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To Preach the Missionary Sermon.—G. R. Rowan. Alternate.—J. M. Melear.



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1865 . 1866 . 1867 . 1868 . 1869 . 1871 . 1872 . 1873 . 1874 . 1875 . 1875 . 1876 . 1877 .	July 5 May 17 October 3. October 7. October 3. October 11. October 2. October 1 Sept. 30. Sept. 30. Sept. 29. October 4. Sept. 27	Athens Greeneville . Knoxville . Chattanooga Jonesboro . Knoxville . Greeneville . Cleveland . Knoxville . Chattanooga Greeneville . Kingston Knoxville .	D. W. Clark D. W. Clark C. Kingsley	J. F. Spence J. F. Spence J. F. Spence J. F. Spence J. J. Manker
1878 . 1879 . 1880 . 1881 . 1882 . 1883 . 1884 . 1885 . 1886 . 1887 . 1888 . 1889 .	October 2 . October 15 . October 20 .	Chattanooga Knoxville . Greeneville . Johnson City Athens . Knoxville . Cleveland .	L. Scott I. W. Wiley E. O. Haven E. G. Andrews M. Simpson T. Bowman H. W. Warren	J. J. Manker J. J. Manker J. D. Roberson J. S. Hill J. S. Hill J. S. Hill T. B. Russell
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Held in Cleveland, Tenn., Oct. 11 to 16, 1899.

BISHOP Foss, Presiding.

J. H. Amis, Secretary, Clinton, Tenn.

- 1. Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences? James S. Burnette, from Blue Ridge Conference.
 - 2. Who have been readmitted? None.
- 3. Who have been received on credentials, and from what Churches? None.
- 4. Who have been received on trial? (a. In studies of first year.) Thomas Charlesworth, Robert L. Stapleton, Albert C. Ketron, Jacob U. Davis, Isaac G. Taylor, James W. Boling, Patrick H. Scarbrough.
- 5. Who have been continued on trial? (a. In studies of first year.) Andrew J. Murphy. (b. In studies of second year.) Robert Walker, Wm. T. Sanders.
 - 6. Who have been discontinued? None.
- 7. Who have been admitted into full membership? (a. Elected and ordained deacons this year.) Geo. W. Paul, Wm. C. Wheeler, Albert B. McKenzie. (b. Elected and ordained deacons previously.) Wm. S. Brackney.
- 8. What members are in studies of third year? (a. Admitted into full membership this year.) Geo. W. Paul,

- Wm. S. Brackney, Wm. C. Wheeler, Albert B. McKenzie. (b. Admitted into full membership previously.) John W. Cardwell, Samuel V. Lowe.
 - 9. What members are in studies of fourth year? None.
- 10. What members have completed the conference course of study? (a. Elected and ordained elders this year.) Royal A. Simonds, elected but not ordained.
- 11. What others have been elected and ordained deacons? (a. As local preachers.) Alfred G. Buxton, Albert C. Ketron, Samuel J. Burkey, James R. Dyer.
- 12. What others have been elected and ordained elders? (a. As local deacons.) None. (b. Under missionary rule.) None.
- 13. Was the character of each preacher examined? This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open conference.
- 14. Who have been transferred, and to what conferences? W. M. Dye, to Virginia.
 - 15. Who have died? None.
- 16. Who have been located at their own request? Robert A. Parham, Martin Watts.
 - 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. B. Seaton, J. F. Spence, T. B. Russell, M. H. Monroe, H. B. Ogle, T. W. Brown, J. C. Harmon.
- 23. Who are the superannuated preachers? S. W. Hyden, George Julian, W. R. Long, J. B. Fitzgerald, J. B.

- Little, R. O. Ayers, P. H. Reed, T. H. Russell, T. A. Cass, Benjamin Crist, J. D. Lawson, J. N. Baker, J. L. Cardwell.
- 24. Who are the triers of appeals? A. C. Peters, J. J. Robinette. J. C. Harmon, J. W. McGee, M. A. Rule, T. B. Russell, G. R. Rowan.
- 25. What is the statistical report for this year? See tabulated statement.
- 26. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$6,109.
- 27. What are the claims on the Conference fund? \$954.
- 28. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? \$954.
- 29. Where are the preachers stationed? See appointments.
- 30. Where shall the next Conference be held? In Chattanooga, Tenn.





HOLSON CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS, M. E. CHURCH.

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Athens E. H. McLaughlin Athens Circuit . . . M. C. Bruner Chatata W. S. Grant Cleveland D. G. Pile Cleveland Circuit . . . T. C. Chase Decatur P. H. Scarbrough Ducktown W. S. Brackney Ebenezer and Lenoir . . A. M. Rose Erie J. S. Best Friendsville . . . J. W. Cardwell Kingston Hazen Oaks Loudon T. R. West Madisonville I. G. Taylor Maryville J. J. Robinette Maryville Circuit . W. B. Rippetoe W. W. Hooper, M. R. M. Burke, E. C. Ferguson, professors in U. S. Grant University, members of Athens Quarterly Conference.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

J. J. MANKER, Presiding Elder, P. O. Chattanooga, Tenn.

Chattanooga—
Alton Park.....

To be supplied (A. G. Buxton) Avondale and Sherman

Heights . . . To be supplied Epworth To be supplied First Church J. M. Taber Highland Park . . L. B. Caldwell Hill City J. S. Burnette

To be supplied (John Sanders) Dayton, Vine Grove and Spring

City Robert Walker
Graysville . . . L. O. Crowder
Harriman J. C. Eckles
Jasper W. C. Wheeler
Morgan Springs . . A. J. Murphy
Pikeville

. To be supplied (T. H. Conner)
Rockwood and Glen Alice . . .
. R. I. Stapleton

South Pittsburgh . . . J. U. Davis
Tracy City To be supplied
G. T. Newton, Dean; R. J.
Cooke, professor in School of
Theology, members of First
Church Quarterly Conference.
Thomas Charlesworth and J. W.
Boling left without appointment to attend one of our
schools (members of First
Church Quarterly Conference,)

CLINTON DISTRICT.

J. D. ROBERSON, Presiding Elder, P. O., Loudon. Tenn.

Andersonville . . . To be supplied Big Valley C. W. Miller Clinton J. H. Amis Coal Creek To be supplied Deer Lodge . . . To be supplied Jamestown . . . To be supplied Jellico J. M. Emert

HOLSTON CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

CLEVELAND, TENN., October 11, 1899.

The Holston Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, met here this morning at 8:30 o'clock in the M. E. Church, in its 35th session, with Bishop C. D. Foss, D. D., L.L. D., of Philadelphia, presiding.

The Bishop conducted the devotional exercises, after which, assisted by the presiding elders and pastor of this church, he administered the Lord's Supper.

In a very earnest, but brief address, the Bishop presented the vast responsibilities now resting upon the Methodist Episcopal Church, and urged all present to be true and loyal to the spirit of Methodism.

The former Secretary called the roll of the conference, and 53 members and 6 probationers answered to their names.

On motion, J. H. Amis was elected Secretary, J. M. Emert, Statistical Secretary, and Hazen Oaks, Treasurer, and each permitted to nominate his own assistant.

On motion of Dr. Manker, it was decided to hold a Statistical Session this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Bishop requested Dr. Cooke to occupy the chair at that session.

The hours for meeting and adjourning were fixed at 8:30 and 11:45 a.m.

The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the seats from the pulpit to the front of the third windows.

The list of standing committees was read, and after some corrections, was confirmed by the Conference.

On motion of T. R. West, the Presiding Elders were requested to nominate the standing committees at this Conference for next year.

On motion of J. A. Ruble, the Presiding Elders were requested to nominate a committee of seven on the 20th century movement.

The 13th Question:

"Was the character of each preacher examined? The character of the Presiding Elders was passed, and J. F. Perry, P. E., of the Athens District; J. J. Manker, of the Chattanooga District; J. D. Roberson, of the Clinton District, and G. T. Francisco, of the Greenville District, read their reports.

On motion of Dr. Caldwell, the pastors in presenting their reports were requested to state the amount collected for Missions, if all the collections were taken, and the total of all the collections.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and those in charge, who were present, read their reports:

E. H. McLaughlin, M. C. Bruner, W. S. Grant, G. R. Rowan, A. M. Rose, Hazen Oaks, T. R. West, J. S. Best, J. J. Robinette, J. C. Eckles, W. W. Hooper, M. R. M. Burk, E. C. Ferguson, J. M. Tabor, J. C. Harmon, B. M. Martin, G. T. Newcomb, R. J. Cooke, L. O. Crowder, H. B. Ogle, J. H. Amis, A. Y. Snaverly, J. M. Emert, J. M. Durham, T. W. Brown, A. G. Cadle, G. M. Stout, M. H. Monroe, C. W. Miller, S. G. Ketron, G. B. Cox, D. G. Pile, J. W. McGee, J. S. Jones, T. H. Hodge, L. B. Caldwell, J. C. Hodge, G. W. Clendenen, C. C. Wyatt, T. S. Walker, W. R. Byerly, J. H. Jennings, W. S. Bandy, H. W. McKenzie and T. B. Russell.

The following papers were placed in the hands of the proper committees: On Temperance, Sunday School Union and Tracts, and F. Aid and Southern Education Society.

Papers relating to the *Methodist Review* were placed in the hands of T. B. Russell.

On Missions, referred to the Presiding Elders.

All communications on Mormonism were referred to the committee on the state of the church.

On motion of M. A. Rule, Friday morning at 10 o'clock was fixed to elect delegates to the General Conference.

The following agreement for the election was fixed: To vote by ballot; a majority of the votes cast required to elect; if more than two candidates receive a majority, the two highest shall be declared elected; every legal ballot must have on it two names and only two.

The two reserve delegates are to be elected by the same rules.

After a statement by the Bishop of a proposition from the Baltimore Annual Conference respecting additional legislation relating to Equal Ministerial and Lay Representation in the General Conference of 1900; the Secretary read the proposition and on motion of J. M. Melear the Conference voted as follows on the proposition: For, 45; against, 4.

