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OF THE

NINETEENTH SESSION

OF THE

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church, South,

HELD AT

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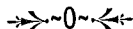
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Note:—Those marked with an * were not present during the session.

NAME.		Date of Adm'n.	NAME.		Date of Adm'n.
1	Benoni Harris.	1838	40	William W. Anderson.	1883
2	Robert G. Brittain.	1848	41	Francis A. Jeffet.	1883
3	John Rhyne*.	1851	42	Stephen D. Evans.	1884
4	George A. Danelly.	1852	43	Lewis Kelley.	1884
5	Edward T. Jones*.	1854	44	John I. Maynard.	1885
6	Moses C. Morris*.	1859	45	Elisha L. W. Arnold.	1885
7	Henry T. Gregory.	1866	46	James R. Edwards.	1885
8	John H. Dye.	1867	47	James D. Rutledge.	1885
9	William M. Watson.	1867	48	William E. Rutledge.	1885
10	Elias M. Baker.	1869	49	Edgar M. Pipkin.	1885
11	William R. Foster.	1871	50	James G. Miller.	1886
12	John F. Armstrong.	1871	51	James S. Best.	1886
13	Thomas Vincent*.	1872	52	Albert P. Saffold*.	1886
14	James M. Talkington.	1873	53	Charles H. Carey.	1886
15	Thomas A. Craig.	1873	54	Wm. T. Ready.	1886
16	Jefferson J. Alexander.	1873	55	Tolbert Rawlings.	1886
17	Zachary T. Bennett.	1876	56	Alexander M. R. Branson.	1886
18	George M. Hill.	1876	57	Thomas Whittaker.	1886
19	James F. Jernigon.	1876	58	William A. Pendergrass.	1886
20	Richard D. Moon.	1876	59	Andrew J. Johnson.	1886
21	Frank Ritter.	1876	60	William A. Peck.	1887
22	Samuel L. Cochran.	1876	61	Richard S. Deener.	1887
23	Milton B. Umscead.	1876	62	Dudley W. Reid.	1887
24	Alonzo C. Griffin.	1877	63	Thomas J. Settle.	1887
25	Napoleon B. Flzer.	1878	64	Charles H. Gregory.	1887
26	Nicholas E. Skinner.	1879	65	James M. Dempsey.	1887
27	John S. Watson.	1879	66	Edmund C. Castleberry.	1887
28	Mathew M. Smith.	1879	67	William D. Kelley.	1887
29	James F. Troy.	1880	68	Hardy M. Cryer.	1888
30	Francis E. Taylor.	1881	69	Robert H. Grissett.	1888
31	Coleman H. Ford.	1881	70	Fay C. Sterling.	1888
32	Franklin R. Noe.	1882	71	George W. Smith.	1888
33	Joseph S. Brooke.	1882	72	Prentis B. Wallis.	1888
34	John C. Ritter.	1882	73	Thomas B. Williamson.	1888
35	John Moore*.	1883	74	Ellison M. Davis.	1888
36	Isaac A. Vernon.	1882	75	Julian C. Brown.	1888
37	Riley P. Harwood*.	1882	76	William L. King.	1888
38	Stephen W. Register.	1882	77	William D. Mathews*.	1888
39	Jesse F. Pike*.	1883			

LAY DELEGATES.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

R. Gulley, * D. P. Tunstall, W. E. Davidson, W. C. Wallis,
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SEARCY DISTRICT

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HELENA DISTRICT

G. W. Bonner, J. L. Howell, W. E. Randle, J. M. Hanks *

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

H. T. Blythe, * T. A. Stone, A. L. Malone, S. E. Ebbert,
L. L. Mack, Alternate

NEWPORT DISTRICT.

George Thornburgh, C. G. Johnston, M. F. Collier, J. A. Spence, *
Joe W. Coffman, Alternate.

MINUTES.

The White River Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, began its nineteenth session at the Southern Methodist Church House, in Paragould, Arkansas, on the 5th day of December, A. D. 1888, at 9 o'clock, a. m. Bishop Joseph S Key, presiding, called the Conference to order After singing, prayer was lead by W. C. Dunlap, of the North Georgia Conference.

George Thornburgh, the Secretary of the last Conference, called the Roll of Members and Delegates, to which the following named answered, to-wit:

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| 1 Benoni Harris. | 2 George A. Dannelly. | 3 William M. Watson. |
| 4 William R. Foster | 5 James E. Talkington. | 6 Jefferson J. Alexander, |
| 7 George M. Hill. | 8 R. D. Moon. | 9 S. L. Cochran. |
| 10 Robert G. Brittain. | 11 Henry T. Gregory. | 12 Elias M. Baker. |
| 13 John F. Armstrong. | 14 Thomas M. Craig. | 15 Zachary T. Bennett. |
| 16 James F. Jernigan. | 17 Frank Ritter. | 18 M. B. Umstead. |
| 19 A. C. Griffin. | 20 N. E. Skinner. | 21 M. M. Smith. |
| 22 F. E. Taylor. | 23 F. R. Noe. | 24 J. C. Ritter. |
| 25 S. W. Register. | 26 S. D. Evans. | 27 Lewis Kelley. |
| 28 J. R. Edwards. | 29 W. E. Rutledge. | 30 J. G. Miller. |
| 31 W. T. Ready. | 32 T. Rawlings. | 33 W. A. Pendergrass. |
| 34 R. S. Deener. | 35 Thomas J. Settle. | 36 James M. Dempsey. |
| 37 N. B. Fizer. | 38 J. S. Watson. | 39 J. F. Troy. |
| 40 C. H. Ford. | 41 J. S. Brooke. | 42 I. A. Vernon. |
| 43 W. W. Anderson. | 44 E. L. W. Arnold. | 45 J. D. Rutledge. |
| 46 E. M. Pipkin. | 47 J. S. Best. | 48 Thomas Whitaker. |
| 49 W. A. Peck. | 50 D. W. Reid. | 51 C. H. Gregory. |
| 52 E. C. Castlebery. | | |

DELEGATES.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

M. B. Johnson and W. M. Clark.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

W. E. Davidson, W. C. Wallis, D. P. Tunstall.

NEWPORT DISTRICT.

George Thornburgh and C. G. Johnston.

HELENA DISTRICT.

G. W. Bonner and W. E. Randle.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

A. L. Malone.

L. L. Mack was enrolled as an Alternate Delegate from Jonesboro District.
J. W. Coffman was enrolled as an Alternate Delegate from Newport District.
George Thornburgh was elected Secretary. N. B. Fizer, A. L. Malone and W. E. Randle were elected Assistant Secretaries.

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

ON PUBLIC WORSHIP:—M. M. Smith, J. C. Ritter and L. L. Mack.

ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS:—W. R. Foster, S. D. Evans, T. A. Craig, D. W. Reld, B. Harris, J. S. Best, J. S. Brooke.

ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS:—M. F. Collier, J. F. Jernigan and W. E. Davidson.

ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS:—C. H. Gregory, W. A. Pendergrass, C. G. Johnston, R. S. Deener and E. C. Castleberry.

ON BIBLE CAUSE:—B. Harris, W. C. Wallis and T. A. Stone.

ON TEMPERANCE:—S. L. Cochrane, John S. Watson and D. P. Tunstall.

ON MEMOIRS:—F. A. Jeffet, E. M. Pipkin, F. R. Noe, and George Thornburgh.

The hour of meeting was fixed at 9 a m, and of adjourning, at 12 noon.

The bar of the Conference was fixed to include all the seats from the pulpit to the outside of third window.

A communication from J. D. Barbee, Book Agent, was read and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals

A communication from I. G. John, Secretary of the Board of Missions, was read and referred to the Conference Board of Missions.

J. A. Lyon, Assistant Editor of our Sunday-school Periodicals, Dr. Andrew Hunter and John McLaughlin, of the Little Rock Conference; W. L. King, of the South-west Missouri Conference; W. F. Young, of the St. Louis Conference, R. F. Chew, of the S. W. Methodist, and Rev. J. D. C. Cobb of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, were severally introduced to the Conference.

Question 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? The names of J. M. Talkington, Frank Ritter, G. M. Hill, H. T. Gregory and M. M. Smith were called and their characters passed.

The name of W. E. Rutledge was called, and his P. E. stated that at the last session of this Conference, the case of Brother Rutledge was referred to the P. E. of Newport District, who appointed a Committee to investigate. The Committee now makes the following report:

"We the Committee, after careful investigation and prayerful consideration of the testimony in the case of W. E. Rutledge, report as follows:

1. That what he wrote in the article concerning one W. M. Robinson, and published January 15th, 1887, was current rumor.
2. We find him not guilty of immorality, but do think that he acted very imprudently.

W. T. READY,
W. ARNOLD,
F. E. TAYLOR, } Committee.

The report was approved, and the character of W. E. Rutledge passed.

The name of E. L. W. Arnold was called and his P. E. stated that a Committee had been appointed since last Conference to investigate

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certain rumors against Bro. Arnold; that the Committee had investigated, and presents now charges against him, and the P. E. asks for a Committee of Trial, which was voted. Whereupon, the President appointed as such Committee:

E. M. Pipkin, President.
E. M. Baker, T. A. Craig, S. L. Cochran, W. A. Peck, J. S. Watson,
E. C. Castlebery, N. E. Skinner, S. W. Register,
J. S. Brooke, W. M. Watson,
W. E. Randle, Secretary.

The name of John Rhyne was called, his character passed, and his request for superannuated relations was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The names of Thomas Vincent and Ed T. Jones were called, and their P. E's. stated that they had died during the year.

The name of M. C. Morris was called, his character passed, and his case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for special relation.

Question 8. What traveling preachers are elected Deacons? H. M. Cryer, R. H. Grissett, F. C. Sterling, P. B. Wallace and George W. Smith, stood approved examinations, their characters passed, and they were elected Deacons.

R. C. Bland was not before the Committee; his character passed, and he was continued in the class of the second year.

T. B. Williamson passed an approved examination, his character passed. He is already a Deacon. Advanced to class of fourth year.

W. C. Dunlap, Commissioner of Education for Payne Institute, was introduced, and spoke for that institution. He took a collection, and secured in cash and promises, one hundred and twenty-six dollars.

T. J. Settle was appointed to fill a vacancy in the Committee of Examination of the class of the third year.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by the President.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, DEC. 6th, 1888.

Conference opened at nine o'clock, a. m., Bishop Key presiding.

Religious services were conducted by John McLaughlin, of the Little Rock Conference.

The roll was called and the following named, who were absent yesterday, answered, to-wit:

MEMBERS.—Alonzo C. Griffin, Francis A. Jeffet, John I. Maynard, A. M. R. Branson, and Andrew J. Johnson.

DELEGATES.—J. L. Howell, from Helena District; T. A. Stone, from Jonesboro District; M. F. Collier, from Newport District; S. H. Ebbert, from Jonesboro District.

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

By vote, the further calling of the roll was dispensed with during the session.

A Communication from the Secretary of the Board of Church Extension was referred to the Conference Board of Church Extension.

Question, 20 "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration," was resumed. J. J. Alexander's character passed, and his request for supernumerary relation was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

A communication from the the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University was referred to the Board of Education.

Question 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Julian C. Brown, from the Missouri Conference, in Elder's orders. William L. King, from the South-west Missouri Conference, in Elder's orders. William D. Mathews, of the Arkansas Conference, in Elder's orders.

Question 2. Who remain on trial?

