

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

WHITE RIVER ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH,

HELD AT

JONESBORO, ARK., DECEMBER 15-18, 1886.

BISHOP C. B. GALLOWAY, President.....Brookhaven, Miss.

LAYMAN GEO. THORNBURGH, Secretary...Walnut Ridge, Ark.

REV. N. B. FIZER, Assistant Sec'y.....Batesville, Ark.

LAYMAN J. B. SUTTLER, Statistical Sec'y.....Wheatley, Ark.

ROLL OF MEMBERS AND DELEGATES FOR 1886.

NOTE:—Those marked with * were not present during the session.

NAME.	Date of admission.	NAME.	Date of admission.
1 Benoni Harris.....	1848	32 James F. Troy.....	1880
2 Robt. G. Brittain.....	1848	33 Francis E. Taylor.....	1881
3 Jno. Rhyne *.....	1851	34 Harvey M. Granade.....	1881
4 Geo. A. Dannelly.....	1852	35 Joseph S. Brooke.....	1882
5 Ed. T. Jones.....	1854	36 John C. Ritter.....	1882
6 Moses C. Morris.....	1859	37 John Moore.....	1882
7 Henry T. Gregory.....	1866	38 Isaac A. Vernon.....	1882
8 John H. Dye.....	1867	39 Riley P. Harwood.....	1882
9 Wm. M. Watson.....	1867	40 Stephen W. Register.....	1882
10 Elias M. Baker.....	1869	41 Thos. B. F. James.....	1882
11 Wm. R. Foster.....	1871	42 Jesse F. Pike.....	1883
12 John F. Armstrong.....	1871	43 William W. Anderson.....	1883
13 Edwin A. Garrison.....	1872	44 Francis A. Jeffett.....	1883
14 Thomas Vincent.....	1872	45 Stephen D. Evans.....	1884
15 James M. Talkington.....	1873	46 Lewis Kelley.....	1884
16 Thomas A. Craig.....	1873	47 John I. Maynard.....	1885
17 Jefferson J. Alexander.....	1873	48 Elisha L. W. Arnold.....	1885
18 Josephus Anderson *.....	1876	49 James R. Edwards.....	1885
19 Zachary T. Bennett.....	1876	50 James D. Rutledge.....	1885
20 George M. Hill.....	1876	51 William E. Rutledge.....	1835
21 James F. Jernigan.....	1876	52 Edgar M. Pipkin.....	1825
22 Richard D. Moon.....	1876	53 James G. Miller.....	1886
23 Frank Ritter.....	1876	54 James S. Best.....	1886
24 Samuel L. Cochran.....	1876	55 Albert P. Saffold.....	1886
25 Milton B. Umsted.....	1876	56 Charles H. Carey.....	1886
26 Alonzo C. Griffin.....	1877	57 Wilber F. Wright.....	1886
27 Napoleon B. Fizer.....	1878	58 Tolbert Rawlings.....	1886
28 Nicholas E. Skinner.....	1879	59 Alexander M. R. Branson.....	1836
29 Asa S. Blackwood *.....	1879	60 Thomas Whitaker.....	1836
30 Jno. S. Watson.....	1879	61 Wm. A. Pendegrass.....	1836
31 Mathew M. Smith.....	1879	62 Andrew J. Johnson.....	1836

LAY DELEGATES.

HELENA DISTRICT.		Louis B. Audigier.....	
J. B. Suttler.....		H. F. Harvey *.....	
J. M. Hanks.....		JONESBORO DISTRICT.	
J. L. Howell.....		H. T. Blythe.....	
J. M. Kerr.....		J. D. McKie.....	
BATESVILLE DISTRICT.		H. W. Glasscock.....	
D. P. Tunstall.....		W. S. Blackshare.....	
L. Adair *.....		NEWPORT DISTRICT.	
R. Gullett.....		A. G. Henderson *.....	
Neeley Shaver.....		Geo. Thornburgh.....	
SEARCY DISTRICT.		C. G. Johnston.....	
Jas. T. Henderson.....		J. W. Patton.....	
J. J. Deener.....			

MINUTES.

THE White River Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, began its Seventeenth Session in the Southern Methodist church house in Jonesboro, Ark., on the 15th day of December, A. D., 1886, at 9 o'clock a.m.

Bishop Charles B. Galloway, presiding, called the Conference to order, conducted religious services, and opened the Conference.

Geo. Thornburgh, the Secretary of the last Conference, called the roll of members and delegates, to which the following named answered, to-wit:

Members—Benoni Harris, R. G. Brittain, Geo. A. Dannelly, Moses C. Morris, Henry T. Gregory, Elias M. Baker, William R. Foster, John F. Armstrong, Edwin A. Garrison, Thomas Vincent, James M. Talkington, Thomas A. Craig, Jefferson J. Alexander, Geo. M. Hill, Frank Ritter, Samuel L. Cochran, Milton B. Umsted, Alonzo C. Griffin, Napoleon B. Fizer, Nicholas E. Skinner, John S. Watson, Matthew M. Smith, James F. Troy, Francis E. Taylor, Coleman H. Ford, Franklin R. Noe, Harvy M. Granade, Joseph S. Brooke, John C. Ritter, John Moore, Isaac A. Vernon, Riley P. Harwood, Stephen W. Register, Thomas B. F. James, Jesse F. Pike, William W. Anderson, Francis A. Jeffett, Stephen D. Evans, Lewis Kelley, John I. Maynard, Elisha L. W. Arnold, James R. Edwards, James D. Rutledge, William E. Rutledge, E. M. Pipkin.

DELEGATES.

Helena District—J. B. Sutler, J. M. Kerr, J. M. Hanks.

Batesville District—Neely Shayer, D. P. Tunstall, Ransom Gulley.

Searcy District—J. J. Deener.

Jonesboro District—H. W. Glasscock.

Newport District—Geo. Thornburgh, Charles G. Johnston, John W. Patten.

Geo. Thornburgh was elected Secretary, J. B. Sutler and N. B. Fizer were elected assistant Secretaries.

On motion of S. L. Cochran, it was resolved that Conference meet at 9 o'clock a.m., and adjourn at 12:30 p.m.

On motion of S. L. Cochran, the bar of the Conference was fixed to include all the space in front of the third window.

The Presiding Elders nominated and the Conference elected the following named members to compose the committees mentioned, to-wit:

Public Worship—S. L. Cochran, W. W. Anderson and A. L. Malone.

Conference Relations—Geo. M. Hill, M. C. Morris, Thomas Vincent, Wm. R. Foster, I. A. Vernon, J. F. Troy and J. F. Armstrong.

District Conference Journals—J. M. Hanks, C. G. Johnston, Ransom Gulley and L. B. Audigier.

Church Property—F. R. Noe, J. L. Howell, J. I. Maynard and J. T. Henderson.

Books and Periodicals—F. A. Jeffett, J. J. Alexander, Neely Shaver and L. Adair.

Bible Cause—N. E. Skinner, John Moore, J. F. Pike and F. E. Taylor.

Temperance—R. G. Brittain, D. P. Tunstall, J. W. Patten, H. M. Granade and J. F. Jernigan.

A communication from J. B. McFerrin, Book Agent, was read, and, with accompanying documents, referred to Committee on Books and Periodicals.

Dr. J. B. McFerrin addressed the Conference in behalf of the Publishing House.

A communication in regard to the Calvin Fund, with a check for twelve dollars was received from J. B. McFerrin, Trustee, which was read, and the check handed to C. H. Ford, Chairman of the Joint Board of Finance.

A communication from the Sunday School Secretary was referred to the Sunday School Board without reading.

A communication from the Secretary of the Board of Missions was read and referred to the Conference Board of Missions.

A communication from Josephus Anderson, Treasurer of the General Conference Delegation was read and ordered recorded.

J. B. Sutler spoke for the Arkansas *Methodist*, in which he has bought an interest.

C. G. Johnston, a lay delegate from Newport District, was excused from further attendance during the Conference.

Question 20:—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

The names of J. M. Talkington, Frank Ritter, M. M. Smith, H. T. Gregory, S. L. Cochran, Josephus Anderson, John Rhyne and E. T. Jones were called and their characters passed.

John Rhyne asked for superannuated relation; E. T. Jones, for superannuated relation, and their requests were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Rev's. M. D. Early, of the Missionary Baptist Church, Charles H. Cary, late of the Arkansas Conference, William T. Ready, late of the Western Conference, Wilbur F. Wright, late of the South West Missouri

Conference, and Edgar M. Pipkin, formerly of the Little Rock Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

Question 1:—Who are admitted on trial?