A paper was read by the Secretary from the Corresponding Secretaries of the Missionary Society and referred to the Presiding Elders.

Dr. M. S. Hard, of the Church Extension Society, and Dr. J. H. Race, President of Grant University, were introduced to the Conference.

On motion of Dr. Cooke, the committee on the 20th century movement was requested to get all the information from the reports of the Presiding Elders and from all sources and present it to the Conference.

The standing committees were called and announcements made.

On motion of G. W. Coleman, all candidates for admission on trial, and into full connection, and all members desiring their relations changed, be referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

Dr. M. S. Hard addressed the Conference for a few minutes on the work of the Church Extension Society.

Conference adjourned by expiration of time.

Benediction by the Bishop.

Afternoon Session.

At 2 o'clock the Conference was called to order with Dr. Cooke in the chair.

After a season of prayer, the charges were called and the statistics and benevolent moneys were collected.

After some announcements, Conference adjourned with benediction by T. S. Walker.

SECOND DAY.

CLEVELAND, TENN., Oct. 12, 1899.

Conference called to order at 8:30 this morning with devotional services conducted by the Bishop.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read, corrected and approved.

The charges from which no reports had been received were called by Statistical Secretary and Treasurer.

J. A. Ruble, P. E., of Knoxville District, being absent from the Conference room on account of sickness, the effective Elders of his District were called in his absence, their characters passed, and those in charge presented their reports.

Rev. Edward Thompson, L.L. D., of Atlanta, Ga., General Manager of the Sunday League of America, was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning the work of that organization; and a committee was appointed to confer with Dr. Thompson on the matter of the observance of the Christian Sabbath, consisting of the following: G. W. Coleman, R. J. Cooke and T. S. Walker.

- Rev. J. M. Wolf, of the Georgia Conference, was introduced to the Conference.
- A. J. Murphy was continued on trial in studies of the 1st year.

Geo. W. Paul, Wm. S. Brackney, Wm. C. Wheeler and A. B. McKenzie, after a very instructive address by the Bishop and giving satisfactory answers to all the disciplinary questions, were admitted into full connection and elected to deacon's orders, except W. S. Brackney, who had been ordained previously.

Martin Watts was located at his own request.

Royal A. Simonds, who is now in school at Garrett Biblical Institute, being favorably represented, was relieved from examinations in studies of the 3rd and 4th year upon the certificates from that institution, elected to Elder's Orders and left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

The Bishop called the attention of the class admitted into full connection to paragraph 149 of the Discipline, and requested that after due deliberation they were ready and willing to be employed as missionaries whenever called for by any of the Bishops, they would inform him of that fact.

Robert Walker, not being present on account of sickness, was continued on trial in studies of the 2nd year, with permission to be examined in those studies by the Board as soon as convenient.

W. T. Sanders was continued in studies of the 2nd year but was credited with a satisfactory examination in some of the books.

J. W. Cardwell and S. V. Lowe were continued in studies of the 3rd year.

The presiding Elders nominated, and the Conference confirmed the following committee on the 20th Century movement; J. J. Robinette, R. J. Cooke, C. W. Miller, T. B. Russell, J. M. Melear, L. B. Caldwell and G. T. Newcomb.

On motion of Dr. Manker, Chattanooga was selected as the place for holding the next Conference.

Dr. Robinette read the report of the committee on Conference claimants; after some discussion, on motion of Dr. Manker, the report was referred back to the committee with the request that they report to morrow morning.

The Bishop announced that the Conference was allowed the following dividends: \$450 from the Methodist Book Concern, \$22 from the Chartered Fund. The drafts were ordered properly signed and placed in the hands of the Board of Stewards.

The Bishop stated that the amount asked of this Conference for the Episcopal Fund for the ensuing year was \$377. On motion the amount was referred to the Presiding Elders to be properly apportioned with all other apportionments required by the Discipline.

Louis C. Fritsche, agent of the Book Concern, was introduced to the Conference.

After notices were given, on motion, Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY.

CLEVELAND, TENN., October 13, 1899.

Conference called to order at 8:30 a. m.

After devotional services the minutes of the former session were read and approved.

On motion of J. D. Roberson, R. A. Parham was granted a certificate of location at his own request.

- J. B. Seaton, J. F. Spence were continued in the supernumerary relation.
 - J. A. Baker and A. C. Peters were made effective.
- S. W. Hyden, George Julian, W. R. Long, J. B. Fitzgerald, J. B. Little, R. O. Ayres, P. H. Reed, T. H. Russell, T. A. Cass, Benjamin Crist, J. D. Lawson, J. N. Baker were continued in the superannuated relation.
- T. B. Russell and M. H. Monroe were granted a supernumerary relation at their own request.

Alfred G. Buxton, Albert C. Ketron, Samuel J. Burkey and James R. Dyer, being recommended in due form and favorably represented, were elected to local Deacons Orders.

Thomas Charlesworth, Robert L. Stapleton, Albert C. Ketron, Jacob U. Davis, Isaac G. Taylor, J. W. Boling, Patrick H. Scarborough, having been properly recommended and strongly represented by the Board, Committee and Presiding Elders, were admitted on Trial.

Thomas Charlesworth, J. W. Boling and Albert C. Ketron were left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

On motion, J. S. Jones, J. J. Manker and T. B. Russell were appointed a committee on resolutions.

The report on Education was read by J. M. Melear and adopted.

M. H. Monroe offered a resolution concerning our schools; and, on motion of J. J. Manker, it was referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion, Geo. R. Rowan, R. J. Cooke and T. S. Walker were appointed a committee to wait on the Lay Electoral Conference and invite them to meet with this Conference in fraternal session this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

At 10 o'clock the Conference proceeded to the election of delegates to the General Conference. The Bishop appointed as tellers G. W. Coleman, J. C. Eckles, I. H. Miller and Hazen Oaks.

The whole number of votes cast on the first ballot, 87.

R. J. Cooke having received 57 and J. A. Ruble 48, were declared elected.

The ballot was taken for reserve delegates, which resulted in the election of J. J. Robinette.

On the third ballot there was no election.

On motion of G. W. Coleman, the rule requiring a majority to elect, was reconsidered.

On motion, the person receiving the greatest number of votes should be declared elected.

On the fourth ballot G. T. Newcomb was elected.

Reports on Church Extension, Sunday Schools and Tracts, Church Literature, American Bible Society, and District Conference Records were presented and adopted.

A communication was received from Dr. G. D. French, agent of the American Bible Society; and, on motion it was referred to the Committee on the American Bible Society.

Dr. R. J. Cooke, editor of the Methodist Advocate-Journal, addressed the Conference in the interest of that paper.

J. A. Ruble, presiding elder of Knoxville district, read his report of the district.

Dr. Newcomb presented in a very encouraging manner the interests of our school of theology at Chattanooga.

Dr. J. H. Race, president of Grant University, addressed the Conference concerning the work of that institution.

Rev. J. S. Hill, D. D. president of Morristown Seminary; Rev. R. H. Robb, presiding elder in the Georgia Conference; Miss Ethel Manlove, Conference Organizer of the Epworth League, and Rev. Witt, of the Georgia Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

The committee appointed to wait on the Lay Conference presented their report, stating that the Lay Conference had accepted the invitation to meet with this Conference in fraternal session at 3:30 this afternoon.

On motion of R. J. Cooke, a special committee was appointed concerning our school at Athens and Chattanooga, consisting of the Presiding Elders and R. J. Cooke and L. B. Caldwell.

Dr. Hill addressed the Conference on the work of Morristown Seminary among the colored people.

On motion of Dr. Eckles, it was decided to hold the final session of the Conference on Monday morning.

On motion of J. S. Jones, the Bishop was requested to respond to words from the Lay Conference.

Conference adjourned by expiration of time, with the Doxology and benediction by T. S. Walker.

Fraternal Session.

According to appointment, the Annual and Lay Conferences met in fraternal session at 3:30 this afternoon.

After devotional services, the Bishop introduced to the Conference Prof. W. A. Wright, chairman of the Lay Conference, who introduced the Lay Conference to the Bishop.

The Bishop introduced John A. Patten and Charles P. Cass, the Lay Delegates, and Prof. Joseph H. Ketron and W. T. Cooper, Reserve Delegates, to the General Conference.

Prof. Wright, in a few well-chosen remarks, addressed the Joint Conference.

The Bishop requested the Secretary of the Lay Conference to secure such information relating to that Conference as was available, and, on motion of J. D. Roberson, the Secretary of this Conference was requested to print such information in our minutes.

The Bishop, in responding to the address of Prof. Wright, set forth very beautifully, tenderly and strongly the characteristics of a "Model Methodist Layman."

After singing, heartily,

"Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love,"

the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY.

CLEVELAND, TENN, Oct., 14, 1899.

This morning at 8:30 the Bishop called the Conference to order. Devotional services were conducted by Dr. Newcomb.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion of G. W. Coleman, it was decided to meet in final session at 8 o'clock Monday morning.

Dr. Caldwell was granted a leave of absence.

Dr. Cooke was granted leave of absence for the day.

The report of the committee relating to the school at Athens and Chattanooga was read by J. F. Perry, and adopted.

On motion of J. A. Ruble, J. L. Cardwell was granted a superanuated relation at his own request, and placed on the list of Conference Claimants for this year.

H. B. Ogle, T. W. Brown and J. C. Harmon were granted a supernumerary relation at their own request.

The report on Temperance was read by I. H. Miller, and after some amendments, was adopted.

The reports of Conference Stewards, Auditing Committee, Sunday League, Treasurer and Epworth League, presented and adopted.

Dr. Thompson was requested to speak a few words concerning the work of the Sunday League.

On motion of G. W. Coleman, the Treasurer was requested to turn over all the benevolent money in his hands, except that of Conference Claimants, to Mr. Louis C. Fritsche, the Agent from the Book Concern.

The report of the committee on the 20th Century Thank Offering was read by Dr. Robinette and adopted.

On motion of Dr. Robinette, the Secretary was requested to print in our Minutes the plan adopted by the Presiding Elders, relating to the thank offering.