James A. Brown, Walter W. Hendrix, Francis M. Smith, John H. Anderson, R. M. Manley, W. S. Southworth and M. J. Hively stood approved examinations, their characters passed, and they were continued on trial, and advanced to the class of the second year. John Edison, and William D. Kelley were not before the Committee, their characters passed, and they were continued in the class of the first year.

Question 7. Who are the Deacons of one year?

Wm. A. Peck, Richard S. Deener, Dudley W. Reid, Wm. A. Pendergrass, J. G. Miller, Thomas Whitaker, A. M. R. Branson, J. I. Maynard and J. R. Edwards, stood approved examinations, their characters passed, and they were advanced to the class of the fourth year. A. P. Saffold was not before the Committee. His character passed, and he was continued in the class of the third year.

The P. E. of Newport District stated that there were rumors affecting the moral character of C. H. Ford, and asked for a committee which was voted by the Conference, and the President appointed Benoni Harris, R. G. Brittain and W. R. Foster.

A. O. Evans, of the Little Rock Conference, and G. W. Hill and V. V. Harlan, of the Arkansas Conference, were introduced.

J. A. Lyons, representing the Publishing House, addressed the Conference in behalf of the house.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by the President.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1888.

Conference was opened at 9 o'clock, a. m., Bishop Key presiding. Religious services were conducted by E. C. Castlebery.

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

C. H. Carey announced his presence.

Question 12. What traveling preachers are elected Elders? W. E. Rutledge and J. D. Rutledge stood approved examinations, their

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characters passed, and they were elected Elders.

Question 16. Who are located this year? A. J. Johnson's character passed and he was located at his own request; a Deacon in the class of the third year.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial?

Michael B. Corrigan, from Lebanon Circuit, Searey District; Augustus C. Graham, from Beebe and Mt. Point Circuit, Searey District; Ashby F. Skinner, from Mineral Circuit, Searey District; Stephen F. Brown, from Wheatley Circuit, Helena District; John W. Watson, from Lorado Circuit, Newport District; William E. Bishop, from Mountain View Circuit, Batesville District, and Samuel G. Lape, from St. Francis Mission, Jonesboro District, were recommended by their several quarterly conferences, passed approved examinations and were admitted on trial.

N. B. Fizer was elected to fill a vacancy in Committee of Examination for class of the fourth year.

N. E. Skinner and R. G. Brittain were elected to fill vacancies on the Committee of Examination for the class of the second year.

Question 10. What local preachers are elected Deacons?

Stephen F. Brown, from Wheatley Circuit, Helena District; Morgan C. Raney, from Smithville Circuit, Newport District; James T. Smotherman, from Oil Trough Circuit, Newport District, William T. Barnhouse, from Viola Mission, Batesville District.

Question 14. What local preachers are elected Elders?

James D. Spence, recommended by the quarterly conference of Salem Circuit, Batesville District, and his recommendation being accompanied by a note certifying his belief in the doctrines and discipline of our church, was elected an Elder.

Question 20. "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration," was resumed.

The names of John Moore, S. D. Evans, Lewis Kelley, W. T. Ready, S. W. Register, and Z. T. Bennett were called and their characters passed.

The committee on the case of C. H. Ford made the following report:

"We, your committee, appointed to enquire into the complaints against Bro. C. H. Ford, take pleasure in stating that we find no ground on which to base charges of immorality in anything he has done.

BENONI HARRIS,
W. R. FOSTER,
R. G. BRITTAIN, } Committee.

The report was accepted, and the character of C. H. Ford was passed.

C. H. Gregory and A. M. R. Branson were added to the Board of Education.

T. J. Settle was elected to fill the place of T. A. Craig on the Committee on Conference Relations.

J. D. Rutledge was elected to fill the place of J. S. Brooke on Committee on Conference relations.

Question 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Hardy M. Cryer, Robert H. Grissett, Fay C. Sterling, George W. Smith, Prentis B. Wallace, Thomas B. Williamson, and Ellison M. Davis stood approved examinations, their characters passed, and they, answering all the disciplinary questions, were by vote of the Conference admitted into full connection.

Rev. W. H. Vernor, District Superintendent of the American Bible Society, was introduced.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by the President.

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FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8, 1888.

Conference was opened at 9 a. m., Bishop Key presiding.

Religious services were conducted by W. R. Foster.

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

J. H. Dye announced his presence.

The committee appointed to try E. L. W. Arnold made the following report:

"We, the Committee, appointed to try the case of Brother E. L. W. Arnold, beg leave to report that after a careful and prayerful investigation of the facts in the case that have come before us, we find him guilty of immorality as contained in the bill of charges and specifications, and our verdict is that he be expelled from the Church and Ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

Respectfully Submitted,

S. L. COCHRANE,

E. M. BAKER,

J. S. WATSON,

James F. JERNIGAN,

S. W. REGISTER,

Committee.

J. S. BROOKE,

W. M. WATSON,

W. A. PECK,

THOS. A. CRAIG,

N. E. SKINNER,

E. M. PIPKIN, Chairman,

W. E. RANDLE, Secretary.

Question 20, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration," was resumed.

The names of E. M. Pipkin, E. M. Baker, T. Rawlings, Z. T. Bennett, J. F. Pike, G. A. Dannelly, B. Harris, J. S. Best, E. C. Castleberry, John H. Dye, F. A. Jeffett, J. M. Dempsey, T. A. Craig, A. C. Griffin, S. L. Cochran, M. B. Umstead, N. E. Skinner, C. H. Carey, N. B. Flizer, J. F. Jernigan, R. D. Moon, J. F. Troy, J. S. Brooke, J. S. Watson, C. H. Gregory, J. F. Armstrong, J. C. Ritter, W. W. Anderson, F. R. Noe, W. R. Foster, R. G. Brittain, T. J. Settle, W. M. Watson, and I. A. Vernon were called and their characters passed.

The Committee on Education made its report on Central Collegiate Institute, which was adopted. (See Report A, Appendix.)

The Board of Education made its report on Vanderbilt University, which was adopted. (See Report B, Appendix.)

A. L. Malone was elected to fill the place of J. B. Sutler on the Board of Trustees for Central Collegiate Institute.

A. C. Miller, President of Central Collegiate Institute, was introduced to the Conference.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by the President.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1888.

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

Religious services were conducted by M. B. Umstead.

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

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

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

Bishop Key presented the following certificate:

"On yesterday morning, at the close of the morning service, I ordained Hardy M. Cryer, Robert H. Grissett, Fay C. Sterling, Prentis B. Wallis and George W. Smith, of the traveling preachers, and Stephen F. Brown, Morgan C. Raney, James T. Smotherman, and Wm. T. Barnhouse, of the local ministry, to the office of Deacon. They were presented by George Thornburgh. J. C. Brown read the Gospel and B. Harris the Epistle. After the afternoon service I ordained Wm. E. Rutledge and James D. Rutledge, traveling preachers, Elders. They were presented by George Thornburgh. R. F. Chew read the Epistle and A. Hunter the Gospel. A. Hunter, R. F. Chew, E. M. Pipkin and G. A. Dannelly assisted in laying on of hands.

JOSEPH S. KEY.

Dec. 10, 1888."

Which answered questions 9, 11 and 13 as follows:

Question 9. What traveling preachers are ordained Deacons?

Hardy M. Cryer Robert H. Grissett, Fay C. Sterling, Prentis B. Wallis, and George W. Smith.

Question 11. What local preachers are ordained Deacons?

Morgan C. Raney, Stephen F. Brown, James T. Smotherman and Wm. T. Barnhouse.

Question 13. What traveling preachers are ordained Elders?

Wm. E. Rutledge and Jas. D. Rutledge.

Question 15. What local preachers are ordained Elders?

None.

The Committee on Conference Relations made the following report:

"We, the Committee on Conference Relations, to whom was referred the case of Brother John Rhyne, who asks to be continued in a Superannuated Relation to the Conference, respectfully recommend that his request be granted.

We also recommend that Brother M. C. Morris be granted a Superannuated Relation.

We also recommend that the Conference grant to Brother J. J. Alexander a Supernumerary Relation, All of which is Respectfully Submitted."

W. R. FOSTER, Chairman,

T. J. SETTLE, Secretary.

J. S. BEST,

J. D. RUTLEDGE,

D. W. REID

B. HARRIS,

S. D. EVANS.

Question 17. Who are Supernumerary? Jefferson J. Alexander.

Question 18. Who are Superannuated? John Rhyne and Moses O. Morris.

The Committee on Bible Cause submitted its report, which was adopted. (See Report E, Appendix.)

The Committee on Books and Periodicals made its report, which was amended and adopted. (See Report F, Appendix.)

Question 21. What is the number of local preachers and mem-

bers in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 164. White members, 18,851.

Question 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 413.

Question 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1118.

Question 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 214.

Question 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 1396.

Question 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 10,502.

Question 31. What is the number and what is the estimated value of Church edifices? No. 188. Value \$140,736.

Question 32. What is the number and what is the estimated value of Parsonages? No. 35. Value \$818,775.

Question 34. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Searcy, Ark, was chosen without opposition.

Question 3. Who are discontinued? None.

Question 5. Who are re-admitted? Wm. E. Wilson, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Red River Circuit, Searcy District, was, by vote of the Conference, refused re-admission.

The Statistical Secretary made his report.

The Board of Church Extension made its report, which was approved. (See Report G, Appendix.)

The Sunday-school Board made its report, which was adopted. (See Report H, Appendix.)

The vote by which Ashby F. Skinner was admitted on trial on a former day of this session, was reconsidered, and the President ruled that the application of Brother Skinner was not regular or legal, because he was recommended by what is called an adjourned session of a Quarterly Conference, which meeting was not a legal Quarterly Conference; and Brother Skinner was not admitted.

The vote by which Augustus C. Graham was admitted on trial on a former day of this session, was reconsidered, and his application was excluded on the same grounds stated in the case of Ashby F. Skinner immediately preceding this entry.

The Joint Board of Finance made its report, which was adopted. (See Report I, Appendix.)

Question 33. What are the Educational statistics? Central Collegiate Institute with 6 teachers and 119 students; value of prop-

erty, \$13,000, and Galloway Female College in course of construction, property valued at \$25,000. Collected for Educational purposes, \$27,079.20.

President Miller, of Central Collegiate Institute, addressed the Conference in behalf of that school.

Question 29. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign Missions, \$2,092.67; Domestic Missions, \$965.90.

Question 30. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$335.20.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by the President.

FIFTH DAY.

DECEMBER 10, 1888. AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 3 o'clock, p. m., Bishop Key presiding.

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

The Board of Education made its final report, which was adopted. (See Report J, Appendix.)

E. M. Pipkin offered the following resolution, which was adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

WHEREAS, Information has reached the Conference that several individuals contemplate making gifts and donations to the Conference Fund for the Widows and Orphans of deceased preachers,

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the Joint Board of Finance be authorized to take the steps necessary for the incorporation of the Board under the laws of the State.

RESOLVED, 2nd, That we accept the proposition of Bennett and Emmonson touching their donation to the Widow and Orphan's Fund, and that we will endeavor to raise the subscription of the Arkansas Methodist to 12,500.

Signed,

C. H. FORD,

E. M. PIPKIN.

The Board of Missions made its report, which was approved. (See Report K, Appendix.)

George Thornburgh was elected publisher of the minutes of the Conference.

The Sunday-school Board asked for the appointment of a Sunday-school Agent for 1888-9, which was approved by the Conference.

