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# Methodist Episcopal Church,

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YEAR.	TIME.	PLACE.	Візнор.	SECRETARY.
1865 .	July 5	Athens	D. W. Clark D. W. Clark C. Kingsley	J. F. Jpence
1866	May 17.	Greeneville	D. W. Clark	J. F. Spence.
1867	October 3	Knoxville	C. Kingsley	J. F. Spence.
1868	October 8	Unattanooga.	D. W. Clark	J. F. Spence.
1869	October 7.	Jonesboro	M. Simpson	J. F. Spence.
1870	October 3	Knoxville	L. Scott	J. J. Manker.
1871	October 11.	Greeneville	L. Scott	J. J. Manker.
1872.	October 2	Cleveland	S. M. Merrill	J. J. Manker.
1873	October 1	Knoxville	G. Haven	J. J. Manker.
1874	Sept. 30	Chattanooga	E. G. Andrews	J. J. Manker.
1875	Sept. 29	Greeneville	T. Bowman	J. J. Manker,
1870	October 4	Kingston	L. Scott	J. J. Manker.
1877	Sept. 27	Knoxville	W. L. Harris	J. J. Manker.
			L. Scott	
			I. W. Wiley	
			E. O. Haven	
1881	October 20.	Mrryville	E. G. Andrews	J. S. Hill.
1882	October 19.	Chattanooga	M. Simpson	J. S. Hill.
1883.	October 17.	Knoxville	T. Bowman	J. S. Hill.
1884	October 16.	Greeneville	H. W. Warren.	T. B. Russell.
1885	October 15.	Johnson City.	J. F. Hurst	T. B. Russell.
1886	October 21. l	Athens	W. F. Mallalieu . 🗆	T. B Russell.
1887	October 12.	Knoxville	E. G. Andrews	T. B. Russell.
1888	October 10.	Cleveland	J. N. FitzGerald .  I. W. Joyce  J. M. Walden  W. X. Ninde	T. B. Russell.
1889	October 9	Dayton	I. W. Joyce	T. B. Russell.
1890	October 8	Greeneville .	J. M. Walden	T. B. Russell.
1891	October 21.	Chattanooga .	W. X. Ninde	T. B. Russell.
1092.	october 5	Morristown .	U. D. FOSS	I. D. Russell.
1893	October 17.	Maryville	S. M. Merrell	T. B. Rusesll.
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1885	October 9	Knoxville	D. A. Goodsell	T. B. Russell.
1896	Sept. 30	Newport	W. F. Mallalieu	J. H. Amis.
1897	Sept. 23	Athens	E. G. Andrews	J. H. Amis.

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Edwards,	J. W	Walker, Robert	Dayton
Lowe, S. V	Wellspring	Wheeler, W. C.	Chattanooga

The Holston Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church Heldin Athens, Tennessee, September 23 to 27, 1897.

Bishop E. G. Andrews, Presiding.

James H. Amis, Secretary.

Post Office of Secretary, Clinton, Tenn.

- 1. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference? C. C. Wyatt, from the Ohio Conference; J. C. Eckles, from the Upper Mississippi Conference; W. M. Dye, from the West Virginia Conference; Abraham S. Beaman, from the Blue Ridge Conference.
  - 2. Who have been Readmitted? None.
- 3. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Church? None.
- 4. Who have been Received on Trial? (a) In Studies of First Year: Geo. W. Paul, Robert Walker.
- 5. Who have been Continued on Trial? (a) In Studies of First Year: Wm. T. Sanders, Albert B. McKenzie, Wm. C. Wheeler, Wm. S. Brackney, Abraham S. Beaman. (b) In Studies of Second Year: John W. Cardwell, Samuel V. Lowe.
  - 6. Who have been Discontinued? Robert G. Pike.
- 7. Who have been Admitted into full Membership? (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year: Robert A. Parham, Royal A. Simonds.
- 8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year? (a) Admitted into full Membership this Year: Robert A. Parham, Royal A. Simonds. (b) Admitted into full Membership previously: James E. Tallant.
  - 9. What members are in Studies of Fourth Year? Burton

- M. Martin, Jacob S. Best, Chas. D. Honchins, Wm. S. Bandy, James E. Hughes, Martin Watts.
- 10. What Members have Completed the Conference course of Study? (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this Year: John M. Emert, James M. York.
- 11. What Others have been Elected and Ordained Dearons? (a) As Local Preachers: None.
- 12. What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?
  (b) As Local Deacons; Lewis M. Willis.
- 13. Was the Character of each Preacher examined? This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.
- 14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences? H. G. Lemon to the Detroit Conference; L. S. Fuller to the Ohio Conference; U. S. A. Heavener to Virginia Conference.
- 15. Who have Died? W. C. Daily, J. W. Mann, A. F. Cresswell, D. Richardson, D. H. Jameson, (probationer.)
- 16. Who have been located at their own Request? J. C. Wright,
  - 17. Who have been Located? None.
  - 18. Who have Withdrawn? None.
- 19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints? None.
  - 20. Who have been Expelled? None.
  - 21. What other personal Notation should be made? None.
- 22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? J. N. Baker, F. M. Jones, J. B. Seaton, J. F. Spence, J. A. Baker, A. G. Cadle, J. E. Tallant, Martin Watts.
- 23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? S. W. Hyden, Geo. Julian, W. R. Long, Samuel Greear, J. B. Fitzgerald, J. B. Little. R. O. Ayers, P. H. Reed, T. H. Russell, T. A. Cass, Benjamin Crist, J. D. Lawson.
- 24. Who are Triers of Appeals? A. C. Peters, G. R. Rowan, J. C. Harmon, J. W. McGee, M. A. Rule, T. B. Russell, J. C. Wright.
- 25. What is the Statistical Report for this year: Probationers, 1801; full members, 22,213.

- 26. What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as: reported by the Conference Treasurer: \$4,449,00.
  - 27. What are the claims on the Conference Fund:
- 28. What has been Received on these claims, and how has it been Applied: \$943.00 applied to Conference Claimants.
- 29. Where are the Preachers Stationed: See Appointments.
- 30. Where shall the Next Conference be Held? Elizabethton, Tenn.

# HOLSTONCONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

ATHENS DISTRICT. J. F. Perry, Presiding Elder, Athens. Athens-C. C. Wyatt, Athens Circuit-M. C. Bruner. Chatata Circuit-W. S. Grant. Cleveland-G. R. Rowan. Cleveland Circuit—T. G. Chase. Decatur Circuit-A. M. Rose. Ducktown-W. S. Brackney. Ebenezer-G. M. Stone. Erie-T. R. West. Friendsville-To be supplied. Kingston-Hazen Oaks. Lenoir-J. W. Cardwell. Loudon-E. H. McLaughlin. Madisonville-A. G. Cadle. Maryville-J. J. Robinette. Maryville Circuit-J. C. Eckles. W. W. Hooper, M. R. M. Burke, E. C. Furguson, Professor in U. S. Grant University member of AthensQuarterly Conference.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

J. J. MANKER, Pres. Elder Chattanooga, Chattanooga-

Alton Park-J. L. Brasher. Avondale-W. M. Dve. First Church-S. T. Westhafer. Highland Park-To be supplied. Hill City-J. E. Hughes. Ridgedale Tabernacle-W. C. Wheeler. Sherman Heights-Supplied by W. C.

Halton. Crossville—To be supplied.

Daisv-J. S. Best.

Dayton and Vine Grove-Rob't Walker.

Graysville-A. B. McKenzie.

Harriman-To be supplied.

Jasper—A. S. Beaman. Kimball—Supplied by T. H. Conner. Morgan Springs—Supplied by W. J.

Kerley.
Pikeville—J. M. York.
Rockwood—B. M. Martin. South Pittsburg—G. W. Paul. Spring City and Glen Alice—To be sup-

plied.

Stoney Point—A. C. Peters.
Tracy City—To be supplied.
G. T. T. Newcomb Dean, R. J. Cooke,
Professor in School of Theology, Chattanooga, member of First Church, Chattanoga, Quarterly Conference, J. S. Petty, Field Agent Methodist Advocate Journal, member of First Church Quarterly Conference:

CLINTON DISTRICT.

J. D. ROBERSON, Pres. Elder, Clinton. Andersonville—J. M. Durham. Big Valley—A. Y. Snavely. Clinton—J. H. Amis.

Coal Creek—Supplied by L. Clear. Cumberland Gap-S. V. Lowe. Deer Lodge-W. D. Gorman. Jamestown-Supplied by J. B. Cobble. Jellico and Newcomb-G.W. Coleman. Maynardsville-G. M. Stout, New River-Supplied by B. C. Taylor. Oliver Springs-Supplied by T. H. Russell.

Rutledge-T. W. Brown. Scarbrough-W. T. Sanders. Sunbright-J. C. Harmon, Tazewell-C. W. Miller. Well Spring-J. M. Emert.

GREENEVILLE DISTRICT. S. G. KETRON, P. E., Bloomingdale. Bloomingdale-C. D. Houchins. Butler-Supplied by James Osborne. Chucky City-G. B. Cox. Elizabethton and Roan Mountain-

D. C. Pile. Fall Branch-J. W. M'Gee. Greeneville-T. B. Russell, Greeneville Circuit-W. R. Byerly. Johnson City-L. B. Caldwell. Johnson City Circuit-H. B. Ogle. Jonesboro-G. W. Clendenen. Mountain City-J. H. Jennings. Newport Circuit-Supplied by A.Bunn Oakland-T. S. Walker.

Parrottsville-J. L. Cardwell. Rogersville-W. S. Bandy. Sneedville-Supplied by S. H. Frazier. Surgoinsville-J. C. Hodge.

Watauga-H. W. M'Kenzie. KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

J. A. RUBLE, Pres. Elder Maryville. Dandridge—P. H. Henry. Elm Grove and Jones Chapel—T. H. Hodge.

Fair Garden-W. T. Senter. Holston-Supplied by L. M. Wilis. Knoxville-

Asylum Street—I. H. Miller.
East Main Street—R. A. Parham.
First Church—J. W. Jones.
Luttrell Street—J. M. Melear.
Knoxville Circuit—Wm. Kinsland.
Little River—L. C. Crowder.
Morristown—W. C. Miller.
Morristown Circuit—M. H. Monroe.
New Salem—J. S. Strange.
Newport—G. T. Francisco.
Sevierville—M. A. Rule.
Thorn Grove—W. B. Rippetoe.
Tuchaleechee—Supplied by J. B. Seaton. Asylum Street-I. H. Miller.

J. S. Jones, Conference Temperance Temperance Agent, member Luttrell Street Quarterly Conference. R. A. Simonds, left without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

# HOLSTON CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

ATHENS, Tenn., September 23, 1897.

Opening Session.—The Thirty-third Annual Session of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, convened in the M. E. Church this morning at 8:30 o'clock, Bishop Edward G. Andrews, of New York, presiding.

The Bishop in opening the conference read a part of the sixth chapter of St. John, and a part of the ninth chapter of Hebrews, and announced the hymn, 393: "Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me."

THE COMMUNION.—After the singing he lead in prayer. After singing hymn 211, the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders and the pastor, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to a large number of ministers and laymen.

Bishop Fowler.—After some remarks by Bishop Andrews explaining why he was here instead of Bishop Fowler.

ROLL CALLED. Secretary of former session called the Conference Roll, and sixty-three members and eight probationers arose and answered to their names as they were called.

Deceased.—When the names of A.F Cresswell, W. C. Daily, J. W. Mann, D. Richardson and D. H. Jameson were called they were announced deceased.

Secretaries and Treasurers.—On motion of J. J. Manker, J. H. Amis was elected secretary, with D. G. Pile and G. W. Colemen assistants. On motion of D. G. Pile, J. C. Wright was elected Statistical Secretary, G. R.

Rowan, assistant. L. S. Fuller was elected Treasurer, J. W. Jones, assistant.

Nominations.—On motion of T. R. West the Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate the Standing Committees and a list was read by J. J. Manker and confirmed by the conference.

Time.—On motion of G. W. Coleman the time of meeting was fixed at 8:30 a.m., the first half hour to be spent in devotional exercises, and adjourn at 11:45 a.m.

PAPERS REFERRED.—Communications relating to Education, Church Extension, Sunday Schools and Tracts were received and referred to the proper committees. T. B. Russell was appointed to look after the interest of the Methodist Review. W. R. Byerly was appointed to take and collect subscription for "Gospel in All Lands."

DRAFTS.—The Bishop presented a draft for \$15.00, the amount to which the Holston Annual Conference is entitled from the bequests of Attillia F. Christman and Caroline Clark for the benefit of destitute superannuated preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church. On motion an order was made for the same.

BAR.—The bar of the conference was fixed to include the seats from the platform to the cross aisle of the Church.

THIRTEENTH QUESTION.—Was the character of each Preacher examined? was taken up. J. J. Robinette, P. E. of the Athens district, after the passage of his character, read his report of the district.

On motion of J. A, Ruble the pastors were requested to report in connection with their missionary collection, if all the collections were taken; also the number of conversions and accessions to the church.