On motion of J. M. Melear, Miss Manlove was invited to speak for a few minutes of her work as Conference League Organizer and Field Worker.

The Bishop also gave some encouraging words concerning the Epworth League.

Rev. Geo. R. Stewart, of the M. E. Church, South, Rev. J. G. Teter, of Minn. Conference; Rev. D. J. Higgins, of the Northern Minn. Conference; Rev. J. S. Burnette, of the Blue Ridge Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

T. B. Russell presented a series of resolutions, and after some amendments, they were adopted.

The report of the committee on the state of the church was read by E. H. McLaughlin, and after some discussion, and a slight amendment, was adopted.

The Statistical Secretary presented his report which was adopted.

On motion of J. S. Jones, Rev. Geo. R. Stuart was invited to present a few words of fraternal greeting.

A list of names relating to the Deaconess' work was presented by Dr. Manker, and on motion was referred to the Presiding Elders.

T. W. Brown was granted a leave of absence.

After notices were given, Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

FIFTH DAY.

CLEVELAND, TENN., Oct. 15, 1899.

At 8 o'clock this morning the Conference was called to order with Dr. Cooke in the chair.

J. M. Melear conducted the devotional services.

Rev. A. J. Palmer, D. D., one of the Corresponding Secretaries of the Missionary Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference on the good work of that great society.

At 8:45 o'clock Bishop Foss took the chair and the minutes of the former session were read and approved.

A resolution relating to the employment of teachers in our Seminaries was read by J. M. Melear, and on motion of F. M. Cones, was adopted.

On motion the Treasurer was requested to pay into the Missionary Society the \$1.00 unaccounted for.

The Bishop announced the transfer of Rev. J. S. Burnette from the Blue Ridge to this Conference.

The conference claimants' money was distributed.

The missionary appropriations were read by Dr. Manker, and approved by the Conference.

The Standing Committees for 1900 were read by J. D. Roberson and elected by the Conference.

The credentials of J. E. Hughes were presented to the Conference and, on motion, the Secretary was requested to sign them and return them to Rev. J. E. Hughes.

On motion of Dr. Robinette the Conference adjourned after the reading of the minutes and the appointments.

The doxology was sung and Bishop Foss pronounced the benediction.

C. D. Foss, President.

J. H. Amis, Sccretary.



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REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Beginning with the leading institute of our church in the South—Grant University—we are pleased to record another year of prosperity. The record for the year ending June 8, 1899 is as follows:

Students in Classical Course in College of Liberal Arts: Seniors, 8; Juniors, 2; Sophomores, 5; Freshmen, 11—26. In Philosophical Course—9. Specials—4 Total 39. In College-preparatory or Academic Course, 181. Studying Elocution, 20. Music, 41. Industrial department (Ritten Home), 66. Total enrolled at Athens, 243; male, 133; female, 110; resident, 72; non-resident, 171.

Matriculants in School of Theology

Matriculants in School of Medicine	3						
Matriculants in School of Law	2						
Matriculants in School of Business	7						
Total at Chattanooga,542. Total Matriculation, 785.							
GRADUATES LAST YEAR.							
Athens							
Theology							
Medicine							
Law							
Total 80							
FACULTY LAST YEAR.							
Athens							
Theology							
Medicine							
Law							
Business							
Total							
Expended on improvements							

The faculty at Athens has been strengthened by the addition of Miss Jennie M. Roberts, a post-graduate of Chicago University, in the department of Latin; Miss Mary D. Karr, of Wellesly College,

in the department of English; Miss Florence Speare of Boston, in the department of Music; and the Rev. G. Barto Stone, of Wyoming and Drew Seminaries, in the department of Science.

We deeply regret that Prof. J. S. Barlow, for many years the efficient instructor in Music, found it necessary to resign on account of physical disability which rendered his professional work a constant trial. We extend to him and his family our sincerest sympathy.

In accordance with the wish of the Board of Education, the course of study has been strengthened. English has been given its proper place in the curriculum.

There is great need of better Laboratory facilities, and a dormitory for young men at Athens.

The School of Theology, Dr. G. T. Newcomb, Dean, has enjoyed the best year in its history. We would earnestly call the attention of our young ministers to this school. The advance of general learning and culture, the increasing demand for educated ministers, the widening of christian thought, are some of the imperative reasons for special training on the part of those called to the work of the christian ministry. The course of study in this department will compare favorably with other leading Theological Seminaries, and the aim is to so prepare young men, by a broad scholarship, that they may be able to serve the church in any capacity which they may be called to fill.

Judge Lewis Shepherd has been elected Dean of the Law School. There will be associated with him, eleven other representatives of the Bar of Chattanooga. Thus the students will come in contact with teachers who are engaged in the actual daily application of the principles which they teach. The course of study embraces all subjects that are essential to a comprehensive knowledge of law.

The course of study in the Medical College is changed from three to four years. The college is well equipped for training students in all branches customatry in medical work, including Practical Anatomy, Laboratory Drill and Clinical Experience.

We would call attention to the appointment of Prof. W. A. Wright, Ph. D., as the representative of the University in the Twentieth Century Movement. The importance to the church of having a thoroughly equipped University in this section, can scarcely be overestimated. The church should make the largest possible provision for christian education. This institution was, as we believe, founded in the providence of God. She is true to our doctrines and polity. She has given many of her gifted sons to the ministry both in home and foreign fields. The necessity is upon us to provide

larger equipments. We earnestly desire that the thank-offering of our people for its endowment be as generous as the object is worthy, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we endorse the plan providing for the Twentieth Century thank-offering in our Conference.

- 2. That we will do our utmost to raise the amount pledged by our Conference for the endowment fund.
- 3. We assure our people that endowments will be handled wisely and carefully by the earnest and wide-a-wake president, the Rev. Dr. John H. Race.
- 4. That we will welcome Dean Wright, or any other representative of the University, to our churches and among our people, to present the financial interests of the institution.
- 5. The ministers of the Holston Conference preach an educational sermon Sunday after Thanksgiving, setting forth the claims of Grant University, with special to the Twentieth Century Movement, and all money contributed to said institution be properly credited in Conference minutes.

We recommend as Conference visitors, J. H. Amis, J. A. Fowler. J. C. Eckles, M. L. Julian, G. W. Coleman, G. W. Winstead, L. B. Caldwell, G. A. Bailey, B. M. Martin and George Spivey.

Kingsley Seminary, at Bloomingdale, Tennessee, founded twenty-two 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, near the Tennessee and Virginia State line. The location of the institution shows that while the largest part of the patronage is from East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia, students have been received from fourteen different States. From the beginning, 947 different students have been received. Of this number, 518 have been non-residents. So far as can be assertained, 236 have been trained for the ministry.

Kingsley Seminary has, during these twenty-two 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 commend this school, and urge our people there to aid in its further development.

Wesleyan Academy, at Chucky City, is under the supervision of Prof. S. H. Thompson, and the outlook is encouraging. The trouble-some debt has been liquidated, and there is a more hopeful feeling among the people.

Powell's Valley Seminary is under the direction of Profs. Albright and Walker. The school is well organized, and all departments are doing excellent work.

Oakland Seminary continues to do efficient work and has encouraging prospect for future usefulness.

Murphy College, situated at Sevierville. Tenn., is under the direction of Profs. Craig and Andes, has made a good record.

The Girls' Industrial Home has proved a decided success. It is conducted on the co-operative plan, and has accommodations for forty students. For catalogues, address the President, or R. H. Andes, Secretary.

Parrottsville Academy, located at Parrottsville, Tenn., has a building 40 x 50 feet, three stories high, on a beautiful lot in the center of the village, and is doing a creditable work.

Holston Seminary, in the town of New Market, Tenn., has property worth \$2,500. The history of this school is well known and many can testify to the efficient work done.

We recommend that the Board of Trustees of our church schools be requested to employ members of our church, and graduates of our schools—qualification being equal—in preference to others.

We gratefully record our appreciation of the work of the F. A. and S. E. S., and earnestly urge our pastors to raise the entire apportionment for this cause.

We also call attention to the important work of the Board of Education, and request pastors to a more general observance of Children's Day.

During the year the Conference learned with great sorrow of the death of Rev. C. H. Payne. D. D., L.L. D., who for many years was the faithful Secretary of the Board of Education, and whose labors among us are gratefully remembered.

J. M. MELEAR, Chairman.

Report on Temperance.

We are as much as 'ever convinced of the tenible distruction of both life and property, soul and body, wrought by "King Alcohol."

We recognize, with regret, the seeming failure of temperance movements and organizations.

We are persuaded that christian evangelation-emancipation from sin and satan is the real remedy. Still we favor any organization that can hinder or in any way limit the wholesale distruction which follows the abomnable liquor traffic, either at home or abroad, on land or sea; and especially the destructive canteen system which debauches the brave and true boys that go from our christian homes, and churches, and Sunday Schools, and Leagues, to maintain the honor of that flag that ought to be the true symbol of virtue, sobriety

and purity wherever it may wave; Therefore, we heartily endorse the movement put on foot by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union to appeal to the President of the Republic to revoke the order which has virtually nullified the "Anti-Canteen Amendment" of the Army Re-organization Bill, and to enforce the Law as passed by Congress, and hence we recommend the passage of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That we hereby authorize the presiding Bishop of the Holston Annual Conference, in its behalf, to appeal to President McKinley, to carry Section 17, of "Army Re-organization, Law," into full force and effect, in accordance with its natural meaning and the intent of Congress by issuing an order as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, suppressing all liquor selling on all premises used for military purposes by the United States, at least until the opinion of the Attorney General can be finally tested in the Courts.

AMENDMENT, We recommend to the committees appointed by the Quarterly Conferences to secure the presentation of the Pledge in every Sunday School.

I. H. MILLER, Chairman.

Church Literature.