Question 9. What preachers have died during the year? Thomas Vincent, Riley P. Harwood and Ed. T. Jones.

After singing an appropriate hymn, the Committee on Memoirs made its report, which was approved.

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The Joint Board of Finance obtained leave to withdraw and amend its report, which it did and the amended report was presented and approved.

The Joint Board of Finance offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has been the custom in this Conference for the Bishop to appoint the Joint Board of Finance annually, and

WHEREAS, Under this custom, the constant changing of members makes the work difficult, Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Conference elect a Board to serve until the close of the session next preceding the General Conference, in 1890. And

2d, That at the session of the Annual Conference next succeeding each General Conference, this Conference shall elect a Board to serve for 4 years.

And the Conference elected the following to compose the Joint Board of Finance under the resolution so adopted, viz:

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

CLERICAL:—C. H. Ford, E. M. Pipkin, J. M. Talkington, J. F. Jernigan R. S. Deener.
LAY:—W. S. Blackshare, Jonesboro District; J. M. Hanks, Helena District; J. L. Adair, Batesville District; M. F. Collier, Newport District; F. P. Laws, Searcy District.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Conference be and are hereby extended to the citizens of Paragould for their generous hospitality in entertaining the members of this Conference, and that we will hold them in grateful remembrance in our prayers at a throne of grace.
2d. That we also extend our hearty thanks to the Baptist and Christian Churches for the use of their houses of worship. Also to the different railways for reduced rates to the Conference.

S. L. COCHRAN, THOS. WHITAKER.

Question 27. What amount is necessary for the Superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$1600.

Question 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account and how has it been applied? Collected \$999,15, and applied as per report.

C. H. Ford presented to the Conference a beautiful book for keeping the acts of the Joint Board of Finance in, which was thankfully received by the President for the Conference.

J. F. Jernigan and S. L. Cochrane were appointed a visiting committee to Central Collegiate Institute.

Question 35. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

SEARCY DISTRICT—GEO. M. HILL, P. E.

Searcy Station, J. M. Talkington.
Searcy Circuit, E. M. Baker.
El Paso Circuit, To be Supplied.
Lebanon Circuit, W. A. Pendergrass.
Bradford Circuit, C. H. Cary.
Beebe and West Point, C. H. Gregory.
Jacksonville Circuit, H. M. Cryer.
Union and Revel, G. A. Dannelly.
Oil Trough Circuit, Louis Kelley.
Augusta Station, N. B. Fizer.

Weldon Circuit, R. M. Manley.
Mineral Circuit, To be Supplied.
Red River Circuit, James A. Brown.
Kentucky Valley Circuit, M. B. Corrigan.
Argenta Station, E. C. Castleberry.
John H. Dye, Sup't. School for the Blind, Little Rock.
Z. T. Bennett, Ed. Arkansas Methodist.
F. A. Jeffet, Agt. Galloway Female College.

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HELENA DISTRICT—F. RITTER, P. E.

Helena Station, E. M. Pipkin.
La Grange Circuit, W. E. Bishop.
Marianna Station, R. S. Deener.
Forrest City Station, W. D. Kelley.
Forrest City Circuit, C. H. Ford.
Brinkley Circuit, W. W. Hendrix.
Taylor's Creek Circuit, T. J. Settle.
Wheatley Circuit, S. F. Brown.

Spring Creek Circuit, F. C. Sterling.
De View Circuit, T. Whitaker.
Clarendon and Brinkley, S. L. Cochran.
Howell and Cotton Plant, M. B. Umstead.
Cypress Ridge Circuit, T. Rawlings.
Wynne Mission, A. C. Griffin.
Holley Grove Mission, N. E. Skinner.

NEWPORT DISTRICT—F. E. TAYLOR, P. E.

Newport Station, A. M. R. Branson.
Jacksonport Station, W. E. Rutledge.
Tuckerman Circuit, E. M. Davis.
Auvergne Station, W. R. Foster.
Walnut Ridge Circuit, G. W. Smith.
Portia Circuit, J. H. Anderson.
Corning Circuit, Supplied by J. T. Phillips.
Reno Circuit, J. W. Watson.

Pocahontas Circuit, R. H. Grissett.
Warm Springs Mission, James G. Miller.
Siloam Circuit, J. S. Best.
Walnut Hill Circuit, J. F. Armstrong.
Smithville Circuit, W. T. Ready.
Calamine Circuit, S. W. Register.
Hoxie Mission, S. D. Evans.

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

Batesville Station, J. C. Brown.
Sulphur Rock Circuit, D. W. Reid.
Evening Shade Circuit, J. S. Brooke.
Ash Flat Circuit, F. M. Smith.
Mammoth Springs Mission, J. F. Troy.
State Line Mission, J. R. Edwards.
Salem Circuit, John S. Watson.
Newberg Circuit, W. A. Peck.

Melbourne Circuit, W. L. King.
Viola Mission, R. D. Moon.
Bethesda Circuit, A. P. Saffold.
Jamestown Circuit, T. A. Craig.
Cedar Grove Circuit, W. S. Southworth.
Mountain View Circuit, To be Supplied by
W. H. H. Oyler.

JONESBORO DISTRICT—M. M. SMITH, P. E.

Jonesboro Station, W. D. Matthews.
Jonesboro Circuit, M. J. Hively.
Paragould Station, J. C. Ritter.
Paragould Circuit, W. W. Anderson.
Gainesville Station, W. M. Watson.
Gainesville Circuit, To be Sup. by N. Farral.
Boydsville Circuit, F. R. Noe.
St. Francis Mission, P. B. Wallis.
Buffalo Island Mission, R. C. Bland.
Lake City Circuit, Samuel G. Lape.
Vandale and Harrisburg, R. G. Brittain.
Harrisburg Circuit, J. I. Maynard.
Shiloh Circuit, John Edison.

Lorado Circuit, T. B. Williamson.
Marion Circuit, To be Sup. by A. C. Graham.
Osceola Circuit, J. F. Jernigan.
Chickasawba Circuit, J. D. Rutledge.
B. Harris Sunday-school Agent.
J. F. Pike transferred to S. W. Miss. Conf',
and stationed at Pink Hill.
J. M. Dempsey, Transferred to Missouri Con.
and stationed at Franklin Circuit.
John Moore, Transferred to Montana Con.,
and stationed at Deer Lodge.
I. A. Vernon, Transferred to Florida Con't.

Conference adjourned SINE DIE with singing "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," and the benediction by the President.

GEORGE THORNBURGH, Sec'ty.

N. B. FIZER,
A. L. MALONE,
W. E. RANDLE.

} Assistant Sect's.

JOSEPH S. KEY,
President.

Minute Business.

Question 1. Admitted: M. B. Corrigan, S. F. Brown, J. W. Watson, W. E. Bishop, S. G. Lape.

Question 2. Remain on Trial: W. D. Kelley and John Edison, in class of 1st year; J. A. Brown, F. M. Smith, J. H. Anderson, R. M. Manley, W. S. Southworth, M. J. Hively, W. W. Hendrix and R. C. Bland, in class of 2nd year.

Question 3. None discontinued.

Question 4. Admitted in full: Hardy M. Cryer, R. H. Grissett, Fay C. Sterling, George W. Smith, P. B. Wallis, T. B. Williamson and E. M. Davis.

Question 5. None re-admitted.

Question 6. Transfers: J. C. Brown, W. L. King and M. D. Mathews.

Question 7. Deacons of 1 year: A. P. Saffold in class of 3d year; W. A. Peck, R. S. Deener, D. W. Reid, W. A. Pendergrass, J. G. Miller, Thomas Whitaker, J. I. Maynard, J. R. Edwards and A. M. R. Branson in class of 4th year.

Question 8. Elected Traveling Deacons: H. M. Cryer, R. H. Grissett, F. C. Sterling, P. B. Wallis, George W. Smith and T. B. Williamson.

Question 9. Ordained Deacons: Same as 8.

Question 10. Elected Local Deacons: S. F. Brown, M. C. Raney, J. T. Smotherman and W. T. Barnhouse.

Question 11. Ordained Local Deacons: Same as 10.

Question 12. Elected Traveling Elders: W. E. Rutledge and J. D. Rutledge.

Question 13. Ordained: Same as 12.

Question 14. Elected Local Elder: James D. Spence,

Question 15. None ordained Local Elder.

Question 16. Located: A. J. Johnston.

Question 17. Supernumerary: J. J. Alexander.

Question 18. Superannuated: John Rhyne and M. C. Morris.

Question 19. Died: Thomas Vincent, R. P. Harwood and Ed. T. Jones.

Question 20. All the preachers passed except E. L. W. Arnold, who was expelled.

Question 21. L. P's., 164, Members 18,851.

- Question 22. Infants baptized: 413.
 Question 23. Adults baptized: 1118.
 Question 24. Sunday-schools: 214.
 Question 25. Sunday-school teachers: 1396.
 Question 26. Sunday-school scholars: 10,502.
 Question 27. Assessed for Conference Claimants: \$1600.
 Question 28. Collected for Conference Claimants: \$999,15.
 Question 29. Contributed for Foreign Missions: \$2092,65. For Domestic Missions, \$965,90.
 Question 30. Contributed for Church Extension: \$335,20.
 Question 31. No. of Churches: 188. Value, \$140,736.
 Question 32. No. of Parsonages: 35. Value, \$18,775.
 Question 33. See minutes.
 Question 34. Next session of Conference to be held at Searcy.

Appendix.

REPORT A.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

CENTRAL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

The Board of Education is glad to be able to report our Male College in a prosperous condition. President Millar, assisted by an able faculty, is doing a grand work for the cause of christian education in our State. The enrollment for this year is 119; 92 of whom are boarding pupils. The discipline of the school is excellent and the deportment of the students is exceptionally good. The equipment of the school, in the way of apparatus, library, etc. is steadily improving. The religious development of the students has been very gratifying to the faculty and to the church. There are, at present, attending the College, sixteen young preachers; six from our Conference, and five from each of the other Conferences in the State.

We rejoice in the success which has attended the labors of our Financial Agent, Rev. V. V. Harlan, and we recommend his continuance in this relation, and that he be assisted in his work by President Millar.

We submit the following financial statements from our agent, which statements constitute a part of this report. (See Exhibit herewith)

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RESOLVED, That we recommend an assessment of \$300 for Ministerial Education, and that it be apportioned among the several Districts by the Joint Board of Finance, and that it be collected by the Presiding Elders.

21, That this money shall be disbursed by the Board of Trustees and that each student be required to give his note without interest for the amount received, to be repaid by him as soon as possible after the completion of his course; and that the money thus returned shall constitute a permanent Ministerial Aid Fund.

B. HARRIS, Chairman,
E. M. PIPKIN, Secretary.

EXHIBIT.

Total Subscription to date.....	\$ 31,100 00	
Total Cash to date.....	\$ 14,409 37.	
Bal. Unpaid Subs.....	16,690 63.	
	\$ 31,100 00.	\$ 31,100 00
Total Sub. since Dec. 1, 1887.....	\$ 13,449 50.	
Cash Reciepts since Dec. 1, 1887.....	\$ 6,628 45	
Cash in hand Dec. 1, 1887.....	260 92	
Total Cash.....	\$ 6,889 37	
Credited on the above:		
Incidental expenses.....	\$ 87 65.	
Discount and Interest.....	28 35.	
Improvements and new property....	125 36.	
Trav. ex. Bd. of Trust and Visitors.	119 10.	
Spent for advertising.....	140 00.	
Apparatus and books.....	210 00.	
Trav. ex Agent.....	336 10.	
Salary of Agent.....	1000 00.	
Paid on property.....	3651 45.	
Cash in hand.....	681 66.	
Total.....	\$ 6889 37.	\$ 6889 37

REPORT B.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

The Board of Education would make the following report:

We find the University, in all its departments, more prosperous than it has ever been. There is an increased attendance from all the different sections of our country.