Hardy M. Cryer, from El Paso Circuit, Searcy District; Richard M. Manley, from DeView Circuit, Helena District; Stone W. Anderson, from Wheatly Circuit, Helena District; Robt. A. Jackson, from DeView Circuit, Helena District; Robt. H. Grissett, from Ash Flat Circuit, Batesville District; Fay C. Sterling, from Newberg Circuit, Batesville District; Geo. W. Smith, from Bethesda Circuit, Batesville District; Few Ball, from St. Francis Mission, Jonesboro District; recommended by their several Quarterly Conferences, and having passed an approved examination, were admitted on trial.

James E. Vick, from Taylor's Creek Circuit, Helena District; C. C. Skipper, from Walnut Ridge Circuit, Newport District, and Wm. E. Bishop, from Melbourne Circuit, Batesville District, were recommended by their several Quarterly Conferences, but, failing to pass an approved examination, were not admitted.

Prentiss B. Wallace, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Bethesda Circuit, Batesville District, passed an approved examination, but was refused admission, by a vote of the Conference.

By a vote of the Conference, the Presiding Elders are allowed to employ the said C. C. Skipper, W. E. Bishop and P. B. Wallace, if found necessary.

Question 5:—Who are re-admitted?

James G. Miller, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Pocahontas Circuit, Newport District, was re-admitted as a Deacon in the class of the third year.

James S. Best, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Sulphur Rock Circuit, Batesville District, was re-admitted as an Elder.

Albert P. Saffold, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Jamestown Circuit, Batesville District, was re-admitted as a Deacon in the class of the third year.

John W. Wood, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Gainesville Circuit, Jonesboro District, was refused re-admission by a vote of the Conference.

Question 2:—Who remain on trial?

Dudley W. Reed and Wm. Manley stood an approved examination, their characters passed; they were continued on trial, and advanced to the class of the second year.

R. C. Bland failed to pass an approved examination; his character passed, and he was continued on trial in the class of the first year.

J. M. Dennison was not before the committee, his character passed, and he requested a discontinuance.

Question 3:—Who are discontinued?

J. M. Dennison, at his own request.

Conference adjourned with the doxology and the benediction by the President.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday morning, December 16th, 1886, Conference was opened at 9 o'clock a.m. Bishop Galloway presiding.

Religious services were conducted by Andrew Hunter, of the Little Rock Conference.

The names of those who were absent on yesterday were called and the following named answered, to-wit:

MEMBERS.

Richard D. Moon and William M. Watson.

DELEGATES.

Louis B. Audigier, Jas. T. Henderson and H. F. Harvey, from Searcy District; H. T. Blythe, J. D. McKie, W. S. Blackshare, from Jonesboro District; and J. L. Howell, from Helena District.

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

It was resolved that the calling of the roll be dispensed with after to-day.

Revs. Andrew Hunter, D. D., and C. C. Godden, of the Little Rock Conference; Rev. E. E. Hoss, D. D., of Vanderbilt University, and M. G. Williams, of the North Alabama Conference and President of Athens College, were introduced to the Conference.

Question 2:—Who remain on trial, was resumed.

R. S. Deener, Wm. J. Vick, T. B. Williamson, Wm. A. Peck, and E. M. Davis stood approved examinations; their characters passed, they were continued on trial and advanced to the second year.

M. J. Hyeley, W. S. Southworth and Michael Martz were not before the committee; their characters passed and they were continued on trial in the class of the first year.

Question 7:—Who are the Deacons of one year?

E. L. W. Arnold, J. D. Rutledge and W. E. Rutledge stood approved examinations; (E. L. W. Arnold last year,) their characters passed and they were advanced to the class of the fourth year.

J. I. Maynard and J. R. Edwards were not before the committee; their characters passed and they were continued in the class of the third year.

Question 8:—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Charles H. Cary, from the Arkansas Conference, in the class of the fourth year; Wilbur F. Wright, from the South-West Missouri Conference, in the class of the fourth year; William T. Ready, from the Western Conference, in elders orders.

Question 12:—What traveling preachers are elected elders?

The names of Lewis Kelly, Joseph S. Brooke and Wilbur F. Wright were called, their characters passed, and having stood an approved examination, were severally elected elders.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals made its report No. 1, which was adopted, (see appendix.) Dr. Winfield addressed the Conference in behalf of the Arkansas *Methodist*.

Question 8:—What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

A. M. R. Branson, Thomas Whitaker, A. J. Johnson stood an approved examination; their characters passed and they were elected deacons. C. W. Rook and W. F. Walker were not before the committee; their characters passed, and they asked for a discontinuance.

W. A. Pendergrass stood an approved examination, his character passed and he was advanced to the class of the third year. (He is a Local Deacon.)

Question 9:—Who are discontinued? was resumed.

C. W. Rook and W. F. Walker, at their own request.

Dr. E. E. Hoss spoke to the Conference in behalf of Vanderbilt University.

Question 10:—What local preachers are elected Deacons?

Wm. J. Vick, from Spring Creek Circuit, Helena District; Thos. E. Andrews, from Pleasant Hill Circuit, Newport District; Don. M. Robinson, from Siloam Circuit, Newport District; Wm. R. Robbins, from Siloam Circuit, Newport District; Finis E. Hall, from Iuka Mission, Batesville District; Watson H. Pearson, from Barren Fork Circuit, Batesville District; Thos. J. Graves, from Harrisburg Circuit, Jonesboro District, recommended by their several Quarterly Conferences, were elected Deacons.

On motion of Geo. M. Hill, the vote taken yesterday, by which Prentiss B. Wallace was refused admission on trial, was reconsidered, and under a resumption of

Question 1:—Who are admitted on trial, the said Prentiss B. Wallace was admitted.

The Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

THIRD DAY.

Friday morning, December 17, 1886, Conference was opened at 9 o'clock, Bishop Galloway presiding.

Religious services were conducted by Thos. Vincent.

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

Rev. I. G. John, D. D., Missionary Secretary, Rev. E. E. Hamilton, D. D., of the Memphis Conference; Rev. J. C. Alexander, of the St. Louis Conference, and V. V. Harlan, of the Arkansas Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

A telegram worded as follows was read from Rev. J. C. Brown:

"ST. JOE, MO., December 17, 1886.

An absent son sends greetings to his Mother Conference. Pray for us. Ephesians VI, 23rd verse."

The Secretaries were requested to respond at once to the telegram. They sent the following telegram:

JONESBORO, ARK., December 17, 1886.

Your Mother Conference loves and prays for you. 1st Timothy, IV Chapter, verses 12, 14, 15 and 16.

The credentials of Charles B. Hunton, as a Deacon and an Elder; and the credentials of Monroe G. Poe, as a Deacon, were surrendered to the Conference.

Question 20:—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

The names of E. A. Garrison, R. P. Harwood, J. F. Pike, Z. T. Bennett, G. M. Hill, H. M. Granade, T. B. F. James, Geo. A. Dannelly, A. S. Blackwood, Jno. H. Dye, F. A. Jeffett, M. B. Umsted, T. A. Craig, J. C. Ritter, M. C. Morris, C. H. Ford, N. E. Skinner, S. W. Register, F. E. Taylor, W. R. Foster, Thos. Vincent, S. D. Evans, R. D. Moon, J. F. Armstrong, E. M. Pipkins, John Moore, J. J. Alexander, J. F. Troy, F. R. Noe, W. W. Anderson, J. S. Watson, W. M. Watson, R. G. Brittain, E. M. Baker, A. C. Griffin, B. Harris, J. F. Jernigan, N. B. Fizer, I. A. Vernon were called one by one and their characters passed.

Dr. Johns addressed the Conference in behalf of the Missionary Cause.

J. F. Jernigan offered the following resolutions, which were adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, 1st, That we will take up our Foreign Missionary Collection by the 1st of March, 1887.

2nd. That we will, by the grace of God, work to double our Foreign Missionary collections the ensuing year.

Tolbert Rawlings, a minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church presented a letter of dismissal from Searcy Presbytery, of said Church, and asked to be recognized as an elder in the traveling connection.

Geo. Thornburgh made the point of order, that as the applicant was not recommended by a Quarterly Conference, and did not come from an accredited branch of the Methodist Church, it was not proper to recognize him.

The president decided the point not well taken upon the law, and the applicant was recognized as an elder in the traveling connection, upon condition that he take upon himself our Ordination Vows.

Question 14:—What local preachers are elected elders?