The relation of our Methodist publications and periodicals to the broadest and best interests of our church is vital. Our great publishing houses are worthy of our pride and patronage. We desire to recognize our responsibility and privilege as agents of these important interests. The products of our presses include a rich variety of literature from the ponderous theological volume, and sets of commentaries, to the booklets and picture leaves for the primary department of our Sunday Schools. Here also are libraries for the pastor's study, the layman's home, the Epworth League, and the Sunday School. We desire to record our appreciation of the visits to us, during the year, of Rev. W. E. Grose, the representative of our Book Concern in Cincinnati. These have awakened much interest on the part of our people in our literature. We are pleased to note that several intinerating libraries have been purchased for the Leagues of our country districts, and feel sure that these books will prove to be a great blessing to our young people.

Your committee solicits every preacher as subscriber to our preacher's magazine, the *Methodist Review*.

We heartily commend to both preachers and people, Methodism's Cosmopolitan paper, the *Christian Advocate*, both for its catholic spirit, and for its able and loyal representation of the great interests of our own church.

The Western Christian Advocate, as devoted more especially to our work through the middle south and west, deserves a large circulation among us.

The Advocate Journal is peculiarly our paper, and should be a regular, welcome and helpful visitor to every home within our Conference. We recommend the appointment of Rev. J. S. Petty, as publishing Agent of the Advocate.

We urge that Holston Conference may furnish a constantly increasing subscription list to that bright. clean, vigorous, loyal sheet, our Epworth Herald.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. TABER, JR. For the Committee.

Sunday Schools and Tracts.

Report of your Committee on Sunday Schools:

- 1. We recognize the Sunday School as one of most important factors in the religious and educational life of our people. And note with interest that among the 12,000,000 Sunday School population in the United States, the Methodist Episcopal Church has over 31,000 Sunday Schools, with 350,000 officers and teachers and more than 2,600,000 scholars.
- 2. Inasmuch as the destiny of our young people is determined largely by the teachers in the Sunday School, the pastor and superintendent should exercise great care in the selection of teachers. We believe the time is at hand when no person should be chosen for a teacher in the Sunday School who is not a professed follower of Jesus Christ.
- 3. The literature supplied by the M. E. Church, and published by our Book Concern, being as good as any that can be obtained, we urge every pastor and presiding elder to be loyal in their efforts to place our own literature in our Sunday Schools.
- 4. We call upon every pastor to recognize the special workings of the Sunday School Union and to note the fact that they can secure good libraries from the Sunday School Union for needy Sabbath schools free of cost by putting forth an effort.

B. M. MARTIN.

Report of the Committee on Tracts:

I. The Tract Society of the M. E. Church aids in the circulation of religious literature throughout the entire world. It is circulating literature in at least twelve languages in the United States, and in more than twenty languages in foreign lands.

Every year it gives away 77,000,000 pages of tracts in the United States alone, besides sending \$10,000 annually to our mission stations to aid in the publication and circulation of religious literature.

- 2. We recommend that the pastors in our Conference avail themselves more generally of the liberal offer of the Tract Society which provides that every pastor who will make application can receive from the Society free, in the form of tracts, one half of the last collection of his charge for the Tract Society. If a larger grant is needed, and his church is not able to pay for the tracts, the Society will make generous donations of tracts for distribution.
- 3. We recommend that our pastors send to the Book Concern for the catalogue of tracts, which will be sent free to all who apply for it. And that they study carefully the tracts published by our church.
- 4. As the Tract Society needs a large sum of money annually in order to carry on its work throughout the church and the world, we urge all pastors to vigorously press the collection for the Tract Society.

B. M. MARTIN.

Report On State of the Church.

We: your Committee on the State of the Church, beg leave to report as follows:

First, we acknowledge with profound gratitude the grace of God which has rested upon us as a denomination from the beginning. He has made a handful of corn in the mountains to be as the cedars of Lebanon. This we remember, not with boasting, but with gratification. From a people few in number, poor and unknown He has caused us to become a people great numerically and powerful in all the affairs pertaining to the world and the kingdom of God. With churches everywhere, with schools of every grade, with publishing interests second to none in the world, we are now the spiritual advisers of nearly one-tenth of all the people of this great country and the preachers of righteousness in matters moral, social and political to more than ten millions of our citizens.

With this sense of God's great goodness comes to us a corresponding realization of our responsibility. And, notwithstanding the encouragements which come to us from a study of our church in its various phases, there are also causes for serious reflection, deep humiliation and earnest prayer.

The spirit of secularity too often prevails in our churches, robbing us of that spiritual power rightfully ours and frequently leading the children of God into open sin. This spirit manifests itself in nothing more than in a disregard for the holy Sabbath, especially in our cities and large towns. Let us insist that the Christian Sabbath, kept as God commands, affords man time to rest, to think, to read and to enjoy home life. The voice of soulless corporations, of the liquor saloons and of others who seek to make the Lord's day a day of gain must be drowned by the church in her mighty cry for the preservation of the American Sabbath, the great conservator of our Christian faith.

Children of Methodism.

It is a painful fact that the requirement of the discipline respecting the instruction of children is almost wholly disregarded. When the question is asked in our quarterly conferences, "Have the rules respecting the instruction of children been observed?" it is rarely ever answered intelligently and truthfully in the affirmative.

The Catechism of the Methodist Episcopal Church is a book practically unknown in the great majority of the homes of our people.

Furthermore, the regular attendance of children upon the preaching of the Word is sadly neglected. We heartily concur in the opinion expressed by Bishop Foss that if either the Sunday school or the regular morning service must be omitted by the children, let it not be the regular preaching service; nothing can take its place, however helpful in itself.

Class Meetings.

We regret to report that the old-time class meeting exists chiefly in name. It has largely departed from Methodism, and with it its glory. We respectfully remind our pastors and people that to this more than to any other social institution of early Methodism was her success due. We insist that nothing can take its place, and for its revival we devoutly pray.

Holiness Movement."

Methodism had as its chief aim the spreading of scriptural holiness over these lands. Therefore let us not allow any sect to profess with any show of truth a monopoly of the great doctrine of heart purity and the witness of the Spirit thereto.

Is it because we have failed to place proper emphasis upon these vital truths that there have arisen in many places definite organizations for the promulgation of holiness? The antidote for every evil and every error is *Truth*, mightily preached and faithfully illustrated in life and conversation.

Mormonism.

Another question which our church in this territory is called upon to meet is the Mormon question. Once related chiefly to the far West, it now vitally concerns the South and demands earnest and careful consideration.

With persistency and zeal Mormonism is sending hundreds of missionaries into this Southland. By their great diligence and insidious methods they are winning thousands of converts to their faith, and are thereby raising up in many communities apologists for this heirarchy, so foreign to the institutions and social laws of our Republic and so dangerous to all that we as Christians and citizens hold dear.

We therefore advise that our preachers and people diligently distribute literature giving information concerning the true purpose and doctrines of Mormonism. We further suggest that petitions be circulated on all our charges asking Congress at its coming session not to seat Congressman-elect Roberts of Utah, an avowed polygamist, and to so amend the Constitution of the United States as that polygamy shall be forever debarred by law from this Republic.

Temperance.

We rejoice that our church stands today, as she has ever stood, in the foreground of every movement which looks to the good of the country and the uplifting of humanity. In the great cause of temperance none have contributed more than the Methodists. The greatest total abstinence society the world has ever seen is the Methodist Episcopal Church. While here and there some of our members may be recreant to their vows, as a body they need no apologist here. Not a whit behind the foremost in memorials and in legislation pertaining to this mighty problem is our church.

False are the predictions that the coming General Conference will lower the standard. "It cannot be licensed without sin" expresses the conscience of our people on the subject of the liquor traffic. Back of this we can never go. To apply its logic must be our constant endeavor.

J. S. Jones, Chairman.

Observance of the Christian Sabbath.

Your committee would endorse the sentiment expressed by the Hon. John Sherman, in his address delivered at the last National Convention of the Sunday League of America:

"The Christian Sabbath is the foundation of American liberty. The preservation of this Nation, or of any Nation, is in a large measure dependent upon the religious observance of the Sabbath."

We realize the tendencies of the times, and would lift our voice against the multiplication of Sunday toil and introduction of Sunday amusements. We rejoice to learn of the organization of the Sunday League of America, represented at this session of our

Conference by the Rev. Edward Thompson, LL. D., its General Mauager. We are glad to learn that so many representative men of various denominations and from various sections of the country have become interested in this league. We have examined some of the leaflets published by this league, and believe them valuable and that their circulation will be helpful in developing a righteous public sentiment.

We are gratified to learn that the General Manager of this league expects to visit some of the cities of our State during the coming conference year and to organize a State league for Ternessee. We assure him that this Conference will welcome him and co-operate with him in the literature work of the league, and shall pray that much good may come from the introduction of the league into our State.

G. W. COLEMAN, THOMAS S. WALKER, R. J. COOKE.

Report of the Committee On Epworth League.

We recognize with gratitude the continued growth and activity of our young Epworth host, and commend them for their devotion and loyalty, promising, as they do, increased victories for the future of our work.

We congratulate the young people of Methodism on having the brightest and best young people's paper published, and advise the greatest circulation possible.

We especially approve as valuable in its results the circulating library system recently put into operation, and urge the extension of the plan as rapidly as possible. The circulation of these books, together with the large reading course, is an important step toward supplying needed good literature for the young people of our church.

In the employment of Miss Ethel Manlove as Field Worker our Conference league organization has given renewed indication of its wisdom and usefulness. We express cordial approval of this movement, and rejoice that it has thus early been so fruitful; and we pledge ourselves to co-operate with Miss Manlove iu her work, and invite her to our charges, and earnestly pray that continued Divine favor may crown her labors.

We remember the efficient labors of Brother R. L. Watts, the retiring President of the Conference Epworth League, and commend his example of persistent, untiring Christian effort to our young people as worthy of emulation.

J. C. ECKLES, President.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that on Sunday, October 15, 1899, in Cleveland, Tenn., I ordained William C. Wheeler, George W. Paul, Albert B. McKenzie, Alfred G. Buxton, Albert C. Ketron, Samuel J. Burkey and James R. Dyer, as Deacons.

CYRUS D. Foss.

American Bible Society.