RESOLVED. That we are in full sympathy with the Theological department of the University, and that we will do all we can to advance its interests.

RESOLVED, That we recommend to the Conference the approval of the action of the Board of Trust at its last annual meeting in reference to the election of members of the Board of Trust as stated in the accompanying paper, which is made a part of this report;

PROVIDED, That the charter of the University be so amended as to secure the right of the several Annual Conferences to act upon all nominations to fill vacancies before any party nom-

inated by the Board can become a member thereof; and provided also, that no amendment to the charter shall affect the ex-officio members of the Board.

RESOLVED, That a copy of the action of the conference touching the reorganization of Vanderbilt University be duly endorsed and forwarded to Bishop McTyeire at Nashville, Tenn.

E. M. PIPKIN, Secretary,

B. HARRIS, Chairman.

REPORT C.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following as our report:

The temperance work is one that every lover of God and man should take a deep interest in; intemperance being one of the worst evils which the Church of God has to contend. Every city, town and country have to their heart's sorrow witnessed the dire effects of the soul-destroying monster rum. It is the father of lies, the mother of perhaps nine tenths of all the crimes committed in the land, and the enemy of religion and morality, and should be declared a public nuisance, and a curse everywhere; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, ministers and members of the White River Annual Conference, pledge ourselves to promote the cause of temperance and prohibition in every laudable and lawful way, and that we pray God to hasten the day when the Nation shall be freed from this awful curse by national prohibition.

2nd. That we respectfully pray and petition our next General Assembly of the State to enact a law requiring that the study of the nature of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics, and special instruction as to their effects upon the human system, in connection with relative physiology, shall be made a regular branch of instruction for all pupils in all schools supported by public money or under State control.

3rd. That we also ask the said General Assembly to enact a law prohibiting the sale of native wines in all places where local option prevails. Respectfully submitted.

S. L. COCHRAN, Chairman.

REPORT D.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS.

The Journal of the Helena District was neatly written and ruled, properly punctuated, capitalized and paragraphed, having appropriate marginal references; but the resolutions and reports of the several committees were copied in the body of the minutes instead of in an appendix, which appears to be the custom with the District Conferences; and the Journal was signed by another person than the Secretary and Presiding Elder, adding the word "signed" above the name of each of said officials. In all other matters this Journal is accurate and comprehensive.

The Journal of the Batesville District is also neat and written up in systematic order, except that the resolutions and reports of the several committees are recorded at length in the body of the proceedings of the Conference, instead of in an appendix.

All the other Journals are neatly kept, properly punctuated, paragraphed and signed by the respective Secretaries and Presiding Elders of each Conference. Respectfully submitted,

M. F. COLLIER,
W. E. DAVIDSON, } Com.
J. F. Jernigan,

REPORT E.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Your committee to whom was referred the work of the American Bible Society, would respectfully report that this great institution continues to do the work for which it was established with great energy and success, both in its home and foreign field of labor; circulating the Word of Life among the nations of the earth. Through this and like agencies, the Bible, once the costliest book in the world, has become the cheapest, and is always sold at cost of publication, and given to the poor.

We observe from the last report, May 1888, that the publications amount to nearly 50,000,000 copies—Bibles, Testaments and portions, in many languages and dialects, so as to meet the necessities of all nations.

The fourth supply of our whole country is drawing to a close; the most extensive enterprise of the kind ever undertaken in the history of the world. This work has been completed in our own State at a cost to the American Bible Society of nearly \$19,000.

We note with peculiar satisfaction that there are in our State more than eighty auxiliary Bible Societies, where the Word of Life can be secured by our people at cost of publication, and where the poor can receive it as a gift.

During the last year eleven general agents and 387 Bible distributors, employed and paid by the American Bible Society, have been at work in foreign lands, giving the Word of God to the people in their own tongue.

As a Conference we would renew and re-affirm our interest in this great work, and recommend and urge that collections be taken up in all our charges to assist as far as we can this great cause. We are pained to know that many of our charges have failed to give any material assistance. The Conference consists of about fifty or sixty preachers and as many charges, yet, so far as we can learn, only about twenty have contributed this year up to this date; the aggregate being about \$132. In conclusion, we would offer the following:

RESOLVED, That we commend this institution to the prayers and offerings of our people.

2d, That during the ensuing year all our charges be urged to give something for this object.

3d, To secure concert of action, we recommend that the month of February be set apart for Bible collections.

4th, We suggest that each charge send its collections by March 1, to the District Superintendent of Arkansas, and report the same at the next session of this Conference, and that he be requested to do the same.

Respectfully Submitted, BENONI HARRIS, Chairman.

REPORT F.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on the subject of Books and Periodicals recognize that the circulation of sound religious literature is not only first in importance, next to the preaching of the Gospel, but that it is so essential as an ally of pulpit ministrations that permanent success cannot be assured without it. In the great commission given by the Lord. "Go, teach the nations," He no doubt meant that both mind and heart culture were necessary to a successful conquest of the world. This mental culture necessary to a high appreciation and right conception of man's duty to himself, his God and his neighbors, can be done in no other channel as cheaply and effectively as through the medium of sound religious literature, distributed broadcast over the land. We think that the introduction of S. S. Libraries, as offered by our Publishing House, if placed in every Sunday-school in our connection and properly conducted, would not only be a grand auxiliary to the pulpit in the matter of teaching our young people the true spirit and principles of evangelical religion, thus pre-occupying the ground so as to shut out much of that chaffy and pernicious stuff flooding the country—but as an economic measure, it so cheapens good, wholesome literature, that the poorest could have equal opportunities with the more prosperous to inform themselves and become more intelligent about the things of God, and more appreciative. We congratulate our Church on the high standard and cheapness of our Sunday-school literature and most heartily recommend its use in our Sunday-schools.

The Quarterly Review we regard as an essential factor in the literary and religious publishing interests, and regret that so valuable an accessory of good is not made self-supporting. We think that all our ministers, both traveling and local, as well as all of our intelligent laymen, would at least avail themselves of a great privilege and blessing to subscribe for and read it. Besides benefiting themselves with an intellectual treat, they would thus build up a periodical on a self-propagating basis, that its area of usefulness might be enlarged, and our Church honored in sustaining a periodical inferior none.

Our connectional organ, the Christian Advocate, we recommend to our people as a safe expositor of the truth, as it is in Christ Jesus,

and well worthy the patronage of our people everywhere.

We are glad to note the prosperity of our Publishing House at Nashville and from communications on hand learn, that that interest so essential to our success in "spreading Scriptural holiness over the lands," is now in a condition to enlarge its sphere of usefulness and thus joining with other means and agencies to extend the borders of Christ's Kingdom and inculcate the true doctrines of the Gospel until the kingdoms of this world shall be brought to Christ.

THE ARKANSAS METH DIST, published at Little Rock by Bennett and Emonson and well edited by our own Bro Bennett of this Conference, we esteem very highly for its work's sake. We recognize in it a live and progressive paper, which is doing a great work in educating our people in religion and morals as well as the doctrines and policy of our Methodism. We most heartily recommend a continuance of our relation to it as our Conference organ and commend it to our people as in every way worthy of their patronage.

We appreciate the generous offer made by the joint owners of the paper, Bros. Bennett & Emonson, to donate one-half the net earnings of the paper to the three patronizing Conferences for the benefit of our worn out preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers; and do hereby pledge ourselves to a faithful effort to extend its circulation among our people.

We recommend the election of a committee to act with similar committees from the Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences on publication, composed of the following named persons: R. G. Brittain, J. M. Talkington, and Frank Ritter.

G. H. GREGORY, Ch'n	} Com.
R. S. DEENER,	
C. G. JOHNSON,	
E. C. CASTLEBERRY.	

REPORT G.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Your Board of Church Extension respectfully reports that it has received from all sources \$335.20; \$38.06 in excess of last year; 167.60 to be sent to the Parent Board, leaving subject to our disposal \$167.60, which we have appropriated as follows:

Bethel Church, Batesville Dist., to J. S. Brooke.....	\$ 50 00
Cotton Plant Church, Helena Dist., to M. B. Umstead...	50 00
McCrory Church, Helena Dist., to Thos. Whittaker.....	67 60
Total.....	\$167 60

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The assessment on our Conference for the ensuing year is \$775.00, which we assess as follows:

To Searcy District.....	\$185 00
To Helena District.....	185 00
To Batesville District.....	135 00
To Jonesboro District.....	135 00
To Newport District.....	135 00

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. THORNBURGH, Sec'y.

R. G. BRITTAIN, Pres't.

REPORT H.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

We submit the following report of the collection on Children's Day:

Jonesboro Station.....	\$3 40
Chickasawba Circuit.....	7 20
Batesville Station.....	8 35
Augusta Station.....	2 75
Holly Grove Circuit.....	6 00
Boydsville Circuit.....	4 05
Salem Circuit.....	2 90
Clarendon and Brinkley Station.....	2 75
Total.....	37 40
Cash on hand last year's collection,	59 05
Total.....	\$ 96 45

We would respectfully call the attention of all our pastors to the provisions of the discipline in regard to Children's Day, and would urge that mass meetings be held in every charge and collections be taken for Sunday-school work. The Board would recommend the distribution of this fund among the several Districts in proportion to the number of their missions; and that this fund be disbursed by the Presiding Elders and Pastors.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. JEFFETT, Chairman,

E. M. PIPKIN, Sec. Tr.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That we adopt the plan of correlation proposed by our Educational Commissioners. The report of the Commissioners constituting a part of this report. (See plan of correlation.)

Resolved, That we endorse the action of the Educational Commissioners and the Committee of Location in locating our connectional Female College at Searcy.

Resolved, That we approve the action of the Trustees in naming our Female College Galloway; and that we ratify the action of the Board of Trustees as to the purchase of grounds and the erection of buildings, &c.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the people of Searcy for their munificent gift of \$25,000 for the cause of female education.

Resolved, That we request the Bishop to appoint the Rev. F. A. Jeffett Financial Agent of Galloway Female College, and that we, as ministers and laymen, pledge him our hearty and earnest co-operation in his effort to accomplish this great work of the Church committed to his hands.

Resolved, That we request the Bishop to appoint J. H. Dye to the superintendency of the Arkansas School for the Blind.

TRUSTEES FOR GALLOWAY FEMALE COLLEGE.

F. A. Jeffett, J. M. Hanks, C. H. Gregory, S. Killern, E. M. Pipkin, A. W. Yarnell.
E. M. PIPKIN, Secretary. B. HARRIS, Chairman.

REPORT K.

MISSIONS.

