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OF THE

**Louisiana Conference,**

**M. E. CHURCH SOUTH,**

**31st**

**ANNUAL SESSION,**

**Trenton, La., December 13th-17th, 1876.**

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BISHOP WM. M. WIGHTMAN, *Presiding,*  
SAM'L H. SCHROEDER, *Secretary.*

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December 13th--17th, 1876.

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The Thirty-first session of the Louisiana Annual Conference was held in the Methodist Church at Trenton, La., beginning on Wednesday, the Thirteenth day of December, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-six, Bishop W. M. Wightman in the chair.

The daily sessions were held from 9 o'clock A. M. to 2 o'clock P. M., and were opened with religious exercises conducted by the Bishop and various members of the Conference.

Saml. H. Schroeder was elected Secretary, Jno. T. Sawyer, Assistant Secretary, and J. W. Medlock Statistical Secretary.

The following members were present during the session:

CLERICAL.—Jos. B. Walker, D. D., Jno. Mathews, J. T. Sawyer, Linus Parker, D. D., Lewis A. Reed, C. Keener, J. A. Ivy, C. W. Carter, R. S. Trippett, H. O. White, W. P. Owen, T. S. Randle, N. S. Cornell, J. L. Wright, A. M. Wailes, G. T. Freeman, B. Clegg, Wm. Hart, T. H. McClendon, J. A. Miller, J. M. McKee, W. P. Kimball, T. J. Upton, M. C. Manley, J. F. Patterson, C. W. Hodge, J. L. Borden, Robt. Parvin, W. R. Whatley, F. G. Hocutt, J. W. Hearn, R. T. Parish, J. T. Daves, A. E. Goodwyn, R. Randle, J. Pipes, J. M. Brown, J. S. White, Jesse Fulton, R. M. Crowson, Geo. M. Liverman, Ph. Allen, S. H. Cooper, J. W. Medlock, J. H. Stone, C. R. Godfrey, J. F. Wynn, J. E. Cobb, S. H. Schroeder, R. S. Isbell, R. A. Davis, B. F. White, J. F. Scurlock, A. E. Clay, J. J. Billingsley, J. M. Johnston, J. D. Harper, E. B. Foust, J. S. Davis, P. H. Diffenwerth, and J. C. Reid.

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LAY.—H. P. Wells, T. C. Standifer, T. B. Reneau, Jethro Moore, R. A. Smith, W. J. Lesley, J. W. Jones, W. D. Stayton, James Ford.

After the introductory religious services, appropriate salutatory remarks were offered by Bishop Wightman, who touched particularly upon the peculiar duties, responsibilities and labors devolving upon our chief superintendents, and the stirring demand in these troublous times when political and social elements are so disturbed, for ministerial laborers of strong, robust christian character, and of uncompromising fidelity to the cause of Christ and humanity.

The Presiding Elders were constituted a committee to nominate members to fill the various committees required, and reported the following nominations, which were approved by the Conference, viz:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORSHIP.

C. W. Carter, H. O. White, and R. S. Trippett.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

B. F. White, J. M. Brown, and James Ford.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Baxter Clegg, J. Lane Borden, and T. C. Standifer.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.

Thomas J. Upton, W. P. Owen, and Thomas B. Reneau.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

R. S. Trippett, Jos. H. Stone, and W. D. Stayton.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

John Pipes, Baxter Clegg, and Robert Parvin.

President C. G. Andrews, of Centenary College, and President Thomas H. Armstrong, of Mansfield Female College, were present during the session representing the interests and claims of their respective institutions.

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The regular Disciplinary questions were then taken up, as follows:

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial ?

ANSWER. Shepherd Halsey Werlein, J. B. Cassity, T. Kenlock Faunt LeRoy, Thomas J. Hough and J. L. P. Sheppard.

Q. 2. Who remain on trial ?

A. D. A. Boddie and Abel Hoffpauir.

Q. 3. Who are discontinued ?

A. D. M. Ward, at his own request.

Q. 4. Who are admitted into full connection ?

A. John F. Patterson and George T. Freeman.

Q. 5. Who are re-admitted ?

A. W. D. Stayton.

Q. 6. Who are received by transfer ?

A. J. A. Parker, from Little Rock Conference; Phil. H. Moss, from Alabama Conference; James E. Bradley, from Columbia Conference; A. A. Cornett, from N. W. Texas Conference.

Q. 7. Who are the deacons of one year ?

A. W. R. Whatley, T. S. Randle, J. W. Hearn and A. M. Wailes.

Q. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons ?

A. John F. Patterson and Geo. T. Freeman.

Q. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons ?

A. John F. Patterson and Geo. T. Freeman.

Q. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons ?

A. J. B. Cassity and J. L. P. Sheppard.

Q. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons ?

A. J. B. Cassity, J. L. P. Sheppard and James W. Madison.

Q. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders ?

A. Alf. E. Clay, John T. Sawyer, J. Shelton White, James J. Billingsley, Wm. Hart, Jacob D. Harper and Enos B. Foust.

Q. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders ?

A. A. E. Clay, John T. Sawyer, J. S. White, J. J. Billingsley, Wm. Hart, J. D. Harper and E. B. Foust.

Q. 14. What local preachers are elected elders ?

A. None.

Q. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders ?

A. None.

Q. 16. Who are located this year ?

A. None.

Q. 17. Who are supernumeraries this year ?

A. W. P. Kimball, J. M. Franklin, Geo. Jackson and Patrick Lane.

Q. 18. Who are superannuated ?

A. H. C. Thweatt, J. S. Davis, W. E. Doty, E. W. Yancey, P. M. Goodwyn, Joel Saunders, P. H. Diffenweirth, J. C. Reid and Jessé Fulton.

Q. 19. What preachers have died this year ?

A. None.

Q. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their lives and official administration ?

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A. Their names were called one by one, and their characters were examined and passed.

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

A. Local Preachers.....	81
Last year .....	76
Increase .....	5
Members .....	13,990
Last year .....	13,437
Increase.....	553

## MEMBERSHIP.

What is the number of local preachers and members in the various Stations, Circuits and Missions of the Louisiana Conference?

### NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

	MEMBERS.	LOCAL PREACHERS.
Carondelet Street,.....	540	2
Felicity Street, .....	401	1
Moreau Street, .....	122	
St. Charles Street, .....	120	3
Louisiana Avenue .....	84	1
Algiers, .....	124	
Lafourche, .....	54	
Baton Rouge, .....	183	
Plaquemine and Grosse Tete .....	27	
	1655	7

### DELHI DISTRICT.

	MEMBERS.	LOCAL PREACHERS.
Monroe, .....	112	1
Trenton, .....	144	
Bastrop, .....	143	1
Lind Grove,.....	238	1
Oak Ridge, .....	80	
Rayville, .....	125	1
Winnsboro, .....	425	2
Waterproof and St. Joseph .....	71	
Tensas, .....	77	
Delhi, .....	75	1
Floyd, .....	321	4
	1811	11

**HOMER DISTRICT.**

	MEMBERS.	LOCAL PREACHERS.
Homer.....	310	4
Lisbon.....	350	1
Haynesville.....	318	2
Minden.....	370	2
Sparta.....	259	2
Arcadia.....	318	1
Vernon.....	490	1
Indian Village.....	322	4
Lewisville.....	165	
Downsville.....	495	
Farmerville.....	340	4
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	3737	21

**SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.**

	MEMBERS.	LOCAL PREACHERS.
Shreveport.....	154	
Caddo.....	161	2
Mooringsport.....	77	
DeSoto.....	238	
Mansfield.....	132	1
Pleasant Hill.....	435	
Natchitoches.....	7	
Natchitoches Ct.....	125	2
South Bossier.....	204	1
Anacoco and Leesville.....	484	7
North Bossier.....	130	2
Springville.....	212	2
Webster.....	213	
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	2572	17

**ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.**

	MEMBERS.	LOCAL PREACHERS.
Alexandria and Pineville.....	83	
Rapides.....	352	
Montgomery.....	325	2
Colfax.....	153	1
H'Burg and Sicily Island.....	105	1
Centerville.....	359	1
Columbia.....	170	1
Caldwell.....	401	3
Saline.....	47	
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	1995	9

**OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.**

	MEMBERS.	LOCAL PREACHERS.
Opelousas.....	100	2
Washington.....	122	
Vermillionville and Plaq Brulé.....	171	
Grand Coteau.....	95	
Abbeville.....	460	4
New Iberia.....	232	
Franklin.....	95	
Pattersonville and Morgan City.....	81	1
Grand Cheniere.....	90	2

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### OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.—continued.