We consider the American Bible Society one of the great forces in modern evangelical Christianity. We recognize it as one of those benevolent institutions which have aided most effectively in the establishment and growth of the Church of Christ in our beloved country.

Organized in 1816, the sole object of this society has ever been to encourage a wider circulation of the holy Scriptures without note or comment, and we remark with satisfaction that this noble purpose has been materialized in the publication and distribution of about 60,000,000 Bibles, Testaments and portions in about 100 different languages and dialects. It is non-sectarian and carries on its grand work of distribution in almost all parts of the world.

We rejoice in its success, and recommend that all our pastors heartily co-operate with the society in the effort to place the Bible in the hands of all the people, and also urge them to place the claims and work of this great society before all their congregations and raise a more liberal collection in its favor.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES W. MILLER, Chairman.

District Conference Records.

Your Committee on District Conference Records beg leave to 'report that they have examined the minutes of the Athens, Clinton and Greeneville District Conferences and find them correct, and neatly kept. The minutes of the Knoxville District Conference have not been received,

Respectfully submitted,

T. R. WEST, Chairman.

Report of Auditing Committee.

We your Committee report that we have examined the accounts of the Presiding Elders and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted.

H. B. OGLE.

Schools at Athens and Chattanooga.

With reference to the proposed consolidation of the several departments of the Grant University, the Holston Conference hereby declares:

That whenever the means for the better accommodation and equipment of the Departments of Liberal Arts in connection with the Professional Schools shall be in hand or at the command of the Trustees, and when, in the judgment of the Board, the consolidation shall appear to be for the best interests of the institution, we recommend that the consolidation be effected.

L. B. CALDWELL, G. T. FRANCISCO, J. A. RUBLE, R. J. COOKE, J. F. PERRY, J. J. MANKER, J. D. ROBERSON,

Report on Twentieth Century Thank-offering.

We your Committee on the Twentieth Century Thank-offering Movement, submits the following report:

We recommend that the plan adopted by the Presiding Elders, be adopted by the Conference.

Further, we find by reference to the reports of the Presiding Elders that the following amounts have been raised on this fund:

Athens District							. \$	2,099	00
Chattanooga District								5,000	00
Clinton District						į		1,650	00
Greeneville District								8,000	00
Knoxville District .								3.515	00
By Prof. W. A. Wrigh									
Total							#	20,828	50
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J. J. ROBINETTE, Chairman.

The plan of organization and work within the bounds of Holston Conference for the Twentieth Century Thank-offering Movement as recommended by Bishop Goodsell and the Presiding Elders, at a meeting held in First M. E. Church, Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 23, 1899.

1. That Holston Conference contribute \$100,000 toward the Twentieth Century Thank-offering, to be applied as follows; paying church debts, building churches in needy places, and repairing churches, paying parsonage debts, building and repairing parsonages, funds for deaconess home and for our educational institutions.

All donors having the right to say to which of our institutions their donations shall be applied. Where the donor fails to express a choice, 35% of funds collected shall go to Grant University, and the balance to the institution or institutions located within the Presiding Elders district where the contributions are made.

J. A. RUBLE.

Maryville, Tenu., Oct. 25, 1899.

Report of Church Extension Society.

We cannot speak too highly of this society, as it has aided us in building 151 churches, thereby helping us when we could not quite help ourselves.

The Board asks us to raise \$1,000, and if we can raise this amount then we can draw \$1,200 if needed. Therefore,

Resolved, I. That we, as pastors, will do our very best to raise the amount apportioned to our several charges.

Resolved, 2. That the outstanding loans in this Conference should be paid upon the known conditions upon which the money was borrowed from the Board of Church Extension.

Respectfully submitted,

T. G. CHASE, Chairman.

Report of Board of Stewards.

From Chartered Fund	\$ 22 00
From Book Concern	450 00
From Conference Collections	
Total	
R. O. Ayers	50 00 Paid to B. Crist
Mrs. W. B. Ballenger	15 00 " " W. S. Grant
Mrs. Daviel Carter	5 co " " P. H. Reed
Mrs. E. B. Clark	10 00 " " J. J. Manker
Mrs. W. C. Dailey	65 oo · · · · J. M. Melear
Mrs. W. H. H. Duggan	15 00 " J. F. Perry
Mrs. John Forrester	20 00 · · · · A. C. Peters
Mrs. E. L. Fillmore	65 oo " G. T. Newcomb
Miss Greer	39 00 " " A. G. Cadle `
Mrs. Wm. Haskall	5 00 " " J. S. Jones
Mrs. J. R. Hughes	5 00 " " T. H. Hodge
S. W. Hyden	52 co " J. J. Robinette
Minor son of D. S. Hodsden	10 00 · · · M. A. Rule
Mrs. W. T. Jones	70 00 " " J. F. Perry
George Julian	10 00 " " Himself

Mrs. D. B. Lawton 2			J. J. Manker
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Mrs. J. P. Milburn 16	000	+6	G. T. Francisco
Mrs. J. F. Morrison 20	00 00	6.6	T. S. Walker
Mrs. J. P. Morton 7	5 00 ''	4.6	A. Y. Snavely
P. H. Reed 8	0 00 ''	. 6	Himself
T. H. Russell 5	0 00 ''	- 6	Himself
Mrs. W. H. Rogers 2	0 00 ''	4.6	G. R. Rowan
Mrs. M. Seaton 2	0 00 "	4.6	G. T. Francisco
Mrs. Elijah Still	5 00 ''	44	T. G. Chase
Mrs. A. G. Watkins	5 00 "	+ 4	J. D. Roberson
Mrs. A. F. Cresswell 2	25 00 "	4.6	J. S. Strange
J. D. Lawson	5 00 "	-66	M. A. Rule
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Total	6 00		

Respectfully submited,

G. R. ROWAN,

For the Board.

RESOLUTIONS.

BISHOP FOSS.

Resolved, That this second visit of Bishop Foss as the President of this Conference has been very satisfactory and gratifying to us, and we beg hereby to assure him of our sincere appreciation of his kind and able services in conducting the business of the Conference, and that we shall gladly welcome him as our Presiding Bishop at any future session.

CITIZENS OF CLEVELAND.

Resolved, 1. That it is the wish of every member of this Conference to record in the form of this resolution, his personal thanks for the abounding hospitality accorded to him and to each of his associates in the ministry in the home to which they were assigned.

Resolved, 2. That the Conference as a body most heartily joins in general expressions of gratitude to the people of Cleveland for the open doors and warm hearts that greeted our coming and made our sojourn delightful.

Resolved, 3. That the pastor of this church, Rev. George Renowan, deserves our grateful recognition and brotherly regard for

his painstaking labor in providing for our necessities and comforts, and we hereby record the same out of the fullness of our hearts.

THE SOUTHERN AND OTHER RAILWAYS.

Resolved, That we take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the courtesies shown us in the matter of transportation by Southern and other Railways to this session of our Conference.

DAY OF MEETING AND EXAMINATIONS.

Resolved, 1. That we request the Bishops in arranging the plan of Episcopal visitation to convene the Holston Conference on Thursday instead of Wednesday.

Resolved, 2. That the examinations in the various courses of study shall begin in the afternoon, at 2 o'clock of the Tuesday preceding the convention of the Conference, and that each member of the Board of Examiners, together with the members of the several classes, be required to be present at the time aforesaid.

Resolved, 3. That if any candidate for examination fails to be present for examination, according to this schedule, he may not be examined at a later date, except by special order of the Conference.

T. B. RUSSELL.

Certificate of the Secretary.

I certify that this pamphlet contains a complete record of the official proceedings of the Thirty-fifth Session of the Holston Conference.

J. H. Amis, Secretary.

Special Notice.

READER—Please remember our friends who have advertised in this book and when trading give them a call, and mention this Annual.

J. H. AMIS. Secretary.



REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

ATHENS DISTRICT.

THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The Athens District territory is the same as last year, embracing ten counties, in whole or in part—originally it is the same, with the exception of the consolidation of Ebenezer and Lenoir Circuit. Thus reducing the number of pastoral charges to fifteen.

In submitting this report I will briefly call attention to the different charges by name.

ATHENS STATION.—This charge has been faithfully served by E. H. McLaughlin. Brother McLaughlin has toiled faithfully during the year, although he has not had the measure of success that he had hoped. He has preached with acceptability, and looked after the interests of the church with fidelity. The spiritual interest of the church is fairly good. The Sunday School and Epworth League are at work with an active Junior League. \$500 have been expended in repairs on the church property by the order of the Authorities of Grant University. Benevolences fell a little below last year.

ATHENS CIRCUIT.—Has been under the pastoral care of M. C. Bruner, who has given unusual satisfaction as a preacher. This is Brother Bruner's second year. He has devoted the past three months to special revival work, with splendid results; 94 have been converted, and 49 added to the church. Pastor's claim fully met. Benevolences in advance of last year. About \$60 expended in repairs on church property.

CHATATA CIRCUIT.—W. S. Grant closes his second year on this charge. He has looked after all the interests of the church. The year has been fruitful in good revivals. The pastor reports 56 conversions and 26 accessious to the church. The spiritual interest of the church is good at almost every appointment. The benevolences about as last year.

CLEVELAND STATION.—G. R. Rowan has been in charge of Cleveland Station. This is Brother Rowan's third year on this charge, and, is in some respects the most successful, and satisfactory year of his pastorate at this place. \$410 have been expended on the church

as a Twentieth Century Thank-offering—the character of the work speaks for itself. \$70 have been expended for a Sunday School library and song books. The Sunday School has been flourishing throughout the year. Epworth League active. Benevolences below last year.

CLEVELAND CIRCUIT.—T. G. Chase has been in charge for the past four years. This charge has sustained some \$500 or \$1.000 loss in church property this year. Our church at Red Hill was destoyed by fire. A new church is now in course of erection. Brother Chase has been greatly hindered during the greater part of the year, by personal and family afflictions. But notwithstanding his afflictions he closes out the year with very satisfactory results. Number of conversions, 28; accessions, 9. Benevolences in advance of last year.