We, your Board of Missions of White River Conference, submit the following report:

We have received from the several charges of the conference:
For Foreign Missions.....\$ 1612 14
Amount of anniversary collection.....27 30
Amount of self denial.....453 21

Total amount for Foreign Missions.....\$ 2092 65
Amount forwarded Missionary Trustees at Nashville:
As vouchers.....\$ 585 05
Balance to be remitted.....1507 60

Total.....\$ 2092 65
Amount collected on Domestic Missions.....\$ 938 65
Amount collected at Anniversary Meeting.....27 25

Total.....\$ 965 90

Which amount is disbursed as follows:

Bro. P. B. Wallis.....\$ 65 25	Bro. M. C. Clark.....\$ 27 30
" M. M. Smith.....52 25	" J. G. Miller.....97 75
" R. C. Bland.....97 90	" H. T. Gregory.....49 00
" G. M. Hill.....16 50	" A. J. Johnson.....65 25
" F. M. Smith.....62 25	" E. C. Castlebury....78 00
" J. M. Talkington...39 25	" T. Rawlings.....78 25
" W. W. Hendrix....114 00	" J. F. Troy.....65 25
" Frank Ritter.....16 50	
" C. H. Cary.....38 20	Total.....\$ 965 90

The pro rata is 65 1-4 per cent.

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Assessment for Domestic Missions \$1600 00, and Foreign Missions, as follows:

	Foreign	Domestic.
Searcy	\$ 750 00	\$ 360 00
Helena	750 00	360 00
Newport	675 00	280 00
Batesville	650 00	240 00
Jonesboro	675 00	360 00
Total	\$ 3500 00	\$ 1600 00

The Board made the following appropriations for the coming year:

Batesville District—For P. E	\$ 150 00
Viola Mission, for P. C	150 00
Mammoth Springs, for P. C	150 00
State Line, for P. C	100 00
Helena District—Wynne Mission, for P. C	200 00
Newport District - For P. E	100 00
Warm Springs Mission, for P. C	200 00
Hoxie, for P. C	100 00
Jonesboro District - Buffalo Island, for P. C	100 00
St. Francis Mission, for P. C	100 00

The Board requests that the District Anniversaries be held in connection with the District Conferences, and in the absence of a member of the Board, the Presiding Elder shall look after the matter and see that a collection be taken.

SAM'L E EBBERT, Sec'y.

G. A. DANNELLY, Pres't.

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REPORT L.

MEMOIRS.

Your Committee on Memoirs beg leave to submit the following :

BRO. ED. T. JONES, occupying a supernumerary relation to this Conference, has been called from labor to reward. We are not sufficiently informed to report accurately as to his birth, education, conversion or calls to the ministry. He was admitted into the traveling connection of the Arkansas Conference in 1854, and faithfully served circuits, stations and districts until his health failed, and sometime during the year 1869 he was granted a superannuated relation. After a year or two he became supernumerary. We visited him during his last illness and found him resigned to the will of his Maker, full of faith and ripe for the Master's use. He said, "Tell the brethren the Lord is with me." He died May 28th, 1888, at his home in Augusta, Arkan-

sas. May God in his illimitable goodness gently care for the bereaved wife and children.

A M R. BRANSON,
for the Committee.

BRO. R. P. HARWOOD joined this Conference on trial at Helena in 1880. He was admitted into full connection at Forest City in 1882. We do not know his history prior to his admission. He filled several good circuits and did his duty faithfully. His health failed, and he went to Florida in the hope of regaining it, but during the past summer he quietly passed away in the full triumph of a living faith. Bro. Harwood was a good man and a true itinerant minister. We pray the mercies of God upon his widow and little ones

GEORGE THORNBURGH,
for the Committee

THOMAS VINCENT was born in Madison county, Tenn., August 4th, 1826, the tenth child of Thomas and Elizabeth Vincent, who were old type Methodists.

The subject of this sketch professed religion at the age of 12 years at Shady Grove camp-ground, Henderson county, Tenn. He was left motherless at 15 and fatherless at 16. He married Miss Mary J. Fuller January 2d, 1851; moved to Independence county, Ark., in the fall of 1856. He located near Cedar Grove Church, now in the bounds of Jamestown Circuit. He was licensed to exhort by the Rev. John A. Roach, August, 1857; licensed to preach in September, 1858. His license was signed, "Rev. J. S. McCarver, P. E." He worked at his blacksmith trade and preached as a local preacher. In September, 1866, he was ordained a deacon by Bisoph Pierce at Searcy. The year of 1869 he traveled Big Creek Circuit as a supply.

At the first session of White River Conference, which was held at Mt Zion, Cross county, 1870, he was admitted on trial in a class of thirteen, only one of whom (S. D Evans) now belongs to this conference. He was ordained a local elder at that conference by Bishop Keener. His first appointment was Prospect Bluff, (now Judsonia), which he served two years. Of these two years he says in his diary: "The first year we had a good time; about sixty additions to the church. It was a small work of five appointments I received about \$150. The second year we had much trouble; politics got into the church; some of the members joined the Union League, and we had other troubles. Yet we had about twenty-five accessions and I received about \$125." In 1872 he was received into full connection and appointed to Grand Glaize circuit and reappointed to the work in 1873. In 1874 appointed to Kentucky Valley mission, but was changed by the P. E. to Big Creek circuit and returned to it in 1875. In 1876 he was sent to Grand Glaize circuit and returned to it in 1877. In 1878 he went to Melbourne circuit. In 1879 he was sent to Bethesda circuit. He had much trouble this year with a set called "New Lights." Of these men he says: "One was sent to the penitentiary, one committed cold-blooded murder and one of their preachers was turned out

for getting drunk " In 1880 he was appointed to Big Creek mission. In 1881 he went to Bethesda circuit again. In 1882 was sent to Newburg circuit and returned to it in 1883. In 1884 was appointed to Ash Flat circuit. In 1885 was sent to Shiloh circuit, on Crowley's Ridge, and returned to it in 1886. In February, 1887, his health began to fail. He filled his appointments till the fourth Sunday in May, which was the last time he ever tried to preach. He attended his District Conference at Portia, embracing the fifth Sunday in May, 1887. Here, while leading a song, his voice failed and he never attempted to sing after that. He was a good singer in his prime. He gave up his work at the District Conference by consent of his P. E. and went to White county. He tried several physicians, but the old machine was worn out and could not be mended. He attended the Annual Conference of 1887, but he was too feeble to be present much of the time. His brethren showed their love for him in their prayers and with their substance. He was strongly attached to the conference and his blessings were upon it. The brethren willingly, but sorrowfully, placed him upon the superannuated list, but he did not stay there long, for on the — day of January, 1888, the weary wheels of life stood still and the pure spirit of God's servant went home to rest. He talked about dying with a calmness begotten only of confidence in his trust. He said he had greater spiritual enjoyment the year of his affliction than during any other. He was glad he had been permitted to work so near his end; that he would rather wear out than to rust out. On Sunday before his death he said that if it was the Lord's will for him to get well and preach again it was all right, and if it was not it was all right. Just before the end came he grew tired and asked his sons to have prayer. His oldest son lead the last service he ever heard on earth. His bereaved widow bears testimony to his affectionate disposition as a husband and father. He was true in ever relation of life; true to what he conceived to be his duty. Just before his mortal eyes looked for the last time upon a receding world, he turned with affectionate and hopeful gaze to his beloved companion and said: "You have oft' times looked for me to return to you and I have always come, but soon I will go and return no more to you, but you can come to me." Bro. Vincent had the love and confidence of those who knew him. We thank God for the hope we have of again meeting our brother.

We'll not forget thee, we who stay
To work a little longer here.
Thy name, thy faith, thy love shall lie
On memory's tablet, bright and clear,
And when o'er wearied, by the toll
Of life, our heavy limbs shall be,
We'll come and one by one surround
The throne of God with thee.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE THORNBURGH,
for the Committee.

E. M. PIPKIN,
A. M. R. BRANSON, }
GEO. THORNBURGH. } Committee.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

MEMBERSHIP, BAPTISMS AND CHURCH PROPERTY.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	Adults Bapt'd.	Infants Bapt'd.	No. Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church Prop'y.	Money Expended on Churches and Parsonages.
Searcy District	1	205			9	13	1	7500	1	\$ 1700		
Searcy Circuit	1	583	32		29	6	5/4	2550				
El Passo Circuit	1	315	30					2435	1	250		\$ 339 00
Lebanon Circuit	2	356		16	17	4	4	2250				300 00
Bradford Mission	1	164	30		2	2	1	250				101 45
Beebe and West Point Station	1	225	37		38	6	2	2500				700 00
Jacksonville Circuit	1	480	80		45	2	6	3600				
Union and Revels Circuit	1	142			8	1	1	1000				
Auvergne Station		63	1		1		1	2839				
Augusta Station		132	48		13	5	1	2000	1	1500	100	
Weldon Circuit		63	3		8		2	700				
Mineral Circuit	2	528	25		15	10	3	3000				
Red River Circuit	2	314	167		19		2	900	1	200	125	125 00
Kentucky Valley Circuit	3	359	41		28	4	5	700				
Argenta Mission	2	115	48		17	19	1	3500				780 00
Total	19	3887	542	16	249	72	39 1/2	\$ 36324	4	\$ 3100	225	\$ 2342 45
Total last year	24	3470	310	140	231	48	42 1/2	31879	5	3000	160	4808 05
Increase		427	232		18	26		4445			125	
Decrease	5			143		3			1	400		2465 60

HELENA DISTRICT.

Helena Station	1	184			4	3	1 1/2	2000	1	\$	\$	\$ 2849 95
La Grange Circuit		117		10		5	3	2000	1	600	25	500 00
Marianna Station		197	10		6	1	1	2500				
Forrest City Station	1	121			1	1	1	4000	1	1000	200	5000 00
Forrest City Circuit	1	155		11		1	2	1000				
Brinkley Mission		172	112		50	3	1	500			100	102 00
Taylor's Creek Circuit	2	498	11		23	1	3	2500				287 55
Whetley Circuit	2	246			4	1	2 1/2	1500				25 00
Spring Creek Circuit	1	241	1		6	3	3	1165				165 00
De View Circuit	1	327	27		56	10	2	4100	1	500		615 00
Clarendon and Brinkley Station	2	166	43		6	6	2	3000				228 00
Howell Circuit		168	13		22	13	3	6000				600 00
Cypress Ridge Circuit	3	228		5	2	1	2	100				
Holly Grove Circuit	1	111		17	1	6	2	2500	1	800		285 00
Total	15	2870	266	43	181	61	28 1/2	\$ 52565	4	\$ 2900	\$ 72	\$ 8657 50
Total last year	17	2676	408	73	249	130	27 1/2	45050	3	1850	450	10727 00
Increase		194					1	7515	1	1050	275	
Decrease	2		242	30	68	69						2063 50

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Batesville Station	1	210		16	11		1 1/2	5000	1	\$ 2000	\$ 100	\$ 639 80
Sulphur Rock Circuit	1	500	120		78		5	3000	1	500	100	
Evening Shade Circuit	4	301	71		23	6	3	2650	2	600	10	600 00
Ash Flat Circuit	5	320	35		23	6	3	500	1	200		
Mammoth Springs Circuit		45	2			4	1	2000	1	500		399 00
State Line Mission	4	187	27		13	6	1	500				65 00
Salem Circuit	3	391	17		10	18	5	2920	1	350	10	9 95
Newburg Circuit	15	684	54		41	28	6	1500			50	1100 00
Melbourne Circuit	4	399	53		5	3	5	2325	1	350		
Viola Mission	6	227	35		27		2	400				260 00
Bethesda Circuit	5	510	85		36	8	7	2500	1	100		
Jamestown Circuit	6	460	6		3		6	2000				
Mountain View Circuit	7	397		59	33	9	7	3570	1	300		100 00
Total	60	4721	505	75	303	88	52	\$ 29315	10	\$ 4900	\$ 470	\$ 5173 75
Total last year	57	4420	525	29	339	199	48	30055	9	4200	500	4113 00
Increase	3	301		46			4		1	610		
Decrease			20		36	111		735		100		930 25

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE. MEMBERSHIP, BAPTISMS AND CHURCH PROPERTY.

