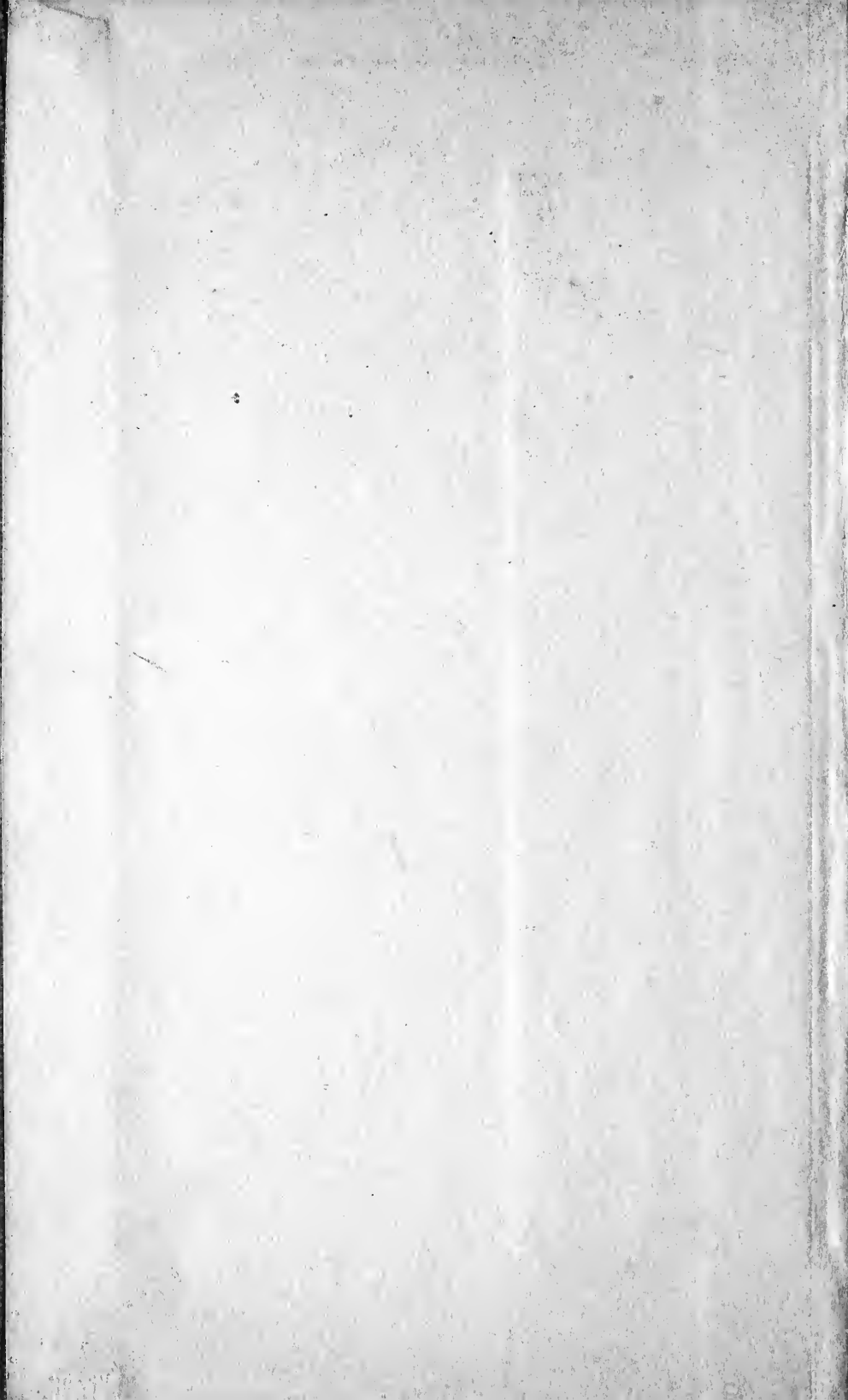