G. W. Henry, lately a minister of the Protestant Methodist Church in elders orders recommended by the Quarterly Conference of LaCrosse and Evening Shade station, Batesville District, presented his application for recognition of his orders, accompanied by a note certifying his belief in the doctrines and discipline of our Church, and he was recognized as an elder in the local ranks, on condition that he take upon himself our Ordination Vows.

The Statistical secretary made his report which was laid over until tomorrow.

H. M. Granade and N. B. Fizer offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved. That Rev. Andrew Hunter, D. D., is requested to preach his semi-centennial sermon to the White River Conference on Sunday night Dec. 18, 1886.

Dr. E. E. Hamilton spoke fraternally to the Conference.

R. Gulley was excused from further attendance during the Conference.

Conference Adjourned with the doxology and the benediction by the president.

FOURTH DAY.

Conference met at 9 o'clock a.m. Bishop Galloway presiding.

Religious services were conducted by J. C. Alexander.

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

The Committee on Conference Relations reported, recommending that John Rhyne be granted a superannuated and Ed. T. Jones a supernumerary relation.

Question 17:—Who are supernumeraries? Ed. T. Jones.

Question 18:—Who are superannuated? John Rhyne.

Question 19:—What preachers have died during the past year?

None.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals made its report, No. 2, which was adopted. (See Appendix.)

John H. Dye addressed the Conference in regard to his disconnection with the Arkansas *Methodist* and his course generally during the year.

Rev. J. Ditzler, D. D., was introduced to the Conference.

Question 16:—Who are located this year? T. B. F. James, at his own request.

The Board of Education made its report which was adopted. (See Appendix.)

Question 4:—Who are admitted into full connection?

A. M. R. Branson, Thos. Whitaker, W. A. Pendergrass and A. J. Johnson stood approved examinations before the Committee; their characters passed and they answering all the disciplinary questions, after being addressed by the president, were, by vote of the Conference, severally admitted into full connection.

Question 34:—Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Searcy, Ark.

H. M. Granade moved that the Presiding Elders nominate five trustees for Central Collegiate Institute, which motion prevailed.

The joint Board of Finance made its report which was adopted. (See Appendix).

The Committee on District Conference Journals made its report which was approved. (See Appendix).

The Committee on Temperance made its report which was adopted. (See Appendix)

M. M. Smith and J. A. Jernigan offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, 1st. That every Preacher in charge be required hereafter to

pay into the hands of the Secretary at each annual Conference \$1 to pay for publishing the minutes.

2nd. That the preacher may collect this from their Charges. And the minutes shall be sent to the preachers for free distribution and to laymen who subscribe for them.

Geo. Thornburgh moved that Louis B. Audigier be elected publisher of the minutes for this session, and that E. A. Garrison be appointed to raise thirty dollars to pay part cost of the minutes, and that the said publisher be authorized to obtain advertisements of respectable business to pay balance of cost, which motion prevailed.

The Committee on Bible Cause made its report which was adopted. (See Appendix.)

Question 27:—What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers?

Fifteen hundred and thirty-nine and seventy one-hundredths dollars. (\$1539.70.)

Question 28:—What has been collected on the foregoing account and how has it been applied?

Collected \$831.50; Colvin fund \$12; Total \$843.50. Applied as per report of Joint Board, which see in appendix.

Question 29:—What has been contributed for missions?

For Foreign Missions.....\$1296.64

For Domestic Missions..... 788.55

Question 30:—What has been contributed for Church Extension?

For Church Extension.....\$227.20

Joseph S. Spears, lately an Elder in the Missionary Baptist Church, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Buffalo Island Circuit, Jonesboro District, applied for recognition of his orders, and accompanied the application with a note certifying his belief in the doctrines and discipline of the M. E. Church South. And he was recognized as an Elder in our local ranks.

The Secretary was directed to give A. S. Dees a certificate of his recognition as an Elder in our Church.

Question 33:—What are the Educational Statistics?

An interest in Central Collegiate Institute at Altus, Ark.

On motion of H. M. Granade, J. M. Dennison was requested to act as Colporter for our Conference as his abilities will permit.

S. L. Cochran moved that when we adjourn it be to meet to-morrow night after service, which prevailed.

J. H. Dye was granted leave of absence.

The Presiding Elders nominated and the Conference elected the following named persons to compose the Boards and Committees mentioned, to-wit:

Board of Missions—G. A. Dannelly, M. M. Smith, E. M. Baker, A. M. R. Branson, J. S. Brook, F. R. Noe and M. T. Ready.

Sunday School Board—F. A. Jeffett, J. B. Suttler, E. M. Pipkin, T.

J. Rogers, S. D. Evans, J. W. Stayton, H. M. Granade, H. W. Glasscock, W. M. Watson and R. Gulley.

Board of Education.—B. Harris, I. A. Vernon, Geo. M. Hill, R. P. Harwood, H. T. Blythe, J. F. Smith and J. F. Rives, Jr.

Board of Church Extension.—E. A. Garrison, M. B. Umsted, J. F. Troy, N. E. Skinner, J. T. Henderson, Geo. Thornburgh and R. G. Brittain.

Trustees of Central Collegiate Institute.—G. A. Dannelly, F. A. Jeffett, E. M. Pipkin, J. T. Henderson and J. B. Sutler.

Examining Committees.—On trial—C. H. Ford, F. E. Taylor and J. C. Ritter. First year—W. W. Anderson, M. C. Morris and J. F. Armstrong. Second year—E. A. Garrison, J. F. Jernigan and H. M. Granade. Third year—E. M. Pipkin, Jno. Moore and M. B. Umsted. Fourth year—W. T. Ready, Jno. S. Watson and J. F. Pike.

Question 21:—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions of the Conference?

Local preachers, 163. Members, 16,765.

Question 22:—How many infants have been baptized during the year?

Infants baptized during the year, 425.

Question 23:—How many adults have been baptized during the year?

Adults baptized during the year, 1024.

Question 24:—What is the number of Sunday-Schools? 221.

Question 25:—What is the number of Sunday-School teachers? 1441.

Question 26:—What is the number of Sunday-School scholars? 10,475.

Question 31:—What is the number and what is the estimated value of church edifices?

No. 182. Value, \$121,875.

Question 32:—What is the number and what is the estimated value of parsonages?

No. 26. Value, \$18,045.

Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction by the president.

FIFTH DAY.

Conference met after evening services, Sunday, December 19, 1886, Bishop Galloway presiding.

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

Question 9:—What traveling preachers are ordained Deacons?

Bishop Galloway certified that he had this day ordained A. M. R. Branson, Thos. Whitaker, W. A. Pendegrass and F. R. Noe.

Question 11:—What local preachers are ordained Deacons?

Bishop Galloway certified that he had this day ordained Wm. J. Vick, Thos. E. Andrews, Don M. Robinson, Thos. J. Graves, J. B. Clark, Allen M. Dodds, Finis E. Hall and W. H. Pearson.

Question 13:—What traveling preachers are ordained Elders?

Bishop Galloway certified that he had with the assistance of G. A. Dannelly, H. T. Gregory and N. B. Fizer this day ordained F. R. Noe, Lewis Kelley, J. S. Brooke, and W. F. Wright and Tolbert Rawlings took the ordination vows.

Question 15:—What local preachers are ordained Elders?

Geo. W. Henry took the ordination vows.

The Board of Church Extension made the following report, which was approved:

"Your Board of Church Extension respectfully reports that it has received \$240.84, of which it paid the Parent Board, \$120.42. It appropriated to Mt. Carmel Church, \$60.21; to Walnut Ridge Church, \$60.21.—Total, \$240.84, amount received.

It apportions the Assessment for the ensuing year as follows:

Helena District.....	\$145
Searcy "	145
Batesville "	120
Jonesboro "	120
Newport "	120

E. A. Garrison offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, viz:

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the good people of Jonesboro and vicinity for their generous hospitality towards us, and we pray Heavens benediction upon each home and heart.

2nd. That we return our fraternal acknowledgements to our Baptist brethren for the use of their house of worship during our session, and we say from our hearts we be brethren.

3rd. That we gratefully appreciate the kindness and skill of the Committee on Entertainments.

G. A. Dannelly moved to reconsider the vote by which the report of the Joint Board of Finance was adopted, which motion prevailed.

Geo. Thornburgh moved to strike out so much of the report as fixes the amounts assessed to the districts for the ensuing year, and insert the following, viz:

Helena District—Bishop.....	\$121.	Conference.....	\$336
Searcy " "	121.	"	336
Jonesboro " "	110.	"	306
Newport " "	103.	"	284
Batesville " "	100.	"	278

Which was adopted and the report as amended was adopted.