The following Elders were called and after the passage of their characters, those in charge presented their reports: J. M. Melear, Hazen Oaks, J. F. Perry, G. R. Rowan, T. G. Chase, G. M. Stone, A. G. Cadle, J. S. Strange, M. C. Bruner, T. A. Cass, L. S. Fuller, E. H. McLaughlin, Ben-

jamin Crist, W. W. Hooper, M. R. M. Burk, E. C. Furguson.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.—J. J. Manker, P. E., there being nothing against him he presented his report of the district.

- G. W. Coleman, J. C. Wright, G. T. Newcomb, J. S. Petty were called, character passed and those in charge reported their collections.
- U. S. A. Heavener transferred to the Virginia conference.
- S. G. Ketron, P. E., of the Greeneville district, after his character passed, read his report of the district. H. B. Ogle, D. G. Pile, J. W. McGee, H. W. McKenzie, T. B. Russell, W. R. Byerly, L. B. Caldwell, G. B. Cox, G. W. Clendenen, T. R. West, J. L. Cardwell, J. C. Hodge, J. H. Jennings, after the passage of their characters, those present made their report.

Knoxville District.—J. A. Ruble, P. E., his character having passed, he presented his report of the district. There being nothing against them the following Elders made their reports: W. T. Senter, T. H. Hodge, P. H. Henry, I. H. Miller, J. M. Durham, J. W. Jones, J. S. Jones, A. M. Rose, L. O. Crowder, W. C. Miller, T. S. Walker, W. B. Rippetce, G. T. Francisco, M. A. Rule, Wm. Kinsland.

On motion of L. B. Caldwell it was decided to have a session this afternoon at 2:30, for the purpose of receiving statistics. T. S. Walker was requested by the Bishop to occupy the chair at the afternoon session.

TEMPERANCE.—E. H. McLaughlin presented a report on Temperance, which on motion of Dr. Manker, was accepted and placed on the table for further consideration.

On motion of J. A. Ruble, the time for voting on the constitutional question presented by "East Maine conference" was fixed at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Introduced.—J. E. Zimmerman, agent of the Western Book Concern, was introduced to the Conference, and the

collection of all the Book Concern accounts, were intrusted to him.

The Bishop requested J. C. Wright to conduct the devotions to-morrow morning.

After announcements conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Geo. Julian.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

STATISTICAL SESSION.—Conference was called to order at 2:30 o'clock with T. S. Walker in the chair.

Devotional services conducted by T. R. West.

After the collection of Statistics and Benevolences, conference adjourned.

Benediction by M. A. Rule.

#### SECOND DAY,

ATHENS, TENN., September 24, 1897.

Conference was called to order by the Bishop at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

Devotions conducted by J. C. Wright.

Journal of yesterday's sessions were read and approved. ABSENTEES CALLED—Absentees were called and J. D. Roberson and P. H. Reed were present.

The delinquent charges were called.

DRAFTS.—The Bishop announced that the conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for \$22 and on the Book Concern for \$601.00, and on motion of Dr. Manker the drafts were ordered properly signed and placed in the hands of T. R. West, chairman of the Board of Stewards.

The Thirteenth Question was resumed: J. D. Roberson, Presiding Elder of the Clinton District, after the passage of his character, read his report of the District.

Those present of the following Elders, after the passage of their characters, reported their collections: A. Y. Snavely, W. S. Grant, J. H. Amis, C. W. Miller, A. C. Peters, M. H. Monroe, G. M. Stout, J. C. Harmon, T. W. Brown.

Superannuates.—Twenty-third Question: Who are

the Superannuated Preachers? S. W. Hyden, Geo. Julian, W. R. Long, Samuel Greear, J. B. Fitzgerald, J.B. Little, R. O. Ayers, P. H. Reed and T. H. Russell were called characters passed and they were continued in the Superannuated relation. Brother Julian, Brother Long, and Brother Russell spoke very beautifully of their trials and triumphs in the divine life, and their bright hopes of eternal life in the world to come. When the names of W. C. Daily and J. W. Mann were called it was stated, triumphantly deceased.

Supernumerary Preachers? J. N. Baker was called and on motion of W. T. Senter his case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, and his Presiding Elder and pastor were requested to appear before the committee.

- J. D. Lawson,—J. D. Lawson was called and on motion of J. A. Ruble he was changed to the Superannuated Relation, and his name placed on the list of Conference Claimants J. B. Seaton was continued in the Supernumerary Relation.
- F. M. Cones—The names of F. M. Cones was called and after a statement by the Secretary of his desire and request, on motion of J. A. Ruble his case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.
  - A. F. Cresswell triumphantly passed to his reward.
- J. F. Spence.—When the name of J. F. Spence was called. J. J. Robinette moved to have his case referred to the committee on Conference Relations. After remarks by J. F. Spence and R. J. Cook the motion was lost, and he was continued in the supernumerary relation.

Referred—The case of J. A. Baker was referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

On motion of J. D. Roberson, A. Y. Snavely was appointed to take the place of A. C. Peters, on the committee on Conference Relations.

NEXT CONFERENCE.—Thirtieth Question: Where shall the next conference be held? Elizabethton was put in

nomination by S. G. Ketron and unanimously selected.

INTRODUCED.—Rev. R. B. Hodge, former pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this tity, was introduced to the conference.

Time of Holding Conference.—On motion of J. A. Ruble, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, past experience has demonstrated that it gives greatest satisfaction as well as bringing the best results on all lines for our conference to meet about October 15th.

Therefore, be it resolved, That we request the Bishops to fix the time of the meeting of our Annual Sessions as near the middle of October as practicable."

EXHIBIT FROM BOOK CONCERN.—A part of the report of the Book Committee and exhibit of Book Concerns, was read to the conference. The Bishop made some impressive remarks on our publications.

CONTINUED ON TRIAL.—Fifth Question: Who have been continued on Trial? Studies of the first year. John W. Cardwell and Samuel V. Lowe, after the passage of their characters, reported their collections, and having passed a satisfactory examination, on motion were passed to the studies of the second year. S. V. Lowe was required to bring up certain books.

Wm. Sanders, A. B. McKenzie and W. J. Wheeler not being examined, after the passage of their characters, were continued in studies of the first year.

W. S. Brackney was continued in studies of the first year, and credited with examination on the following books: "Wesley on Perfection, Rhetoric." "Wesley's Sermons and Tongue of Fire."

THIRD YEAR.—Burton M. Marton reported his collections, and having passed a satisfactory examination and being properly recommended, was passed to the studies of the fourth year.

Jacob S. Best after reporting his collections, being favorably represented was passed in the studies of the third year, except the following: "Elementary Psycho-

logy, and "Introduction to Political Economy."

Charles D. Houchins reported his collections and on proper recommendation was passed in the studies of the third year, except: "The History of the Christian Church" and "The Supernatural Book."

W. S. Bandy after reporting his collections, being properly recommended, was passed in the studies of the third year, except "The History of the Christian Church."

J. E. Tallant not being present was continued in the studies of the third year.

COMPLETED THE COURSE OF STUDY.—Tenth Question: What members have Completed the Conference course of Study? S. T. Westhafer, J. M. Emert and J. M. York, having met the requirements of the Discipline were passed in the studies of the fourth year, and J. M. Emert and J. M. York were elected to Elders Orders. S. T. Westhafer having been ordained Elder previously.

J. E. Hughes and Martin Watts not being present were continued in the studies of the fourth year.

The Bishop requested G. W. Coleman to conduct the devotions to-morrow morning.

After announcements conference adjourned with the benediction by W. R. Long.

### THIRD DAY.

ATHENS, TENN., September 25, 1897.

Conference met this morning at 8:30 according to appointment, prayer service conducted by G. W. Coleman,

On motion of T. R. West the calling of the roll was discontinued.

The journal was read and approved.

J. S. Jones.—On motion of J. A. Ruble the Bishop was requested to appoint J. S. Jones agent to promote the cause of Temperance.

Admitted into full Membership? Robert A. Parham and Royal A. Simonds were called forward and in a very

earnest, tender and impressive manner, the Bishop addressed them on the importance of the Christian ministry. Bringing out some great lessons from the life, character, work and spirit of the Apostle Paul.

After which they answered affirmatively all the Disciplinary questions. There being nothing against them, they reported their collections and after a favorable representation, were admitted into full membership and elected to Deacons Orders.

Roy A. Simonds was left without appointment to attend school.

DISCONTINUED.—R. G. Pike was discontinued at his own request.

ELDERS ORDERS.—Lewis M. Wills recommended in due form from the Knoxville district, was elected to Elders Orders.

FOURTH QUESTION.—Who have been received on trial? George W. Paul from the Chattanooga district, Robert Walker from the Knoxville district, being properly recommended were received on trial.

DISCIPLINARY CHANGE.—The proposition for Constitutional change to amend Section II, Paragraph 67, of the Discipline by striking out the words "forty-five" and inserting the word "sixty," was voted upon and the vote stood as follows: Affirmative, 33; negative, 17.

TEMPERANCE.—E. H. McLaughlin presented the report on Temperance, which on motion was adopted.

A. B. Society.—The report on the A. B. Society was read by W. R. Byerly and adopted.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—The committee on Church Extension made its report through J. W. McGee, and on motion it was adopted.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.—T. G. Chase presented the report on District Conference Records, which was adopted.

Accounts.—The report of the Auditing Committee was adopted.

EPWORTH LEAGUE,—The report on Epworth League was

read by W. S. Brackney and adopted.

Education.—T. B. Russell read the report on Education, which after some discussion, was adopted.

TIME EXTENDED.—On motion of J. J. Manker the time was extended.

Sunday Schools.—The report on Sunday Schools and Tracts was read by A. V. Snavely and adopted.

The following resolution was presented by Dr. Manker and adopted by a rising vote:

"Having learned of the heavy sorrow that has come to the family of our brother and fellow-laborer. Rev. J. E. Hughes, a member of this conference, in the death of his little daughter Ruth, which occurred at their home in Chattanooga, Friday, September 24th, 1897. Therefore.

RESOLVED, That we tender to Brother and Sister Hughes our sincere sympathy and condolence, and pray in their behalf the sustaining, comforting grace of God in their deep affliction.

J. J. MANKER,

J. A. Ruble.

Conference Relations.—The Committee on Conference Relations recommended that J. N. Baker and F. M. Cones be continued in the Supernumerary relation; and that they be requested to become effective or locate. On motion the recommendation was adopted.

On motion of R. J. Cooke it was decided that when we adjourn we do so to meet at 8 o'clock Monday morning.

METHODIST ADVOCATE.—Dr. Cooke addressed the conference for a few minutes on the encouraging outlook for the Methodist Advocate Journal.

After notices were given conference adjourn with benediction by the Bishop,

### FOURTH DAY.

ATHENS, TENN., September 25, 1897.

Conference met this morning at 8:30 according to appointment, prayer by T. H. Russell.

Journal read and approved.

J. E. TALLANT.—On motion of J. A. Ruble, J. E.

Tallant was placed in the Supernumerary Relation.

MARTIN WATTS.—On motion of Dr. Manker, Martin Watts was placed in the Supernumerary Relation.

REPORT OF TREASURER.—The report of the Treasurer was read by L. S. Fuller and adopted.

CREDENTIALS—The credentials of Wm. P. Fenlason were presented to the conference by Dr. Robinette and accepted.

Relation Changed.—Benjamin Crist and T. A. Cass were granted a Superannuated relation at their own request.

A. G. Cadle was granted a Supernumerary relation at his own request.

Sulphur Springs.—J. W. McGee presented a preamble and resolution relating to Sulphur Spring Camp Ground and after an amendment offered by Dr. Cooke, was adopted.

Mrs. Chapman.—A resolution of thanks to Mrs. S. V. Capman was offered by G. W. Coleman and adopted.

Church Literature,—L. B. Caldwell read the report on Church Literature, which was adopted.

Wornout Preachers.—A resolution relating to worn out preachers and their families was read by J. A. Ruble and adopted.

Nominations.—Nominations to fill the vacancies in the Beard of Examiners, also the officers of the conference societies were presented by Dr. Manker and confirmed by the conference.

Missions.--Report on Missions was read by Dr. Manker and approved.

CITIZENS.—A resolution of thanks offered by Dr. Jones to the citizens of Athens and others, which was adopted.

STATEMENT OF SECRETARY,—The Secretary presented a statement on the publication of the minutes of last year.

THE BISHOP.—J.M. Melear offered a resolution of thanks to the Bishop which was adopted by a rising vote.

Publication.—On motion the Secretaries were appointed a committee on publication of the minutes.

RAILROAD,—A resolution of thanks was offered to the

Railroads by J. S. Jones and adopted.

DISTRICT SECRECARIES.—The following members were added to the Missionary Committee, viz: Athens district, G. R. Rowan; Chattanooga district, J. M. York; Clinton district, J. M. Emert; Greeneville district, T. B. Russell; Knoxville district, W. C. Miller.

Stewards.—Hazen Oaks presented the Stewards report which was adopted.