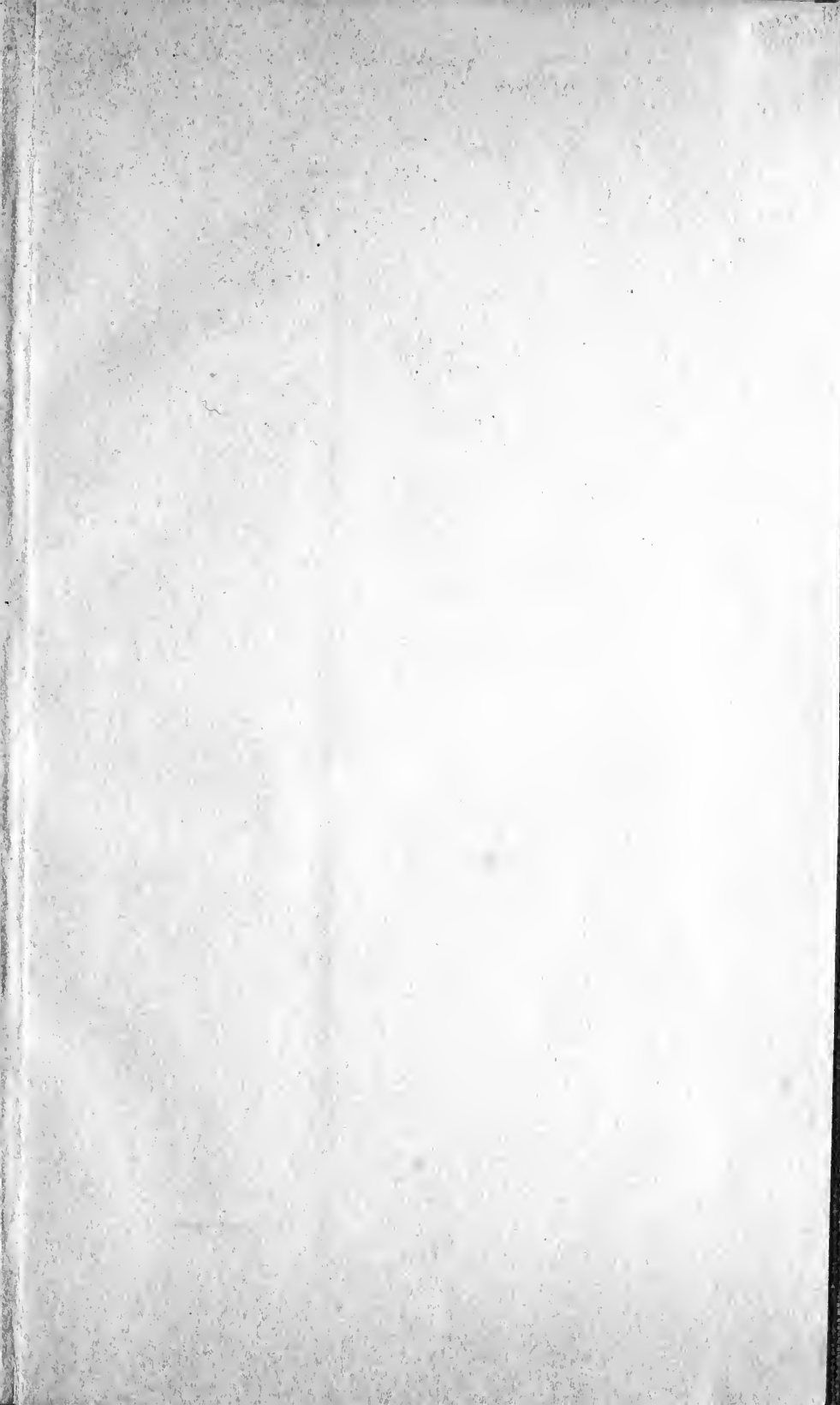