The Conference Board of Missions made its report which was adopted. (See appendix.)

The vote by which R. A. Jackson was admitted on trial was reconsidered and his application was withdrawn.

On motion J. M. Hanks was put on the Board of Mission in place of J. M. Kerr.

Geo. M. Hill and John Moore offered the following resolution which was adopted, viz:

The thanks of the Conference are extended to Messrs. Brookfield and Brown, Capt. J. L. Ware and Culberhouse & Co., for the use of their offices.

H. M. Granade and M. C. Morris offered the following resolution which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That we return our thanks to Rev. A. Hunter, D. D., for his interesting semi-centenary sermon, and that he is requested to furnish that part of it which refers to Arkansas to the Arkansas *Methodist* for publication.

The minutes of this evening's session were read and approved.

The President announced the following to compose the Joint Board of Finance.

C. H. Ford, J. F. Jernigan, F. E. Taylor, N. B. Fizer, Z. T. Bennett, F. P. Laws, Neely Shaver, C. G. Johnston, A. L. Malone.

Visitors to Central Collegiate Institute, E. A. Garrison and N. B. Fizer.

Question 35:—Where are the preachers stationed this year?

APPOINTMENTS.

SEARCY DISTRICT.—J. M. TALKINGTON, P. E.

Searcy Station, E. M. Pipkin.	Baker.
Searcy Circuit, to be supplied (by H. F. Harvey.)	Auvergne Station, G. A. Dannelly.
El Paso Circuit, R. P. Harwood.	Augusta Station, A. M. R. Branson; E. T. Jones, Sup.
Lebanon Circuit, W. A. Pendergrass.	Weldon Circuit, C. H. Carey.
Bradford Mission, W. A. Peck.	Mineral Circuit, H. M. Cryer.
Beebe and West Point Station, Z. T. Bennett.	Argenta Mission, W. F. Wright.
Jacksonville Circuit, J. F. Pike.	Heber Mission, J. S. Best.
Union and Revils Circuit, E. M.	J. H. Dye, Supt. of State School for the Blind.

HELENA DISTRICT.—FRANK RITTER, P. E.

Helena Station, F. A. Jeffett.	Clarendon and Brinkley, C. H. Ford.
La Grange Circuit, F. C. Sterling.	Howell Circuit, Thos. Whittaker.
Marianna Station, R. S. Deener.	Cypress Ridge Circuit, R. M. Manly.
Forest City Station, M. B. Umsted.	Holly Grove Circuit, N. E. Skinner.
Forest City Circuit, T. A. Craig.	Taylor's Creek Circuit, A. C. Griffin.
Wheatley Circuit, J. C. Ritter.	Surrounded Hill Circuit, W. J. Vick.
Spring Creek Circuit, S. W. Anderson.	
De View Circuit, M. C. Morris.	

NEWPORT DISTRICT.—G. M. HILL, P. E.

Newport Station, E. A. Garrison.	Lorado Circuit, M. Martz.
Jacksonport Station, John Moore.	Pocahontas Circuit, J. I. Maynard.
Tuckerman Circuit, S. D. Evans.	Siloam Circuit, E. M. Davis.
Oil Trough Circuit, S. W. Register.	Walnut Hill Circuit, E. L. W. Arnold.
Walnut Ridge Circuit, F. E. Taylor.	Powhatan and Imboden Circuit, T. Rawlings.
Portia Circuit, W. E. Rutledge.	Smithville Circuit, T. B. Williamson.
O'Kean Mission, J. G. Miller.	Calamine Circuit, J. F. Armstrong.
Corning Mission, Few Ball.	
Shiloh Circuit, Thos. Vincent.	

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.—H. T. GREGORY, P. E.

Batesville Station, N. B. Fizer.	Salem Circuit, J. S. Brooke.
Sulphur Rock Circuit, W. M. Watson.	Newburgh Circuit, D. W. Reid.
Evening Shade and LaCross Circuit, J. F. Troy.	Viola Mission, R. C. Bland.
Barren Fork Circuit, A. P. Saffold.	Melbourne Circuit, I. A. Vernon.
Ash Flat Circuit, S. W. Southworth.	Bethesda Circuit, J. J. Alexander.
Mammoth Springs Circuit, R. D. Moon.	Jamestown Circuit, F. R. Noe.
State Line Mission, R. H. Grissett.	Mountain View Circuit, Lewis Kelley.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.—S. L. COCHRAN, P. E.

Jonesboro Station, M. M. Smith.	Vanndale Circuit, R. G. Brittain.
Paragould Station, W. T. Ready.	Tyrone Mission, W. A. Manly.
Gainesville Circuit, W. W. Anderson.	Marion Circuit, J. F. Jernigan.
Boydsville Circuit, H. M. Granade.	Osceola Circuit, G. W. Smith.
St. Francis Mission, P. B. Wallace.	Chickasawba Circuit, J. D. Rutledge.
Buffalo Island Circuit, A. J. Johnson.	L'Anguille Mission, M. J. Hively.
Harrisburg Circuit, W. R. Foster.	Jonesboro Circuit, J. R. Edwards.
	Paragould Circuit, J. S. Watson.
	West Memphis Circuit, B. Harris.

Josephus Anderson transferred to Florida Conference.

A. S. Blackwood transferred to Denver Conference, and stationed at Trinidad.

At 9 o'clock p. m., Conference adjourned with the benediction by the President.

GEORGE THORNBURGH, *Secretary.*

CHARLES B. GALLOWAY,
President.

J. B. SUTLER, }
N. B. FIZER, } *Assistant Secretaries.*

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

It is with pleasure that we note the visit to our Conference of Prof. E. E. Hoss of the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University. This University is ours, and we rejoice in the prosperity, and in the manifest indications of yet larger growth and usefulness. The present year is one of the most prosperous in its history. It now numbers more than six hundred students, and is thoroughly equiped and furnished in every department to meet the wants of the Church and the demands of the times. Among the last bequests of Wm. H. Vanderbilt was a large fund to the University, which has been applied to the erection of dormitories for students, where board and lodging can be procured at actual cost. So that the doors of our great University are now open to all our worthy young men, no matter how limited their means. We would urge the importance of presenting the claims of Vanderbilt to our people and endeavoring to fill its halls and lecture rooms with our young men.

We gladly mention the Central Collegiate Institute, located at Altus, a place "beautiful for situation," and suitable for many reasons as the location of a college. The school is now the property of the Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences. Rev. V. V. Harlan, Financial Agent, appeared before your board, stating that the school is in a prosperous condition. The catalogue of last year shows an attendance of one hundred and eighty-three students.

WHEREAS, Methodism was born in one of the most renowned Universities of the world; that she has never been able to do her work or fulfill her mission apart from her schools and colleges. And,

WHEREAS, Large numbers of our young ladies and young men leave our state annually for their education; and thus thousands of dollars are taken from us, which should remain to build up our home institutions. And,

WHEREAS, Our people have grown in numbers and wealth, and we can no longer plead our poverty as a bar to an advance in educational work.

WHEREAS, The work of building up a college is great; and the difficulties are many; yet they are not too great to be conquered by the united efforts and action of Arkansas Methodism under the blessings of God. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we adopt the Central Collegiate Institute as our Conference school; and that we will urge our people to patronize it as far as may be possible. But this action is not to be understood as in any way binding this Conference for the financial obligations of the school.

Resolved, secondly; That we invite the Financial Agent, Bro. V. V. Harlan, to visit our various charges in the interest of the college, securing whatever funds our people may contribute.

Resolved, thirdly; That the Bishop be requested to appoint a visiting committee of three.

Resolved, fourthly; That the conference elect, or the Bishop appoint, as the conference may order, five trustees, three ministers and two laymen, to serve with a like number of trustees from the Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences.

Resolved, That we recommend Quitman Male & Female College, located at Quitman, Cleburne Co., Ark., as well worthy of patronage. It has a fine faculty, healthy location and the best of moral surroundings, with tuition and board very cheap.

[Signed]

G. A. DANNELLY,
M. B. UMSTED,
E. M. PIPKIN,
J. T. HENDERSON,
H. T. BLYTHE,
W. E. RANDLE.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals respectfully submit the following report:

We are glad to know that great success has attended the Arkansas *Methodist* during the year just past; several thousand subscribers having been added to its list. It has doubtless done great good in the bounds of our Conference in the past, and the indications are that it will be more efficient in the future. It has faithfully condemned the wrong and upheld the right. The business department has changed hands and will in future be controlled by J. B. Sutter, who is a skillful business man. We feel that it will not only be ably edited, but carefully managed in a business-like way, and hence become a greater lever to aid in lifting all the interests of the Church.