Mrs. A. J. Greer was placed in the hands of the pastor of Tazewell circuit to be used as necessity requires.

Mrs. Daily.—J. A. Ruble took up a collection amounting to \$77.50 for Mrs. W. C. Daily.

STATISTICS.—The Statistical report was presented by the Secretary, some of the totals read, and on motion was accepted.

Secretaries.—A resolution of thanks to the Secretaries was offered by J. S. Jones and adopted.

On motion the journal was approved without reading. Located,—J. C. Wright was granted a location at his own request.

On motion of W. T. Senter, after devotions and the reading of the appointments conference adjourned. Benediction by the Bishop.

J. H. AMIS,

E. G. ANDREWS,

Secretary.

President.

# REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Education—U. S. Grant University.—U. S. Grant University has had another very prosperous year. The enrollment for 1896–'97, in all departments, was 716, the largest in its history. This institution, so well known to the Church, has demonstrated its usefulness in the Christian and intellectual training it has given to multitudes of young men and women during the past thirty years of its history. It now appeals with increased confidence to our pastors for their influence and support. It was never more ably equipped for effective service, and many considerations betoken a brighter day for our schools.

Parker College.—This is the name under which the collegiate department at Athens is to be known. A fine new building has been provided, which for architectural beauty is not equaled by any institution of learning in the South. It has a magnificent chapel with a capacity of seating 600 persons. It has, besides a spacious parlor, laboratories, recitation rooms, society halls and library. It is to be heated with hot air from three "Scates' Furnaces," and perhaps lighted by electricity.

For this splendid building we are now indebted to Mr. James Parker, of Chicago. It was originally erected and partially completed by the "Athens Town Company" at a cost of \$42,000, and was afterward purchased by the University, the money being advanced by the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The financial crisis came and thus it has remained in an unfinished condition for several years.

But early in the spring Mr. Parker became impressed with our need of larger room, and proposed to complete

the building at a cost of several thousand dollars, and present it to the school. The proposition was gladly accepted, and in token of our appreciation it is to bear his name.

We are endeavoring to secure a campus of twenty acres in connection with this building, and as opportunity affords, under the touch of a landscape gardener, the grounds will be beautified, and other accessories will follow.

School of Theology.—The school of Theology, of which Dr. G. T. Newcomb is the efficient Dean, has enjoyed a year of prosperity and is demonstrating its great importance to the successful prosecution of the work within the bounds of this conference.

The advance of general education and culture, the increasing demand for thoroughly educated and earnest ministers, both for home and foreign fields of labor, the widening of Christian thought, the constant improvement in means and methods of Christian activity, are among the imperative reasons for special training on the part of those called of God to the sacred office of the Christian ministry; and the aim of this institution is to so equip young men, by a broad and thorough scholarship, that they may be able to serve in every good work the Church may demand. The following extracts from the Discipline give the voice of the Church concerning such schools:

"All candidates for our ministry are earnestly advised to attend one or more of the Literary or Theological institutions of our Church before applying to an Annual Conference for admission on trial.—Appendix. p. 400.

Our Theological Schools, whose Professors are nominated or confirmed by the Bishops, exist for the benefit of the whole Church, and it is the duty of the Presiding Elders and pastors to direct the attention of candidates for our ministry to the advantages afforded in these institutions.—Paragraph 344, section 3, page 183.

A Bishop may leave without appointment a preacher on trial, or a member of an Annual Conference, desiring to attend any of our Literary or Theological Seminuries, whenever he shall be requested to do so by the Annual Conference, and it shall seem to him expedient; provided, however, that the time thus spent in school

shall not count on that required for probation in the Annual Conference.—Paragraph 162, pages 102 and 103.

College of Medicine.—The Medical College has reached its ninth year in a most prosperous condition, having enjoyed patronizing support from a vast scope of territory, extending from Nova Scotia and Canada to Texas and from many of the intervening states. Last year its matriculation list bore one hundred and thirty-one names, and it sent forth a fine graduating class of thirty-four from this number. The outlook is good for an increasing patronage during the coming season.

The college is fully equipped for training students in all branches customary in medical educational work, including Practical Anatomy, Laboratory Drill and Clinical Experience. The whole aim of its Faculty is to afford the best attainable inculcation of practical minutiæ, and thus thoroughly indoctrinate its pupils for capable and creditable performance of future daily duties in professional life. Dr. C. R. Rathmel is Dean.

Murphy College.—The enrollment for the year reached Three graduated from the college and eight from the academic course. The co-principals who were elected for this year are both graduates from Grant University. and all their influence will be exerted to have the graduates from this school complete their education at Athens. The Girl's Industrial Home, which was opened last year, proved to be a great advantage to the school. A large number of girls were in the Home last year and we expect the number to be increased this year. The expense of board, including room, fuel and light will not exceed \$4.20 per month. It is conducted on the co-operative plan and will accommodate forty girls. A reading room, large additions to the library, and a military company are among the improvements for the present year. outlook for this school year is quite flattering. Murphy College is located at Sevierville, Tenn., county seat of Sevier county, on Pigeon river, twenty-five miles from Steamboats running daily between Knoxville Knoxville.

and Sevierville. This section of country is noted for its healthfulness, mildness of climate, and beauty of scenery. From the campus there may be had an unobstructed view of the Smoky and Chilhowee ranges of mountains. All things considered there is no more suitable location in the central South for a college. For further information address the co-principals.

H. O. ECKEL, ALVIS CRAIG.

Kingsley Seminary.—Kingsley Seminary, at Bloomingdale, Tenn., founded twenty-five years ago, has, from the beginning, been under the management of the present principal, Joseph H. Ketron, A. M. It is situated in Sullivan county, and near the Tennessee and Virginia state line. The location of this school is such as not, naturally, to interfere with the interests of any other seminary of our church.

The history of the institution shows that while the largest part of its patronage is from East Tennessee, Southwest Virginia and Southeastern Kentucky, students have been received from twelve different states. From the beginning, 883 different students have been received. Of this number, 484 have been non-residents. So far as can be a scertained, 218 have been trained for teaching, and forty-nine have studied for the ministry.

Kingsley Seminary has, during these twenty years, been meeting a real want in the territory from which most of its patronage comes.

The character of the school has been such as to secure the confidence of good, intelligent people.

We endorse this school and urge our people there to aid in its further development.

September 22, 1897.

Powell's Valley Seminary.—This school is under the management of Prof. J. A. Hicks, A. M., principal; Prof. F. F. Hooper, assistant, and Miss L. Cameron Boone, instructor in instrumental music and elecution.

The outlook for the school was never more hopeful. The enrollment up to this time has been 165 in the Literary department, 15 in the instrumental music department, 10 in Commercial department and 8 in Department of Elocution.

Wesleyan Academy.—We the trustees of Wesleyan Academy, beg leave to make the following financial report of the said institution:

Original cost of land and buildings,	\$ 2,700	00
Amount paid on property up to June 10, 1895	1,400	00
Due on property to June 10, 1895	1,300	00
Amount paid since June 10, 1895	670	75
Amount now due on the property,	629	25

In addition to \$200 appropriated by the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, we have between \$150 and \$200 in good subscription, etc., which will still leave on the property about \$250 or \$275.

That the Presiding Elder of Greeneville district and the Circuit Preacher of Chucky City circuit be made trustees. We the trustees of Weslevan Academy make this further report to the conference, that the trustees have made arrangement to run the school eight months with Prof. Piper, of good experience and success as teacher, with two assistants, with better prospects than for the last year; getting some good students that have not been in school here before, some of our best Methodist families represented and others besides. We have recently elected Dr. T. B. Russell as President, especially to do some work for us outside, and with himself-or some other good man in charge, we very confidently believe good and paving work can be assured for the future. We ask you therefore, most of whom know our condition -for the last several years, to recommend the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society to aid this school to the amount of \$300, to help pay off the old debt and run the school this year without further aid.

R. H. M. DONNELLY, A. S. Johnson,

Secretary, Loone Chair'n Board Trustees.

Oakland Seminary.—Oakland Seminary, situated at Baileyton, Tenn., enrolled 241 students last year, an increase of twenty-four over the preceding year, and the largest enrollment in the history of the institution.

The school building is a neat two-story frame 30x60 feet, divided into five recitation and study rooms. Besides this, the people of Baileyton and surrounding country have erected a beautiful auditorium with a seating capacity of 1,500. The campus contains six acres, adorned with about twenty cottages and dormitories for the benefit of students desiring to board themselves. The property is worth from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

The school is under the principalship of Miss Nina L. Bailey, A. M., Charles H. Hicks, A. B., as assistant. William M. Reed has charge of the preparatory department. Under the present corps of teachers, the outlook for the coming year is very encouraging.

The school is in the midst of its friends, and it owes its life to them. It is sixteen years old, has enrolled over 1,000 students, forty of them having been graduated last year.

Parrottsville Academy.—Parrottsville Academy is situated at Parrottsville, Cocke county, Tenn., seven miles from Newport. The academy building is 40x50, three-stories high, located on a beautiful lot in the center of the village.

The location is good for educational work, and for building up our Methodism. The school was successful last year under the management of F. W. Parrott, with competent assistants. The school is in a prosperous condition.

We recommend this school to the people of the patronizing territory.

Holston Seminary.—This is good school property in the town of New Market, Tenn., most beautifully located, and well worth \$2,500.

For several years the school had been neglected, but

during the past two years the property has been improved to the extent of \$300, and the efficiency of the school greatly increased. The history of this well-known institution need not be repeated to the members of the Holston Conference, who are acquainted with hundreds of people, throughout the bounds of this conference, who testify by their business ability and Christian integrity to the effective training received in Holston Seminary.

Board of Education.—Your committee present the following statement from Dr. C. H. Pavne: "Remarkable success has attended the movement to bring all the colleges of the Church into a federation which shall be under the closer fostering care of the Church. Nearly all the colleges have cheerfully accepted the standard of requirements formulated by the University Senate, and the effect of this connectional supervision cannot fail to give our colleges a better standing among the higher institutions of learning of this country, and also secure a larger attendance of students. The continued financial depression affected the Children's Day collections somewhat last vear, but the returned loans were largely in advance of any previous year. The Board aided last year 1,754 students of twenty-five different nationalities in 142 institutions of learning. It will be gratifying to you to know that while the Board of Education has the wide world as its field and many parts of this field are very needy, calling for much aid and able to make but small contributions to the Board's treasury, nevertheless your own conference has by no means been neglected. Board aided during the last school year thirty-six students belonging within the bounds of your conference to the amount of \$1,036.50. The receipts from your conference for the last fiscal year amounted to \$197.05.

E. C. Furguson,

THOMAS B. RUSSELL,

Secretary.

Chairman,

Epworth League Work.—The seed time of the mind and heart is in childhood and youth; hence the recog-

nize and paramount necessity of the church laboring for the cultivation of the mind and heart of her children and young people, as well as for their conversion.

Therefore, recognizing in the Epworth League with its Junior Department, one of the best institutions of the Church for the accomplishment of these ends, we do rejoice in the organization already, of nearly a hundred Senior and Junior Leagues within the bounds of the Holston Conference, and in the fact that many of these have been organized during the past year—thus indicating that the line of the churches activity is on the increase.

Yet, realizing that even this number is by far inadequate to the needs of our people, we do earnestly recommend thas every pastor and Presiding Elder be faithful and deligent in the discharge of his duty with regard to Epworth Leagues, as laid down in Paragraph 340 and 341 of the Discipline.

We recommend to our Epworth Leaguers generally, a greater devotion to the reading of our Epworth League and Church literature, and the study of the Discipline.

We rejoice in the interest manifest in our Conference and District Leagues, and most heartly commend our Epworth Leaguers who are endeavoring to teach systematic giving by the Scriptuarl method of titheing.

We rejoice also that it is manifest among the Epworth Leaguers of the Holston Conference, that while due attention is given to all departments of League work, yet that fundamental and essential department of spirituality is not neglected. So may it ever be.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee, W. S. Brackney,

Chairman.

Temperance.—We realize that the highest needs of our social, religious, and civic life requires the utter destruction of the liquor traffic, and overthrow of organized saloon power. To accomplish which the best and

most wisely planned efforts of all Christians and patriots are needed.

We recognize in the non-partisan, interdenominational methods of the Anti-Saloon League great possibilities for the annihilation of the gigantic curse.

We call attention to the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Temperance at the last session of this conference, and earnestly insist that all our pastors shall put their most vigorous efforts into the immediate organization of our church forces into the Anti-Saloon League movement.

We recommend that the fourth Sunday in November be observed on every charge in this conference as "Temperance Sunday," and that the collections be taken.

We also recommend that Rev. J. S. Jones be selected as our representative in the Board of Directors in the National Anti-Saloon League.

We further recommend that the following brethren constitute our permanent Committee on Temperance: J. H. Amis, J. M. Melear, I. H. Miller, G. T. Newcomb, D. D. D. G. Pile, T. H. Hodge, E. H. McLaughlin.