NEWPORT DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	No. Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of Other Church Prop'y.	Money Expended on Churches and Parsonages.
Newport Station.....	1	115	...	30	...	...	1	\$ 1800	1	\$ 2600	\$...	\$ 369 00
Jacksonport Station.....	1	68	22	...	11	5	1	600	...	...	...	...
Tuckerman Circuit.....	1	112	12	...	2	...	1	875	1	250	...	126 0
Oil Trough Circuit.....	4	232	...	77	...	...	...	670	...	...	...	...
Walnut Ridge Circuit.....	3	347	4	...	26	7	...	350	...	...	...	537 50
Portia Circuit.....	1	135	14	...	5	...	...	1700	...	...	...	283 00
Corning Circuit.....	3	125	50	...	14	...	...	1200	...	...	295	178 40
Shiloh Circuit.....	5	432	102	...	74	7	...	700	1	250	...	510 00
Lorado Circuit.....	5	464	...	11	71	9	3	1000	1	225	200	224 00
Pocahontas Circuit.....	1	304	...	7	8	2	4	2000	1	300	...	175 00
Warm Spring Mission.....	1	72	21	...	6	3	...	125	...	...	125	125 00
Siloam Circuit.....	5	368	...	7	16	4	1	600	...	...	105	105 00
Walnut Hill Circuit.....	6	215	...	5	1	3	2	400	...	...	5	...
Powhatan Circuit.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Smithville Circuit.....	4	466	26	...	24	1	4½	2700	1	400	...	27 00
Calamine Circuit.....	...	231	20	...	20	23	2	1000	1	100	...	...
Total.....	38	3716	287	123	293	80	31	\$ 18830	7	\$ 3525	\$ 730	\$ 2659 90
Total last year.....	36	3816	432	40	298	68	34½	18650	7	3450	688	1106 87
Increase.....	2	...	...	83	...	12	...	200	...	75	42	1553 03
Decrease.....	...	130	145	...	5	...	3½	...	...	...	...	...

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

Jonesboro Station.....	1	158	...	45	...	3	1	\$ 3000	1	\$ 1200	\$...	\$ 526 50
Jonesboro Circuit.....	4	409	75	...	40	15	2	600	...	...	30	450 00
Paragould Station.....	...	111	17	...	4	1	1	800	1	400	200	260 00
Gainesville Circuit.....	...	387	...	100	36	11	5	3500	1	300	150	20 00
Boydsville Circuit.....	5	287	...	...	10	5	4	1500	1	450	...	...
St. Francis Mission.....	6	240	32	...	13	16	3	1782	...	...	...	1282 00
Buffalo Island Circuit.....	...	152	11	...	7	11	...	...	...	...	50	...
Harrisburg Circuit.....	5	452	...	40	8	7	5	2350	1	550	...	400 00
Vandale Station.....	...	90	12	...	8	1	1	1503	...	...	...	150 00
Wynne Circuit.....	2	112	...	8	7	4	2	600	...	...	...	212 00
Tyronza Mission.....	1	49	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marion Circuit.....	1	130	...	...	1	3	...	2500	1	200	...	...
Osceola Circuit.....	...	230	50	...	33	5	3	1200	2	500	50	365 00
Chickasawba Circuit.....	4	279	...	73	21	6	2	1200	1	300	300	...
Big Lake Mission.....	...	128	46	...	33	3	1	150	...	...	...	20 00
Paragould Circuit.....	4	562	90	...	72	20	5	2600	1	100	...	...
Total.....	32	3767	333	267	292	112	38	\$ 22682	10	\$ 4000	\$ 840	\$ 3765 50
Total last year.....	40	3883	613	74	340	139	32	22150	9	2800	1207	2226 20
Increase.....	...	...	...	193	...	...	6	532	1	1200	...	1539 30
Decrease.....	8	116	310	...	48	20	...	...	...	...	367	...

NOTE.—1 Colored member on Salem Circuit, Batesville District.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

FINANCE TABLE.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Assessed for Pre- siding Elder.	Paid for Presid- ing Elder.	Assessed for Preach- er in Charge.	Paid for Preach- er in Charge.	Assessed for Bishops' Fund.	Paid for Bishops' Fund.	Assessed for Conference Claimants.	Paid for Confer- ence Claimants.	Paid for Other Objects.
Searcy District	\$ 150.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00
Searcy Circuit	95.00	79.95	500.00	428.70	10.00	10.00	30.00	21.00	.....
El Passo Circuit	64.00	32.35	175.00	106.75	10.00	10.00	25.00	15.00	.....
Lebanon Circuit	76.00	54.85	403.45	286.15	8.00	8.00	30.00	16.50	57.00
Bradford Mission	68.00	26.25	400.00	170.00	5.00	5.00	15.00	4.00	.....
Beebe & West Point St.	125.00	125.00	640.00	582.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	.....
Jacksonville Circuit	96.90	86.70	510.00	455.30	10.00	10.00	30.00	21.00	.....
Union and Revels Ct.	92.00	67.35	483.00	353.65	8.00	8.00	25.00	15.00	.....
Auvergne Station	95.00	95.00	500.00	500.00	5.00	5.00	20.00	20.00	.....
Augusta Station	152.00	152.00	870.00	800.00	15.00	15.00	40.00	40.00	200.00
Weldon Circuit	60.00	35.00	305.00	200.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	5.00	.....
Mineral Circuit	70.00	54.00	395.00	284.00	5.00	5.00	20.00	5.00	.....
Red River Circuit	38.00	27.00	209.00	150.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	7.50	.....
Kentucky Valley Ct.	63.20	40.65	331.00	213.55	5.00	5.00	20.00	10.00	.....
Argenta Mission	64.00	64.00	400.00	400.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	150.00
Total	\$1307.10	\$1110.10	\$ 6851.45	\$ 5880.10	\$ 122.00	\$ 122.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 607.00
Total last year	1244.00	968.76	6292.80	5261.30	124.00	124.00	336.00	216.75	181.85
Increase	62.50	141.34	558.65	618.80	.....	.....	29.00	.....	425.15
Decrease .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	.....	36.75	.....

HELENA DISTRICT.

Helena Station	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1000.00	\$ 1050.00	\$ 12.10	\$ 14.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 272.95
Marianna Station	90.00	90.00	600.00	600.00	10.90	10.90	31.50	31.50	.....
La Grange Circuit	80.00	65.35	640.00	458.05	9.68	9.68	28.00	28.00	.....
Forrest City Station	90.00	74.85	625.00	520.20	10.89	10.90	31.50	15.00	87.00
Forrest City Circuit	80.00	45.30	560.00	315.55	9.68	9.70	28.00	10.00	.....
Brinkley Mission	20.00	20.00	200.00	203.40	2.42	2.45	7.00	7.00	.....
Taylor's Creek Circuit	60.00	32.40	525.00	274.96	7.26	7.26	21.00	13.44	.....
Wheatley Circuit	80.00	50.00	400.00	324.50	9.68	9.68	28.00	11.00	.....
Spring Creek Circuit	50.00	31.85	400.00	265.85	6.06	8.47	24.50	24.50	.....
De view Circuit	70.00	70.00	400.00	500.00	8.47	10.90	31.50	34.70	51.00
Clarendon & Brinkley	90.00	90.00	800.00	825.00	10.40	8.70	24.50	25.00	211.00
Howell Circuit	70.00	75.00	600.00	643.00	8.47	8.70	24.50	10.00	.....
Cypress Ridge Circuit	50.00	21.30	500.00	196.00	6.06	6.05	17.50	10.00	.....
Holly Grove Circuit	70.00	59.00	600.00	516.00	8.47	8.47	24.50	15.00	.....
Total	\$1000.00	\$ 825.55	\$ 7910.00	\$ 6692.51	\$ 121.02	\$ 123.01	\$ 350.00	\$ 281.24	\$ 621.95
Total last year	920.00	769.36	7390.50	6055.25	120.10	120.10	335.00	246.35	175.89
Increase	80.00	56.19	519.50	37.26	92.00	2.91	15.00	34.89	446.06
Decrease .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Batesville Station	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 213.00
Sulphur Rock Circuit	67.50	35.00	500.00	348.00	10.00	10.00	28.50	28.50	.....
Evening Shade Circuit	72.50	40.90	402.50	265.07	10.00	10.00	28.50	25.35	.....
Ash Flat Circuit	61.00	31.50	350.00	181.00	8.00	8.00	22.80	22.80	.....
Mammoth Springs Ct.	35.00	16.00	265.00	106.50	3.00	3.00	8.50	8.50	.....
State Line Mission	22.50	13.65	150.00	93.50	2.00	2.50	5.72	2.00	.....
Salem Circuit	63.00	50.00	457.00	380.00	9.00	9.00	25.15	10.00	29.65
Newburg Circuit	65.00	44.20	440.00	309.62	8.50	8.50	20.00	3.75	.....
Melbourne Circuit	65.00	52.45	400.00	315.22	9.00	9.00	25.65	16.55	.....
Viola Mission	35.50	15.20	150.00	55.70	3.50	3.50	9.97	4.00	.....
Bethesda Circuit	65.00	33.23	455.00	200.00	8.50	5.45	24.22	5.00	.....
Jamestown Circuit	67.50	38.59	395.00	192.97	10.00	7.10	28.50	5.00	.....
Mountain View Circuit	40.50	20.80	400.00	187.25	5.50	5.50	15.67	7.00	.....
Total	\$ 900.00	\$ 531.52	\$ 5134.50	\$ 3534.83	\$ 100.00	\$ 94.55	\$ 280.18	\$ 175.45	\$ 242.65
Total last year	800.00	496.00	6125.00	3319.09	100.00	95.00	290.00	149.00	165.00
Increase .....	.....	34.92	.....	215.74	.....	.....	.....	26.45	77.65
Decrease	100.00	.....	990.50	.....	.....	45	9.82	.....	.....

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

FINANCE TABLE.