We, as your Committee, therefore, heartily endorse the Arkansas *Methodist*, and would recommend that it be adopted again as our "Conference Organ," and we further recommend that a Committee of three be appointed to act as a Publishing Committee with like Committees of the other two Conferences in the state.

The Conference then elected the following Committee: J. H. Dye, F. A. Jeffett and J. F. Jernigan.

The success attending our Publishing House at Nashville, is a source of congratulation. The judicious management of our Book Agent, together with the indomitable energy and financial ability of the Business Manager, places this Institution on a firm basis, and it stands to-day a monument to the wisdom of its managers. Your Committee commend our

Publishing House to the patronage of every Methodist in the White River Conference, and would urge upon our Ministry the importance of increased energy, in obtaining for it the patronage it merits. From the report of Rev. John B. McFerrin, D. D., Agent, we are much gratified to learn that the business has been largely increased, and the finances are in a healthy condition. The bonded indebtedness is rapidly being decreased. The influence of the House is widely felt by the stimulation and development it is giving to authorship, and the character of the books it is introducing into circulation. Among the many notable and commendable books recently published, we urge especially the circulation of "History of Methodism," by Bishop H. N. McTyeire. If our membership will read this book, they will obtain a more intelligent understanding of the Church, and their devotion to it will be deepened. Many Methodists are uninstructed in our standard literature, and do not read the valuable books which are being published from our presses. There are many Methodist homes that are not visited by any of the excellent periodicals published by our Church. If this can be remedied, all our interests will receive a new impulse of progress, and the Church will be placed in an attitude for far more aggressive work at home and in its missionary fields.

Our Sunday school periodicals are ably edited, and are fully abreast with the progress that has marked this department of Christian work. They have a large and rapidly increasing circulation, and merit it by their intrinsic value and comparative cheapness. We, therefore, urge upon our preachers to see to it that our own literature is used in every one of our Sunday Schools.

The *Christian Advocate*, published at Nashville, is the central organ of our Church and is in every way a credit to it. It is eminently a religious family paper, and must prove a blessing to every home into which it regularly goes. We commend it to our people as deserving a much wider circulation among them.

The *Southern Methodist Review*, edited by the general book editor at Nashville, is a strong periodical, calculated to engage the best minds. We commend it to the patronage of our people.

The *Advocate of Missions*, also published at Nashville and edited by Rev. I. G. John, D. D., our missionary secretary, is an excellent paper and should go into every Methodist home. Could this paper, and other missionary literature of our Church, and of other Churches, have the circulation it should, our people would understand fully where their money given for "Foreign Missions" goes and how it is applied, and missionary zeal would be kindled anew and soon burn in every heart. Pagan altars would fall and Christian temples rise; the groans of the dying heathens would be changed to the shout of the dying Christians; all eyes would see the light; all ears would hear the story of the Cross, and a crucified Savior would be lovingly looked to even from the end of the earth.

The Book *Enterprise* of Dr. Godden at Little Rock draws its supplies from the Nashville Publishing House, and will sell at Publishing House prices. It is a home enterprise, and we commend it to our people.

Respectfully Submitted { F. A. JEFFETT,
NEELY SHAVER,
J. J. ALEXANDER.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

In meeting the overthrow of an enemy, it is a good rule to let the enemies' strength suggest the means necessary to effect his defeat. The enemy on whom we would visit righteous retribution is a very formidable antagonist. The human race has never encountered a more terrible foe than strong drink. Bold, daring and merciless as death. His fearful arm has paralyzed the hand of industry in all branches of society, while religion, morals, health, wealth and pleasures of home, sweet home, have been driven before the fiery stream of whiskey like autumn leaves before the rush of the tempest. No evil has so seriously affected the sacred interests of our holy religion as whiskey. No evil has blackened the journals of state with more crime than strong drink. None has cursed more families with ignorance, poverty, ruin and death, than this fatal Upas, who has slain sufficient myriads of our race to form a powerful Empire. And since the sacred scriptures condemn in such strong language the traffic and use of strong drink, we, His ministers, are bound by all the virtues of our holy religion, to proclaim undying opposition to this fearful evil from every hilltop and valley. And brethren, we do not labor as those beating the air. The work of prohibition has been crowned with the most astonishing success. We have invaded many of the strong holds of the enemy; have captured many of his victims, and brought them back to sobriety, honor and glad families. The skies are brightening, the clouds are passing away, and thousands are flocking to the standard of prohibition.

The fate of whiskey is sealed.

Belshazzar did not read his doom in the hand writing on the Palace walls more clearly than the doom of whiskey is seen in the signs of the times. Therefore, be it

Resolved, 1st; That as ministers and Church-workers we continue to work faithfully for christian temperance and prohibition, and to hasten the glad day of universal prohibition.

2nd. That we heartily endorse the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and all other temperance organizations, and pray God's blessings upon that noble band of christian women, who are working so faithfully to banish whiskey from our commonwealth.

Respectfully Submitted, { R. G. BRITAIN.
H. M. GRANADE,
D. E. TUNSTALL,
JOHN PATTON.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Joint Board of Finance submits the following report:

The statistical report show that \$487.55 has been collected on Bishop's Fund but the Board actually received \$500, as follows:

Searcy District.....	\$109.00.
Helena ".....	\$109.00.
Jonesboro District.....	\$109.00.
Newport ".....	\$ 90.00.
Batesville ".....	\$ 83.00.
Total.....	\$500.00.

All of which we have paid to Bishop Galloway and have his receipt for the same.

The Board received from the various pastoral charges \$831.50 of conference funds, yet the statistics show that \$856.90 have been collected. We also received from the Colvin fund \$12, making a total received, \$843.50, which we have applied as follows:

To Rev. John Rhyne, to be paid to Rev. H. M. Granade.....	\$ 35.00.
To Mrs. Beulah Carlisle, to be paid to Rev. E. A. Garrison.....	\$ 73.50.
To Mrs. Pearson and 3 children, to be paid to Rev. E. A. Garrison.....	\$145.00.
To Mrs. Ben Hall and 4 children, to be paid to Rev. W. S. Brooke.....	\$180.00.
To Mrs. John Hall, to be paid to Rev. E. Hall.....	\$ 40.00.
To Mrs. Shaeffer and 4 children, to be paid to Rev. E. A. Garrison.....	\$180.00.
To Mrs. Beasley and 3 children, to be forwarded by the Secretary of Board.....	\$130.00.
To Mrs. Lee and 1 child, to be paid to Rev. H. M. Granade.....	\$ 60.00.
Total.....	\$843.50.

We have made the following assessments for the ensuing Conference year and apportioned as follows:

	Conference Claimants.	Bishops Funds.
Helena District.....	\$.....336	\$....121
Searcy District.....	.....336	....121
Jonesboro District.....	.....306	....110
Newport District.....	.....284	....103
Batesville District.....	.....278	....100

The Board would report the following parties as being dropped from the roll of Conference claimants:

Sister Lee's daughter. Sister Pearson's oldest daughter. Miss Jessie Noe was dropped by order of the Board last year, she being a grown young lady. The McAlister child has died this year.

Your Board would suggest that the Conference appoint W. A. Butler, trustee for the children of Sister Beasley, in accordance with a request made by her; your Board is authorized to advise the Conference, that Bro. J. B. Sutler proposes to adopt the little daughter of Sister Beasley.

Your Board would call attention to the fact that only one of the Recording Stewards has sent in a report of the acts of the Boards of Stewards, as required by law.

Respectfully Submitted { C. H. FORD, Ch'mn.
A. L. MALONE, Sec.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS.

The Committee on District Conference Journals submit their report:

They have examined carefully the several Journals presented to them, and find those of Newport, Searcy and Helena Districts correctly and neatly kept, especially so, those of Searcy and Helena Districts.

The Journal of the Batesville District Conference, we find marred by bad spelling and bad grammar, and seriously deficient in punctuation. It also contains much matter, that in the judgement of the Committee, should never have gone upon record.

We had no Journal of the Jonesboro District, and were advised that the same had been lost.

Committee, { LOUIS B. AUDIGIER.
 { JAMES M. HANKS.

BIBLE CAUSE.