Respectfully submitted by

E. H. McLaughlin,

J. C. WRIGHT,

G. W. COLEMAN,

G. B. Cox,

G. M. STOUT,

WM. KINSLAND.

Church Literature.—We recognize the magnitude of the importance of supplying the families of our church with the best of literature. We also recognize that in the publications of the Methodist Book Concern we have the highest type of literature in circulation. Too great attention cannot be paid to the placing of these publications in the hands of our people. We also recognize the immense reflecting power of the family of advocates and recommend the most faithful effort on the part of our pastors in their circulation.

We also most earnestly urge the reading of the Quarterly Review, especially by our pastors. But we more particularly recommend the circulation of the Advocate Journal, as representing our local interests, as it can be done by no other periodical. We hereby pledge our hearty cooperation in the circulation of our own literature, and particularly the Advocate Journal. And your committee recognize the importance of an agent in the field in the interest of the Advocate Journal; and we respectfully request the appointment by the Bishop of the Rev. J. S. Petty to said agency, and we assure him of our hearty co-operation. All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. B. CALDWELL, T. H. HODGE.

Sunday-Schools and Tracts.—We recognize more than ever the importance of the religious training and moral culture of our children and young people, and having realized this great object in an unmeasured degree in the Sunday School. We recommend that all the pastors give particular attention to this work, and urge their people to have schools at each preaching place.

And as the Sunday School Union has so generously aided us in the past, and promises to do more in the future, we recommend that this cause be presented and collections be taken in every charge.

And as the circulation of Tracts is a great agency in advancing useful knowledge, and touching human hearts that might not otherwise be touched, we earnestly urge all the pastors of this conference to secure Tracts and scatter them among the people, and represent this worthy cause and take collections for the same.

Church Extension.—Report of the Committee on Church Extension to the Holston Conference: The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church has from 1866, when this work began, to September 1, 1897. collected and distributed \$5,882,000. Of

this, the General Fund, derived chiefly from collections, personal gifts for frontier churches, and gifts Monditain Funds, has aggregated \$3,783,000. The Loan Fund has a permanent capital of \$1,020,000, and returned loans, \$1,079,000; thus giving for loans \$2,099,000, making the above aggregate \$5,882,000. With this the Board aided 10,460 churches. Our conference has shared in this work as follows:

The collections taken in our churches, from the beginning to November 1, 1896, the close of the fiscal year of the Board, aggregated \$5,459. To this our conference added this year \$\_\_\_\_\_, making a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_. One hundred and forty churches within our bounds have received aid up to November 13, 1896; by donations of \$30,333.98, and loans of \$31,753.65. The part of our conference is to take, in both giving and receiving, is definitely fixed, under provisions of Discipline, by the General Committee, from year to year. For the ensuing year our conference is asked to raise by collections \$1,000. Our needy churches may, on approved application receive \$1,800.

The amount of aid granted must depend on the amounts collected, and cannot exceed the proportion above indicated. In view of the above facts, we therefore, recommend for adoption, the following resolutions:

- 1. We heartily congratulate the Board of Church Extension, and the church at-large on the success of this great work.
- 2. That we, as a conference will not be content with anything short of a full response to the call of the General Committee for our share in church extension, until everywhere communities now destitute, shall be provided with houses of worship.
- 3. That our Presiding Elders be requested to apportion with care the full amount asked for church extension to the several districts and pastoral charges for collection, and that we will present the cause in our churches, and

endeavor to secure at the least the 'amount asked for in accordance with the plan of the Discipline.

By order of the committee,

J. M. McGee, Secretary.

American Bible Society.—Whereas, the American Bible Society has become so embarrassed that it has been compelled to suspend its home colporterage work; and

Whereas. The Society has received much less this year than was received twenty years ago, thus retarding its work; we, your committee, recommend that each preacher in the Holston Conference receiving an appointment take the collection for the American Bible Society at as early a date as practicable, and forward the same to the Society.

Respectfully submitted.

W. R. BYERLY, J. S. STRANGE, ROBERT G. PIKE, P. H. HENRY.

Auditing Committee.—Your committee appointed to audit the Presiding Elders' accounts have examined said accounts, and report them all correct.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. Cass. Chairman.

District Conference Records.—We, your committee on District Conference Records find them neatly and properly kept.

T. G. CHASE, W. B. OGLE, T. S. WALKER.

### RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, the insurance money received upon the church belonging to the Methodist Episcopal Society at

Jonesboro, Tenn., which church was found about five years ago, is now in the hands of the trustees of said society, and

Whereas, it is desired by said trustees to invest said money in improvements upon the Camp Ground known as the Sulphur Spring Camp Ground, which Camp Ground is also the Camp Ground of the Greeneville district, therefore,

Resolved, That so far as the Conference has authority in the premises it consents hereby to such use of said money, and as the property held by said trustees, provided that said Camp Ground, as to association controlling it shall become duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee. And that the values of other properties held by said trustees, be also used by said trustees for the same purpose.

J. M. McGee.

Besolved, That in view of the large number of worthy and necessitious cases on our list of Conference Claimants, the Presiding Elders be instructed to apportion according to the ability of the respective charges, the sum of \$500 to be raised for this Fund the ensuing conference year and that each pastor be required to present this cause and solicit contributions from every society.

T. R. West, Chairman, HAZEN OAKS.

Resolved, That the following be appointed a committee to devise a plan for establishing a fund for the wornout Preachers and their families, together with the families of deceased preachers. T. H. Hedge, T. B. Russell, J. J. H. Amis, I. H. Miller, and J. S. Jones.

Rosolved, That we tender our thanks to the good people of Athens, the pastor and Presiding Elder, the Faculty of the University, and the matron of the Ritter Home, for the hearty reception our conference has met, and the splendid entertainment we have enjoyed in the homes of the people.

J. S. Jones, T. B. Russell. Resolved, That our thanks are hereby tendered to the Railroad authorities for reduced rates and other favors shown our conference.

T. B. Russell, J. S. Jones.

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to Mrs. S. V. Chapman, superintendent of Ritter Home for the very excellent reception given the conference.

G. W. COLEMAN,

J. A. RUBLE.

Resolved. That the Presidency of Bishop E. G. Andrews over the present session of the Holston Conference has been in the highest degree satisfactory to us as a conference and that his admonitions and addresses, and his preaching have been very instructive and inspiring, and we believe that the beneficial results of his presence among us will long be felt for good.

J. M. MELEAK, G. W. COLEMAN.

Resolved, That as a conference we appreciate the faithful labor of our Secretaries and pledge to them our sincere thanks, now and ever our hearty support in all their arduous duties.

J. S. Jones, S. G. Ketron.

## REPORT OF SECRETARY ON MINUTES.

## CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This Certifies that at Athens, Tenn., on Sunday, September 26th, 1897,

## ROBERT A. PARHAM, ROYAL A. SIMONDS

were ordained Deacons by the undersigned; and that on the same day, in the same place

JOHN H. EMERT, JAMES M. YORK, LEWIS M. WILLS

were ordained Elders by the undersigned, assisted by several Elders. EDWARD G. ANDREWS.

Athens, Tenn., Sept. 27, 1897.

Bishop.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your committee respectfully recommends the following appropriations:

## ATHENS DISTRICT.

Kingston	4	.\$ 130 00
Ducktown		. 90 00
Erie		90 00
Friendsville		90 00
Total		\$ 400.00

#### CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

Chattanooga—	
Alton Park\$	40 00
Avondale	<b>40</b> 00
Hill City	60 00
Ridgedale	40 00
Sherman Heights	52 00
Crossville	40 00
Daisy	50 00
Dayton and Vine Grove	50 00
Kimball	40 00
Morgan Springs	40 00
Pikeville	$60\ 00$
Rockwood	60 00

South Pittsburg....

Spring City .... .....

Stony Point.....

Tracy City	44	00
Total	840	00
CLINTON DISTRICT.		
Clinton	80	00
Cumberland Gap	40	00
Deer Lodge	40	00
Jamestown	30	00
Jellico and Newcomb.	140	00
Maynardsville	50	00
Oliver Springs	40	00
Sunbright	40	00
Total	460	00
GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.		
Elizabethton	85	00
Greeneville	100	00
Johnson City	50	00
Johnson City Circuit	40	$00^{\circ}$
Jonesborough	20	00
Rogersville	50	00
Sneedville	20	00
Surgoinsville	35	00
Total	400	00
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.		
Knoxville—		
East Main Street	160	00
Morristown	80	00
Newport	80	00
Tuchaleechee	60	00
Morristown Circuit	40	00
Elm Grove	80	00
Total*	500	00
Grand total	2.600	00
I concur in the above appropriations.	,000	
Edward G. Andrews, Bisho Athens, Tenn., September 27, 1897.		
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# REPORT OF STEWARDS.

Received for distribution:	
From the Chartered Fund	 22 00

From Book Concern	istman a	nd Caro	line Clark 15 00
Total			\$ 945 09
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The above has been distribute			
R. O. Ayers	50 00	Paid to	
Mrs. W. B. Ballenger	15 00		J. F. Perry.
Mrs. Daniel Carter	5 00	44	P. H. Reed.
Mrs. E. B. Clark		. 4	B. M. Martin.
	15 00	4.6	J. W. Jones.
Mrs. W. C. Daily	<b>45</b> 00		
Mrs. W. H. H. Duggan	10 00	44	J. J. Robinette.
Mrs. John Forrester	20 00	٠.	J. D. Roberson.
Mrs. E. L. Fillmore	45 00	"	G. T. Newcomb.
Mrs. A. J. Greer	50 00	"	J. D. Roberson.
Mrs. Wm. Haskell	10 00	"	J. S. Jones.
Mrs. J. R. Hughes	10 00	"	T. B. Russell.
S.W. Hyden	40 00		L. S. Fuller.
Minor heirs of D. S. Hodsden.	$30 \ 00$	٠.	M. A. Rule.
Mrs. W. T. Jones	70 00	4.4	J. J. Robinette.
George Julian	10 00	"	Self.
Mrs. D. B. Lawton	15 00	"	J. M. Durham.
J. B. Little	10 00	4.6	J. M. Emert.
W. R. Long	45 00	44	Self.
Mrs. J. P. Milburn	10 00	44	H. B. Ogle.
Mrs. J. F. Morrison,	$20 \ 00$	4.4	T. R. West.
Mrs. J. P. Morton	65 00	44	J. M. Emert.
P. H. Reed	70 00	44	Self.
T. H. Russell	50 00	4.6	Self.
Mrs. W. H. Rogers	15 00	44	T. R. West.
Mrs. S. B. Scott	30 00	4.4	S. V. Lowe.
Mrs. M. Seaton	25 00	44	H. B. Ogle.
Mrs. Elijah Still	5 00	"	T. G. Chase.
Mrs. A. G. Watkins	5 00	44	J. D. Roberson.
Mrs. A. F. Cresswell	25 00	66	T. S. Walker.
J. D. Lawson	5 00	44	M. A. Rule.
Mrs. Daniel Bichardson	25 00	6.	J. D. Roberson
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Grand Total	945 00		
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## REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

#### ATHENS DISTRICT.

The President and Members of the Holston Annual Conference.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The Athens District embraces this opportunity to you as Fathers and Brethren beloved in the Lord. She is proud of being a part of you, and, especially of being that part which constitutes your center, the part around which you revolve. As ancient Athens was the eye of Greece, so this modern Athens is the eye of the Holston Conference.

The Athens District, being your educational center, greets you in behalf of Christian education. Here your University is located and therefore, it is to Athens you send your sons and daughters to be trained and fitted as stones are polished and fashioned for the most honorable place in the structure.

Again the Athens District greets you as the birthplace of our reorganized and rejuvenated Methodism in this beautiful Southland. It was here in Athens that official and formal recognition by the great Methodist Episcopal Church was given that element in the South who had never been satisfied out of her communion, when in 1865, after a lapse of twenty years, the Holston Conference was reorganized by Bishop D. W. Clarke. We should like to extend a specially warm and hearty greeting to those members of Conference now present who were here and participated in that memorable and historic session. Of this heroic and constantly decreasing company, we notice here this morning: Little, Reed, Long, Russell, T. H.; Spence, Walker, West and Fitzgerald. We present to these veterans a cordial greeting and extend to them the courtesies of the conference.

In its physical proportions, the Athens District is about fifty-five miles from North to South, and about seventy-five miles from East to West. It is traversed by the Southern and the Atlanta, Knoxville and Northern Railway Systems, and is comparatively easily traveled. Organically, it is the same as last year with the exception of the abandonment of the Ooltawah Circuit and the creation of the Ebenezer Circuit. The District is comprised of sixteen

pastoral charges; four stations and twelve circuits. To all the charges except one, the Erie circuit, pastors were appointed by the Bishop at the session of conference. That one immediately after the conference closed was supplied by the appointment of Rev. A. J. Haynes, a local preacher, who did good work nearly half the year, when it became necessary, as he thought, for him to retire from the charge. For the remainder of the year Rev. J. F. M. Duggan, a local preacher, has served the charge as pastor, and has been faithful in all his work.