NEWPORT DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Assessed for Pre- siding Elder.	Paid for Presid- ing Elder.	Assessed for Preacher in Charge.	Paid for Preach- er in Charge.	Assessed for Bishops' Fund.	Paid for Bishops' Fund.	Assessed for Conference Claimants.	Paid for Confer- ence Claimants.	Paid for Other Objects.
Newport Station.....	\$ 102.50	\$ 56.50	\$ 825.00	\$ 416.10	\$ 11.63	\$ 11.70	\$ 34.16	\$ 10.00	\$ 148.00
Jacksonport Station.....	56.25	56.25	400.00	400.00	6.10	6.10	18.75	15.50	50.00
Tuckerman Circuit.....	49.00	24.10	415.00	219.00	5.66	5.65	15.00	5.00	
Oil Trough Circuit.....	54.00	18.25	432.00	145.93	6.18	6.18	18.00	2.00	
Walnut Ridge Circuit.....	70.00	70.00	600.00	600.00	8.00		23.35	23.35	
Portia Circuit.....	54.00	24.02	360.00	164.18	6.18	6.18	18.00	5.00	
Corning Circuit.....	50.00	31.02	400.00	296.15	5.72	5.72	16.88	10.00	
Shiloh Circuit.....	56.00	26.25	350.00	167.55	6.80	6.80	8.00		
Lorado Circuit.....	64.00	30.50	483.89	212.70	7.33	7.33	21.33	3.00	
Pocahontas Circuit.....	62.90	39.38	500.00	325.05	7.19	7.19	20.96	9.00	35.38
Warm Spring Mission.....	30.00	13.50	200.00	79.85	2.40	2.40		1.40	
Silom Circuit.....	55.50	23.50	300.00	131.00	6.35	5.50	18.50		
Walnut Hill Circuit.....	50.00	38.00	210.00	161.10	5.75	5.75	16.66	4.50	
Powhatan Circuit.....									
Smithville Circuit.....	55.00	40.50	415.00	202.00	6.29	4.00	18.55	2.00	
Calamine Circuit.....	30.00	23.25	250.00	190.45	3.40	2.55	10.00	10.00	
Total.....	\$ 839.15	\$ 518.62	\$ 6143.80	\$ 3801.06	\$ 95.08	\$ 83.05	\$ 257.94	\$ 160.80	\$ 233.38
Total last year.....	792.10	538.91	6289.10	4310.58	103.20	94.50	254.06	162.00	45.50
Increase.....	47.05								
Decrease.....		20.29	145.30	589.52	8.12	11.45	3.94	61.20	187.88

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

Jonesboro Station.....	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 716.10	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 29.10	\$ 30.60	\$
Jonesboro Circuit.....	65.00	37.65	300.00	198.05	6.50	6.50	19.81	4.00	
Paragould Station.....	75.00	75.00	600.00	600.00	7.50	7.50	21.75	15.00	
Gainessville Circuit.....	75.00	40.05	525.00	324.00	7.50	7.50	21.75	15.95	
Boydsville Circuit.....	75.00	64.00	450.00	386.06	7.50	7.50	21.75	13.75	
St. Francis Mission.....	35.00	35.00	230.00	230.00	3.50	3.50	10.20	10.20	
Buffalo Island Circuit.....	60.00	20.33	300.00	101.67	6.00	2.00			
Harrisburg Circuit.....	75.00	42.45	600.00	391.65	7.50	7.50	21.75	10.00	
Vandale Station.....	75.00	57.80	600.00	519.12	7.50	7.50	21.00	15.00	
Wynne Circuit.....	60.00	28.60	300.00	188.00	6.00	6.00	17.00	4.00	
Tyroneza Mission.....	25.00	17.50	125.00	86.85	2.50	2.50	7.25	6.65	
Marion Circuit.....	100.00	96.00	600.00	592.00	10.10	10.10	29.10	29.10	65.00
Oseeola Circuit.....	100.00	73.10	515.00	371.05	10.00	10.00	29.10	5.00	
Chickasawba Circuit.....	75.00	58.65	300.00	234.64	7.50	7.50	21.75	8.25	
Big Lake Mission.....	30.00								
Paragould Circuit.....	75.00	16.70							
Total.....	\$1100.00	\$ 762.83	\$ 6145.00	\$ 4919.79	\$ 99.60	\$ 95.60	\$ 271.31	\$ 167.50	\$ 65.00
Total last year.....	1100.00	829.43	6086.00	4291.73	110.50	110.35	297.25	162.45	428.05
Increase.....			59.00	628.06				5.05	
Decrease.....		66.60			11.90	14.17	25.94		363.05

RECAPITULATION.

Searcy District.....	\$1307.10	\$1110.10	\$ 6851.45	\$ 5880.10	\$ 122.00	\$ 122.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 607.00
Helena District.....	1000.00	825.55	7910.00	6592.51	121.02	123.01	360.00	281.24	621.95
Newport District.....	839.15	518.62	6143.80	3801.06	95.08	83.05	257.94	100.80	233.38
Batesville District.....	800.00	531.52	5134.50	3534.83	100.00	94.55	280.18	175.45	242.65
Jonesboro District.....	1100.00	762.83	6145.00	4919.79	99.60	95.60	271.31	167.50	65.00
Total.....	\$5046.25	\$3748.62	\$ 32185.65	\$ 24728.29	\$ 537.70	\$ 518.21	\$1524.43	\$ 984.99	\$1769.98
Total last year.....	4956.70	3603.06	32183.40	23870.95	557.89	543.95	1512.35	1016.60	996.29
Increase.....	89.55	145.56	1.35	857.34			12.08		773.69
Decrease.....					20.10	25.74		31.61	

NOTE.—Assessed and paid for Junior Preachers, as follows: Bradford Mission, Searcy Dis-
trict, assessed, \$80.00; paid, \$30.00. Corning Circuit, Newport District, assessed, \$200.00; paid,
\$51.80. Smithville Circuit, Newport District, not assessed; paid, \$13.00.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Money expended for Sunday School Literature.	Money Contributed for Mission.	Children's Day.
Searcy Station.....	1	20	130	\$ 83.69	\$ 33.00	\$.....
Searcy Circuit.....	6	31	233	20.50	.....	.....
El Passo Circuit.....	2	20	170	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon Circuit.....	5	21	265	11.50	.....	.....
Bradford Mission.....	2	4	50	5.00	3.50	.....
Beebe and West Point Station.....	1	14	140	70.00	.....	.....
Jacksonville Circuit.....	5	30	400	40.00	.....	.....
Union and Revels Circuit.....	3	18	160	30.00	.....	.....
Auvergne Station.....	1	9	43	15.45	.....	.....
Augusta Station.....	1	14	103	58.35	5.00	2.75
Weldon Circuit.....	1	3	20	.....	.....	.....
Mineral Circuit.....	6	36	300	50.00	.....	.....
Red River Circuit.....	1	8	80	8.45	.....	.....
Kentucky Valley Circuit.....	2	14	45	5.10	.....	.....
Argenta Mission.....	2	16	150	35.00	14.00	.....
Total.....	39	258	2289	\$ 433.04	\$ 55.50	\$ 2.75
Total last year.....	45	293	2280	380.92	37.00	17.35
Increase.....	.....	.....	9	52.12	18.50	.....
Decrease.....	6	35	.....	.....	.....	14.60

HELENA DISTRICT.

Helena Station.....	1	15	71	\$ 139.00	\$.....	\$.....
La Grange Circuit.....	3	20	80	20.00	5.00	.....
Marianna Station.....	1	9	83	42.91	.....	.....
Forrest City Station.....	1	14	75	48.95	.....	.....
Forrest City Circuit.....	5	30	195	25.15	.....	.....
Brinkley Mission.....	3	12	98	9.45	.....	.....
Brinkley Circuit.....	5	30	250	20.85	3.00	.....
Taylor's Creek Circuit.....	4	30	160	45.00	.....	.....
Wheatley Circuit.....	4	12	80	12.00	.....	.....
Spring Creek Circuit.....	4	35	261	95.85	.....	.....
De View Circuit.....	2	21	126	60.00	.....	.....
Clarendon and Brinkley Station.....	3	16	160	16.00	.....	.....
Howell Circuit.....	2	10	125	6.00	.....	.....
Cypress Ridge Circuit.....	3	17	110	40.00	.....	6.00
Holly Grove Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	41	271	1874	\$ 591.16	\$ 8.00	\$ 6.00
Total last year.....	43	296	2535	636.80	32.00	15.92
Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	2	25	661	45.64	24.00	9.92

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Batesville Station.....	1	20	146	\$ 79.25	\$ 17.84	\$ 8.35
Sulphur Rock Circuit.....	5	45	290	28.35	.....	.....
Evening Shade Circuit.....	5	35	265	25.90	.....	.....
Ash Flat Circuit.....	5	25	250	6.00	.....	.....
Mammoth Springs Circuit.....	1	8	60	27.00	.....	.....
State Line Mission.....	2	8	120	5.45	.....	.....
Salem Circuit.....	4	30	225	24.98	12.00	2.90
Newburg Circuit.....	4	24	500	.....	.....	.....
Melbourne Circuit.....	1	9	53	3.00	.....	.....
Viola Mission.....	2	21	88	18.29	.....	.....
Bethesda Circuit.....	7	28	195	7.60	.....	.....
Jamestown Circuit.....	6	42	360	10.00	.....	.....
Mountain View Circuit.....	4	28	200	12.55	.....	.....
Total.....	47	323	2552	\$ 248.37	\$ 29.84	\$ 11.25
Total last year.....	46	295	2155	220.02	8.00	8.20
Increase.....	1	28	397	28.35	21.84	3.05
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

NEWPORT DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Money expended for Sunday School Literature.	Money Contributed for Mission.	Children's Day.
Newport Station.....	1	20	160	\$ 28.25	\$.....	\$ 9.40
Jacksonport Station.....	1	7	84	14.00	.....	.....
Tuckerman Circuit.....	2	17	60	6.00	.....	.....
Oil Trough Circuit.....	2	12	150	15.00	.....	.....
Walnut Ridge Circuit.....	3	25	157	57.80	2.75	.....
Portia Circuit.....	1	8	60	14.00	.....	.....
Corning Circuit.....	5	32	210	70.00	.....	.....
Shiloh Circuit.....	6	35	271	7.20	.....	.....
Lorado Circuit.....	3	24	175	33.16	7.50	.....
Pocahontas Circuit.....	3	12	125	13.00	.....	.....
Warm Spring Mission.....	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Siloam Circuit.....	2	18	160	4.00	.....	.....
Walnut Hill Circuit.....	1	6	35	8.35	.....	.....
Powhatan Circuit.....	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Smithville Circuit.....	3	23	120	26.00	.....	.....
Calamine Circuit.....	3	26	105	5.35	.....	.....
Total.....	37	275	1753	\$ 302.81	\$ 10.25	\$ 9.40
Total last year.....	37	242	1725	256.53	16.90	15.00
Increase.....	.....	33	28	46.28	6.65	5.60
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

Jonesboro Station.....	1	8	75	\$ 43.10	\$.....	\$ 3.40
Jonesboro Circuit.....	4	27	150	28.00	.....	.....
Paragould Station.....	1	17	145	32.35	.....	4.65
Gainesville Circuit.....	4	20	200	10.00	.....	.....
Boydsville Circuit.....	9	45	252	12.65	.....	.....
St. Francis Mission.....	2	12	85	16.30	.....	.....
Buffalo Island Circuit.....	2	6	40	.....	.....	.....
Harrisburg Circuit.....	2	17	182	12.84	.....	.....
Vandale Station.....	1	8	80	22.00	11.00	.....
Wynne Circuit.....	3	9	100	3.00	.....	.....
Tyrnza Mission.....	4	20	120	13.50	.....	.....
Marion Circuit.....	3	17	80	18.00	.....	.....
Osceola Circuit.....	3	11	90	30.00	.....	.....
Chickasawba Circuit.....	5	14	150	12.00	.....	7.90
Big Lake Mission.....	3	15	85	8.45	.....	.....
Paragould Circuit.....	3	15	200	9.00	.....	.....
Total.....	50	259	2034	\$ 271.25	\$ 11.00	\$15.95
Total last year.....	51	267	1950	244.06	32.94	.....
Increase.....	.....	.....	84	27.19	.....	15.95
Decrease.....	1	8	.....	.....	21.94	.....

RECAPITULATION.