	MEMBERS.	LOCAL PREACHERS.
Lake Charles,.....	75	.....
Bayou Boeuff,.....	70	..... 1
Spring Creek,.....	233	..... 2
Sugartown.....	170	..... 3
Evergreen,.....	145	.....
Calcasieu,.....	49	..... 1
Simmsport,.....	32	.....
	2220	16

### RECAPITULATION.

	MEMBERS.	LOCAL PREACHERS.
New Orleans District,.....	1655	..... 7
Delhi District,.....	1811	..... 11
Homer District,.....	3737	..... 21
Shreveport District,.....	2572	..... 17
Alexandria District,.....	1995	..... 9
Opelousas District,.....	2220	..... 16
Aggregate.....	13990	81
Last year,.....	13437	..... 76
Increase,.....	553	..... 5

NOTE.—The colored membership yet remaining with our churches are included in the aggregates of the several appointments with which they are associated. Being few and scattered, we have not provided a special column for them as heretofore.—SECRETARY.

### BAPTISMS.

QUESTIONS 22 and 23. How many infants and adults have been baptized during the year?

ANSWER:

	ADULTS.	INFANTS.
New Orleans District,.....	16	..... 108
Delhi District,.....	40	..... 61
Homer District,.....	306	..... 87
Shreveport District,.....	60	..... 132
Alexandria District,.....	187	..... 112
Opelousas District,.....	85	..... 195
Total.....	694	695

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

QUESTIONS 24, 25, 26. What is the number of Sunday Schools, teachers and scholars?

ANSWER:



**NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.**

	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Collected for Sabbath Schools.	Collected for Missions	Periodicals taken.	Scholars received into the Church.
Carondelet Street,.....	1	28	233	1000	\$134 00	\$360 00	330	14
Felicity Street,.....	1	32	250	1550	154 00	180 00		11
Moreau Street,.....	1	21	170	1300	97 00	86 00		4
St. Charles Street,.....	1	16	75		75 00		100	4
Louisiana Avenue,.....	2	20	200	500	125 00	10 00	105	1
Algiers,.....	1	17	175	353	69 00		230	
Lafourche Mission,.....	1	6	25	250				10
Baton Rouge,.....	1	15	110	510	28 00	12 00		
Plaquemine and Grosse Tete,.....								
	9	155	1238	5463	682 00	648 00	765	40

**DELHI DISTRICT.**

Monroe,.....	2	16	80	300	\$ 16 00		35	
Trenton,.....	2	20	108	600	64 00	23 00	120	18
Bastrop,.....	1	15	75	175	72 00	16 00	105	7
Lind Grove,.....	1	3	20	200	8 00		20	
Oak Ridge,.....	1	5	35	50				
Rayville,.....	No report							
Winsboro,.....	4	15	100	75	11 00			
Waterproof and St. Joseph,.....	1	7	50	300	31 00		56	
Tensas,.....	No report							
Delhi,.....	1	9	40	100	18 00	20 00	24	
Floyd,.....	5	16	125	400	9 00			
	18	166	633	2200	229 00	59 00	360	25

**HOMER DISTRICT.**

Homer,.....	2	14	120	250	\$ 25 00			
Lisbon,.....	2	13	150	250	10 00		15	
Haynesville,.....	2	6	45	300	5 00			8
Minden,.....	3	25	125	400	12 00	13 00	32	
Sparta,.....	1	4	15	200	2 00			
Arcadia,.....	No report							
Vernon,.....	4	28	130	200	35 00		50	
Indian Village,.....	No report							
Downsville,.....	5	25	275	100	48 00	5 00	70	25
Lewisville,.....	2	6	38		5 00	2 00		
Farmerville,.....	No report							
	21	121	898	1700	142 00	20 00	167	33

**SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.**

Shreveport,.....	1	16	85	300	\$ 38 00	27 00	117	
Caddo,.....	5	16	84	200	15 00		60	
Mooringsport,.....	1	8	30	110	19 00			
DeSoto,.....	3	14	125	75	30 00		90	10
Mansfield,.....	1	14	90	150	42 00	10 00	103	
Pleasant Hill,.....	7			250				
Natchitoches,.....	1	10	75	600	130 00		145	1
Natchitoches Ct,.....								
Anacoco and Leesville,.....								
Springville,.....	1	5	24					
Webster,.....	3	10	60					
South Bossier,.....	1	5	30					1
North Bossier,.....	1	3	20	521	6 00			
	23	101	873	1956	280 00	37 00	515	12

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	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Collected for Sabbath Schools.	Collected for Missions.	Periodicals taken.	Scholars received into the Church.
<b>ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.</b>								
Alexandria and Pineville, .....	2	6	30	37	24 00		40	
Rapides, .....	5	20	120	200	26 00			
Montgomery, .....	3	20	200	300	15 00		20	5
Colfax, .....	1	4	30	30	10 00			
Harrisonburg and Sicily Island, .....	2	9	45	50			36	
Centerville, .....	4	20	100	120				8
Trinity, .....			no report					
Columbia, .....	3	16	60	200	15 00			16
Caldwell, .....	3	15	100	300				
Saline, .....			no report					
	23	110	685	1237	90 00		96	29
<b>OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.</b>								
Washington, .....	3	18	105	325	16 00		3	3
Opelousas, .....	1	6	74	156	75 00	50 00	260	1
Vermillionville and Plaq Brulee, .....	1	5	38	120		10 00		
Grand Coteau, .....								
Abbeville, .....	4	16	134					
New Iberia, .....	2	14	97	1000	41 00		131	
Franklin, .....	1	7	45	200	18 00	10 00	40	
Pattersonville and Morgan City, .....	1	6	40	100	20 00		24	3
Lake Charles, .....	1	13	75	175	110 00		85	8
Grand Cheniere, .....	2	6	20					
Bayou Bœuff, .....	2	11	80					
Spring Creek, .....	4	15	70		26 00		35	5
Sugar town, .....			no report					
Evergreen, .....	2	10	70	250	2 00		25	
Calcasieu, .....			no report					
Simmsport, .....			no report					
	24	127	848	2326	308 00	20 00	603	20
<b>RECAPITULATION.</b>								
New Orleans District, .....	9	155	1238	5463	682 00	648 00	765	40
Delhi District, .....	18	106	633	2200	229 00	59 00	360	25
Homer District, .....	21	121	898	1700	142 00	20 00	167	33
Shreveport District, .....	23	101	873	1956	280 00	37 00	515	12
Alexandria District, .....	23	110	685	1237	90 00		96	29
Opelousas District, .....	24	127	848	2326	308 00	20 00	603	20
Aggregate .....	118	720	5175	14882	1731 00	784 00	2506	159
Last year .....	119	778	4896	16166	1727 56	426 60	2110	243
Increase .....			279		3 44	357 40	396	
Decrease .....	1	58		1284				84

## MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

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

ANSWER. \$2030.

Q. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts during the past year, and how has it been applied?

A. \$1820; applied as follows:

Mrs. Fielding Bell.....	\$ 55 00
Mrs. Uriah Whatley.....	70 00
Mrs. Richmond Randle.....	80 00
Mrs. John Wilkinson and orphans.....	205 00
Mrs. J. D. Adams.....	225 00
Mrs. R. B. Alexander and orphans.....	120 00
Mrs. W. G. McGaughey.....	90 00
Mrs. J. H. Waters.....	50 00
Orphans of C. J. Halberg.....	75 00
John C. Reid.....	125 00
E. W. Yancey.....	50 00
P. H. Dissenweirth.....	150 00
Joel Saunders.....	75 00
H. C. Thweatt.....	110 00
J. S. Davis.....	160 00
P. M. Goodwyn.....	175 00
	\$1815 00

### BISHOPS' CLAIM.

Amount apportioned to the Conference.....	\$800 00
Amount collected.....	650 50
	\$149 50

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## RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That the claims of the superannuated preachers, and widows and orphans be \$3380 for the ensuing year, and that the preachers pay five per cent of their total receipts in order to meet these claims.