Of the pastors in the district, one closes with this conference, his third year; five, the second year; and ten the first year. The pastors for the greater part have been acceptable to the people and efficient in the work of the Church. Our circuits vary in the number of appointments from three to eleven. We have, therefore, in our sixteen charges, eighty-eight congregations, with an aggregate membership of 4175, and probationers to the number of 277. We have in connection with these congregations forty-three Sunday-Schools, with an average attendance of 1,458, or an average attendance for each school of thirty-four. We also have ten Epworth Leagues, besides four Junior Leagues. A District League was organized early in the year, and in connection with our District Conference in August, a convention of some interest and importance was held.

Prayer and class meetings are maintained in many of our congregations and gracious revivels of religion have blessed all our charges with possibly one exception. In the various charges of the district, there have been 418 conversions, and 264 accessions, and on probation 196, total, 460. The family altar is maintained in many of our homes and the pastors have endeavored with appropriate emphasis to teach the people the importance of home religion. This they have done in their house to house visitations, having made in the aggregate nearly 4,000 pastoral visits during the year.

The financial condition of the district is not an ideal one by any means, yet it might be much worse. The cry. "hard times" has continued to resound in the land, and the business interests of the country have been in a more straightened state than they were last year. This fact, together with the early date of our conference session has been very unfavorable to our financial affairs. In regard to our ministerial support and the benevolences, the following statement will set forth the condition of the district:

The smallest amount paid by any charge is \$45.00, contributed by the Eric Circuit, for the support of their pastor. The largest salary received by any pastor in the district is \$700.00, paid by the Church at Maryville.

2. The benevolences:—(1) Apportionment, in the aggregate for all benevolences......\$1159 00

(2) Receipts, in the aggregate... 729 00

(3) Deficiency, in the aggregate 430 00

The "Equitable Apportionment" for missions, made by the Missionary Society, through its regular constituted committee on apportionments is \$750.00. The apportionment for Church Extension is \$139.00. For Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, \$139.00. For Education, \$77,00. The receipts are as follows: For Missions, \$392.00. For Church Extension, 68.00. For Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, \$59.00. For Education, \$38.00.

The charge making the best average for the benevolences is Athens, the members of which pay .7405 per capita. The charge making the smallest average is Madisonville circuit, the members of which pay less than one-third of a cent per capita. Average per member for Missions for the district, .1177. Average last year .1005. Average per member for ministerial support and the benevolences, \$1.25.

Four churches have been completed and dedicated this year. One of these is in the Madisonville circuit, a neat substantial country church, was dedicated by the pastor, T. A. Cass, September 1st, and is worth about \$400. Another, Howell's Chapel, Athens circuit, Hazen Oaks, pastor, was dedicated in May and is worth about \$600. The third one I mention is at Axley's Chapel, Loudon circuit, W. S. Brackney, pastor. This is a good country church, erected in accordance with plans and specifications purchased from B. D. Price, Philadelphia, is worth about \$1,200, and was dedicated in November, early in the conference year. The fourth one is the church at Maryville, which since its completion is probably the best church property we have in the conference. except the first churches in Knoxville and Chattanooga, respectively. This church has been practically completed for some time, but was not made ready for dedication until June last, when it was formerly dedicated by the Presiding Elder, as was also the last two of the others mentioned. The property is worth \$7,500. In addition to these a church has been erected at Friendsville, Maryville circuit, E. H. McLaughlin, pastor, a cost of \$500. Another is nearing completion at Pine Grove, North Athens circuit, B. Crist, pastor, which when completed will be the best church property in the charge and will supply a pressing need. In the Lenoir City circuit we have a church building under way at Palestine, J. W.

Cardwell, pastor. Repairs have been made on church property in several of our charges which the reports of the pastors will show.

About \$330 have been subscribed towards the erection of a district parsonage to be located in Athens. This does not include a lot which has been donated upon condition that we build upon it.

The College of Liberal Arts of the U.S. Grant University, as is well known, is located in Athens. And this institution has probably never been in a condition to do better work than at the present time. It now enjoys a spirit of increasing prosperity. The enrollment during the past year in the preparatory and collegiate departments was 310, representing seventeen different states. There were ten graduates from the literary department, two from the department of music and one from the department of elocution.

The completion of the new building by Mr. James Parker, of Chicago, is a matter of great importance to the University. It will, it is believed, mark a new epoch in the development of the school. It is the purpose of the trustees to transfer the college classes there as soon as the building is heated and furnished. The school maintained in the building is to be known as Parker College, of the U. S. Grant University, in honor of Mr. Parker, its generous patron.

The year 1897-'98 opens with encouraging prospects. The enrollment is more than ten per cent. in advance of the corresponding period of last year. The discipline is kindly yet firmly administered, and the moral and religious influences are of the most elevating character. Certainly this school is worthy of the support of all our people. Every member of our conference, especially, should take an active interest in the development and realize constantly the importance of turning the young people in our Methodist homes, who are seeking an education, toward our own University.

It is with sadness and a sense of loss that we record the death of the Rev. DeLoy H. Jameson, a probationer in the studies of the second year. Brother Jameson was in a very low state of health when the conference convened last year, but at his request his relation was continued, and he was stationed as junior preacher at Kingston, where he had served as pastor the previous year. He returned to the home of his childhood, Dowling, Ohio, where, surrounded by loved ones and friends, on the morning of January the 20th, 1897, he was released from suffering and admitted, as he had predicted, to "full membership among the angels and archangels of God." His death, as his life had been, was a holy triumph. He was a young man of far more than ordinary ability and his piety was of the genuine type-he had consecrated his life to the service of God. He was therefore eminently efficient in the work of the church. He leaves a wife and baby boy.

May Heaven deal very kindly with them and cause "the lines to fall unto them in pleasant places."

The home and heart of another one of our pastors have been filled with grief and sadness. On the morning of July 6th, last, Mrs. Rosa W. Brackney, wife of W. S. Brackney, pastor of Loudon circuit, was released from the grasp and sufferings of that dread disease, consumption, and admitted to the joys of the saved. Sister Brackney was born and reared in Ohio. When eighteen years old she came to Tennessee with her parents. In 1895 she was married to Rev. W. S. Brackney. She entered at once upon the duties and hardships of an itinerant Methodist preacher's wife. She was an earnest, faithful, consecrated Christian and died in the triumphs of the Christian's faith.

In reference to my own work as Presiding Elder, I wish to say that I entered upon the work of the year at Kingston, October 17th. I have made four full rounds on the district, held forty-two quarterly meetings, which has been seasons of much power and interest to the church. Our people often reach the fervor and the fire of the old time Methodist love feast. There has been an increased attendance upon the quarterly conferences in a number of the charges, and corresponding increase of interest in the affairs of the church. In these meetings I have preached 161 times, called on families 225, prayed in homes other than my own 107 times, conducted two funerals, dedicated three churches, solemnized the rites of matrimony once.

Besides this have held one district conference and preached the closing sermon for one of our schools. Our District Conference was held at Pleasant Grove, Athens circuit, August 11-13th., and was a pleasant and profitable session. The attendance was good, the interest lively, and the work done thorough. If the local preachers and exhorters and other lay members could only be made to feel that the District Conference is worthy of their attention and attendance, the District Conference would not only be much more interesting and profitable, but these brethren would soon become much more useful and efficient in their relation to the church. We are endeanoring to awaken new interest in the district Conference among its lay membership, and this session evidenced the fact that some good results have been achieved.

The outlook for the church in the bounds of the Athens district is reasonably encouraging. So far as we are able to discern, there are no clouds one inous of evil upon the ecclesiastical horizon. Our people and preachers are at peace with themselves and are on good terms with those of other orthodox faiths, and are being recognized and respected as a religious force in a way that corresponds with their standing, as compared with others.

Encouraging, also, in that it is an inviting field in which to do

honest, sincere, self-sacrificing work for the glory of God; work shorn of every earthly inducement. Our preachers work upon salaries which are barely sufficient to keep soul and body together, and yet they go forth with glad hearts to toil and suffer, glorying only in the cross. Those who labor here must expect to endure hardships, as good soldiers for Jesus.

The pastors in the district and the laity have cordially received me and extended to me many courtesies, for which I am grateful. They have heartily seconded my efforts looking towards the extension of Christ's Kingdom, and have been helpful in suggestions and plans. God has given me health and strength for my work, having been prevented from attending only one meeting during the year. For whatever good may have been accomplished we give Him all the glory.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. ROBINETTE

#### CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

The Chattanooga district embraces twenty-one pastoral charges, ten of which have been served during the year by members of the conference, ten by "supplies." One lost its regularly appointed pastor, U. S. A. Heavener, about the middle of the year by transfer, and for the remaining part of the year was filled by a "supply." One new charge has been organized during the year, the Epworth Mission at Chattanooga, and to this one of the Theological students was appointed.

The pastors with scarcely an exception have labored faithfully and earnestly, according to their abilities and opportunities, and not without encouraging success. But as a rule, the brethren who are not members of the conference cannot be supposed to be as well equipped for the services as the regular ministers, nor can it be expected that a student whose time is principally occupied in school duties could compete in effectiveness with the brethren whose undivided energies are devoted to their pulpit and pastoral work.

The question of pastoral support is vital, and beset with many difficulties. Some of the charges are poor, and others think they are, and act accordingly, while few are as liberal and systematic in their contributions as even their own best interests demand. These conditions, coupled with the extreme scarcity of money, have made it a hard year for the preachers. Nearly or quite one-half of them report their salaries less than \$200.00, exclusive of their small missionary appropriations, and in several cases the pastor's receipts from the people will not reach even \$100.00.

Under such circumstances it could not be expected that large

sums would be raised for the benevolences. The wonder, rather, is that the sum reported are as large as they are. The amount-raised for missions will be about \$490.00, over \$100.00 in excess of last year, and the total of all the collections, nearly \$1,000.00 which is more than \$100.00 above the total of last year's report.

One new church has been built, and is ready for dedication, freefrom debt, and that without assistance from abroad. It is at a country appointment, in connection with the Harriman charge, under the supervision of Brother J. C. Wright. Another new church is in course of construction at Pikeville, the county seat of Bledsoe county, Brother J. M. York, pastor.

The indebtedness of the Stone Church in Chattanooga, has been reduced \$2,000, that of the Highland Park church. \$333, and the incumbrance on the Ridgedale church about \$1,000. In the two instances first mentioned the amount indicated have been actually raised and paid in cash. In the case of the Ridgedale church only about \$100.00 was paid in cash, but by a satisfactory and honorable readjustment of the liability several hundred dollars was saved to the church. The church at Dayton, nearing completion a year ago, has since been finished and dedicated.

The instruction and training of the children and young people of the church through the Sunday-School and Epworth League is being more generally and more successfully carried forward from year to year. Many of the Sunday-Schools and League Chapters are models of good organization and efficiency. The number of church papers taken by our people in the district is small indeed, comparing even with their ability to support these invaluable auxiliaries to our work.

We enjoy peace and harmony among ourselves in all our borders. The little flurry which arose at Harriman just after our conference session, resulted in the withdrawal of something over sixty of our members at that place, but the loss has been more than made up by new additions to our membership and the church there is in better condition for aggressive and successful work than ever before in the history.

There has been revivals in almost every pastoral charge, the conversions and accessious numbering in the aggregate about 500.

Of my own work on the district it is perhaps unnecessary to speak, further than to say, that while endeavoring to attend to it faithfully in all respects, to the best of my ability, special efforts have been made in some particular directions, which it may be well to indicate.

1. My first and constant desire and purpose has been for the elevation of the standard of piety, explaining and enforcing

the necessity, and the blessed privilege, of holiness of heart and life,—plain, simple, Bible holiness for all Christians, of all denominations,— the doctrine without technicalities, the experience wrought and kept in the heart of the Holy Ghost through faith, and manifest in the daily life of diligence in duty, patience in tribulation, gentleness under provocation, and fidelity in loving, obedient service. The Lord has borne witness to his word with great power.

- 2. The exposition and vindication of our doctrines and usages has been rendered necessary by the persistent and often offensive manner in which some other denominations assail us, trying to unsettle the faith of our people, and to draw them away from the fold. This applies in nearly every part of our territory, and with emphasis, to the subject of baptism, and in many places to other points no less vital. Believing that our doctrines are scriptural and fundamental, the wonder is that we teach and enforce them so little.
- 3. For the purpose of promoting the intelligence, and the intelligent activity of our young people, and so embracing their power and usefulness in the church, conventions have been held for the discussion of Sanday School, Epworth League, and educational topics, including the importance and value of our church literature. These meetings have awakened great interest, and have been productive of gratifying results.
- 4. In these conventions, and in the Quarterly Conferences, and in the pulpit, the Bible idea and standard of Christian giving has been taught, with the blessedness accruing, both here and hereafter, as a result of loving and trustful compliance with the word and will of God. It may be recorded here with propriety, as it is with humble and greatful acknowledgment, that the word preached on this and kindred themes was graciously owned of God.