DECATUR CIRCUIT.—Was left to be supplied. Soon after Conference, P. H. Scarbrough a local preacher, was put in charge of the work. Brother Scarbrough has shown himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. He has had splendid success in revival work, has carefully looked after all the interests of the church. He reports 52 conversious and 27 accessions. The receipts for benevolences double that of last year.

DUCKTOWN CHARGE—W. S. Brackney has been the faithful and painstaking pastor on the Ducktown Charge. Brother Brackney has labored with fidelity and zeal for the past two years on this charge, looking after all of the interests committed to his care; though he has not reached the results for which he had hoped and prayed—he has had considering all things, a fair measure of success. The outlook for the charge is encouraging. Receipts for benevolences are in advance of last year.

EBENEZER AND LENOIR CIRCUIT.—A. M. Rose has been very acceptable on this charge. Brother Rose moved his family into the Parsonage at Ebenezer soon after Conference, and has been in the midst of work, devoting his entire time to the charge. Brother Rose has done a faithful year's work, with a very fair measure of success. He reports 44 conversions and 33 accessions to the church. Expended in church building, \$600. Benevolent collections in advance of last year.

ERIE CIRCUIT.—Under the pastoral oversight of John W. Cardwell it has had a reasonably successful year. Brother Cardwell, though living somewhat remote from his work, has given to his charge his time and best energies. Has by his gentle spirit and efficient service, endeared himself to his people. There have been 43 conversions and 25 accessions to the church. The benevolences are slightly in advance of last year.

FRIENDSVILLE CIRCUIT.—Was left to be supplied. D. H. Gibson, a local deacon, has been the faithful supply. This is Brother Gibson's second year on this charge. He has succeeded in completing the church building, begun last year at Sinking Creek, a substantial frame building, finished free of debt, at a cost of \$500. Which was dedicated by the Presiding Elder, assisted by the Pastor, the first Sunday in September. Our work at Friendsville has been hindered by debt, which, it is hoped, will be liquidated in the near future. The pastor reports 32 conversions and 18 accessions. The benevolent collections fall below last year.

KINGSTON STATION.—Has been under the pastoral charge of Hazen Oaks, for the past two years. The charge is in a good condition, spiritually and financially. The congregations are large, Sunday Schools are well attended by both old and young. The Epworth League has had the most prosperous year of its existence, meetings spiritual and well attended. \$349 have been secured as a Twentieth Century Thank-offering, to liquidate the debt on parsonage property. Receipts for benevolences full. \$10 paid on missionary debt.

Loudon Circuit.—Under the pastoral oversight of T. R. West, it has had a very successful year. Brother West has been abundant in labors, has given full time to the work. This charge has suffered a very serious loss this year in church property, our beautiful new church—Axleys Chapel—a building which cost about \$1,000 was destroyed by fire, with no insurance. But the heroic band led by the pastor, took steps at once to rebuild, and as a result of the united efforts, a new church, equal if not superior to the former, crowns the hill-top, costing \$800. With all indebtedness provided for, this church was dedicated July 30, by Rev. J. A. Ruble, Presiding Elder of the Knoxville District, assisted by Dr. J. J. Robinette, of Maryville, and the Pastor. Repairs are being made on our church at Loudon which will cost about \$100. Pastor reports 19 conversions and 18 accessions. Benevolences fall below last year.

MADISONVILLE CIRCUIT.—Has been under the pastoral care of J. S. Best. Brother Best has devoted his time to the work, with a fair measure of success. A plan has been inaugurated by which it is hoped to secure a Parsonage on this Charge as a Twentieth Century Thank-offering. We have now on hands in cash and subscriptions, within \$50 of the required amount to secure a property worth \$500. This property is near Mt. Arnon, the most convenient and suitable location within the bounds of the Charge. The pastor reports 92 conversions and 30 accessions. Benevolences fall below last year.

MARYVILLE STATION.—J. J. Robinette has served this Charge for the past two years, and has done efficient work. This is the strongest charge financially within the bounds of the district, and is in good condition; every department of the church work has received careful attention by the methodical and painstaking pastor. Receipts for Ministerial support in full. Benevolences in advance of last year. Brother and Sister Robinette have passed through deep sorrow in the protracted affliction and death of their youngest child.

MARYVILLE CIRCUIT.—For the past two years has had the pastoral oversight of J. C. Eckles. Brother Eckles has been abundant in labors, carefully looking after all the interests committed to his care. The work is in much better condition than at the beginning of the year. Under the leadership of the pastor, a new church has been built within the bounds of the charge, which meets a long felt need in that vicinity. The church was dedicated free of debt by Rev. J. A. Ruble, Presiding Elder of the Knoxville District, assisted by the pastor, August 26. The pastor reports 43 conversions and 39 accessions to the church. Benevolences are a little below last year.

FINALLY.—The outlook for the church in the Athens District is very encouraging. Peace and harmony prevail among the people. The Sunday School work has been carefully inquired into each quarter. There are now 57 Sunday Schools within the bounds of the district doing good work, 9 Epworth Leagues Chapters, and 4 Junior Leagues. more or less active. The Twentieth Century Thank-offering Movement is pretty thoroughly organized for effective workthough little has been done to date, I am glad to be able to report that the Movement is growing in favor with the people. We are expecting Athens District to do her part in making the Movement a success. The educational interest within the bounds of the district is good. The Grant University, the College of Liberal Arts, located in the town of Athens, under the Presidency of Rev. John H. Race, D. D., is doing well. The enrollment is twenty-five per cent. better than at this time last year. The faculty are doing faithful work. \$530 have been expended on ground and buildings. The Ritter Industrial Home, under the management of Mrs. F. V. Chapman, is a model home worthy of the confidence and support of our people.

As to my own work I will say I have been constantly engaged since the 23rd day of October, last. Have held (55) fifty-five quarterly meetings in person, (5) five by proxy; made 327 visits to families throughout the district, conducted three funerals, baptized three adults and one infant, solemnized the rites of Matrimony between three couples, held one District Conference, have traveled in the performance of my duties 3,800 miles. In concluding my report I

desire to express my high appreciation of the brethren who have been associated with me in the work of the district, and from whom I have received uniform courtesy. Both pastors and laymen have been very kind and helpful, for which I am grateful.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. F. PERRY, Presiding Elder.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

In presenting to the Holston Conference this, my fourth annual report as Presiding Elder of the Chattanooga District, the goodness of God in the constant blessings of his providence and grace is gratefully acknowledged. No serious sickness has befallen any of the pastors, nor has death entered any of their homes, except in one instance. Little Roy, the only child of Rev. and Sister T. H. Conner, of the Jasper Circuit, a sweet and promising boy six years of age, was called away to the heavenly fold February 1st, 1899.

Work of the District.

It has been my pleasaut privilege to meet the brethren at each Quarterly Conference and to hold every session in person.

In addition to my ordinary duties, nine special conventions were held during the summer and fall, the programs embracing the subjects of missions and the other benevolences, Sunday school and league work, education, church literature, ministerial support, the twentieth century movement and other topics of general interest. Nearly all the pastors, many leading laymen and a number of capable and gifted women gave their hearty co-operation in these efforts and rendered excellent service in the discussion of the various topics. Hon. J. A. Fowler, of 'Clinton, and Drs. Newcomb and Cooke, each attended on one of these occasions, and President Race on several, each adding to the interest and profit of the meetings. The total number of persons taking part in the several programs was about one hundred. These meetings elicited much interest, were largely attended and were productive of beneficial results.

Special attention has been given to the financial conditions, and every means at my command has been employed to arouse the people to the importance and the immediate necessity of a more hearty and liberal support of the pastors and of the church benevolences. Many sermons and addresses have been delivered bearing directly on these subjects. More than 3,000 printed circular letters and hundreds of cards, personal letters and typewritten circulars have been sent out to the pastors and to the officers and members of the churches.

The Twentieth Century Movement has been brought to the attention of the people on all the charges, and some preliminary steps have been taken in the way of organizing the district for a vigorous campaign. In a number of the charges active and successful work has been in progress.

It has been my constant endeavor to quicken the intellectual life of the people, especially the young, and to enlarge their views of the dignity and responsibility of life and of the work and mission of the church.

The claims of our church schools and of our own church paper, the *Methodist Advocate Journal*, as helpful agencies in nearly every form of church work have been strongly maintained. Earnest efforts have been put forth to show, and to urge upon all, the necessity of sincere, practical holiness of heart and life. The revival spirit has been stimulated and the salvation of sinners kept in view as the most important and imperative of all possible demands or achievements.

Work of the Pastors.

Between myself and the pastors there has been perfect brotherly accord and co-operation. Nearly all young, they are a noble company of men, and all have in the main been faithful and efficient in service. They have joined heartily in the forward movement for better financial and spiritual results. With scarcely an exception they have pushed the collections and have tried to raise their apportionments.

Miss Manlove.

Miss Ethel Manlove, of Knoxville, employed by the Conference Cabinet as Fie'd Worker in the interest of the Epworth League, has spent the last three months in the district. She has held meetings with the young people and the children, organized or reorganized four junior leagues and has greatly quickened the interest of the people in league work. She also took part in most of the conventions held, and has assisted the pastors in a number of revivals. She has everywhere been welcomed, and her efforts have been well received and highly appreciated.

Our Church Schools.

The Theological, Medical and Law schools of Grant University, located at Chattanooga, have, under the energetic supervision of President Race and the able deans and faculties of the several departments, enjoyed a year of more than ordinary prosperity and are well worthy the confidence and support of the church.

Summary of Results.

As to results there is cause for both rejoicing and regret. Something has been accomplished, but it appears little in comparison

with our opportunities and responsibilities. There have been 363 conversions, 171 have been received on probation and 243 into full membership. The district as a whole has a little better tone and spirit. There is apparently a somewhat greater attachment to the church and its institutions. The circulation of the Advocate Journal has been increased and there is a better interest in the work of the Epworth League and the Sunday school.