*Resolved*, That the Bishops' claim for the ensuing year be eight hundred dollars, and that it be apportioned to the several districts as follows, with instructions that the Presiding Elders divide the amount for their respective districts among the several circuits and stations of the same; and that they take up collections to meet the amount as apportioned.

### APPORTIONMENT FOR 1877.

New Orleans District.....	\$300 00
Delhi District.....	100 00
Homer District.....	166 66
Shreveport District.....	100 00
Alexandria District.....	66 67
Opelousas District.....	66 67
	\$800 00

Total .....

### JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE FOR 1877.

Clerical—John Mathews, T. H. McClendon, J. A. Parker, J. M. Brown, C. Keener, B. F. White.

Lay—R. M. Walmsley, H. P. Wells, F. M. McCormack, R. W. Ford, R. J. Bowman, A. H. Moss.

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NAME.	WORK.	Total Allowance.	Total Receipts.	Coll'd for Widows, Orphanans and Superannuates.	Collected for Bishops.
J. B. Walker, P. E.	NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT	\$ 223 00	150 00	347 50	142 50
J. Mathews	Carondelet Street	3600 00	3171 00	150 00	100 00
J. B. Walker	Felicity Street	2500 00	2500 00	29 25	8 85
J. T. Sawyer	Moreau Street	585 50	585 50	105 00	20 00
W. E. Munsey	St. Charles Avenue	2000 00	1581 00	75 00	40 00
L. Parker	Louisiana Avenue	600 00	314 50	22 10	3 33
S. H. Werlein	Algiers	600 00	442 05	11 00	2 60
L. A. Reed	Lafourche		232 10		
C. Keener	Baton Rouge		550 00	27 60	10 55
C. W. CARTER, P. E.	DELHI DISTRICT	1060 00	623 60		
A. M. Wailes, } G. T. Freeman, }	Winnsboro,	615 00	395 00	22 85	5 00
T. H. McClendon,	Floyd	1100 00	448 15	28 00	10 00
B. F. Alexander,	Delhi	600 00	300 00	15 00	3 50
P. H. Diffenweirth,	Tensas	350 00	159 00	8 00	5 50
B. Clegg	Waterproof and St. Joseph	800 00	388 55	19 50	6 80
J. L. Wright,	Rayville		74 70	5 00	
N. S. Cornell,	Oak Ridge	925 00	314 10	15 90	5 50
T. S. Randle,	Lind Grove	800 00	400 00	25 00	2 75
W. P. Owen,	Bastrop	1000 00	823 50	45 75	10 00
H. O. White,	Trenton	1000 00	834 30	45 85	12 50
R. S. Trippett,	Monroe	1000 00	271 00	11 00	7 00
J. A. MILLER, P. E.,	IOMER DISTRICT	1055 00	750 65		
C. W. Hodge,	Arcadia	500 00	172 50	11 65	1 50
W. R. Whitley,	Lewisville	500 00	135 00	7 55	

F. G. Hocutt,.....	500 00	375 00	21 00	5 00
R. Parvin,.....	900 00	302 00	24 00	7 50
J. L. Borden,.....	660 00	600 00	35 50	15 00
J. W. Hearn,.....	675 00	288 00	15 00	8 00
J. F. Patterson,.....	700 00	600 00	40 00	10 00
M. C. Manley,.....	1000 00	575 00	34 25	15 00
T. J. Upton,.....	800 00	390 00	20 00	10 00
J. L. Williams,.....	600 00	504 00	30 00	10 00
J. M. McKee,.....	650 00			
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT..... No report				
S. H. Cooper, P. E.,.....	400 00	200 00		5 00
G. Jackson,.....	650 00	440 00	22 00	10 00
J. F. Wynn,.....	450 00	225 00		5 00
C. R. Godfrey,.....		62 00	7 00	7 00
J. H. Stone,.....		100 00	5 00	2 00
D. A. Boddie,.....		100 00		
D. A. Boddie,.....	450 00	300 00	6 00	5 00
J. L. P. Sheppard,.....	700 00	479 20	12 45	2 00
J. W. Medlock,.....				
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT..... No report				
J. T. Daves, P. E.,.....	800 00	316 25	22 95	10 90
P. Allen,.....	800 00	573 35	38 50	12 50
G. M. Liverman,.....	750 00	250 00	11 00	2 00
R. M. Crowson,.....	705 00	338 00	17 00	7 50
J. Fulton,.....	300 00	121 75		5 00
W. J. Atwood,.....	400 00	438 50	21 90	5 10
J. S. White,.....		325 00	16 00	7 50
J. M. Franklin,.....	1000 00	690 00	38 75	5 00
J. M. Brown,.....	750 00	300 00	15 00	8 00
J. Pipes,.....	800 00	530 00	26 50	5 00
R. Randle,.....	400 00	355 00	17 75	7 50
J. B. Cassity,.....	2000 00		101 60	15 00
A. E. Goodwyn,.....				

REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE—Continued.

NAME.	WORK.	Total Allowance.	Total Receipts.	Coll'd for Widows, Orphanages and Superannuates.	Collected for Bishops.
J. E. Cobb, P. E.,	OPELOUSAS DISTRICT	719 00	372 20		5 00
E. B. Foust,	Simmsport		50 00	2 50	
A. Hoffpauir,	Abbeville				5 00
J. D. Harper,	Evergreen	400 00	253 00	7 75	1 00
J. M. Johnston,	Spring Creek	425 00	190 70	8 30	
T. J. Hollister,	Grand Cheniere				7 00
J. J. Billingsley,	Lake Charles	300 00	174 20	19 00	5 00
A. E. Clay,	Pattersonville and Morgan City	400 00	350 00	20 00	9 00
J. F. Scurlock,	Franklin	800 00	285 75	19 65	10 00
B. F. White,	New Iberia	800 00	685 00	34 25	5 00
J. V. Pointer,	Grand Coteau	300 00	200 00	10 00	5 75
K. A. Davis,	Vermillionville and P. Brulee	1000 00	342 30	19 50	7 00
S. H. Schroeder,	Opelousas	600 00	280 00	15 00	6 00
R. S. Isbell,	Washington	800 00	565 65	30 50	

Amount Contributed per Member in the Several Districts for Ministerial Support, Conference Collections and Missions.

New Orleans	Per Capita	\$6 46	Shreveport	Per Capita	1 85
Delhi	do.	3 40	Homer	do.	1 40
Opelousas	do.	2 04	Alexandria	do.	1 04

## MISSIONS.

The Conference Missionary Anniversary was held in the church at Trenton, on Friday night, December 15th, 1876.

The meeting was opened with religious exercises conducted by Rev. C. G. Andrews, of the Mississippi Conference.

Rev. John Mathews, President of the Conference Board of Missions, present and presiding.

The speaker of the evening was Rev. Joseph B. Walker, D. D.

Rev. Joel T. Daves, Secretary, and Rev. A. E. Goodwyn, Treasurer, presented their Reports, as follows:

### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Louisiana Annual Conference, M. E. Church South.*

#### BRETHREN:

It is with no small degree of pleasure that we note a decided advance movement in our Missionary operations. This is seen perhaps more in an increased mission spirit than in money given or work done. There can be no question that the intelligent spirit of the Church responded with a glad heart to the aggressive step taken by our General Mission Board last May. The appropriations were over \$20,000 in excess of the year before. This was a step in the right direction. We trust it is to be followed by others. The Church throughout her boundaries felt the impetus given. She is willing, we believe, to follow her wise and godly leaders.

But while we rejoice in and feel the inspiration of this timely forward movement, we are saddened as we behold the wide margin yet to be filled. There is much work to be done. The demands of the hour call for earnest, organized activity. In delay there is danger at home and abroad. The heathen perish at our very doors, and *we* are dying in withholding from them life and immortality.

As a Church, we have long lingered by the way. We have wasted our substance and frittered away our strength. In numbers and resources, other churches, far our inferiors, have moved forward to high places in the mission field. They have seized our crown. They are reaping golden harvests.