Two of our preachers' homes have been saddened by the visitation of death. Brother J. C. Wright and wife have carried to the grave their dear and only child, Hugh, who until stricken with what proved to be his fatal illness was an unusually bright and promising child, the pride and joy of his parents.

Brother J. S. Petty was suddenly bereaved in the death of his wife early in the summer, and the church throughout the district and far beyond shares and sympathizes with him in his great loss, for Mrs. Petty was an ardent and successful leader in the missionary and other forms of church work.

The results of the year are far below the wishes and hopes of the faithful men who have been at the front leading the

battle, and yet with all the bereavements and disappointments, it has been a year of progress and success in some little measure, at least, and in nearly every respect, for which our devout thanksgiving is due to the great Head of the Church.

> J. J. MANKER, Presiding Elder.

## CLINTON DISTRICT.

There are fifteen pastoral charges in this district. It is in the north-central part of East Tennessee, and includes the work of the M. E. Church in Fentress, Scott, Morgan, Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Union and Granger counties, also, takes in a part of Hamblin, Knox and Roane. Of the fifteen pastors, ten are full members of the Conference, two are probationers and three are "supplies." They were all appointed to their work by Bishop Mallalieu. at the Conference a year ago, and all went immediately to their places and continued faithfully at their posts of duty till the end of the year. None of them have failed, all have had more or less success in their labors. Several of these pastors have had burdensome affliction in their families, but, death has entered but one of their homes, Brother Phillips, taking away a beloved child.

As to my own work as Presiding Elder, I have tried to do my full duty. I have heldfifty-four Quarterly meetings in person, three by proxy and failed to reach three, one from sickness and two from rains and high waters. Our Quarterly meetings are largely attended, and are occasions of interest and we trust of profit to many. I estimate that I have preached to at least twelve thousand people during the year, have administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to three thousand or more. I have preached about 200 times, have been away from my home and family close to two-thirds of the time since our last Conference. I have eudeavored to look after all the interests of the church, and encourage the work on all lines.

The people of Clinton District are an honest, industrious people, who love their church and desire to see it grow and prosper. They are neither burdened with wealth nor disturbed with poverty. They are of average intelligence and fair circumstances as regards the things of this world. They are in the main farmers and miners. They are like professed Christians everywhere else, not all of the same guage as regards spiritual advancement and growth in grace. Some are truly devout and spiritual ready for every good word and work that will advance the Redeemer's Kingdom. They

work, pray and pay that they may help forward the Master's Cause. There are others more independent, they are not so ready with their means or work to help on the good cause. It seems that they would like to see the church grow and flourish, but they would prefer that others would furnish the sacrifices and the toils to make it go. In many places the prayer meetings are slimly attended; class meetings, known only in name, family worship and parental training of the children seriously neglected.

The League work in the bounds of the Clinton District has always been somewhat limited, however, we have some good Chapters and some excellent League workers. The principal part of the work in this district is in the rural sections where it is inconvenient to get together a sufficient number to carry on a lively League. Another impediment is a want of trained leaders. In August, however, we held a District League Convention which was largely attended, interesting in its exercises and I believe for profitable results superior to anything of the kind ever held in the district.

The Sunday-School work is truly encouraging. The number of schools have increased; they are more largely attended and better supplied with literature and teachers, and scholars seem more deeply interested.

Another encouraging feature of the work is the increased circulation of our Church Literature during the year. There are more Church papers taken than usual, a large number of Disciplines and other valuable books from the Methodist Publishing House have been placed in the homes of the people. In my judgment there is no work that the pastor can perform that is of more importance than that of supplying his people with good reading; putting into their homes the books and periodicals provided by the church.

There have been five new churches completed in the district during the past year, and there are five others under way of erection. Those finished will add about three thousand dollars to the value of church property and the others will be worth as much when completed.

There have been revivals all over the district. The number of conversions reported in some of the charges run up into the hundreds. I think there have been eight or nine hundred that have professed faith in the meetings held by the pastors of the Clinton district, and as a rule, so far as I can determine, about sixty per cent of the converts of our preachers joined our church. This ought to give us a considerable increase in members, but owing to the numbers that have moved away from the mining sections and the fact that we have been endeavoring to relieve the lists of members of names that have been carried from year to year are unknown or removed without letter. I am of the opinion that the reports will

show but little if any increase. On one circuit a careful and proper revision reduced the number of members about 25 per cent or more than one hundred members on a single charge.

The finances will not make so favorable a showing as last year, but considering the condition of the people, I believe it will really be better. As has already been indicated, the principal source of income for our people in this district is the mines and the farms. The mines through the winter were opperated only to about that extent that would barely support the families of the miners, and since May nearly all the mines haved been closed down entirely. and numbers of those who liberally aided the cause of God have been fed by the hand of charity. The farmers in the bounds of this district last year made very short crops, their wheat being almost a complete failure. So the farmers that are accustomed to sell have been compelled to buy grain and provender and the stringency of times that had preceeded made it hard on those who were obliged to buy. But for the last month or six weeks matters have very greatly improved as regards the financial condition of the people. The new crops have been abundant, and prices good; so that the people feel that the good times have come again.

In the bounds of this district is located the Wellsprings Academy, one of our oldest and best schools. This school was never in better shape, never had more students, more friends or a brighter outlook for the future. It has four teachers, all good ones.

The year's work on the district has not resulted in as much good as we had desired; but we have no grounds to be discouraged but many reasons to thank God and take courage.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. Roberson, Presiding Elder.

## GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.

In reviewing the work of the past year, abundant cause is found for thankfulness. The work has moved forward slowly, but surely. All the interests of the church have been well maintained. The Sunday-Schools are worked on the best lines, and the prayer and class meetings are seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. All the benevolences have been pressed, and every financial interest looked after, which will be more satisfactory, considering the hard times that have prevailed, than will appear from the statistics. The year has been especially fruitful in conversions and accessions to the church. It is also worthy of special notice that some of the pastors have given close attention to the building and repairing of churches and parsonages.

We shall make a brief statement of each pastoral charge.

- 1. Mountain City circuit has been served this year by G. W. Clendennen. He has endeared himself to the people, and the past year has been the most successful of his ministry. His benevolences will be about double what they were on the work last year. He has spent much time in raising means with which to build a parsonage in Mountain City. When completed the house will be worth \$1,000. He reports 87 conversions, and 75 accessions.
- 2. Butler circuit was supplied by James Osborne. He has done excellent service this year. In the midst of discouragements, and with very little support, he has been true to his post. At Butler a church is being built, which is to be completed in a short time, and will be worth \$800. There have been 35 conversions and 24 accessions to the church.
- 3. Erwin circuit has been under the care H. W. McKenzie. He reports 20 conversions and 22 accessions. He has had a year of toil, with a meager support from the people. However, the outlook for the future, in this territory, is more promising, and should receive careful attention. The pastor has done honest, faithful work which will tell in the future.
- 4. D. G. Pile, pastor at Elizabethton and Roan Mountain, has heen faithful in every department of church work, and has succeeded remarkably well. The Junior League gives promise of much usefulnass. The interest it has awakened in the young is quite remarkable. The Sunday-Schools are improving in numbers and efficiency. The benevolences are about met in full. One new church, worth about \$1,000 or \$1,200, has been built and is now ready for dedication. There has been 101 conversions and 29 accessions.
- 5. Watauga circuit has had for its pastor J. H. Jennings. This circuit has an average membership, but the financial report will not be very ffattering. The work in this territory is not as promising as it might be, yet, with close attention to every interest of the church, we could look for decided progress. The pastor has been somewhat hindered in his work on account of personal and family affliction. He reports within the bounds of the charge 18 conversions and 14 additions.
- 6. H. B. Ogle has labored the past year on the Chucky City circuit. He reports 46 conversions and 25 accessions. This circuit has a good parsonage, located at Chucky City. The pastor has added to the value of the property in erecting a barn to the amount of \$100. Steps are also being taken to build a church at Ebenezer. A very interesting and profitable session of the District Conference was held at Limestone, within the bounds of this work July 22-25. Wesleyan Academy is located at Chucky City. H. F. Ketron, A. M., was principal last year and did faithful work. The institution

is now under the charge of Prof. W. A. Piper. The outlook for the school is good.

- 7. Johnson City station has been under the pastoral charge of L. B. Caldwell, who has done excellent service. On account of severe personal affliction he has not been able to give his full time to the work of the church. The congregations are larger than last year, the prayer meetings very well attended, the Sunday-School is in a healthy condition, and the Junior League has been doing splendid work. In the early part of the year a revival of great help to the membership was held. While there were but few conversions and accessions, a number of the members took advance steps in church work. All claims for ministerial support almost paid, and the benevolences met in full.
- 8. G. B. Cox has labored the past year on the Jonesboro circuit. He has been faithful, looking after every interest of the church. Near the first of the year a church enterprise was begun at Greenwood. This work has been pushed by the pastor till a model country church, to cost about \$1,200 will soon be completed and dedicated free of debt. He has collected the material with which to remodel another church at a cost of about \$400. He has also purchased a lot and house from another denomination, centrally located to our members, which will add to the work, in the near future over \$800. On account of family affliction, and much time being spent on church building, the revival work has not been what we hoped to see; yet, the pastor reports 31 conversions and 30 additions to the church.
- 9. W. S. Bandy has been in charge of Rogersville circuit, and has had a successful year. He is a very systematic pastor. He has his benevolences in full. At Enterprise a contract has been made to erect and complete a church worth about \$600. Preparatory steps are being taken to build at Ebbing and Flowing Spring where we hope to see a beautiful church erected during the coming year. He reports 110 conversions and 26 accessions.
- 10. J. C. Hodge has labored on the Surgoinsville circuit, and done some good work for the church. He has succeeded in raising means to build a church at Surgoinsville, which is near completion and will be worth \$1,200. The finances for the year have been somewhat cramped. He has made an earnest effort to raise the benevolences, but will fall under last year. There have been 98 conversions and 48 accessions.
- 11. A. B. McKenzie, pastor of the Newport circuit, has done faithful service for the church. He reports 43 conversions and 20 accessions—One good new church, worth about \$800, was destroyed by fire, which greatly crippled our work in that section. The parsonage which was begun last year, now has part of the house completed, and the other part can be finished in a short time.

- 12. J. L. Cardwell has been in charge of Parrottsville circuit. On account of the serious illness of his wife he has not been able to give his full time to the work of the church. Yet, under the clouds of affliction which have so long hung over his home, he has gone forth filling his appointments as best he could, and has met with fair success. Mrs. Cardwell was a good woman, and on the 4th of July passed in glorious triumph to the unseen shore above. Like some of the other charges this circuit is in great need of a parsonage. The Parrottsville Seminary is located within the bounds of this work. The school was successful last year under the management of F. W. Parrott, and the opening is very encouraging for the present year.
- 13. Daniel Richardson, who was assigned to the Sneedville circuit, because of feeble health, gave up the charge at the Second Quarterly meeting which was held the 3rd of April. His health continued to fail till the 30th day of June, when he passed to his reward above. Brother Richardson was an efficient pastor. He was greatly loved by his people. To supply the work, for the remainder of the year, I secured the services of S. H. Frazier, a local preacher, who took charge at once, and has labored with great acceptability and good success. He reports 24 conversions and 6 additions. The benevolences, while very small, will be in advance of last year.
- 14. J. W. McGee has been in charge of the Fall Branch circuit, and has accomplished much for the cause of Christ. He reports 59 conversions and 50 accessions on the work. He was greatly hindered the first part of the year on account of the serious illness of his daughter, who went shouting home to glory the 27th day of February. The pastor has made great efforts to build a church at Pleasant Grove. He has part of the material on hands, and hopes to see a beautiful house erected in the near future. A parsonage is also being built. The District Camp Ground is within the bounds of this circuit.
- 15. The Bloomingdale circuit has been successfully served by C. D. Houchins. He has given much attention to the work of the church. Class meetings are held at all the appointments. The Epworth League Chapter at Kingsley is doing its work. There are nine Sunday Schools, and all are using our literature. 113 have been converted, and 77 united with the church on probation. One church is being built, and when completed will be worth \$1,000. The benevolences are in advance of last year, and ministerial support more than double. This circuit has a good parsonage, of five rooms, near the Kingsley Seminary. The Seminary is located at this place, under the leadership of Joseph H. Ketron, A. M., is doing a grand work for the church. The enrollment is larger than

it has been for several years, a full report of which will be made by the Committee on Education.

16. Greeneville circuit has been faithfully and acceptably served by W. R. Byerly. This is one among the best circuits in the district. There are but few, if any, circuits in the Holston Conference which have a larger number of excellent and attractive houses of worship. Eight Sunday-Schools, and all using our literature. The greatest need, at the present, on this circuit is a parsonage. The pastor reports 362 conversions and 178 accessions on probation. Ministerial support and benevolences in advance of last year.