We, your committee on the Bible Cause, beg leave to submit the following report:

A very small per cent of the Charges in this Conference have reported as taking collections for "The Bible Cause." However, Rev. W. H. Vernor, District Superintendent of A. B. Society has taken collections in several Charges, but we were not able to ascertain the exact amount collected. Therefore, we would recommend that, when collections are taken in the future by our District Superintendent, he be requested to report the exact amount of money collected to the pastor where such collections are taken, so that the amount of money thus collected may be accurately reported at each Annual Conference. And we would request all our preachers to preach at least once during the Conference year in the interest of the Bible Cause, and take collections in every Congregation.

[Signed]

N. E. SKINNER.
F. E. TAYLOR.
JNO. MOORE.
J. F. PIKE.

OFFICERS OF BOARDS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

F. A. Jeffett, President; H. M. Granade, Secretary.

MISSIONARY BOARD,

G. A. Dannelly, President; E. M. Baker, Vice-President; W. T. Ready, Treasurer; J. S. Brooke, Secretary.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

E. A. Garrison, President; Geo. Thornburg, Secretary; Jas. T. Henderson, Treasurer.

MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSIONS.

NOTE:—These tables are incomplete and incorrect. It is not the fault of the Secretary. He gives them to the printer as they came to him.
GEO. THORNBURG, Secretary.

HELENA DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.		DOMESTIC MISSIONS.		CHURCH EXTENSION.	
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.
Helena sta.....	\$66	\$70	\$29		\$17	\$17
LaGrange ct.....	38 50	20 20	17	11 50	10	2
Marianna sta.....	49 50		22		13	
Forrest City sta.....	49 50	50	22	22		
Forrest City ct.....	44	5	20	5	12	
Wheatley ct.....	44	35	20	20	12	6
Spring Creek ct.....	16	2 50	12	50	7	
DeView ct.....	38 50	15	17	10	10	5
Clarendon & Brinkley c	49 50	37 25	22		12	12
Howell ct.....	38 50	25	17 50	17 50	10	10
Cypress Ridge ct.....	27 50	5	12	1	7	
Holly Grove ct.....	44	25	20	4 50	12	1
Taylor's Creek ct.....	33	4	15	5 50	9	3 60
Total.....	\$538 50	\$293 95	\$245 50	\$126 50	\$131	\$56 60

NEWPORT DISTRICT.

Newport sta.....	\$88 85	\$86	\$98 35	\$40	\$17 20	\$17 50
Jacksonport ct.....	50 20		22 35		1	
Oil Trough ct.....	50	5	14 75	5	6 65	
Walnut Ridge ct.....	43 36	43 36	19 31	19 31	8 67	8 67
Portia ct.....	33	33	14 75	14 75	6 65	6 65
Pleasant Hill ct.....	36 30	5	16 25	5	7 20	
Shiloh ct.....	36	4 60	16	7 30	7 20	
Corning ct.....	19 30	4	8 60	5	3	
Pocahontas ct.....	46 80	7	20 75	10	9 40	
Siloam ct.....	33	1 25	14 75	90	6 65	
Walnut Hill ct.....	36 60	2 45	16 25	2		
Powhatan & Smithville sta.	39 90	35	17 80	17 80	7 95	6 10
Imboden ct.....	36 60	6	16 25	5		
Calamine ct.....	3 30	3	8 60	2 80	3 50	1 50
Total.....	\$536 21	\$235 66	\$244 76	\$134 86	\$94 07	\$40 42

SEARCY DISTRICT.

Searcy sta.....	\$70	\$112	\$35	\$36	\$22 50	\$23
Searcy ct.....	65	14	35	21 05	22 50	2 50
El Paso ct.....	67 50	28	32 50	20	22 50	10
West Point & Gur Spring c	35	7 50	15	7 50	7 50	2 50
Lebanon.....	45	45	20	20		
Bradford Mission.....	20	1 10	15	4 75	2 50	2 50
Beebe sta.....	40	10 25	25	7	7 50	2 75
Jacksonville ct.....	50		20	20 40	7 50	
Union and Revels ct.....	45	5	25	5	7 50	
Auvergne sta.....	22 50	22 50	10	10	3 75	3 75
Angusta sta.....	60	33 50	30	30	17 50	17 50
Mineral ct.....	37 50	40	15	16	7 50	8
Argenta Mission.....						10
Heber Mission.....	20	3 15	15	8 15	2 50	
Pleasant Valley ct.....	22 50	2 90	10	5	3 75	
Total.....	\$598	\$324 90	\$302 50	\$210 65	\$135	\$12 50

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	FOREIGN MISSIO'S.		DOMESTIC	MISS'S	CHURCH EXTENS'N	
	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.
Batesville sta.....	\$100	\$100	\$40	\$40	\$25	\$25
Sulphur Rock ct.....	55	8 25	25	5	10	5
Evening Shade & La Crosse ct	35	35	15	10	5	5
Barren Fork ct.....	25	5	10	4	5	.....
Mammoth Springs ct.....	30	50	15	40	10	.....
Salem ct.....	60	29	50	9 50	10	.....
Newburg ct.....	30	6	20	4	.....	.....
Viola ct.....	28	.....	10	.....	5	.....
Iuka Mission ct.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
Melbourne ct.....	55	5	30	8	15	2
Bethesda ct.....	60	2	20	2	15	.....
Jamestown ct.....	60	6 50	20	7 50	10	1
Mountain View ct.....	35	3 80	15	3 85	10	.....
Ash Flat ct.....	30	5	15	5	.....	.....
Total.....	\$603	\$206 05	\$285	\$99 25	\$125	\$38

RECAPITULATION.

Searcy District.....	\$650	.....	\$345	.....	\$145	.....
Helena District.....	550	.....	.....	.....	145	.....
Newport District.....	550	.....	245	.....	110	.....
Batesville District.....	600	.....	270	.....	140	.....
Jonesboro District.....	650	.....	345	.....	110	.....
Total.....	\$3000	.....	\$1450	.....	\$650	.....

STATISTICAL REPORT.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	Ad ults baptized.	Infants baptized.	No. of churches.	Value of churches.	No. of parsonages.	Value of parsonages.	Value of other church property.	Money expended on churches and parsonages.
Searcy station.....	1	194	.....	21	3	9	1	\$ 600	1	\$ 1500	\$ 60	60
Searcy circuit.....	2	463	.....	38	22	2	7	1250	.....	.....	25	340
El Paso circuit.....	6	708	98	.....	42	14	9	3000	1	250	.....	.....
West Point & Gun Spring ct	1	145	.....	3	.....	.....	1	1250	.....	.....	.....	100
Lebanon circuit.....	1	690	175	.....	100	14	4	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bradford Mission.....	1	192	37	.....	28	4	2	250	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beebe station.....	1	118	.....	3	.....	.....	1	1200	1	400	.....	410
Jacksonville circ it.	1	345	.....	4	.....	6	2	2500	.....	.....	.....	250
Union and Revels circuit.	1	54	12	.....	.....	2	1	1200	.....	.....	.....	20
Anvergne station.....	1	71	59	.....	16	7	1	2220	.....	.....	320	2220
Augusta station.....	1	80	.....	10	6	1	1	2000	1	1000	.....	.....
Mineral circuit.....	3	420	82	.....	20	10	4	2000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Argenta Mission.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Heber Mission.....	3	142	5	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Valley circuit.....	1	79	19	.....	17	5	2	1400	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	21	3475	431	77	275	80	40	26 570	4	3150	405	3400
Total last year.....	22	3277	.....	.....	289	87	37	20 500	3	2750	510	1745
Increase.....	1	198	.....	.....	.....	10	3	6070	1	400	.....	1654
Decrease.....	1	.....	.....	.....	14	7	.....	.....	.....	105	.....	.....