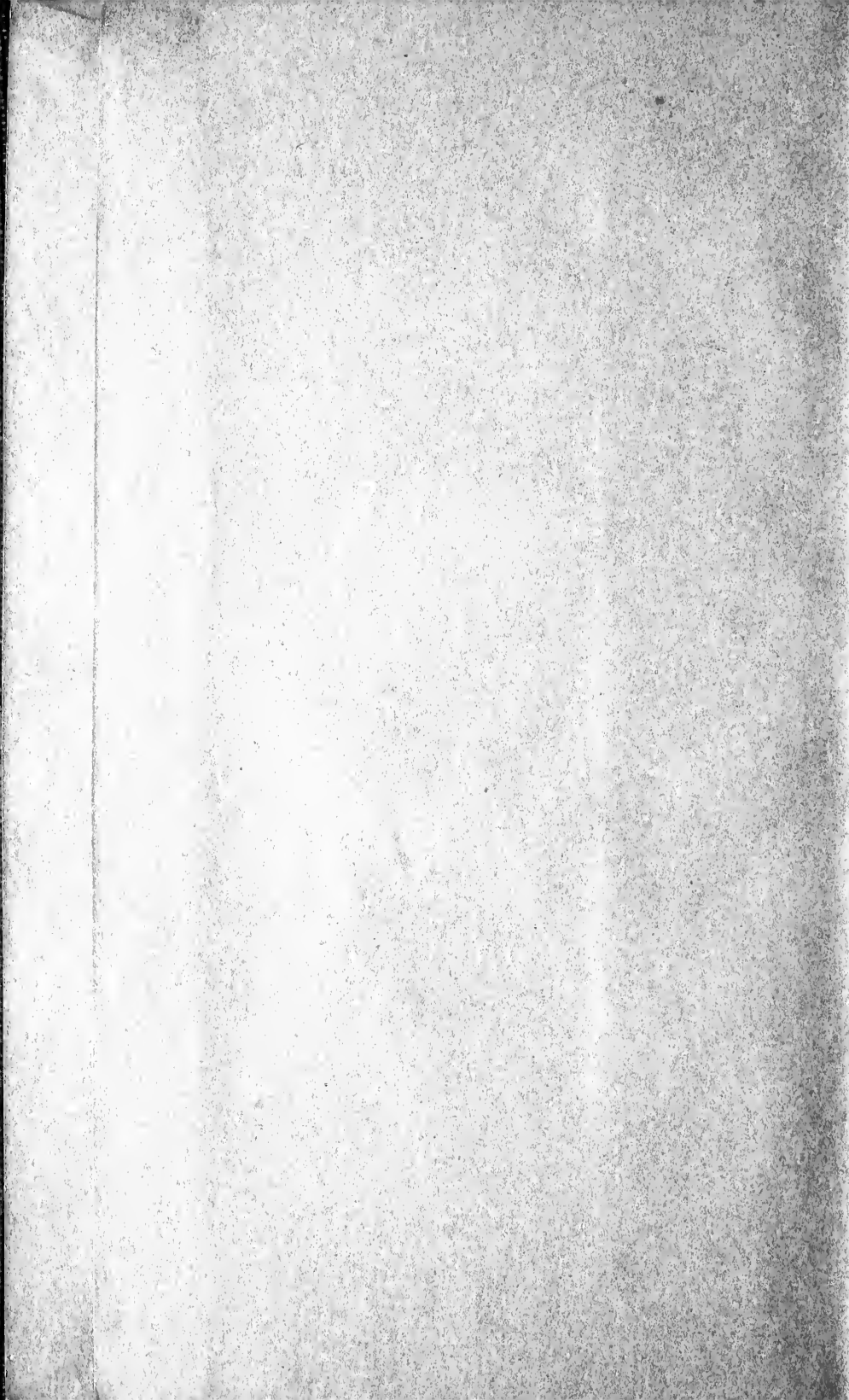
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OF THE