17. T. R. West has been in charge of Oakland circuit. He has labored with zeal and earnestness, and has accomplished substantial results. He has lived among the people, and has given all his time to the work of the church. There is not a more consecrated band of efficient helpers than can be found on this circuit. The pastor reports 87 conversions and 32 accessions. There is a good parsonage on this circuit at Baileyton, where the Oakland Seminary is located; Miss Nina Bailey, A. M., is the principal. This is the largest and in some respects the most prosperous Seminary in the district. 244 students were enrolled last year, and the outlook for the present year is very encouraging.

18. Greeneville station has been efficiently served by T. B. Russell. He has given his individual attention to the work of the church. He is one among the best pastors. He thoroughly understands the work of a pastor, and endeavors to perform it in all its details, and succeeds. The station is in much better condition, spiritually, than it was at the close of last year. The congregations are large and attentive, the Sunday-School is in a healthy condition, and the Epworth League is doing its work. In February a revival of wonderful power was held, 131 were converted. Thirty-one have joined the church on probation, and 17 have been enrolled by certificates.

S. G. KETRON, Presiding Elder.

## MEMOIRS.



REV. JOHN W. MANN, D. D.

Rev. John W. Mann, D. D., was born August 9th, 1835, at Waynesville, N. C. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal church when about twenty years of age, and two years afterward was liscensed to preach by the Rev. R. W. Patty. He joined the Holston Conference the same year, 1857, at Marion, Va., and two years thereafter was ordained deacon and still two years later was ordained elder. His first appointment was that of junior preacher on the Waynesville circuit, his associate being Rev. A. F. English. After one year he came to East Tennessee, which was the scenes of his labor until God called him home.

He was one of the organizers of the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in 1865. Then for a period of thirty years he labored in this connection, serving most of the important stations in the conference. He helped to lay the foundations of the work of o'r church in both Chattanooga and Knoxville and throughout the entire conference.

Nine years of his ministry he spent in the Presiding Eldership, serving the Athens, Chattanooga, Greeneville and Knoxville districts.

He was a delegate to the General Conference of 1880, held in Cincinnati, having been elected, it is said, by the largest majority ever given any member of a conference for the distinction and honor.

On August 1st, 1861, Brother Mann was happily married to Belle J. Winton, a woman of splendid family and noble character.

For thirty years she walked by his side, a help-meet indeed, until wearied of life's journey she fell asleep some two years before the death of her husband.

At his own request Dr. Mann was given a Superanuated relation at our conference two years ago. He had long been in feeble health and once out of the active ranks, he went down very rapidly. He had been afflicted for years with an incurable nervous disease, which at times rendered him miserable. It was this which finally accomplished his death. knows the measure of his sufferings. The writer visited him often, during his last years, and many times found him overwhelmed with the despondency which characterize the disease. But from these states he would rally, even after he approached near the day and hour of his death, and pour forth stanza after stanza of our noble hymns, giving expression of loftiest faith. A few days before his death he asked me to bring him his Bible—the one he had carried for years—and when I had brought it, he asked me to open it at the 5th of Matthew, and place the printed words of our Lord's Sermon on the Mount to his dying lips. It was to me a pathetic scene, when this man of God, who for nearly forty years' had preached the Word of Life to others, came down to death and desired to express his faith and hope by kissing the blessed book. 'Twas in this faith he died May 30th, 1897, and on the following day was laid to rest beside his wife in Old Gray Cemetery, in Knoxville. During his last illness he talked much of the work and of the brethren. He loved you all.

John W. Mann was a preacher of splendid ability—almost slavish indeed in his devotion to his work. For many years he never went into the pulpit without first having committed every word of hymn and sermon and prayer he was to utter.

To him the ministry was something more than a profession, it was the high calling of God. He carried his conscience

into all his work, and sought to be a faithful representative of his Lord among men.

He was a model gentleman—in manner perfect, in form, tall and erect, in appearance commanding, keen in intellect, and chaste in all thought and expression.

His nature was intense, as he loved right and truth, so he hated wrong and deceit.

He was noble, generous, true. His work is a sufficient monument to his life. He instituted hundreds of homes, he led many to Christ, and into the church. Few members of this conference claim more warm friends among the better class of our citizens than did he.

Honorable men bore his remains to the grave, and his memory will abide in the dwellings of the just.

One by one the older members of our conference go, but, thanks be to God they die well. With faith they look heavenward and shout:

"O, may I join the choir invisable,
Of those immortal dead who live again,
In minds made better by their presence—live
In deeds of daring rectitude, in scorn
For miserable plans that end with self—
In thought sublime that pierce the night-like stars,
And with their mild persistence urge man's search,
To yaster issues."

J. S. Jones.



REV. DELOY H. JAMESON.

The Rev. Deloy H. Jameson was horn three miles South of Arcadia. Hancock county. Ohio, May 26, 1869. He moved with his parents to the old homestead in Wood county, November 1870. And here he passed to his home among the angels, at 1 o'clock, a. m., January 20, 1897. Brother Jameson attended the public schools near his home till about 16 years old. He then entered the Normal at Ada. Later he went to Fostoria, then again to Ada. To pay his first tuition he had to borrow the money. He attended school in summer, but worked on the farm and taught during the winter to pay his way. Thus, in the face of poverty and discouragements he carved his way to success.

At the age of 20 he was elected superintendent of the schools at Gibsonburg.

At the age of 18, he was converted and joined the church; and yet he often expressed his regrets, that he did not start earlier in life.

June 2nd, 1891 he was licensed to preach. In the fall of 1892 he was appointed by his Presiding Elder to fill a vacancy at Genoa, O., which he did with credit to himself and to the delight of his people. His work now well begun, the next year he entered school at Delaware, O., to prepare himself for greater usefulness in the Master's vineyard. But his life was to be one of conflict and suffering. The next fall he was taken with pleurisy in both lungs with effusions, and an absess in the right, suffering also with sciatica rheumatism. He was advised to come South. Armed with a splendid recom-

mendation from his pastor, the Rev. W. S. Brackney, (now the pastor at Loudon, in this conference,) and a letter of introduction to the writer, who was then Presiding Elder of the Athens district, he reached Athens in November 1893. He wanted to labor for the Master and asked for light work such as he could serve. Being unable to get such a charge he entered the University at Athens. Here he made many friends. His ability was soon recognized and he was not only called for on public occasions, but frequently asked to preach in and around the city when able. During my wife's illness I asked him to hold quarterly meeting at Kingston. did with great acceptability. In June 1894, a vacancy occured and I appointed him to the Blue Springs charge. This I found to be the right man in the right place. The people were delighted with him. Every detail of church work was faithfully looked after. Appointments promptly met, Sunday-Schools and prayer meetings attended, Church records carefully overhauled, while the people were visited and encouraged. So well and acceptable did this young servant of God do his work, that at the close of the year I found the people, a unit in their request for his return.

Our conference met at Johnson City, October 17, and he having been duly recommended was received on trial. Before the committees he gave evidence of being a very bright student. His grade, be it said to his credit was perfect, and without reflecting on any, for the examinations were very thorough, the only one in his class.

October 22, he turned his back to the world, his face to the heavens, bid adue to a life of ease; accepted the lot of an itinerant Methodist preacher, and received his first appointment (Kingston) from Bishop R. S. Foster.

As for his work here and the good accomplished in the town, in the Sunday-School, in the Epworth League, and in the homes, eternity alone will tell. It was my pleasure to be his Presiding Elder till the close of this year. If ever I knew his equal, I never knew his work excelled; nor have I ever followed one so universally beloved. With him it was: "Church first, friends second, and self last." In him nor in his work was I disappointed.

October 31, he was united in marriage to Miss Katie Wetzel. This happy union brought with him to his first charge more than an ordinary helpmeet in the work of the ministry. So successfully did Brother Jameson do his work that, notwithstanding his failing health his people asked for his return, and he anxious to work for the Master, gladly returned to the post of duty, and the people he had learned to love, though he had been told by his physician, that he could not work more than six months. This he was only able to do by going beyond his strength, preaching at times when he was not able.

October 13, 1895, he was ordained deacon by Bishop D. A. Goodsell, at Knoxville, Tenn. But as said before, his was a battle, and he was losing. His strength was failing and so on the 29th of March, 1896, at Kingston, his first and only charge ever given him by the conference, he preached his last sermon, in public. Text, II Tim. 4:6, 7-8: (6.) "For I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. (7.) I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. (8.) Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but to all them also that love his appearing."

His church gave him a vacation, and June 9, with a sad heart and many regrets at the thought of leaving his work, he with wife and little Raymond, went to Dowling, O. Conference came and found him unable to attend or take work. This was a trying time. Could he have attended and passed his examination he would have been admitted into full connection, doubtless one of the aspirations of his life. But he could only be continued on trial. This he requested, saying: "Long before another conference year shall have passed, I hope, and expect, to be 'admitted into full connection' among the angels and archangels of God." Adding, "To me, the prospect daily grows brighter."

For the third time he was assigned to Kingston station. Much might be said of his sermons or talks after he had been confined to his room and bed, but his public ministry was done. Truly he had "Fought a good fight." Thrice happy is the man who can say with him, "I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Servant of God, well done! Thy glorious warfare's past, The battle's fought, the race is won, And thou art crowned at last."



ADAM FAGALA CRESSWELL.

Brother Adam Fagala Cresswell was the son of Rufus and Amber Uresswell, was born in Sevier county, near Underdown, February 3, 1848, and was converted at the M. E. Church, known as the "Seven Island Church," on the French Broad River, when about eighteen years of age, soon after which he went to the East Tennessee Wesleyan University (now U. S. Grant University) where he remained for years, stopping now and then to earn means by teaching. He graduated in 1875, under the presidency of James A. Dean, D. D. And if we are not mistaken was employed by the Rev. J. B. Little to 'travel the Speedwell circuit, to fill the unexpired year of the pastor appointed at the preceding conference. He was admitted on trial into the Holston Conference, in the autumn of 1875, and filled several appointments in Tennessee, including Cleveland station, and six pastoral charges in North Carolina. His work was in North Carolina when the Blue Ridge Con-

ference was organized, and he thus became a member of that conference from which he was transferred two years after the organization back to the Holston Conference, and stationed on the Parrottsville circuit, where his declining health failed and he took a supernumerary relation. Since then he was employed one year or the Mossy Creek circuit, but he could not endure longer the toils and exposures of the itinerancy. Brother Cresswell was ordained deacon September 30, 1877, in Knoxville, by Bishop W. L. Harris, and elder in Leicester, N. C., January 23, 1891, by Bishop H. W. Warren, while in the Blue Ridge Conference. Brother Cresswell was married by Rev. C. S. Long to Miss Ella Sumner, near Asheville, N. C., May 6, 1879. By this union eight children were born, seven of whom survive him. As a preacher he was unique in style and delivery, and very familiar with Watson's Institutes and Butler's Analogy, and often quoted our best poets. He ardently loved the church and was thoroughly loyal to its doctrine and polity. In the domestic circle he was a kind husband and father and a neighborly neighbor, and interested in what he thought would build up his community as well as the country at large. As a christian he was consistent in his business relations with his fellow men, and at his home, and regular in the use of the public means of grace-And when he came to confront death he only seemed to want to live for the sake of his family. After he took a supernumerary relation to the conference, he taught in the public schools of the country and tilled his small farm, and often overtaxed his strength as a husbandman. And after twelve months of great affliction from a complication of diseases, while surrounded by wife and children, mother, brother and sister, he ceased to toil and suffer June 10, 1897, and entered into the rest that remaineth to the people of God. We sympathize with the grief smitten wife and children, and his mother, brothers and sisters.

T. S. WALKER.



REV. DANIEL RICHARDSON.

Another of the dear old heroes of the Holston Conference has fallen. A veteran of sixty-five years, twenty-nine of which were spent as a loyal, faithful and humble itinerant of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has laid down his armor to take up his crown of rejoicing with the Saints in light. Rev. Daniel Richardson was born near Jacksboro, Campbell county, Tennessee, September 11, 1832. Professed saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ in 1854; was licensed to preach September 27, 1856; joined the Holston Conference at Chattanooga, October 12, 1868, and was ordained deacon by Bishop Clark the same day.

His first work was the Lebanon circuit, in Russell county, Virginia, which he traveled two years, and when the Virginia Conference was organized he was transferred to that conference, where he remained till 1873, when he was transferred back to the Holston

Conference where he served the following charges: Sneedville, four years and six months; Rogersville, two years; Newport one year; Hamilton, three years; Dayton, two years; Jasper, three years; Graysville, three years; Tazewell, one year; Big Valley, three years. Beginning and ending his work since his transfer to this conference, on the Sneedville circuit, where he was honored and loved by old and young.

On May 10, 1845, he married Martha Jane Phillips, who shared with him the trials and triumphs of life for nearly forty-four years and then went to heaven to live with the angels, March 1, 1889. In 1890 he married M. C. Heninger, who was so thoroughly in sympathy with his life work as to be well qualified for a real helpment in deed and in truth. Being a true, loyal Methodist of the pure type, she was prepared for the privations and sacrifices incident to the life of an itinerant Methodist preacher's wife—And right royally, faithfully and patiently did she discharge her duties. Now, without husband, father, mother or children, she weeps in loneliness for departed loved ones and silently waits for the summons to join them in the better world.