Searey District.....	39	258	2289	\$ 433.04	\$ 55.50	\$ 2.75
Helena District.....	41	271	1874	591.14	8.00	6.00
Newport District.....	37	275	1763	302.81	10.25	9.40
Batesville District.....	47	323	2552	218.37	29.84	11.25
Jonesboro District.....	50	259	2034	271.25	11.00	15.95
Total.....	214	1386	10,022	\$1816.63	\$ 114.59	\$45.35
Total last year.....	222	1393	10615	1738.33	126.84	41.47
Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	103.30	.....	3.88
Decrease.....	8	7	143	.....	12.25	.....

NOTE.—Other Objects decrease \$20.25.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.
MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.
SEARCY DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Assessed for Foreign Missions.	Paid for Foreign Missions.	Assessed for Domestic Missions.	Paid for Domestic Missions.	Assessed for Church Extension.	Paid for Church Extension.	Education.	Bible Cause.
Searcy Station.....	\$ 100.00	\$ 120.80	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25852.00	\$ 10.00
Searcy Circuit.....	70.00	50.00	30.00	20.00	15.00	9.50	5.00	.....
El Passo Circuit.....	55.00	15.00	20.00	10.00	5.00	4.10	.....	.....
Lebanon Circuit.....	65.00	39.00	20.00	16.50	15.00	.....	.....	.....
Bradford Mission.....	20.00	.....	15.00	3.30	6.00	.....	.....	.....
Beebe and West Point Station.....	40.00	40.00	20.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	4.00	.....
Jacksonville Circuit.....	50.00	35.00	25.00	17.50	10.00	7.00	.....	.....
Union and Revels Circuit.....	45.00	20.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	.....	.....
Auvergne Station.....	40.00	40.00	15.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	15.00	.....
Augusta Station.....	80.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	25.00	.....	69.00	.....
Weldon Circuit.....	40.00	10.00	20.00	5.00	10.00	3.00	.....	1.00
Mineral Circuit.....	45.00	5.00	15.00	2.50	10.00	2.50	.....	.....
Red River Circuit.....	30.00	25.60	15.00	10.60	10.00	6.70	.....	.....
Kentucky Valley Circuit.....	40.00	18.00	20.00	9.50	10.00	3.00	.....	.....
Argentina Mission.....	25.00	25.00	30.00	30.00	10.00	10.00	22.00	9.25
Total.....	\$ 745.00	\$ 473.40	\$ 335.00	\$ 239.80	\$ 176.00	\$ 90.80	\$ 25667.00	\$ 20.25
Total last year.....	650.00	517.75	365.00	339.50	145.00	82.35	23.20	15.20
Increase.....	95.00	.....	.....	.....	31.00	8.45	25943.80	5.05
Decrease.....	.....	44.35	30.00	99.70	.....	.....	.....	.....

HELENA DISTRICT.

Helena Station.....	\$ 75.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 33.50	\$ 33.50	\$ 18.50	\$ 18.50	\$ 250.00	\$ 12.00
La Grange Circuit.....	60.00	60.00	16.80	26.80	14.80	14.80	.....	.....
Marianna Station.....	67.50	47.40	20.15	20.15	16.65	16.65	3.50	5.60
Forrest City Station.....	67.50	7.35	20.15	12.25	16.65	.....	15.00	.....
Forrest City Circuit.....	60.00	10.00	16.00	10.20	14.00	6.00	.....	.....
Brinkley Mission.....	15.00	15.00	6.70	6.70	3.70	3.70	.....	.....
Taylor's Creek Circuit.....	45.00	25.00	20.00	20.00	10.10	.....	.....	.....
Wheatley Circuit.....	60.00	25.00	26.80	10.20	14.80	7.40	.....	.....
Spring Creek Circuit.....	37.50	37.50	16.75	16.75	9.25	9.00	.....	.....
De View Circuit.....	52.50	52.50	23.45	23.45	12.95	12.95	33.35	.....
Clarendon and Brinkley Station.....	67.50	131.50	30.15	33.15	16.55	16.75	.....	.....
Howell Circuit.....	52.50	68.00	23.45	24.00	12.25	12.50	400.00	23.00
Cypress Ridge Circuit.....	37.50	1.85	16.75	8.15	9.75	.....	.....	.....
Holly Grove Circuit.....	52.50	50.00	23.45	18.45	12.95	10.00	50.00	.....
Total.....	\$ 750.00	\$ 627.10	\$ 334.10	\$ 273.75	\$ 182.40	\$ 128.25	\$ 751.85	\$ 40.60
Total last year.....	660.50	459.60	354.60	269.90	145.15	109.10	75.00	8.00
Increase.....	99.50	167.50	.....	3.85	37.25	19.15	676.85	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	20.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Batesville Station.....	\$ 84.50	\$ 70.00	\$ 33.80	\$ 33.80	\$ 17.55	\$	\$ 93.20	\$ 24.67
Sulphur Rock Circuit.....	65.00	42.50	26.00	13.25	13.50	10.00	30.00	.....
Evening Shade Circuit.....	65.00	10.35	26.00	10.25	13.50	2.00	.....	.....
Ash Flat Circuit.....	52.00	10.00	20.80	5.00	10.80	.....	.....	.....
Mammoth Springs Circuit.....	19.50	19.50	7.80	7.80	.....	.....	.....	.....
State Line Mission.....	13.00	6.50	5.20	.....	2.70	.....	.....	.....
Salem Circuit.....	58.50	65.50	23.40	10.00	12.15	12.15	.....	.....
Newburg Circuit.....	40.00	6.50	30.00	5.50	10.00	1.50	5.00	.....
Melbourne Circuit.....	58.50	32.00	23.40	13.75	12.25	4.55	1.75	.85
Viola Mission.....	22.75	5.00	9.10	5.06	4.72	1.00	.....	.....
Belhesda Circuit.....	55.25	18.00	22.10	8.00	11.44	1.00	3.30	.....
Jamesstown Circuit.....	65.00	5.00	26.00	5.25	13.50	2.75	.....	.....
Mountain View Circuit.....	35.75	10.00	14.30	10.00	7.44	3.00	5.00	2.00
Total.....	\$ 634.75	\$ 300.85	\$ 267.90	\$ 127.60	\$ 129.55	\$ 37.95	\$ 138.25	\$ 27.52
Total last year.....	530.00	194.43	325.00	168.95	140.00	41.50	.....	3.00
Increase.....	104.75	106.42	.....	.....	.....	.....	138.25	24.52
Decrease.....	.....	.....	57.10	41.35	10.45	3.55	.....	.....

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE. MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

NEWPORT DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Assessed for Foreign Missions.	Paid for Foreign Missions.	Assessed for Domestic Missions.	Paid for Domestic Missions.	Assessed for Church Extension.	Paid for Church Extension.	Education.	Bible Cause.
Newport Station.....	\$ 76.87	\$ 20.00	\$ 27.95	\$ 8.00	\$ 15.32	\$ 5.00	\$ 23.75	\$.....
Jacksonport Station.....	42.00	27.00	15.30	8.00	8.4	2.00	.....	.....
Tuckerman Circuit.....	37.00	8.00	15.44	6.00	7.00	1.00	.....	.....
Oil Trough Circuit.....	40.50	2.05	14.70	2.05	8.10	2.0	.....	.....
Wadcut Ridge Circuit.....	52.55	52.55	19.10	19.10	10.50	10.0	95.00	.....
Portia Circuit.....	40.50	9.75	14.71	3.00	8.10	8.10	.....	.....
Corning Circuit.....	37.50	6.10	13.62	10.00	7.50	4.50	.....	.....
Stiltoh Circuit.....	42.38	11.50	15.39	7.50	8.68	.....	.....	.....
Lorado Circuit.....	48.00	4.6	17.44	3.25	9.60	.15	.....	.....
Pocahontas Circuit.....	47.18	9.00	17.11	10.00	9.44	2.00	.....	.....
Warm Spring Mission.....	.....	.30	.....	5.00	.....	3.00	.....	.....
Siloam Circuit.....	41.62	3.95	1.12	5.15	8.32	.....	.....	.....
Walnut Hill Circuit.....	37.50	8.00	13.65	6.50	7.50	2.00	.....	.....
Powhatan Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Smithville Circuit.....	41.25	7.30	14.93	1.65	7.00	1.00	.....	.....
Calamine Circuit.....	22.50	5.00	8.17	3.00	4.40	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$ 607.35	\$ 176.05	\$ 222.66	\$ 182.20	\$ 119.88	\$ 41.30	\$ 118.75	\$.....
Total last year.....	573.00	210.95	283.00	159.25	122.80	28.65	7.20	7.75
Increase.....	34.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.65	111.55	.....
Decrease.....	.....	74.90	60.34	61.05	2.92	.....	.....	7.75

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

Jonesboro Station.....	\$ 61.35	\$ 76.35	\$ 28.10	\$ 28.20	\$ 12.30	\$ 12.30	\$ 13.35	\$.....
Jonesboro Circuit.....	39.90	9.50	18.31	8.60	7.96	2.50	10.00	.....
Paragould Station.....	20.60	38.00	21.12	21.25	9.20	.....	.....	.....
Gainesville Circuit.....	46.00	20.00	21.12	15.00	9.20	5.00	30.00	.....
Loydsville Circuit.....	46.02	46.00	21.12	13.75	9.20	5.00	.....	.....
St. Francis Mission.....	21.50	16.50	9.85	9.85	4.30	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo Island Circuit.....	36.81	3.70	16.90	.....	7.60	.....	.....	.....
Harrisburg Circuit.....	46.02	23.55	21.12	10.00	7.96	.....	.....	.....
Vandale Station.....	46.00	25.00	21.00	21.00	9.00	3.00	.....	.....
Wynne Circuit.....	36.81	11.25	16.90	5.6	3.05	.....	.....	.....
Tyroneza Mission.....	15.35	11.83	7.05	7.05	12.30	.....	45.00	.....
Marion Circuit.....	61.26	82.63	28.20	28.20	12.30	.....	.....	.....
Osceola Circuit.....	61.30	5.00	28.20	5.00	3.20	2.75	5.00	.....
Chickasawba Circuit.....	46.12	6.15	21.12	7.10	3.00	.....	.....	.....
Big Lake Mission.....	13.00	.....	6.00	.....	15.00	.....	.....	.....
Paragould Circuit.....	46.20	7.75	21.12	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$ 646.74	\$ 833.23	\$ 307.33	\$ 183.05	\$ 125.47	\$ 30.55	\$ 103.35	.....
Total last year.....	575.00	301.83	348.00	191.25	110.18	36.59	137.50	.....
Increase.....	71.74	81.38	.....	.....	15.29	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	40.67	8.20	6.04	34.15	.....	.....

RECAPITULATION.

Searcy District.....	\$ 745.00	\$ 473.40	\$ 335.00	\$ 239.80	\$ 176.00	\$ 90.80	\$ 25967.00	\$ 20.25
Helena District.....	77.00	627.10	334.10	273.75	182.40	128.25	751.85	278.60
Newport District.....	607.35	176.05	222.66	98.20	119.88	41.30	118.75	.....
Batesville District.....	634.75	300.85	267.90	127.60	129.55	37.95	138.25	27.52
Jonesboro District.....	646.74	383.23	307.33	183.05	125.47	30.55	103.35	.....
Total.....	\$3383.84	\$1960.63	\$1466.99	\$ 922.40	\$ 733.30	\$ 328.85	\$ 27079.20	\$ 326.37
Total last year.....	2978.50	1724.58	1675.60	1128.85	663.13	298.19	242.00	33.95
Increase.....	405.34	236.05	70.17	30.66	26836.30	292.42
Decrease.....	268.61	206.45

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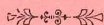


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