**THIRTY-NINTH SESSION**

OF THE

## Holston Annual Conference

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH,

HELD IN

ATHENS, TENNESSEE,

*October 15-23, 1862.*

BISHOP JOHN EARLY, PRESIDING.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

*Held at Athens, Tenn., beginning Oct. 15th and ending Oct. 23rd, 1862. Bishop John Early, President: John H. Brunner, Secretary.*

1. Who are admitted on trial?

Ans. Henry C. Neal, Tobias F. Smith, James E. Niece, Geo. M. Hicks, and Joshua S. Brooks. John Rudd, Joseph Milburn, and John Forrester were continued as of the first year.

2. Who remain on trial?

Ans. Sam'l R. Wheeler, Benj. F. Nuckolls, Levi K. Haynes, Jno. L. M. French, Joseph P. Milburn, Sam'l W. Hyden, Thos. S. Walker, Jacob R. Payne, Jacob Smith, Wm. A. Harris, Walter H. Stevens, Joseph A. Wiggins, Jno. N. Summers.

3. Who are admitted into full connection?

Ans. Chas. K. Miller, Andrew J. Frazier, Washington H. Eblin, James R. Ballew, Francis A. Farley, Fleming Crumley, Jonathan L. Mann, Robt. G. Blackburn, Enoch W. Moore, Hamilton B. Swisher, Samuel S. Grant.

4. Who are readmitted?

Ans. Thos. J. Pope, Mitchell P. Swain.

5. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Ans.—None.

6. Who are the deacons of one year?

Ans. Wm. P. Doane, James Mahoney, Jacob T. Freeman, Wm. B. Lyda, Hardy M. Bennett, Thos. H. Russell, Geo. M. Proffitt.

7. What travelling preachers are elected and ordained deacons?

Ans. Jonathan L. Mann, Charles K. Miller, Andrew J. Frazier, Washington H. Eblin, James R. Ballew, Enoch W. Moore, H. B. Swisher, R. G. Blackburn.

8. What local preachers are elected and ordained deacons?

Ans. Tobias F. Smith, Jno. H. Keith, Chas. T. M'Donald, Sam'l M. Tate, Wm. D. Smith, W. L. Murphy, N. B. S. Owings, J. H. Jennings, A. R. Wilson.

9. What travelling preachers are elected and ordained elders?

Ans. J. K. Stringfield, A. D. Stewart, W. H. Moody, J. D. Wagg.

10. What local preachers are elected and ordained elders?

Ans. W. H. Cooper.

11. Who have located this year?

Ans. W. F. Parker, C. D. Smith, J. W. Bowman, W. C.

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Daily, J. S. Edwards, W. Hicks, W. Ingle, P. H. Reed, S. S. Sweet, R. A. Giddens.

12. Who are supernumerary?

Ans. J. N. S. Huffaker, A. F. English, G. M. Proffitt.

13. Who are superannuated?

Ans. D. Fleming, R. M. Stevens, W. Robeson, T. Sullins, D. B. Carter, W. B. Winton, T. K. Munsey, R. W. Patty, J. W. Belt, M. H. Spencer, J. Haskew, J. Cumming, J. Alley, S. B. Harwell.

14. What preachers have died during the year?

Ans. E. F. Sevier.

15. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Ans. Their names were called, one by one, in open Conference, and their characters passed, except the following: John Spears, who was expelled for joining the enemies of his country, and W. H. H. Duggan, who was suspended for twelve months. Also W. H. Rogers and W. Milburn whose cases were referred back to their Districts for trial.

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

Ans.

WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT.	White Members.	White Probat'ns.	Col. Mem.	Col. Proba.	Local Pra.	ABINGDON DISTRICT.	White Members.	White Probat'ns.	Col. Mem.	Col. Probs.	Local Pra.
Wytheville Sta.	156	6	80	5		Blountsville Cir.	829	48	63	3	
" Cir.	924	504	74	52	7	Guest River Cir.	466	31	31		8
Pearisburg "	709	19	64	00	4	Gladesville "	264	16	4		8
Newbern "	463	45	247	86	2	Total,	5572	648	357	21	28
Hillsville Sta.	73	67	10	18	2	ROGERSVILLE DISTRICT.					
" Cir.	201	75	9	7	5	Rogersville Cir.	193	27	50		1
Grayson "	894	388	98	19	9	Morristown "	364	7	10		2
Jefferson "	741	78	31	5	6	Mossy Creek "	202	43	52		
Marion "	570	58	39	32	2	Rutledge "	424	34	43		
Mechanics'g	580	82	19	00	5	Thorn Hill Miss.	244	71	5		8
Princeton "	506	34	71	00	5	Tazewell Cir.	490	136	51		1
Flat Top Miss.	198	60	00	00	1	Powell's Valley	446	25	13		6
Total,	6015	1254	742	244	51	Jonesville Cir.	613	50	25		7
ABINGDON DISTRICT.						Sneedsville "	397	72	4		6
Abingdon Sta.	82	1			1	Kingsport "	880	37	82	2	7
" Cir.	645	17	42			Total,	3640	451	310	2	37
Saltville "	394	137	26	5		KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.					
Jeffersonville	896	154	74	9	3	Knoxville Sta.	194	2	75	15	2
Lebanon "	733	26	52	2		" Cir.	515	131			7
Estillville "	643	75	65	4	5						
Bristol Sta.	74	5									
" Cir.	546	160			3						

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KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.					
	White Members.	White Prob'at'ns.	Col. Mem's.	Col. Proba.	Local Pra.
Clinton Cir.	459	35	24	2	8
Jacksboro'	650	110	55		3
Maynardsville	475	20	75	1	
Dandridge Cir.	986	189	90		9
Sevierville "	530	150	13	17	4
Little River "	441	1	19		4
<b>Total,</b>	<b>4250</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>
CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.					
Washington Cir.	510	26	30	10	7
Hamilton "	401	71	15		
Pikeville Cir.	347	81	76	26	
Jasper "	408	12	83		
Altamont Miss.	468	12	83		2
Spencer "	119	39			2
Cumberl'd "	334	64	5		7
Jamest'n "	350	50	8	2	3
Huntsville "	260	64			3
Montg'y "	389	13	12		4
<b>Total,</b>	<b>3116</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.					
Chattanooga Sta.	175	25	100	10	
Cleveland "	167		141		2
" Cir.	538		41		7
Harrison "	249	18	9		
Trenton "	567	133	1	10	
Ducktown "	200	60	9		
Benton "	480	142	18		2
Charleston "	500	56	29		2
Murphy "	291	58	5		7
Hiwassee Miss.	280				3
Fort Hembree "	217	66	23		3
<b>Total,</b>	<b>3664</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>36</b>
ATHENS DISTRICT.					
Athens Sta.	128	2	105	22	
" Cir.	610	57	75	2	6
Decatur "	552	146	25		3
Kingst'n "	440		70		6
Louisv'e "	552	138	79		2
Marysville Sta.	115	3	18	5	
Madisonville Cir.	759	73	54	1	6
Tellico Miss.	224	11	2		4
Loudon Cir.	336	18	3	5	2
Sewee "	369	50	9		4
<b>Total,</b>	<b>4085</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.					
	White Members.	White Prob'at'ns.	Col. Mem's.	Col. Proba.	Local Pra.
Asheville Sta.	138	12			1
" Cir.	525	110	60	5	9
" Col. Miss.			329	37	
Hendersonv'e Sta.	90	10	33	6	
" Cir.	483	81	28	1	2
Transylvania	164	19	3		
Catawba Cir.	317	36	92	7	2
Burnsville "	280	40	5		4
Sul. Spr'gs "	784	43	32		2
Waynesville "	675	100	20		8
Webster "	429	8	8	2	
Echoa Miss.	82	46			
Franklin Cir.	461	27	45	4	5
Cheoa. Miss.					
<b>Total,</b>	<b>4428</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>23</b>
JONESBORO DISTRICT.					
Jonesboro Sta.	103	7	68		
" Cir.	420	27	22		
Elizabethton "	392	176	11	11	9
Taylorville "	241	49	4		4
Watauga Miss.	251	22	4		4
Fall Branch Cir.	605	74	16		7
Rheatown "	950	19	55		6
St. Clair "	569	126	25	2	4
Greeneville "	640	53	65	9	3
Newport "	496	46	72	14	7
<b>Total,</b>	<b>5067</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>44</b>

RECAPITULATION.