Three thousand dollars has been paid on the debt of the First Church at Chattanooga. The church at Rockwood has canceled its entire indebtedness of \$300. The Harriman Church follows suit by the liquidation of the \$100 encumbrance resting on it, and the Vine Grove Church at Dayton has completed its emancipation by the payment of a balance of \$44 which was due the Board of Church Extension.

Some additions have also been made to our church properties. At Alton Park a much-needed parsonage has been erected at a cost of \$250, not an insignificant achievement under the circumstances. A cheap but comfortable church has been built near Whitwell, on the Tracy City Circuit. On the Graysville Circuit three and a half miles from Dayton a very neat and commodious church has just been completed. This property, the generous gift of Brother George W. Spivey, is worth \$1,000. It was dedicated the third Sunday in August by the Rev. James M. Taber, assisted by the pastor, A. J. Murphy, and Revs. A. C. Peters and R. Walker.

These contributions for the payment of debts on our churches and for the erection of new properties aggregate about \$5,000 and apply on the twentieth century offerings of the district.

A small advance has been made in the amounts contributed for ministerial support. The lowest salary paid this year is \$55; the largest, \$2,200. The aggregate for the district, including the salary of the Presiding Elder, is \$7,339. The average salary is \$366.95, and the average contribution per member for ministerial support is \$2.52. As compared with last year this is an increase of \$78 in the total, \$21.19 in the average salary and of 2 cents in the per capita contribution of the members. The real increase is considerably larger than these figures indicate, and would have so appeared but for a reduction of salary at Harriman by suggestion of the pastor himself.

In the benevolent collections the increase is greater, showing the good results of the energetic work of the pastors. The amount paid for missions is \$869, as against \$493 last year, an increase of 76 per cent. The total amount for all benevolences, including Conference claimants, Episcopal fund and General Conference expenses, is \$2,072, which is \$728 over last year. Putting all finan-

cial totals together, the total for this year is \$17,053, an increase of \$7,548 over the total of last year, the average contribution per member rising from \$7.95 to \$5.53 this year.

Nearly all the pastors have aided in bringing about these good results, and, in pursuance of a purpose communicated to them at the beginning of the year, the names are here reported of those who have succeeded in raising their full apportionments for all the benevolences.

This Honor Roll is as follows:

James M. Taber. First Church. Chattanooga.

W. C. Wheeler. Avondale.

Victor West, Epworth.

C. E. Ackerman, Highland Park.

J. S. Burnette, Hill City.

J. M. Mason and C. Ham, Ridgedale and Tabernacle.

R. L. Stapleton, Sherman Heights.

Robert Walker, Dayton, Vine Grove and Spring City.

Thomas Charlesworth and Roy A. Simouds, Rockwood and Gleu Alice.

A. B. McKenzie, South Pittsburgh and Kimball.

Conditions and Necessities.

My report might here be brought to a close, but something must be said concerning the condition and necessities of the church in the district. For, notwithstanding the encouraging results already given, and without abating in any degree the commendatory words very justly spoken concerning the work of the pastors, it must nevertheless in all candor be stated that the spiritual conditions generally are far from satisfactory. Deep personal piety among the members is notable by its few rather than by its many shining examples. Meetings for prayer, testimony and spiritual communion and fellowship are sadly wanting. Our standard books and recent publications for the young, and even our church papers, are little read or known. The financial obligations as to the support of the ministry, the salvation of the world and the building up of the kingdom of God in the earth rest so lightly upon the people that many of them seem scarcely aware that such obligations exist.

If this picture appears dark, its shades are only the more deeply colored by the just and necessary statement that we are not worse than our neighbors. For our sister churches, working side by side with us, would not venture to claim that in these respects they are better than we. Would that they were! The situation is bad enough in the larger, stronger churches worse in those of the smaller towns and villages and as a rule less satisfactory still in the country.

There is, indeed, cause for gratitude and praise for the progress made, but ample occasion still remaining for humiliation and heart-searching. Applicable as this last remark is alike to preachers and people, it appears to me that it is specially pertinent to us, the spiritual guides and shepherds of the flock. Are not we ourselves responsible for this state of affairs? Do we realize the dignity and awful responsibility of our high calling as ambassadors for Christ, put in trust with the Gospel and with the care of souls?

The clear, deep, powerful preaching of the fundamental doctrines of religion-where is it heard? Are we not too easily satisfied with the formal and too little concerned with the practical functions of our ministry? Is not the careful, business like management of ministerial and pastoral work, such as was common with the fathers in the Methodist ministry, the exception with us rather than the rule? Leadership-intelligent, skillful, masterful leadership-is au indispensable condition of large success. And yet where do we find it? Who among us even aspires to excel in this essential qualification for conquest? It is universally recognized that the glory of Manila belongs to Dewey, nor is it any less evident that the success of the great Weslevan movement is accounted for in the imperial personality of John Wesley. And can it be any the less true that the success or failure of our ministry will be-must bemeasured and determined by the qualities of mind and heart that are dominant in us?

It therefore appears to me that our supreme need for the entire ministerial force of the district may be summed up in two short sentences:

- 1. We must have the power of a Pentecostal baptism, with its heart of flame and its tongue of fire.
- 2. There must be the massing of our energies, with a mighty, all-constraining force of will, for the actual accomplishing of the work given us of God to do.

These conditions fulfilled, the victory is ours and the field is won.

J. J. MANKER.

Cleveland, Tenn., October 11th, 1899.

GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.

The Greeneville District has the largest church membership of any in the Conference, and in point of territory and pastoral charges is surpassed by none. It embraces the territory, or a larger part of the territory, included in the twelve upper counties of East Tennessee, having eighteen pastoral charges, three of which are stations and the remaining fifteen circuits. These charges, except three, were served by pastors appointed at our last session of Conference. The three referred to—Newport, Sneedville and Butler circuits—were served by supplies, Rev. A. N. Brown serving the Newport Circuit, Rev. A. Bunn the Sneedville and Rev. James Osborne the Butler Circuit.

The preachers in the Greeneville District have done good work. The past winter was a very severe one and many of our pastors were compelled to travel considerable distances to reach some of their appointments. The severity of the winter caused some falling off in attendance, but when springtime came the congregations increased and success was attained for which we give God the glory.

The spiritual condition of the district is good, many revivals having been held during the year, with gratifying results—709 conversions. The financial interest of the district is perhaps better than it has been for years. We are more than fifty per cent, in advance over last year on benevolences. Some charges have doubled, others more than doubled the collections of last year. If our people would pay according to their ability the Greeneville District would raise \$2,000 annually for benevolences.

Three beautiful churches have been dedicated this year—Ebenezer Church, on the Chucky City Circuit; Butler Church, on the Butler Circuit, and the Surgoinsville Church, on the Surgoinsville Circuit. The church at Ebenezer is located on the historic spot where Bishop Asbury presided over the first Methodist Conference ever held in Tennessee. It was dedicated by Dr. Cooke in September. The pastor and people of this church deserve especial praise for the erection of this neat building.

The Surgoinsville Church was dedicated by Rev. T. S. Walker.

A number of other churches are nearing completion. Some of these were begun two or three years ago.

One parsonage, that of Mountain City, which is occupied by the pastor, Rev. C. C. Wyatt, was completed in the spring. It is worth about \$1,000. Two others are nearing completion—one on the Newport Circuit, the other at Greeneville. The parsonage at Greeneville would be a credit to Methodism anywhere. It will be worth \$2,500 and will be ready for occupancy in about fifteen days. Brother J. S. Jones, the faithful pastor, has devoted much time toward the erection of this building. The parsonage on the Newport Circuit has been occupied by the pastor for some time. This building will cost about \$800 when finished.

Committees were appointed on the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering on every charge on the district. We have raised in building churches and parsonages and paying off old indebtedness several thousand dollars.

The Greeneville District has 9 parsonages, 86 church buildings and something over 7,000 members.

Our Sunday schools are in excellent condition. The Epworth League in this district never has succeeded as well as in other parts of the Conference, yet we have some good leagues.

We have located within the bounds of the Greeneville District three church schools, one at Chucky City, the other two at Bloomingdale and Baileyton.

The school at Chucky City has had a continuous hard struggle on account of indebtedness, but through the energy of the pastor, the Rev. G. B. Cox, the indebtedness has been liquidated and the church given a warranty deed. Prof. S. H. Tomson was elected principal of this school. They began with a good enrollment and the outlook for the Chucky City School is encouraging. Our school at Bloomingdale is one among the best in the Conference. The enrollment may not be so large as some others, but the work done is of the highest character; it is thorough. The principal is Prof. Joseph H. Ketron, well known to the members of this Conference. The school at Baileyton has been a success from its beginning. Educational interest is growing. Many of our young people taking advantage of the opportunities afforded by these schools are preparing for life's work.

Our people are not interested in the church literature as they should be. If we had our literature in every Methodist home in the district our advance along all lines of church work would be more rapid. This is one of the great needs that confront us.

The majority of our preachers during the year have been blessed with good health. Some have had sore afflictions among their families, death having entered the homes of Brother George Cox and Dr. Russell, taking from each home a precious little one only to be transplanted in the paradise of Gcd.

I would say, in reference to my own work as Presiding Elder, that the Lord has blessed me with health. I have not been sick a day during the year, although exposed to all sorts of weather, traveling through the cold and heat, the sunshine and rain, on trains, buggies, wagons, horseback and sometimes afoot. I have traveled during the year 3,832 miles, made 3co visits, preached 160 times, have held 67 quarterly meetings in person and 5 by proxy.

G. T. FRANCISCO, Presiding Elder.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

Report of the Presiding Elder of the Knoxville District, Holston Conference, M. E. Church, held at Cleveland, Tenn., beginning October 11, 1899.

The district is composed of seventeen charges, all of which were served by appointment from the Conference except four, which were served by supplies. Every pastor reached his field of labor in due season, and all have worked faithfully, with varying success.

Special attention has been given to revivals, resulting in 350 conversions. The Knoxville District for the most part is well supplied with church houses.

