....
1	12	30	.....	.....	.....
35	146	975	926	101	\$167 00
1	13	75	200	.....	\$ 50 00
4	20	200	250	.....	.....
5	33	275	450	.....	\$ 50 00
1	6	20	30	.....	.....
4	24	200	100	.....	.....
5	30	220	130	.....	.....

PASTORAL CHANGES.

NAMES.	FROM	TO
J. M. Steel.....	Helena District.....	Helena District.
Burwell Lee.....	Batesville District.....	Batesville District.
George A. Dannelly.....	Jacksonport District.....	Jacksonport District.
William A. Cobb.....	Harrisburg District.....	Harrisburg District.
Benoni Harris.....	Marion.....	Mississippi District.
Edward T. Jones.....	Supernumerary, Augusta.....	Supernumerary, Augusta.
John Rhyne.....	Agent Amer. Bible Society.....	Agent Amer. Bible Society.
W. T. Noe.....	Madison.....	Harrisburg.
Moses C. Morris.....	Smithville.....	LaCrosse.
James Mackey.....	Cotton Plant.....	Augusta.
C. H. Cox.....	Black River.....	Cherokee Bay.
John W. Walkup.....	Wittsburg.....	Taylor's Creek.
L. D. Webb.....	Osceola.....	Gainesville.
J. P. Webb.....	Maumelle.....	_____.
E. M. Baker.....	Clarendon.....	Clarendon & Macedonia Sta.
A. R. Benick.....	Batesville Circuit.....	Batesville Circuit.
C. H. Ellis.....	Batesville Station.....	Batesville Station.
J. L. Denton.....	Helena Station.....	Helena Station.
Thomas H. Howard.....	Surrounded Hill.....	Cotton Plant.
W. M. Watson.....	Gainesville.....	Pocahontas Circuit.
John H. Dye.....	Jacksonport Station.....	Jacksonport Station.
E. W. Coleman.....	Taylor's Creek.....	Maumelle.
W. W. Gillespie.....	Jacksonport Circuit.....	Mariana.
Henry T. Gregory.....	Jonesboro.....	Jonesboro.
F. A. Ellis.....	Batesville.....	Smithville.
William R. Young.....	Grand Glaize.....	Osceola.
Calvin S. Floyd.....	Prospect Bluff.....	Searcy Station.
Dudley W. _____	Walnut Bend.....	Evening Shade.
Thomas A. Graham.....	Cadran.....	Cadran.
J. H. Porter.....	{ Transferred from In- dian Mission Conf. }	{ Frenchman's Bayou.
Thomas J. Settles.....	First year.....	Trenton.
William J. Ross.....	".....	{ (Junior Preacher), Har- risburg Circuit.
William C. Malone.....	".....	Bayou DeView.
Edwin A. Garrison.....	".....	Jacksonport Circuit.
Stephen L. Evans.....	".....	Pleasant Valley.
Nathaniel G. Murphy.....	".....	Black River.
Thomas Vincent.....	".....	Prospect Bluff.
Wesley M. Whitehead.....	".....	Grand Glaize.
Joseph Parker.....	".....	Salem.
Charles H. Gregory.....	Augusta.....	Trans. to Arkansas Conf.
H. A. Barnett.....	Evening Shade.....	" " " "
R. G. Brittain.....	Searcy Circuit.....	" " " "
George A. Shaeffer.....	Searcy Station.....	" St. Louis " "
B. F. Hall.....	Wild Hawe.....	" Arkansas " "
J. H. Hall.....	Salem Mission.....	" " " "
William J. Dodson.....	First year.....	" " " "
Jerome Haraldson.....	".....	" " " "
William C. Corley.....	".....	" " " "
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J. W. Patton.....	Searcy Colored Circuit.....	Located.
J. A. Williams.....	Helena Circuit.....	" " " "
George DeBoze.....	Trenton.....	" " " "
William G. Hilton.....	Prairie.....	" " " "
James A. Walden.....	Bethesda.....	Discont'd at own request.
Henry P. Clay.....	Cache Mission.....	" " " "