With any sense of the religion of Jesus in our hearts, and with His Word in our hands, it seems strange that we could either be ignorant of duty, or cold and inactive in this glorious enterprise. God meant all that He said in the solemn utterances, "Ye are the Light of the World—Ye are the Salt of the Earth." In His dependence upon the Church for the spread of His name among men, God is literally helpless. Having exhausted His own resources in the work of human redemption—in planting the vine—He can only depend upon the branches for the fruit necessary to men. Having given us the *theory* of religion in His Word, He must rely upon the disciples for its *practice*—its demonstration—before the World. And so it must needs be. For the development and final salvation of the one to whom is committed the light, is suspended upon the full development and practice of the mission principle—the germ and basis of his own life. So the mission principle is the law of our religious being. Every thing depends upon it. It is the fountain

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giving water to the stream. It is at once, the heart, the blood, and the spiritual brains of the Christian man or woman. This mission principle then, in the Church, is the highest expression of Divine power and of Divine benevolence. God *spoke* Worlds into existence. From nothing, systems were flung out into space. But to save man he gave Himself in sacrifice. In the creation of vast orbs and burning suns, there were songs and shouts of gladness among the angels. But in the Divine travail, harps were unstrung and silence reigned throughout the wondrous domains of eternity. Such agony alone, such throes only, were commensurate with the demands of the hour. Man was brought to the birth in the ripeness and fullness of Divine effort—in the ripeness and fullness of Divine anguish.

As God gave Himself in sacrifice to give us life, the same spirit of sacrifice is to be in us, to maintain that life. The only true—the *only real life* is a life of sacrifice. The mission principle is just this spirit of self-abnegation—of self-immolation. The salt, in saving, is consumed by the thing saved. The light, in giving light to others, feeds upon its own life. The Christian man or woman, in saving others, is himself sacrificed. The imperative, “Go into all the World,” implies the same uncompromising obligation to *send* into all the World. The “Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel,” contains the same awful, unutterable “Woe” if I *send* not the Gospel. It is not a matter of choice with us. It is a simply matter of life or death.

God not only appeals to us by such logic as the above, but, as if He would leave no means untried, makes a recognition and *practice* of this principle the only means of safe temporal success. The only true receptive condition is that of constant, unstinted giving. On the one hand, there is an inheritance of deep religious benedictions. “For it is more blessed to give than to receive.” And on the other hand, there is an abundant increase in kind to follow the offerings made. “Give, and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom.” With our tithes and offerings God invites and urges us to prove Him and see if He will not pour out such a blessing as that there will not be room enough to receive it. It is true, men sometimes succeed without any recognition of God’s claim upon their time or money. In such success, there is always a double defect. Without Heaven’s benedictions resting upon them, earthly possessions are *ever* a curse—an eating cancer—destroying all life. In the very act of such acquiring there is inherent disqualification for possession or enjoyment. That which has a smiling face and large promise of friendship, inviting to pursuit, is the smile of deceit and the promise of all hollowness.

So, apparently, even man’s selfishness is made the minister to urge him to duty and to success.

If our earthly success—if our heavenly inheritance—the life that now is, and that which is to come—depends upon a recognition and practice of this principle, is there not most consummate folly in withholding our substance or our lives, from God’s altar? The question answers itself.

And then, laying aside such considerations—appealing to every possible interest—*humanity alone* demands a just and exact response to duty in this direction. To man, even as a superior animal, the only rule of life is the golden rule of God. Having received the light ourselves—resting in the sunshine of happy hearts and smiling faces—listening enraptured to the tender tones of mother’s love and wife’s holy affection—throbbing with a strange joy, welling up as a fountain of living waters, from the sweet prattle of children, and our lives crowned with God’s ripest benedictions, is it not far beneath the dignity of our manhood to withhold like blessings from others?—not to desire to reach out the helping hand and crown the lives of others? “Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.”

In the bounds of our Conference we have but little missionary ground in cultivation. There is a large territory to be occupied if we had the men and means. These we have not. You will see, from the appropriations of the Board, that, with only one or two partial missions, several weak charges have been supplemented, to give an actual bare support to the preachers sent. The lack of home work, it would seem, gives just now, special stress to true mission work—that of foreign fields. At home, the poorest have the precious Word of God. They are under the benign influences of the Gospel and



religious civilization. The Church may possibly, in caring for self, destroy her true vitality. Judaism gave birth to Christianity. Yet, doubtless, but for the mission work, in foreign fields, of that grandest of men and sublime type of a real missionary—Paul, the Apostle—she would have re-absorbed and destroyed her own child. The reflexive influence of mission work is more potent for good upon the Church of God than any or all direct home work. Charity, in this particular, does *not* begin at home. Light and Life and Strength come not from within, but from without.

God has given us a glorious inheritance of labor—mighty fields to cultivate. They lie stretched out before us in darkness and desolation. Upon them the sun never shines. Teeming millions sit in the shadow of death. To the God of our fathers their bitter cry goes up, "No man careth for my soul." The man of Macedonia stands by our side with pleading tongue. The anguished appeals of dying men are wafted to us upon every breeze. Like the despairing wails of the lost, they come—rising and swelling, from over the far distant seas. To us they are committed. Shall we prove recreant to our holy trust? Shall our SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND men and women longer sit with folded hands, at ease in Zion? God forbid.

We have organized important missions in China, in South America, in Cuba, in Mexico—poor, suffering Mexico—torn and bleeding and dying. These are lingering almost literally between life and death. They are weak and halting, when they ought now to put on the vigor of young life. Shall we let them die? Shall we let them die when even in our poverty and distress, we have our hands full of God's gold and silver, that ought to go, as upon angels' wings, to their relief? NO, a thousand times, NO. Let the response come from every heart that throbs with the hope of immortality, or that is moved by the common impulse of humanity.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL T. DAVES,

Missionary Secretary.

## Report of A. E. Goodwyn, Treasurer.

### NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.
Carondelet Street.....	207 65	86 00
Carondelet Street Sunday School.....	360 00	
Felicity Street, (\$20 for China from Mrs. J. B. Walker)	230 50	123 50
Felicity Street Sunday School.....	180 30	
Moreau Street.....	17 40	10 00
Moreau Street Sunday School .....	86 03	
St Charles Avenue .....	102 00	20 00
Louisiana Avenue.....	105 90	32 50
Algiers.....	7 60	3 65
Baton Rouge, .....	10 00	6 60
Lafourche, .....	1 50	
	1308 88	282 25

**DELHI DISTRICT.**

	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.
Monroe, .....	5 70	10 00
Trenton, .....		23 35
Waterproof and St. Joseph.....	19 45	6 55
Oak Ridge,.....		4 15
Bastrop, .....	113 00	7 50
Bastrop Sunday School .....	15 70	
Floyd.....	35 00	15 50
Tensas,.....	4 25	
Delhi,.....	12 00	8 00
Lind Grove, .....	10 00	
Winnboro .....	8 30	5 00
	223 40	80 05

**ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.**

	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.
Alexandria and Pineville,.....	5 00	3 55
Harrisonburg and Sicily Island.....	8 00	5 75
Columbia .....	7 50	7 50
Centerville, .....	1 00	1 75
Caldwell .....	2 00	
	23 50	18 55

**HOMER DISTRICT.**

	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.
Homer, .....	6 75	3 25
Haynesville, .....	5 80	3 00
Lisbon, .....	30 00	12 00
Minden, .....	51 00	5 00
Minden Sunday School .....	13 00	
Downsville, .....	5 00	5 00
Indian Village,.....	2 00	1 00
Lewisville,.....	2 10	
Vernon,.....	20 00	20 00
Sparta,.....	12 00	10 00
	147 65	59 25

**SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.**

	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.
Shreveport .....	52 15	15 00
Shreveport Sunday School .....	27 00	
Pleasant Hill.....	7 00	5 00
Springville.....		5 00
North Bossier,.....	10 00	3 20
South Bossier, .....	30 00	10 00
Mooringsport,.....	13 25	3 25
Webster, .....	6 00	
Mansfield,.....	16 05	7 00
Mansfield Sunday School.....	10 00	
DeSoto, .....	16 00	8 65
Natchitoches Ct.....	1 00	1 00
Caddo .....	13 00	7 50
	206 45	65 90

**OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.**

	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.
Opelousas, .....	35 00	15 00
Franklin, .....	21 95	11 90
New Iberia, .....	27 60	24 00
Bayou Bœuff .....		5 00
Spring Creek .....	3 00	
Washington, .....	23 00	11 50
Pattersonville and Morgan City, .....	10 00	5 00
Lake Charles .....	26 50	10 00
Evergreen .....	15 00	10 00
Abbeville, .....	10 25	
Vermillionville and Plaq Brulée, .....	10 00	5 75
Grand Coteau, .....	4 00	
	186 30	98 15

**RECAPITULATION.**

**FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.**

New Orleans District, .....	1308 88
Delhi District, .....	223 40
Alexandria District, .....	23 50
Homer District, .....	147 65
Shreveport District, .....	206 45
Opelousas District, .....	186 30
One half of Anniversary Collection, .....	136 55
Total, .....	2232 73

**Credits on Foreign Missions' Account.**

By amount sent to China by Felicity Street Sunday School, ..	\$180 30
do do do do Moreau Street Sunday School, ..	86 03
do do do A. H. Redford, Agent, as per receipt, .....	10 00
By Drafts and Receipts for money in his hands, .....	293 35
By Amounts to J. C. Keener, as per receipts, .....	315 90
By Amount to R. J. Harp for A. H. Redford, Agent, .....	1347 15
	2232 73

**FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS.**

New Orleans District, .....	\$282 25
Delhi District, .....	80 05
Alexandria District, .....	18 55
Homer District, .....	59 25
Shreveport District, .....	65 60
Opelousas District, .....	98 15
Total, .....	\$603 85
Paid by J. E. Cobb, on pledge, .....	10 00
One Half of Anniversary Collection, .....	136 55
	750 40
Cash on hand at last Report, .....	880 59
	\$1630 99

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## Credits on Domestic Missions' Account.

By Amount Draft	Opelousas District.....	100 00
do do do	Marion Mission.....	100 00
do do do	Lafourche Mission .....	250 00
do do do	For Conference Minutes.....	175 00
do do do	Cash on hand .....	1005 99
		—————\$1630 99

Amount assessed the Louisiana Conference by the  
General Board (for Foreign Missions), for 1877... \$3330 00

### Apportioned as Follows.

New Orleans District.....	1250 00
Delhi District.....	500 00
Homer District.....	530 00
Shreveport District.....	550 00
Alexandria District.....	200 00
Opelousas District.....	300 00
	—————\$3330 00

Amount assessed the Conference for the Home  
work, (Domestic Missions), for 1877..... \$825 00

### Divided among the Districts as Follows.

New Orleans District.....	350 00
Delhi District.....	75 00
Homer District.....	100 00
Shreveport District.....	125 00
Alexandria District.....	75 00
Opelousas District.....	100 00
	—————\$825 00

### The above Amount to be Appropriated as Follows.

New Orleans District—Lafourche Mission.....	\$200 00
Homer District—Expenses of Jas. E. Bradley returning from Oregon .....	150 00
Alexandria District—Evergreen.. ..	75 00
Saline .. ..	50 00
Opelousas District—Calcasieu Mission .....	175 00
For Printing Conference Minutes .....	175 00
	—————\$825 00

APPROVED :

W. M. WIGHTMAN, Bishop Presiding.

CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
**LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS**  
OF THE  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

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ARTICLE 1. This Board shall be denominated the Louisiana Annual Conference Board of Missions, auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

ART. 2. The Board shall consist of nine members, elected annually by the Conference, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for business. At their first meeting the Board shall elect from their number a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Board shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring by death, resignation or otherwise.

ART. 3. The President, or in his absence, the Vice President, shall preside at all meetings of the Board.

ART. 4. The Secretary shall keep full and complete records of all the proceedings of the Board, and prepare the annual report of the Board for the Louisiana Annual Conference, a copy of which report he shall forward to the Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and perform such other duties as the Board may direct.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the funds and properties of the Board, subject to the orders of the Board, and shall make a full report annually of all the receipts and disbursements; and he shall transmit to the Treasurer of the General Board all moneys he may receive for general purposes.

ART. 6. The Board shall regulate its own affairs. It shall have absolute control of the Missions it may establish, with the consent of the Preachers of the Conference, within its own bounds, and of the funds raised for their support. It shall hold a public Anniversary Missionary meeting at each session of the Conference, the proceeds of which shall be equally divided between

the Conference Board and the General Board. It shall publish a full report of its operations every year in the Minutes of the Conference. It shall annually estimate the amount that may be necessary for the support of the Missions of the Conference, and apportion the same to the Presiding Elders' Districts for collection; and it shall divide the apportionment of the General Board among the several Districts of the Conference.

ART. 7. An annual collection shall be taken up in every congregation, by the President in charge, in aid of the Conference Missions, and another in aid of the Foreign Missions, the proceeds of which shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Board.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be altered and amended by a vote of a majority of the Conference at any of its annual sessions.

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OFFICERS OF THE BOARD FOR 1877.

PRESIDENT .....JNO. MATHEWS.  
 VICE PRESIDENT.....T. C. STANDIFER.  
 SECRETARY .....JOEL T. DAVES.  
 TREASURER .....A. E. GOODWYN.

BOARD.

*Clerical.*

A. E. GOODWYN.  
 R. S. TRIPPETT.  
 JNO. MATHEWS.  
 JOEL T. DAVES.  
 J. A. MILLER.  
 N. S. CORNELL.

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T. C. STANDIFER.  
 J. W. JONES.  
 JAS. FORD.

# Miscellaneous Collections and Church Property.

	MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.					CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	Collected for Church Building and Repairs.	Collected for Parsonages	Paid for House Rent.	Collected for the Poor.	Collected and Expended for Local Missions.	Number of Churches.	Value of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Other Property.	Total Value of Church Property.
<b>NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.</b>											
Carondelet Street,.....	\$ 100 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$32435	\$.....	1	\$50000	.....	\$.....	\$30,000	\$80000
Felicity Street,.....	.....	723 50	.....	200 00	.....	1	35,000	.....	.....	.....	35,000
Moreau Street,.....	475 00	.....	.....	38 55	.....	1	20,000	.....	.....	.....	20,000
St. Charles Street,.....	.....	.....	360 00	280 00	.....	1	30,000	.....	.....	.....	30,000
Louisiana Avenue,.....	159 67	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6,000	.....	.....	.....	6,000
Algiers,.....	.....	.....	.....	73 05	84 30	1	5,000	.....	.....	.....	5,000
Lafourche,.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	6,000	1	100	.....	6,100
Baton Rouge,.....	145 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	25,000	.....	.....	.....	25,000
	979 67	723 50	360 00	915 95	84 30	11	177,000	1	100	30,000	207,100
<b>DELHI DISTRICT.</b>											
Monroe .....	\$ 277 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$14 25	\$.....	2	\$ 5,700	1	\$1000	\$.....	\$ 6,700
Trenton,.....	400 00	.....	100 00	8 00	.....	1	3,500	.....	.....	200	3,700
Bastrop,.....	.....	375 00	.....	.....	.....	2	5,000	1	1200	.....	6,200
Lind Grove,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2,000	1	1000	.....	3,000
Oak Ridge,.....	.....	.....	120 00	.....	.....	1	2,500	.....	.....	30	2,530
Rayville,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500	500
Winnboro,.....	820 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	5,500	.....	.....	.....	5,500
Waterproof and St. Joseph	200 00	150 00	.....	.....	.....	1	1,000	1	500	.....	1,500
Tensas,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2,800	.....	.....	.....	2,800
Delhi .....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	½	500	.....	.....	300	800
Floyd,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	5,500	.....	.....	75	5,575
	1707 09	525 00	220 00	22 25	.....	23½	34,000	4	3700	1105	38,805
<b>HOMER DISTRICT.</b>											
Homer,.....	\$ 367 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	2	\$ 2,700	.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 2,700
Lisbon,.....	500 00	.....	.....	50 00	.....	4	1,800	.....	.....	500	2,300
Haynesville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	2,000	.....	.....	200	2,200
Minden.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	2	4,000	.....	.....	.....	4,000
Sparta,.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	3	772	.....	.....	.....	772
Arcadia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1,000	.....	.....	.....	1,000
Vernon,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1,500	1	600	.....	2,100
Indian Village,.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	4	600	.....	.....	.....	600
Lewisville,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	600	.....	.....	.....	600
Downsville,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	3,000	.....	.....	.....	3,000
Farmerville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	800	.....	.....	.....	800
	867 00	.....	200 00	50 00	.....	38	18,772	1	600	700	20,072
<b>SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.</b>											
Shreveport,.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	1	\$ 4,000	.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 4,000
Caddo,.....	65 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2½	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Mooringsport,.....	65 00	35 00	50 00	.....	.....	2	1,900	.....	.....	.....	1,900
DeSoto,.....	600 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	200	.....	.....	.....	200
Mansfield,.....	.....	220 00	.....	.....	.....	1	4,000	1	600	.....	4,600
Pleasant Hill,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Natchitoches,.....	.....	68 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Natchitoches Ct,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Bossier,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	2,500	.....	.....	.....	2,500
A acoco and Leesville,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Bossier,.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2,100	1	300	.....	2,400
Springville,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1,200	1	500	.....	1,700
Webster,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	500	.....	.....	.....	500
	738 00	323 00	50 00	.....	.....	22½	16,400	4	1400	.....	17,800