NEWPORT DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	Adults baptized.	Infants baptized.	No. of churches.	Value of churches.	No. of parsonages.	Value of parsonages.	Value of other church property.	Money expended on churches and parsonages.
Newport station.....	1	145	19		15	3	1	\$2000	1	\$1500		
Jacksonport circuit.....		82		6		1	1	500	1	500		
Oil Trough circuit.....	2	256	50		30	12	2	650				
Walnut Ridge circuit.....	3	330		70	38	21	3	2900				2900
Pordia circuit.....	8	125	27		4	9	2	1200			40	300
Pleasant Hill circuit.....	4	460	8		2	7	4	1000				
Shiloh circuit.....	4	347			1	3	1	1000	1	400		54
Corning circuit.....	2	36		5			2	900				750
Pocahontas circuit.....	6	436	40				3	2500	1	300	25	568
Siloam circuit.....	6	190	92		55	6	4	875				30
Walnut Hill circuit.....	5	258			6	3	2	500			25	
Powhatan & Smithville sta.	3	110		5	7		2	1800			350	
Imboden circuit.....	2	458	8		10	1	4	1300	1	300	75	500
Calamine circuit.....	1	235	7		7	4	2	600	1	100		500
Total.....	39	3468	258	86	174	56	35	17 725	4	3100	515	5602
Total last year.....	33	3674			464	82	22	15 100	7	1925	760	1587
Increase.....	6						3	2 615		1275		4015
Decrease.....		206			290	26			1		245	

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Batesville station.....	1	205	22		9	11	1	\$6 000	1	\$2 000		\$1 300
Sulphur Rock circuit.....	2	432			11	2	4	1 700	1	500		43
Evening Shade & La Crosse ct	1	104		1	15	2	2	2 000			170	835
Barren Fork circuit.....	1	170	10		5	7	4	1 050				
Mammoth Spring circuit.....	2	137		28	4	5	2	1 000			50	
Salmon circuit.....	5	350	45		24	18	3	2 000	1	300		
Newburg circuit.....	8	528	152		75	40	4	1 000	1	200		
Viola circuit.....	4	216		24	6							
Luka Mission circuit.....	2	126	13	5	1		1	500				
Melbourne circuit.....	1	279	38		25	14	4	1 200			70	
Bethesda circuit.....	4	414		36	6	1	6	2 700	1	100		100
Jamestown circuit.....	4	422		57	21	20	6	1 820				421
Mountain View circuit.....	8	337	44		44	2	5	1 300	1	300		400
Ash Flat circuit.....												
Total.....	50	4205	372	151	283	136	44	22 620	6	3 400	390	3 099
Total last year.....	50	3091			265	171	42	22 350	3	1 250	1 066	619
Increase.....		214			16		2	270	3	2 150		7 880
Decrease.....						37					676	

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

Jonesboro and Paragould ct.	1	185	12		1	4	2	\$3 750				\$390
Jonesboro circuit.....	5	259	45		38	3	1	150				
Greensboro circuit.....	3	525	16		38	6	6	1 710	1	120		20
Gainesville circuit.....	7	460			12	12	7	4 000			300	50
Boydsville circuit.....	7	243	52		27	7	4	2 500	1	100	50	100
St Francis Mission.....	1	165	18		14	13						
Yanndale circuit.....	4	199			3	1	2	1 750				1 300
L'Anquille Mission.....		98	47		17	8	1	206				
Harrisburg circuit.....	4	490	35		26	6	4	2 000	1	500	55	166
Buffalo Island circuit.....	4	111	46		13	8					50	
Chickasawba circuit.....												
Oscarla circuit.....		128	9		2	3	2	400	2	500		10
Marion circuit.....	1	167	76		20	8	3	2 500	1	225		452
Tyronza Mission.....		37		8			1	250			250	175
Total.....	39	3328	377	8	215	91	37	20 910	7	1 745	830	2 693
Total last year.....	37	3582			358	191	37	17 350	7	1 825	1 080	2 319
Increase.....	2							3 560				374
Decrease.....		254			141	100				80	250	

HELENA DISTRICT.

Helena station.....	157	43	3	1	\$18 000			\$1 020
LaGrange circuit.....	135	14	17	3	2 000	1	500	
Marianna station.....	48	11	3	1	2 000		250	900
Forrest City station.....	132	12	22	8	1 000	1	800	125
Forrest City circuit.....	162	11	7	3	1 000			164
Wheatley circuit.....	242	38	18	2	1 900			300
Spring Creek circuit.....	124	3	1	3	1 000			
DeView circuit.....	258	5	25	6	1 800	1	350	
Clarendon & Brinkley ct.....	140	36	8	3	3 150			850
Howell circuit.....	90	10	10	6	1 400		50	25
Cypress Ridge circuit.....	234	76	50	2	1 000			
Holley Grove circuit.....	180	45	25	7	1 300		50	80
Taylor's Creek circuit.....	387	9	7	3	500			
Total.....	14 2289	245	68	76	34 050	3	1 650	3 474
Total last year.....	17 1839			59	33 575	3	2 655	3 903
Increase.....	454			11	475		1 975	429
Decrease.....	3							

RECAPITULATION.

Searcy District.....	21 3475	431	77	275	80	40	\$26 570	4	\$3 150	\$3 405	\$3 450
Helena District.....	14 2289	245	..	76	64	25	34 050	3	1 650	630	3 474
Newport District.....	36 3408	258	..	174	56	35	17 735	6	3 100	575	5 602
Batesville District.....	50 4225	572	..	282	134	44	22 620	6	9 400	300	3 090
Jonesboro District.....	36 3328	356	8	217	91	37	20 910	7	1 745	830	2 693
Total.....	163 16 785	1602	87	98	41	178	80 175	25	12 745	5 645	15 230

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. of scholars..	No. of officers and teachers	No. of scholars	Money contributed for mission	Money expended for Sunday school literature	Other objects.
Searcy Station.....	1	18	140	6	24	
Searcy circuit.....	3	15	108			
El Paso circuit.....	7	43	350	33		
West Point and Gum Spring circuit.....				20		
Lebanon circuit.....	6	30	300	10		
Bradford Mission.....	2	8	40	20		
Beebe station.....	1	12	100	45		
Jacksonville circuit.....	6	28	350	15	5	
Union and Revels circuit.....	2	30	70	15		
Auvergne station.....	1	8	110	29		
Augusta station.....	1	14	102	50		
Mineral circuit.....	5	36	250	20	20	
Argenta Mission.....						
Heber Mission.....	2	14	65	6		
Pleasant Valley circuit.....	2	8	75	11		
Total.....	39	204	2 088	273	50	

NEWPORT DISTRICT.

Newport station.....	1	15	125	34		
Jacksonport circuit.....	4	16	80	15		
Oil Trough circuit.....	3	28	180	15		
Walnut Ridge circuit.....	4	49	226	47		
Portia circuit.....	2	12	70	30		
Pleasant Hill circuit.....	2	13	75	4		
Shiloh circuit.....	2	28	350	3		
Corning circuit.....	7	12	65	15		
Pocahontas circuit.....	5	30	159	10		
Siloam circuit.....	3	27	195	1		
Walnut Hill circuit.....	4	12	100	15		
Powhatan and Smithville station.....	2	16	110	35	5	
Imboden circuit.....	6	48	340	10		
Calamine circuit.....	5	15	200	10		
Total.....	50	321	2 246	245	5	

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Batesville station.....	1	13	125	75	7
Sulphur Rock circuit.....	4	14	113	4	
Evening Shade and LaCrosse circuit.....	1	11	100	15	
Barren Fork circuit.....	3	11	65		
Mammoth springs circuit.....	1	4	30	5	
Salem circuit.....	3	15	150	8	3
Newburg circuit.....	4	16	160		
Viola circuit.....	7	42	365	11	
Iuka Mission.....	4	18	125		
Melbourne circuit.....	1	7	40	5	
Bethesda circuit.....	5	20	200	10	
Jamestown circuit.....	6	41	310	8	
Mountain View circuit.....	6	30	300		5
Ash Flat circuit.....	4	30	200		
Total.....	50	272	2 553	141	8 7

HELENA DISTRICT.

Helena station.....	1	14	98	150	
LaGrange circuit.....	3	15	113	24	
Marianna station.....	1	8	65	85	
Forrest City station.....	1	17	102	76	20
Forrest City circuit.....	5	31	101	18	
Wheatley circuit.....	6	24	217	35	
Spring Creek circuit.....	2	18	120	5	
DeVew circuit.....	6	30	300	50	
Clarendon and Brinkley circuit.....	2	20	167	57	
Howell circuit.....	2	8	67	15	
Cypress Ridge circuit.....	2	14	154	10	
Holley Grove circuit.....	2	19	115	59	
Taylor's Creek circuit.....	3	18	150	29	
Total.....	37	236	1 799	622	24

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

Jonesboro and Paragould circuit.....	2	35	250	70	
Jonesboro circuit.....					
Greensboro circuit.....	6	30	190	14	
Gainesville circuit.....	6	30	225		
Boydsville circuit.....	4	23	230	15	
St Francis Mission.....	1	6	40	1	
Yandale circuit.....	1	6	60		
L'Anquille Mission.....	2	10	80	8	
Harrisburg circuit.....	5	35	250	51	
Buffalo Island circuit.....	3	10	50	1	
Chickasawba circuit.....					
Osceola circuit.....	3	12	60		
Marion circuit.....	4	20	127	18	
T. Ronza Mission.....	2	8	25	1	
Total.....	39	225	1 593	198	

RECAPITULATION.