As a preacher Brother Richardson was clear, earnest and forcible: and being full of the old time fire, he was very acceptable and popular wherever he preached. The six years of his ministry in Virginia were years of great opposition and persecution; but he often remarked that they were years of great triumphs and victories. He had la grippe in the winter and never fully recovered. Early in the spring he gave up his work, came down to his little home near Lone Mountain, Claiborne county, Tennessee, where he lingered until the 30th day of June, 1897. In the language of his devoted wife, "he died in the fullest triumphs of a living faith." It was a real inspiration to hear the grand old warrior speak of his hopes and prospects. He said, "he told the Lord he would preach as long as he was able, and he had kept his part of the contract, and now he was ready for anything the Lord wanted. Ready to work or ready to depart." He was buried near his home with masonic honors. "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his."

J. H. Amis.

### MRS. J. S. PETTY.

Mary Adams Blancher was born in New Braintree, Mass., June 8th, 1861, and died in Ridgedale, a suburb of Chattanooga, Tenn., June 8th, 1897. Her parents died when she was a child, and she was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kingsbury, of Boston, Mass., who gave her the advantage of a home of wealth and culture, and the facilities offered by the best schools of Boston. Mrs. Kingsbury was one of the seven women who organized the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of the M. E. Church, and the zeal for missionary work which characterized the mother was early instilled into the daughter. In 1888 she came to Tennessee, and engaged in the educational work in Morristown Normal Academy, at Morristown, Tenn. The following description of her work in this institution is given by one of her co-laborers.

"Richly endowed by nature with rare personal magnetism, selfpossessed and of strong character, yet withal, so easily approached,
so kind of heart, so ready to extend help to those who sought it,
she easily gained and held the confidence, esteem and grateful
love of the students and was thus enabled to incite them to a loftier
social and moral plane of living, and to a nobler, purer character
than they were familiar with. Her eminent disciplinary and executive ability, earnest zeal, heroic faith, self-denial, entire consecration to her work, and in the time of her work, and in the
time of imminent peril, the invincible courage she displayed, have
made memorable her three years' service in this institution."

She was married to Rev. J. S. Petty, September 10, 1891. Brother Petty was at that time Presiding Elder of Chattanooga district, and she became at once an active member of the First M. E. Church, of Chattanooga, teaching in the Sunday-School and serving as superintendent of the Junior League. Although active in all kinds of church work, she was especially devoted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. She was President of Chattanooga district for two years, and held the office at the time of her" death. Concerning her work for this society during her last illness one of her fellow laborers writes as follows: "When by ill health she was detained from active work her faithfullness was not lacking, for ways and means were being devised by her for carrying on the work of the society. Letters were written, mite boxes sent out, and programs planned, one of which was carried out at East Chattanooga, while she lay unconscious, the last Sunday she spent on earth. The last letter she wrote (which was sent after her death) was in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and only a few days before her fatal illness, she sent to the treasurer of the First Church auxiliary her thank offering gift. A large number of the W. F. M. S. ladies attended her funeral, wearing appropriate badges of mourning."

While she was thus faithful to her duties to the church, she was no less faithful to her home duties. It was my privilege to know her intimately, as she lived for a year in the University building in which I reside, and I never knew a woman more faithful in her home. I was especially impressed by her kindness to her little step son. She never seemed to make any difference between him and her own little girl, a few years younger. Two children survive her. Marion, aged three, and Helen, one of the twins that were but three days old when their mother was taken from them. Her remains were taken to Boston, Mass., and intered in Forest Hills Cemetery.

G. T. NEWCOMB.

## MRS. ROSA W. BRACKNEY.

Mrs. Rosa W. Brackney departed this life at the home of her parents. (Brother and Sister Wilcox) near Philadelphia, Tenn., Juty 6, 1897. Sister Brackney was born in Ohio, and was 18 years old when she came to Tennessee.

For a number of years she taught in the public schools, giving great satisfaction and meriting much praise. December 25, 1895. she was married to Rev. W. S. Brackney, who labored as a supply in the Central Ohio Conference before coming South. Sister Brackney was converted and joined the church when but a child-Her naturally quiet and reserved disposition was highly embellished with the graces of our Christianity. After marriage she at once joined her husband in his life work. Its responsibilities she fully realized. Its blessings and privileges she appreciated. True to the last she insisted upon her husband meeting his appointments, which he did on Sunday before her death on Tuesday morning. Her pure life, her good works, her kindness to the young, the old and the poor, have left their imprint on all who knew her. Her fidelity as a daughter, sister, wife, mother and friend, will not be forgotten. When her health failed she was taken to the home of her parents where loving hearts and willing . hands did all they could. She never complained, but remained cheerful and manifested the sweetest spirit to the last. When told she could not recover she said, "It's alright if it's the Lord's will." With others she leaves a sweet little girl, Carrie, born October 29, 1896. The writer preached the funeral to a large congregation of friends at the old home. In the cemetery overlooking the village where she spent so many of her girlhood happy hours is a new-made grave. A friend is gone. The community will miss her. It is our loss-her gain.



· REV. W. C. DAILY.

Rev. W. C. Daily, whose death occured at his home, Knoxville, Tenn., June 27, 1897.

He was born in Greene county, Tennessee, October 16, 1818, and was therefore in his seventy-ninth year. When a lad of fifteen summers he joined the M.E.Church, but it was not until eight years later that he was gloriously converted. September 15, 1842, he was licensed to exhort, and on Febuary 23, 1843, received authority at the hands of the church to preach, and thus more than a half century our sainted brother went in and out before the people holding forth the Word of Life, while his preaching was enforced always and everywhere by a pure unblemished life. Bishop J. O. Andrew, of the M. E. Church, South, ordained him first deacon October 12, 1845, then elder, October 4, 1847. On the first Sabbath in March 1864, when the destiny of our nation to live on with an ever increasing glory was being determined by "grim visaged war" and while the contending armies, like waves of desolation were chasing each other back and forth through our fair land, Brother Daily, in company with Rev. P. H. Reed, a member of the Holston Conference, and present at this session, organized at Mars' Hill, Bradley county, the first society of the M. E. Church, within what is now the bounds of the Holston Conference. This society had in

it twenty-five members. From this small beginning we now have our conference with 23,000, the East Tennessee and Blue Ridge Conferences, together with a large part of the Virginia Conference. November 6, 1846, Brother Daily was united in marriage with Miss Julia Godby. To these parents were born five children, two of whom went before the father, while three with the tender invalid mother still survive. The subject of our sketch was compelled to fight and work his way into usefullness; being a poor boy, and while educational advantages, except in a degree wonderously limited in his day, we are glad to record that while he toiled in an unequal struggle, that he won, rising is he did to eminence in his church, twenty-five years a Presiding Elder, a delegate to the General Conference of 1868, besides filling many charges of prominence in the church of his love, show unmistakably the high esteem in which he was held by his brethren. He was not a scholar in the technical sense of the word, and yet habits of mental industry, continuing until the last days of his life, made him a good preacher, always fresh and forceful in style. With those of us accustomed to hear him in his palmy days and judge by the vast congregations which waited with rapt interest on his ministry, he must ever rank with East Tennessee pulpit orators among the first. Although naturally conservative, he was of positive convictions which statement finds illustration in the fact that when in October 1862, the Holston Conference, M. E. Church, South, met in this town (Athens) he was found holding views touching the unfortunate but gigantic struggle through which the nation was passing. contrary to that of a large majority of his brethren, which views he maintained at the risk of his life.

In the family relation he was a beautiful example, affectionate as a father, kind and peaceful as a neighbor, his like we rarely see. Laboring and preaching for about fifty-four years, and most of the time in East Tennessee, he was probably as widely and well-known as any minister who has ever lived and died in this section. The writer has been on his track from Bristol to Chattanooga and has never heard the faintest whisper or intimation against his integrity. In 1845–'47 he took from the hands of his church credentials, and on the morning of June 27, 1897, returned them to the church, as pure and unsulied as when he received them, for it was doubtless on that significant morning, with the hush of death in the house that the infinite and loving Father said: "Son the days of thy mourning are over, enter into the joy of thy Lord." "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace."

#### HARRIET M. FITZGERALD.

Harriet M. Fitzgerald, wife of Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald, of the Holston Conference, was born Feb. 2, 1823, in Washington county, Tenn., and died at her home, Chucky City, Greene county, Tenn., May 1, 1897. She was married to the Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald sometime in the year 1844. To this union ten children were born, seven living and three dead Sister Fitzgerald was the daughter of Augustus and Christina Grahl, her parents were living at the time of Brother and Sister Fitzgerald's marriage, in Haywood county, N. C. Sister Fitzgerald was born of Methodist parents and no doubt received early training. She professed religion when a little girl and joined the M. E. Church, and lived and died a member of the same. She patiently waited the summons, willing to tarry, ready to go according to the will of her blessed Master, whom she had so faithfully served for more than half a century. Her labors of love with her husband, in the Holston Conference are known best to those with whom she mingled. She shared in the privations, as as well as the joys of the itinerant life, as many of them in Upper East Tenn, and Western North Carolina can witness. She was always glad to have her friends and neighbors visit her, as well as her The writer only had about eight months acquaintance. but we always found her quiet, cheerful and pleasant, as we had many opportunities to visit her during her last illness. At one time when we bid her good bye, we said "Sister Fitzgerald, keep in good heart," as she seemed a little despondent, she said "I can't do it." The writer said. "You can trust the Lord." Her response was. "that's all I can do." A few days later she died peacefully. leaving a dear husband, her seven children, and many friends to await the meeting in the far away home of the soul. She was laid to rest by the side of her loved ones in the beautiful cemetery of Chucky City, Tennessee, her funeral services having been conducted by the pastor. May great peace and prosperity be with the husband, children and friends till we all meet again.

H. B. OGLE. Pastor.



MRS. J. L. CARDWELL.

The real worth of the Methodist itinerant's wife, faithful to her part of the great calling, is seldom, if ever, properly estimated by those in whose welfare her time and strength are spent. She is wife and mother—queenly arrayed on this exalted throne whereupon God invites all pure and capable women—and she is conuselor and sympathizer, friend and helper to her husband in all those delicate relations that enter into the life of a preacher of the gospel.

Such was the character of Mrs. Emily C. Cardwell, 'daughter of James A. and Príscílla Miles, and sister of the late George W. Miles, of the Holston Conference, M. E. Church, South, and the wife of Rev. J. L. Cardwell, of this conference.

Born in Grainger county, Tenn., December 23rd, 1834, professed the Christian religion at Spring Creek Camp Ground, in the fall of 1850, was married September 12, 1852, and joined the Methodist Itinerancy at Greeneville, Tenn., in May 1866, and passed to her final and triumphant rest, July 4th, 1897.

Mrs. Cardwell was devoted to her husband, to her children, and

to the church of their choice. Without complaint she went where they were sent, and lived among the people they were appointed to serve. Thus for thirty-one years she served in the capacity of a preacher's wife, faithful and true and good. As an evidence of fidelity as a mother, be it said that she lived to see her children—eleven in number—united with the church of their father and mother. Four of the children passed before her into the sunnyland of song.

Some sweet day may all the surviving children and the husband, lingering here for a while, find their kindred spirits in the home of God.

THOMAS B. RUSSELL.

September 26, 1897.

### PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

- 1. Be sure your report is correct, and be ready to report the first day of the conference.
- 2. Study carefully the actions, reports and resolutions contained in this book.
  - 3. Keep a copy for future reference.
- 4. Remember this book costs something—labor, time, patience and money.

J. H. Amis, Secretary.

#### SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE.

I certify that this pamphlet contains in substance the official proceedings of the thirty-third session of the Holston Conference.

J. H. Amis, Secretary.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

Friends into whose hands this pamphlet may fall, please remember our friends who have advertised in it. Help those who help us, J. H. Amis, Secretary.

# OUR HONORED DEAD.

NAME.	Born.	ADMITTED.	DIED.
Willie Ingle David Fleming James Cummings. W. A. Marshall. W. H. H. Duggan Joseph Milburn Isaac Forkner John Leach Robert Clark N. E. Cobleigh Elijah Still S. Patterson M. H. B. Burket. W. P. Fair	1798		October 29 1867
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Elijah Still	Sept'ber 4, 1805	Nov. 10, 1831	April 12, 1875
S. Patterson		1868	March 21, 1875
M. H. B. Burket.	July 11, 1811	1864	Nov. 12, 1875
W. P. Fair		1870	Dec. 13, 1876
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G. W. Heninger.			April 23, 1881
John Forister	May 7, 1801		Dec., 3, 1881
Spence Henry	October 25, 1805	1858	June 3, 1883
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E. B. Clark	October 10, 1830	October 1869	April 3, 1891
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G. M. Hicks		June 1865	July 17, 1893
A. B. Wright	Nov. 3, 1826	. October 1867	Nov. 9, 1893
John P. Morton	August 26, 1855	. October 1889	. Sept. 15, 1894
A. G. Watkins	May 5, 1818		Nov. 9, 1895
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