## Miscellaneous Collections and Church Property—Continued.

	MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS.					CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	Collection for Church Building and Repairs.	Collected for Parsonages	Paid for House Rent.	Collected for the Poor.	Collected and Expended for Local Missions.	Number of Churches.	Value of Churches,	Number of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Other Property.	Total Value of Church Property.
<b>ALEXANDRIA DIST.</b>											
Alexandria and Pineville..	9 00	200 00				1	2,500	1	3,000		\$5,500
Rapides, .....	100 00	300 00	25 00			10	3,000	1	300		3,300
Montgomery, .....						6	1,500				1,500
Colfax, .....											
Harrison'g & Sicily Island						2	3,000				3,000
Centerville, .....						6	1,150				1,150
Columbia, .....	50 00			50 00		3	3,400				3,400
Caldwell, .....	750 00			25 00		5	1,500				1,500
Saline, .....											
	909 00	500 00	25 00	75 00		33	16,050	2	3,300		19,050
<b>OPELOUSAS DIST.</b>											
Washington, .....						1	2,000	1	600		2,600
Opelousas, .....	260 00	20 00				1	3,500	1	800		4,300
Vermillionville, Plaq Brulee						2	2,000	1	1,100		3,100
Grand Coteau, .....						1	400				400
Abbeville, .....						1	1,000				1,000
New Iberia, .....	1440 00	78 50	86 00		268 25	2	7,600	1	4,000		11,600
Franklin, .....						1	3,000	1	1,500		4,500
Patters'nville, Morgan City	1000 00					1	1,200	1	800		2,000
Grand Cheniere, .....											
Lake Charles, .....	320 00					1	2,500				2,500
Bayou Boeuff, .....											
Spring Creek, .....	7 50					1	400				400
Sugar town, .....						2	200				200
Evergreen, .....	82 00					3	2,500				2,500
Calcasieu, .....											
Simmsport, .....						3	3,000				3,000
	3109 50	98 50	86 00		268 25	20	29,300	6	8,800		38,100
<b>RECAPITULATION.</b>											
New Orleans District, .....	979 67	723 50	360 00	915 95	84 30	11	177,000	1	100	30,000	207,100
Delhi District, .....	1707 00	525 00	220 00	22 25		23½	34,000	4	3,700	1,105	38,805
Homer District, .....	867 00		200 00	50 00		38	18,772	1	600	700	20,072
Shreveport District, .....	738 00	323 00	50 00			22½	16,400	4	1,400		17,800
Alexandria District, .....	909 00	500 00	25 00	75 00	268 25	33	16,050	2	3,300		19,050
Opelousas District, .....	3109 50	98 00	86 00			20	29,300	6	8,800		38,100
	8310 17	2170 00	941 00	1063 20	352 55	148	291,522	18	17,900	31,805	\$340,927



## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The following resolutions were appended to the report from the Committee on Sunday Schools and adopted.

*Resolved*, 1st. That the influence of the Sunday School in religious teaching and culture cannot be too highly estimated, but is not a substitute for either parental or pastoral instruction.

2. That the true success and aim of all Sunday School instruction and work should be the conversion of the children, and bringing them into connection with the Church as members.

3d. That we will devote ourselves with renewed and consecrated effort in promoting the cause of Sunday Schools, imploring the aid and blessing of the Holy Spirit on our labors.

4th. That to further this end, we will endeavor to patronize and circulate the Sunday School periodicals and literature of our Church, as best calculated to teach and disseminate the doctrines and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

B. F. WHITE, }  
J. M. BROWN, } Com.

### CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.

The report of the Committee on Church Publications was accompanied with the following resolutions, which were adopted by the Conference, viz:

*Resolved*, 1st. That we will endeavor to assist Dr. Redford in liquidating the indebtedness of our Publishing House, by the purchase and sale of our publications.

2d. That we will endeavor to place the NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE in the families of our several charges after supplying them with our own ADVOCATE.

3d. That we consider the NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE in every respect worthy of our patronage and will endeavor to place it in every Methodist family in our charges.

4th. That we heartily recommend our Sunday School periodicals to our Sunday Schools and people, and solicit their patronage.

THOS. J. UPTON, }  
T. B. RENEAU, } Com.  
W. P. OWEN, }

### EDUCATION.

The following reports and resolutions submitted by the Committee on Education were adopted.

#### CENTENARY COLLEGE.

Your Committee on Education respectfully report that Centenary College, as shown in the report of President Andrews, is progressing in the great work of Education more satisfactorily than in the past years just preceding.

The Faculty is full, and the capacity of the Institution to do successful work, in the education of the sons of our people, seems fully established. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That we will recommend Centenary College to the patronage of the public and affectionately urge our people to educate their sons at our own schools.

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### MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE.

Reports from Mansfield Female College show it to be in a vigorous and growing condition under the direction of President ARMSTRONG, assisted by a full corps of competent instructors.

We cannot overestimate the value that shall attach to it in the field of operation which it occupies, when the projected Rail Road shall be completed and easy access obtained. Its past success, however great, will be excelled in the future.

We respectfully submit the following resolutions.

*Resolved*, 1st. That we, the Louisiana Conference, do most earnestly commend Mansfield Female College to the patronage of the public, with the clear conviction that it is worthy of full confidence.

2d. That the Board of Managers for 1877 be Rev. John Pipes, Rev. Joel T. Daves, Rev. J. M. Brown, William Beynon and Israel Brown.

### PIERCE AND PAINÉ COLLEGE.

This Institution is situated in the southern part of De Soto Parish, Louisiana.

The M. E. Church South has here in land six hundred and forty acres, and a two story brick house in which a private school is conducted by Prof. J. W. Moss, a graduate of Centenary College, and Mrs. M. Williams, a graduate of Mansfield Female College.

This property is on the line of the projected Rail Road from New Orleans to Shreveport, by way of Red River.

*Resolved*, 1st. That it is important that the Board of Trust be kept full and be published annually in the Conference Minutes, and that the property be rented and proceeds expended in improvements, under the supervision of the local Board of Trust.

2d. That the Board of Trust be constituted as follows:

CLERICAL—Bishop J. C. Keener, J. M. Brown, J. A. Miller, R. J. Harp, B. F. Alexander, B. Clegg, A. E. Goodwyn, R. Parvin, John Pipes, Frederick White and J. M. Franklin.

LAY.—H. J. Davis, Secretary, T. A. Armstrong, E. W. Jackson, N. C. Gibbs, W. D. Gooch, J. M. Gibbs, J. Porter, R. W. Freeman, H. S. Kennedy, J. C. Leopold and W. Hampton.

### OUACHITA COLLEGE.

*Resolved*, That it is with no small degree of pleasure we learn that Rev. J. Lane Borden has opened a Female School of high grade in Monroe.

*Resolved*, That the co-operation of this Conference is hereby extended to Brother Borden in this most important enterprise.