Searcy District.....	39	264	2 688	273	50
Helena District.....	37	326	1 799	622	24
Newport District.....	50	321	2 240	245	7
Batesville District.....	50	272	2 553	141	8
Jonesboro District.....	39	225	1 594	198	
Total.....	215	1 388	10 299	1 480	87 7

FINANCE TABLE.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	Presiding Elder.		Preacher in charge.		Junior preacher.		Bishop.		Com. clams nts.		Other objects.
	Assessed.	Paid.....	Assessed.	Paid.....	Assessed.	Paid.....	Assessed.	Paid.....	Assessed.	Paid.....	
Searcy Station.....	\$150	\$150	\$800	\$810	.....	.....	\$10	\$12	\$39	\$35	\$228
Searcy circuit.....	100	35	600	356	.....	.....	10	10	23	21	.....
El Paso circuit.....	100	65	455	332	155	62	10	10	35	17	5
West Point and Gum Spring ct	50	41	450	334	.....	.....	5	5	20	12	5
Lebanon circuit.....	75	61	450	368	.....	.....	7	7	25	25	4
Bradford Mission.....	20	11	245	190	.....	.....	3	3	10	1	.....
Beebe station.....	75	26	600	291	.....	.....	9	9	20	12	3
Jacksonville circuit.....	100	49	625	201	.....	.....	8	9	25	25	5
Union and Revels circuit....	75	50	550	500	.....	.....	10	10	12	12	.....
Auvergne station.....	50	50	600	760	20	.....	5	5	12	12	.....
Augusta station.....	125	125	466	466	60	60	10	10	25	25	131
Mineral circuit.....	60	46	300	223	.....	.....	8	9	20	21	.....
Argenta Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Heber Mission.....	25	.....	240	50	12	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Valley circuit.....	37	25	300	206	.....	.....	5	5	19	1	.....
Total.....	1042	699	6 631	4 895	265	194	103	107	296	219	381

HELENA DISTRICT.

Helena station.....	90	100	1200	1200	.....	.....	13	13	39	39	.....
LaGrange circuit.....	56	41	500	390	.....	.....	7	7	23	23	.....
Marianna station.....	72	46	400	257	.....	.....	10	10	29	.....	.....
Forrest City station.....	72	72	600	600	.....	.....	10	10	29	29	204
Forrest City circuit.....	64	41	460	290	.....	.....	8	8	26	10	3
Wheatley circuit.....	64	64	500	500	.....	.....	8	8	26	11	.....
Spring Creek circuit.....	40	12	400	115	.....	.....	5	5	16	1	.....
DeView circuit.....	56	42	500	426	.....	.....	7	7	23	10	.....
Clarendon and Brinkley circ't	72	58	700	498	.....	.....	10	10	29	29	69
Howell circuit.....	56	56	450	450	.....	.....	7	7	23	15	.....
Cypress Ridge circuit.....	40	25	360	227	.....	.....	6	6	16	.....	.....
Holley Grove circuit.....	64	42	457	310	.....	.....	8	8	26	20	142
Taylor's Creek circuit.....	48	19	378	199	.....	.....	6	6	20	11	.....
Total.....	800	622	6905	5405	.....	.....	103	108	325	199	418

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Batesville station.....	125	125	1000	1000	.....	.....	16	16	40	40	4
Sulphur Rock circuit.....	65	46	300	296	.....	.....	9	9	25	12	.....
Evening Shade & LaCrosse ct	50	41	400	333	.....	.....	5	5	15	15	2
Barren Fork circuit.....	45	20	300	129	.....	.....	5	5	10	340	3
Mammoth Springs circuit.....	45	17	160	76	.....	.....	5	5	15	4	.....
Salem circuit.....	65	37	585	294	.....	.....	6	6	20	9	10
Newburg circuit.....	45	28	233	154	.....	.....	5	6	15	4	.....
Viola circuit.....	40	9	250	37	.....	.....	4	4	10	.....	.....
Iuka Mission.....	25	12	150	58	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....
Melbourne circuit.....	65	50	285	200	.....	.....	19	30	8	.....	.....
Bethesda circuit.....	65	33	300	184	.....	.....	5	5	20	6	.....
Jamestown circuit.....	65	35	320	241	75	72	5	5	20	10	.....
Mountain View circuit.....	50	24	400	186	.....	.....	5	4	15	5	.....
Ash Flat circuit.....	50	22	390	187	.....	.....	6	6	15	5	.....
Total.....	800	528	5234	3308	75	72	83	68	250	124	9

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

Jonesboro and Paragould et.	100	95	700	666	10	31	19
Jonesboro circuit.	70	28	380	187	8	25	9
Greensboro circuit.	65	35	585	318	8	21	10
Galvesville circuit.	90	49	600	334	9	30	16
Boydsville circuit.	70	50	500	291	9	30	6
St Francis Mission.	45	29	140	80	6	15	8
Vandale circuit.	85	50	595	278	9	28	3
L'Anquille Mission.	25	24	100	96	3	5	4
Harrisburg circuit.	85	57	550	359	8	25	37
Buffalo Island circuit.	60	15	300	50	6	22	1
Chickasawba circuit.							
Osceola circuit.	85	48	535	500	9	30	20
Marion circuit.	100	125	535	725	10	31	35
T. ronz Mission.	25	11	100	54	3	5	
Total.	900	655	6200	3952	99	300	128

NEWPORT DISTRICT.

Newport station.	125	125	1200	1200	14	14	42	45	310
Ja sonport circuit.	73	57	455	301	8	8	25	10	
Oil frough circuit.	48	26	352	190	5	5	16	10	
Wa nut Ridge circuit.	63	63	600	600	62	7	21	21	
Por ia circuit.	48	30	300	190	5	5	16	16	
Pleasant Hill circuit.	53	25	525	289	5	6	18	7	
Shiloh circuit.	50	18	350	130	5	5	18	7	
Corning circuit.	28	15	275	147	3	3	9	5	1
Pocahontas circuit.	58	44	407	302	7	7	23	13	
Si oam circuit.	58	27	200	127	5	6	16	2	
Walnut Hill circuit.	53	29	245	226	5	5	18	2	
Powhatan & Smithville sta.	55	44	410	308	6	6	19	19	
Imboden circuit.	53	34	450	300	5	5	18	3	
Calamine circuit.	28	18	277	220	3	3	9	2	1
Total.	793	540	6031	4534	62	89	274	156	372

RECAPITULATION.

Searcy District.	1042	699	6681	4895	265	154	109	107	325	219	38
Helena District.	800	622	6905	3405			109	109	325	199	410
Newport District.	793	560	6131	4534	62	89	90	274	166	372	
Batesville District.	800	528	5233	3393	75	83	69	250	124	19	
Jonesboro District.	900	655	6200	3952			109	86	325	128	80
Total.	4935	3063	3115	22185	340	588	509	461	499	837	1291

The Board of Missions report the following appropriations and assessments for the ensuing Conference Year:

	P. E.	P. C.
Searcy District, Argenta Mission.	\$50	\$100
" " Heber "	50	150
" " Bradford "	50	100
Jonesboro District, St. Francis Mission.	50	100
" " L'Anquille "	50	100
" " Tyronza "	50	150
Batesville District, State Line Mission.	50	100
" " Viola "	50	100
Newport District, Corning Mission.	50	100
" " O'Kear "	50	100

ASSESSMENTS.

	FOREIGN MIS.	DOM. MIS.
Searcy District.	\$650	\$355
Batesville "	550	230
Helena "	650	355
Jonesboro "	575	325
Newport "	575	285

Your Board would also submit the following resolutions:

1. That it be the duty of each Presiding Elder to arrange and hold a Missionary Anniversary meeting, during the session of their District Conference, in accordance with Art. 13, of our Missionary Constitution.

2. That the pastor of every charge shall endeavor to enlist our Sunday Schools in this noble Missionary Work by forming juvenile societies.

Resp. Submitted, J. S. BROOKE, Secretary.

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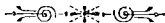
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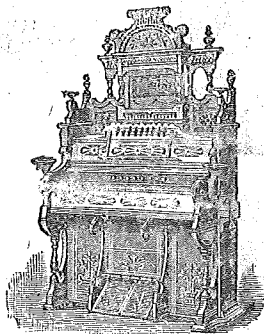
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