Under the inspiration of the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering movement and the organizing plan set on foot by Bishop Goodsell and the Presiding Elders Feb. 23 of this year there has been some forward movement in repairing and beautifying churches and purchasing and building parsonages. In repairs, Asylum Street has expended \$200; Luttrell, \$105; Knoxville Circuit, \$100; Morristown, \$308, while \$100 has been expended in pushing a church on Holston Circuit towards completion.

The children of Rev. W. T. Senter, Sr., and his wife, Nancy Senter, have secured from the M. E. Church, South, a half interest in a church lot adjoining the cemetery where their beloved parents and brother, ex-Governor D. W. Senter, have found their last sleep. The place is known as Economy and is located five miles west of Morristown, Tenn. Here, at a cost of a little more than \$1,600, they have erected a beautiful memorial church in houor of their sainted dead. This moderu church edifice was on Oct 1st, 1899. dedicated to the worship and service of the Almighty, the Rev. J. J. Robinette, D. D., of Maryville, Tenn., preaching the dedicatory sermon, which was, indeed, one of great power and withal eminently appropriate. Revs. G. D. French and W. L. Jones, of the M. E. Church, South, and Revs. W. C. Miller and J. A. Ruble all taking a part in the dedicatory exercises.

A parsonage, well located and worth \$400, has been bought on the Thorn Grove Circuit during the year. Also, there is one in course of erection on Little River Circuit. This when completed will be worth \$600.

The Epworth League is developing the young life of the church in a way and to an extent that is both marvelous and encouraging, and is deserving of the earnest support of the Presiding Elder and all the pastors.

Most of the charges show healthy advances in contributions for benevolences.

Our district school, Murphy College, is deserving of special mention. Murphy College is quite young in age and is splendidly located at Sevierville, Tenn. The grounds, buildings and equipments are valued at \$18,000. The college building is a neat brick, containing eleven rooms.

The Girls' Industrial Home is a nice three-story frame building, with third story unfinished. At present twenty girls can be lodged, and when the building is completed twice that number can be accommodated. The Home has been in successful operation for three years, the last two Mrs. M. A. Rule having charge. Too much cannot be said in commendation of her wise, christian management. It is run on the co-operative plan and the cost of board per month to those availing themselves of the benefits of the place last year was \$4, while those who did no work in the Home paid \$5 per month.

The present term of the school opened Aug. 28 and now has an enrollment of 230 students. The faculty consists of Prof. Alvis Craig, President, with U. S. Andes, Mrs. Helen Craig and Mrs. Camelia Bradford as able assistants; while the music department is under the direction of Miss N. M. Cureton.

I have held fifty-five quarterly meetings in person and have devoted two months to assisting the brethren in revival work.

J. A. Ruble, Presiding Elder.

Report of the Clinton District not received .- SECRETARY.



Conference Board of Nine on Deaconess' Work.

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Rev. J. S. Jones Greeneville.
Irs. D. Woodsworth Chattanooga.
Irs. F. V. Chapman Athens.
Irs. L. D. Dillian Knoxville.
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The Board above mentioned was mislaid, or not handed in to the Secretary; consequently its insertion here, instead of being with the Standing Committees.

J. H. AMIS, Secretary.

Minutes of Lay Electoral Conference.

The Holston Lay Electoral Conference convened at 9 a. m., Friday, October 13, 1899, in Cleveland, Tenn., at the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Arville Taylor, of Clinton, was chosen temporary chairman, and W. L. Oliver, of Knoxville, temporary secretary.

Rev. James Osborne. of Allentown, conducted the devotions.

Committees on permanent organization and rules, credentials, and resolutions were appointed and went about their work at once.

Committee on permanent organization reported. W. A. Wright, of Athens, being named as permanent chairman, and W. L. O.iver, of Knoxville, and J. B. Zeigler, of Retro, as secretaries.

Committee on credentials reported fifty-two members present.

Committee on resolutions read a number of resolutions which were accepted by the Conference.

The Conference proceeded to ballot for delegates to General Conference. J. A. Patten, of Chattanooga, and C. P. Cass, of Elizabethton, being elected by handsome majorities.

W. T. Cooper, of Chattanooga, receiving the majority of votes cast, was elected as first reserve, and Joseph H. Ketron, of Sullivan County, as second reserve, was elected by acclamation.

Messrs. Patten and Cass were introduced, and from the fullness of their hearts spoke their appreciation to the Conference.

Messrs. Cooper and Ketron also made appropriate remarks.

After the transaction of a few other items of business of minor importance, the Conference adjourned.

W. L. OLIVER, Secretary.

W. A. WRIGHT, Chairman.



Classification and Assignment of Studies and Examiners.

President-G. T. Newcomb.

Registrar-J. S. Jones.

EXPLANATION—The letter "A" at the right of a given study indicates that it belongs to the class for Admission; the Roman numerals stand for the first, second, third and fourth years; "L. P." for Local Preacher's course. The Arabic numerals following the names of the members of the faculty indicate that they have charge of the subjects of the corresponding numbers in the lists of studies assigned to the respective sections. The letter "M" indicates mid-year examinations.

Section I.—Exegetical Theology.

Chairman—B. M. Martin, 2-7-9.

J. M. Melear, 3-4-5-6-10.

G. T. Newcomb, 1-8-11.

- 1. Harman's Introduction, Old Testament. (I)
- 2. Harman's Introduction, New Testament. (II) (M).
- 3. Exegesis. (I)
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- 8. Biblical Hermeneutics. (III) (M)
- 9. From Dan to Beersheba. (III)
- 10. How to Study the Bible. (L. P. II)
- 11. History of Rationalism. (IV)

SECTION II.—Systematic Theology.

Chairman—C. W. Miller, 3-4-11-12.

G. W. Coleman, 1-6-10-18-17-20.

T. H. Hodge, 2-7-8-13-19.

J. J. Robinette, 5-9-14-15-16.

- I. Wesley's Sermon's, Vol. I. (A)
- 2. Wesley's Sermons, Vol. II. (I)
- 3. Miley's Systematic Theology, Vol. I. (I) (M)

- 4. Miley's Systematic Theology, Vol. II. (II)
- 5. Wesley's Christian Perfection. (I) (M) (L. P. III.)
- 6. The Supernatural Book. (III)
- 7. Larger Catechism. (A)
- 8. Christian Baptism. (L. P. I)
- 9. Love Enthroned. (L. P. IV)
- 10. Theological Compend. (L. P. I)
- II. Raymond's Systematic Theology, Vol I. (L. P. II)
- 12. Raymond's Systematic Theology, Vol. II. (L. P. III)
- 13. Raymond's Systematic Theology, Vol. III. (L. P. IV)
- 14. Manual of Christian Evidences. (IV)
- 15. Butler's Analogy. (V) (M)
- 16. Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation. (L. P. I.)
- 17. Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience. (A) (L. P. III)
- 18. The Christian Life. (IV)
- 19. Social Aspects of Christianity. (A)
- 20. Ecclesiastical Architecture. (I)

SECTION III.—Historical Theology.

Chairman—J. S. Jones, 5-6-7-8-9-13-14.

L. B. Caldwell, 1-2-3-4-10-11-12.

- 1. Scripture History. (A)
- 2. Life of John Wesley. (A) (L. P. I)
- 3. History of American Methodism. (A)
- 4. History of the Missions of the M. E. Church. (II)
 - 5. History of Methodism. (II)
 - 6. Hurst's History of the Christian Church. (M Vol. I) (III) (IV) (L. P. II & III)
 - 7. Life and Epistles of St. Paul. (IV)
 - 8. Portrait of St. Paul. (L. P. III)
 - 9. Life of Bishop Simpson. (L. P. III)
 - 10. Life of Durbin. (L. P. IV)
 - 11. Outlines of Bible History. (L. P. I)
 - 12. The Historic Episcopate. (III)
 - 13. Christian Archæology. (II)
 - 14. Theological Encyclopædia and Methodology. (IV) (M)

SECTION IV.—Practical Theology.

Chairman—T. B. Russell, 3-5-7-9-11-13-14.

T. S. Walker, 1-2-4-6-8-10-12.

- 1. Discipline of M. E. Church. (A) (L. P. I) (M)
- 2. Protestant Foreign Missions. (IV)
- 3. Theory and Practice of Preaching. (I)
- 4. Tongue of Fire. (I) (L. P. I)
- 3. Governing Conference in Methodism. (I)
- 6. General Conference and Episcopacy. (II)
- 7. Principles of Rhetoric. (I) (L. P. III)
- 8 The Modern Sunday School. (II)
- 9. The Epworth League. (III)
- 10. Lectures on Preaching. (L. P. II)
- 11. Preparation and Delivery of Sermons. (IV)
- 12. Hints to Self-Educated Ministers. (L P. I)
- 13. The Revival and the pastor. (A) (L. P. I)
- 14. Digest of Methodist Law. (II) (L. P. IV)

SECTION V.—History.

Chairman-G. R. Rowan, 2-3-7-9-10-.

J. W. Jones, 1-4-5-6-8-11.

- 1. Leading Facts of American History. (A)
- 2. Outlines of Universal History. Part I. (I)
- 3. Outlines of Universal History. Part II. (II)
- 4. English and American Literature. (A) (L. P. II)
- 5. History of the English People. (A).
- 6. Living Thoughts of John Wesley. (L. P. (III)
- 7. Lessons in Logic. (II)
- 8. Elements of Psychology. (III)
- 9. Introduction to Political Economy. (III)
- 10. Problems of Religious Progress. (I)
- II. Essays.
- 12. Common English Branches-C. W. Miller.

Mid-year examinations will be held about the first of May on the books marked "M." Examiners who have these studies are requested to send questions on them to the chairman by the first of April. Students may have the privilege of choosing the examiner to conduct the examination by notifying the chairman a month before the time set for the examination.

Missionary Appropriations.

ATHENS DISTRICT—
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Friendsville 40 00
Kingston
Maryville Circuit 40 00

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT—
Alton Park
Avondale and Sherman Heights 60 00
Epworth 40 00
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Ridgedale and Tabernacle 100 00
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Dayton, Vine Grove and Spring City 66 oo
Morgan Springs 50 00
South Pittsburgh 100 00
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