### MAGRUDER'S INSTITUTE.

*Resolved*, That we do cordially recommend Prof. Magruder's Institution at Baton Rouge, to the patronage of those wishing boys educated and prepared for college.

### TRENTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Whereas, R. A. Smith, Esq., one of the lay members of this Conference, is in charge of the Trenton High School,

And, Whereas, said school, if properly conducted, will be of great advantage to the cause of education in that portion of the country,

*Resolved*, That the Louisiana Conference will heartily co-operate with Brother Smith in his enterprise.

### VISITING COMMITTEES.

#### CENTENARY COLLEGE.

Rev. Linus Parker, D. D.,      Rev. A. E. Goodwyn,      W. H. N. Magruder.

#### MANSFIELD COLLEGE.

Rev. R. Randle,      Rev. J. Pipes,      B. S. McCutchin.

BIBLE CAUSE.

*Resolved*, That we heartily co-operate with the South-Western Bible Society in the distribution of the Holy Scriptures in the various fields of labor to which we may be called.

*Resolved*, further, That we will take up collections in behalf of the Bible Cause whenever practicable.

TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

*Resolved*, 1st. That we will endeavor clearly to establish the fact among our people that the law of the Church prohibits the manufacture of and traffic in intoxicating liquors, as well as its use as a beverage

2d. That we will commend to our people temperance literature, as one of the most efficient means of promoting the Cause of Temperance, especially among the young.

3d. That we will endeavor to teach our people the great inconsistency of indulging in the use of intoxicating liquors while they remain in the Church.

"FRATERNAL RELATIONS."

Rev. Linus Parker, D. D., offered the following resolutions which were adopted :

Whereas, A Joint Commission representing the M. E. Church and the M. E. Church South, met at Cape May in August last, and agreed upon principles and conditions for the settlement of questions pending between the two Churches,

*Resolved*, 1st. That the adjustment, so unanimously and heartily effected by the Commissioners, is in our opinion, fair and honorable to both the contending parties.

*Resolved*, 2d. That we regard the action of the Commissioners in the premises as an authoritative and final settlement of the question at issue and binding upon all the Ministers and Members of the two Churches represented, and that we cordially acquiesce in and will faithfully abide by the same.

*Resolved*, 3d. That we, as a Conference, deeply regret the death of Rev. E. H. Myers, D. D., Chairman of the Commissioners on Fraternity, to whom the Church is largely indebted for the happy results of the Cape May Conference.

COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously by a rising vote of the Conference.

*Resolved*, That we tender to our beloved Bishop Wightman our thanks for his able and urbane Presidency over our Conference, and that we shall always hail with pleasure his return among us.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference be and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Trenton for their generous and hospitable entertainment of the Conference.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference be and are hereby tendered to Mr. D. B. Truesdale, Proprietor of the Monroe House, Monroe, La., for his hospitable entertainment and kind attentions to the Brethren in passing to and from Monroe.

Upon motion, a vote of thanks was tendered to the various Steamboats, Rail Roads and Stages, for favors granted, reduction of fare and kindnesses—and it was resolved that the Secretary be requested to furnish the Monroe Journal with a copy of these acknowledgments for publication.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION, AND COURSE OF  
STUDY.

FOR EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

B. CLEGG, C. W. CARTER, JNO. F. WYNN.

STUDIES.—The Bible, in reference to doctrines generally; Wesley's Sermons on Justification by Faith, and on the Witness of the Spirit; Book of Discipline; the ordinary branches of an English education.

Committee—*Class of First Year*—J. W. MEDLOCK, H. O. WHITE,  
JNO. A. MILLER.

STUDIES.—The Bible, in reference to its historical and biographical parts, and its chronology; Book of Discipline, with special reference to chapter 1, sections 1 and 2; Manual of Discipline, chapters 1 and 2; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 1; Ralston's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, part 4; Preacher's Manual; Redford's History of the Organization of the M. E. Church South. Written Sermon on Repentance.

*Books of Reference*—Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary; Theological Compend; Fletcher's Works; Watson's Life of Wesley.

Committee—*Class of Second Year*—JOHN MATHEWS, B. F.  
WHITE, J. M. BROWN.

STUDIES.—The Bible, in reference to its prophetic parts; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 2; Watson's Institutes, part 3; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Book of Discipline, with special reference to chapters 2, 3 and 4; Manual of Discipline, chapters 3 and 4; Coppee's Rhetoric; Written Sermon on Justification by Faith.

*Books of Reference*—Newton or Keith on the Prophecies, Angus Hand-Book of the Bible; Claude's Essay on the Composition of a Sermon; Watson's Sermons; Bickersteth on the Spirit of Life, and Whateley's Rhetoric.

Committee—*Class of Third Year*—W. P. OWEN, B. F. ALEX-  
ANDER, C. KEENER.

STUDIES.—The Bible, in reference to the Life of Christ; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 3; Watson's Institutes, part 2; Coppee's Logic; Edgar's Variations of Popery; Book of Discipline, with special reference to chapter 5 to the end; Manual of Discipline, chapters 5, 6 and 7; Rivers' Mental Philosophy, and Written Sermon on the Witness of the Spirit.

*Books of Reference*—Young's Christ of History; Neander's Life of Christ; Hickok's Mental Science; Vinet's Pastoral Theology; Stevens' History of Methodism; Paine's Life of McKendree; D'Auligne's History of the Reformation; Whateley's Logic.

Committee—*Class of Fourth Year*—J. B. WALKER, T. J. UPTON,  
ROBERT RANDLE.

STUDIES.—The Bible, in reference to the Acts and Epistles, their analysis and design; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 4; Watson's Institutes, part 1; Powell on Apostolical Succession; Hickok's Moral Science; Mosheim's Church History; Summers on Baptism: Book of Discipline, reviewed; Manual of Discipline, chapters 8 and 9; Written Sermon on Regeneration.

*Books of Reference*—Butler's Analogy; Bingham's Antiquities; Rivers' Moral Philosophy; Hoppin's Homiletics; Wall on Infant Baptism; Litton's Church of Christ; Neander's Church History; Liddon on the Divinity of Our Lord; Conybeare and Howson's Life and Epistles of St. Paul.

COMMENTARIES.—Clarke's, Watson's Exposition, Wesley's Notes, Summers on the Gospels, Stier's Words of the Lord Jesus, Lange on the New Testament, Olshausen on the New Testament, Alford on the New Testament, Bloomfield on the New Testament, Macknight on the Epistles, Henry's Exposition, Whitby's Commentary.

NOTE.—The examination will be confined to the course of study. The books of reference are recommended to be read, and the commentaries to be consulted.

UNDERGRADUATES.

CLASS OF FIRST YEAR.....	S. H. Werlein, T. J. Hough, T. K. Fount LeRoy, J. B. Cassity, J. L. P. Sheppard, A. Hoffpaur, D. A. Boddie.
CLASS OF THIRD YEAR.....	J. F. Patterson, G. T. Freeman, A. M. Wailes, J. W. Hearn, Wm. R. Whatley.
CLASS OF FOURTH YEAR.....	T. S. Randle,

NOTE.—The undergraduates and the committees of examination are required, by resolution of Conference, to be present at 9 A. M., Tuesday, before Conference session.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES—OF WHOM COMPOSED.

The following is the rule respecting the organization of District Conferences :

The District Conference shall be composed, first, of all the preachers, traveling and local, in the District; and, second, of one lay delegate for every forty members, or fractional part thereof, within the bounds of each Circuit, Station and Mission in the District. The lay members shall be elected by the several Quarterly Conferences, and no Quarterly Conference shall be denied two lay delegates.

SEAT OF NEXT CONFERENCE.

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

ANSWER. Opelousas, La.

## APPOINTMENTS.

QUESTION 31. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

ANSWER:

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.....	Linus Parker, P. E.
Carondelet Street .....	John Mathews.
Felicity Street.....	J. B. Walker.
St. Charles Avenue.....	To be supplied.
Moreau Street.....	S. H. Schroeder.
Louisiana Avenue.....	John T. Sawyer.
Algiers.....	S. H. Werlein.
Lafourche Mission.....	Lewis A. Reed.
Plaquemine and Grosse Tête.....	T. K. Faunt Le Roy.
Baton Rouge.....	A. E. Goodwyn.
	Patrick Lane, Supernumerary.
Editor New Orleans Christian Advocate.....	Linus Parker.
New Orleans Book Depository.....	Robert J. Harp, Agent.
South-Western Bible Society.....	James A. Ivy.
Centenary College	
Principal Preparatory Department.....	A. G. Miller.
DELHI DISTRICT .....	James L. Wright, P. E.
Monroe and Delhi .....	Phil. H. Moss.
	J. Lane Borden.
Trenton.....	C. W. Carter.
Bastrop.....	Henry O. White.
Lind Grove.....	William P. Owen.
Oak Ridge.....	N. S. Cornell.
Rayville.....	Thos. H. McClendon.
Winnsboro.....	T. S. Randle.
Oakley.....	A. M. Wailes.
Waterproof and St. Joseph.....	Baxter Clegg.
Tensas.....	To be supplied.
Floyd .....	B. F. Alexander.
Lake Providence and Pecan Grove.....	R. S. Trippett.
HOMER DISTRICT.....	John A. Miller, P. E.
Homer.....	J. A. Parker.
	W. P. Kimball, Supernumerary.
Lisbon.....	Thos. J. Upton.
Haynesville.....	Joseph H. Stone.
Minden.....	Jas. E. Bradley.
Sparta .....	R. M. Crowson.
Arcadia.....	J. F. Patterson.
Vernon.....	J. M. McKee.
Indian Village.....	C. W. Hodge.
Lewisville.....	Wm. R. Whatley.
Downsville.....	F. G. Hoggatt.
Farmerville.....	Robert T. Parish.
Webster.....	A. A. Cornett.

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SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.....	Robert Randle, P. E.
Shreveport.....	Joel T. Daves,
Mooringsport.....	Wm. Hart,
Caddo.....	J. M. Johnston,
Logansport Mission.....	To be supplied.
DeSoto.....	John Pipes.
Mansfield.....	J. M. Brown.
Pleasant Hill.....	J. B. Cassity,
	J. M. Franklin Supernumerary.
Natchitoches and St. Maurice.....	Thomas J. Hough.
Natchitoches Circuit... }	To be supplied.
Anacoco and Leesville }.....	To be supplied.
Springville.....	Ph. Allen.
East Point and Lindsay's Chapel.....	J. C. Reid, Supply.
South Bossier.....	J. W. Medlock,
North Bossier.....	G. M. Liverman.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.....	S. H. Cooper, P. E.
Alexandria and Pineville.....	C. Keener.
Rapides.....	J. L. P. Sheppard.
Montgomery.....	J. W. Hearn.
Harrisonburg and Sicily Island.....	C. E. Godfrey.
Centerville.....	D. A. Boddie.
Columbia.....	Jno. F. Wynn.
	Geo. Jackson, Supernumerary.
Castor.....	W. Biggs, Supply.
Saline.....	To be supplied.
Colfax.....	W. D. Stayton.
Bayou Bœuff.....	Frederick White.
Evergreen.....	Robert Parvin.
Spring Creek.....	J. F. Scurlock.

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.....	James E. Cobb, P. E.
Opelousas.....	J. J. Billingsley,
Washington.....	R. S. Isbell.
Vermillionville and Plaq Brulée.....	Robert A. Davis,
Grand Coteau.....	J. V. Pointer.
Abbeville.....	Enos B. Foust.
Pauperville.....	Abel Hoffpauir.
New Iberia.....	M. C. Manley.
Franklin.....	B. F. White.
Pattersonville and Morgan City.....	A. E. Clay.
Lake Charles.....	J. D. Harper.
Grand Cheniere.....	G. T. Freeman.
Sugartown.....	P. Galvin, Supply.
Calcasieu Mission.....	W. B. Pilley.

TRANSFERRED:—J. Shelton White, to Memphis Conference; William E. Munsey, to St. Louis Conference.

SUPERANNUATED:—H. C. Thweatt, John S. Davis, W. E. Doty, E. W. Yancey, P. M. Goodwyn, Joel Saunders, Phil. M. Diffenweirth, J. C. Reid and Jesse Fulton.

ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

AN ACT

To Incorporate the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal  
Church South.

SECTION 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened,* That John C Keener, H. N. McTyeire, J. Saunders, R. Randle, J. B. Walker, S. J. Davies, L. Parker, Philo M. Goodwyn, and L. A. Reed, and their associates and successors, such as the Louisiana Annual Conference may, from time to time, think proper to appoint, be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of the "Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South," and by which name and corporation shall have succession and be capable of suing and being sued, entering into contracts and receiving and holding property for educational purposes and such charitable uses as may, from time to time, be specified by the said Conference at its annual sessions, either by donation or purchase.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.,* That the domicile of said corporation shall be located in the City of New Orleans, and the affairs thereof shall be managed by nine trustees, to be appointed by the Louisiana Annual Conference, one of whom shall be elected president. The president and four trustees shall form a quorum, and shall have power to appoint all other officers necessary for conducting its affairs, and make and adopt such rules, by-laws and regulations as they may deem proper for the management of said corporation; provided, that the same be in conformity with the laws and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and not repugnant to the laws of the State.

JOHN M. SANDIDGE,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ROBERT C. WICKLIFFE,  
*President of the Senate.*

Approved March 15, 1855:

P. O. HEBERT,  
*Governor of the State of Louisiana.*

A true copy:

ANDREW, S. HERRON,  
*Secretary of State.*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LEGAL CONFERENCE.

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JOHN MATHEWS,  
ALEX. E. GOODWYN,

PHILO M. GOODWYN,  
R. S. TRIPPETT,  
BENI. F. ALEXANDER,  
W. H. FOSTER.

*Resolved,* That the Conference Board of Trustees be instructed to hold a meeting at every session of the Conference, and to make a report in due form to the Conference of their proceedings, and of all matters in their charge.

*Resolved,* That the Act of Incorporation be published annually in the printed minutes.

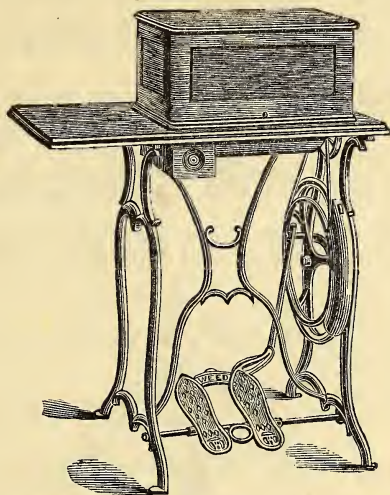


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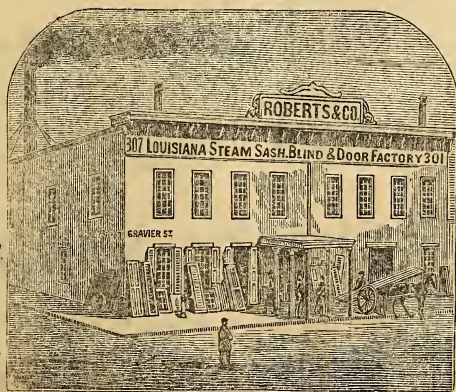
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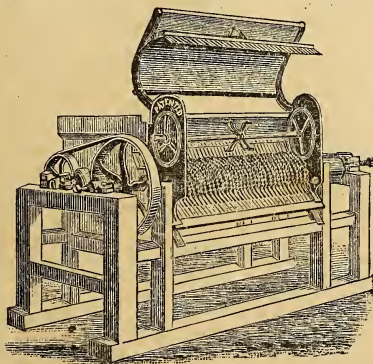
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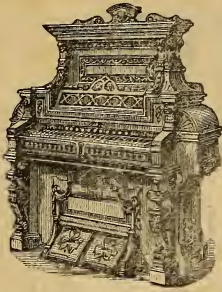
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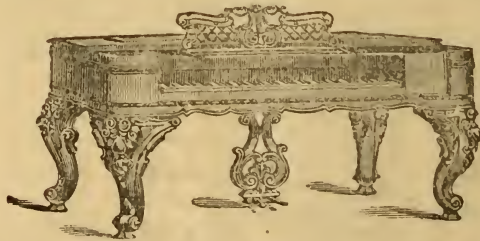
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