	White Members.	White Prob'at'ns.	Col. Mem's.	Col. Proba.	Local Pra.
Wythev'e D.	6015	1254	742	244	51
Abingdon "	5572	648	357	21	28
Rogersv'e "	3640	451	310	2	37
Knoxville "	4250	638	321	35	35
Cumberl'd "	3116	410	229	38	34
Chtatanooga	3664	538	376	10	36
Athens Dis.	4085	498	440	35	33
Ashev'e "	4428	532	655	62	23
Jonesboro "	5067	599	342	36	44
<b>AG'RE'VE,</b>	<b>49837</b>	<b>5558</b>	<b>3772</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>390</b>

17. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance in their respective districts, circuits, and stations.

Ans. \$11,414.42.

18. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

Ans. Collected, \$1596.26. Applied to the most necessitous cases among superannuated preachers, and widows and orphans.

19. What has been collected for the Missionary, Sunday School, and Tract Societies.

Ans.

### MISSIONARY REPORT HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

#### *Wytheville District.*

Wytheville	Circuit,	Rev. Geo. Stewart,	\$139.55
"	Station,	" W. H. Howell,	85.00
Newbern	Circuit,	" Geo. W. Miles,	100.00
Hillsville	"	" A. J. Frazier,	34.00
Mechanicsburg	"	" S. R. Wheeler,	62.00
* Marion	"	" John Boring,	210.00
Grayson	"	" C. K. Miller,	102.15
Jefferson	"	" B. W. S. Bishop,	100.00
Hillsville	Station,	" J. D. Wagg,	10.00
† Pearisburg	Circuit,	" J. W. Dickey,	148.20
		Total,	\$990.90

\* \$20 of which was contributed to make Gen. Stonewall Jackson a life member of the Parent Missionary Society.

† \$20 of which is to constitute Miss Leona Wall a life member of the Parent Missionary Society.

#### *Abingdon District.*

Abingdon	Station,	Rev. W. E. Munsey,	\$65.00
"	Circuit,	" Joseph Haskew,	78.10
Bristol	Circuit,	" W. W. Neal,	15.00
Saltville	"	" J. K. Stringfield,	135.00
Blountville	"	" S. D. Gaines,	61.00
* Lebanon	"	" B. F. White,	87.00
Bristol	Station,	Rev. T. K. Catlett,	16.75
† Estilville	Circuit,	" J. T. Smith,	33.30
Jeffersonville	Circuit.	Rev. Wm. M. Kerr,	103.35
Rye Cove.	"	" W. P. Doane,	19.15
		Total,	\$613.65

\* \$57 of which was paid to Dr. Schon.

† 10 of which was paid by the Rev. Jonathan Draper to make his wife, Elizabeth, a member of the Holston Missionary Society.

#### *Rogersville District.*

Rogersville	Circuit,	Rev. L. C. Delashmidt,	\$42.00
Sneedsville	"	" W. B. Lyda,	72.75
Jonesville	"	" Jacob Smith,	54.85
Thorn Hill	"	" Thos. R. West,	20.00
Powell's Valley	"	" R. M. Hickey,	22.00
Morristown	"	" W. C. Graves,	51.60
Rutledge	"	" J. Milburn,	60.05
Mossy Creek	"	" W. Kinsland,	57.00

† Kingsport	Circuit	Rev. S. A. Miller,	86.50
The name of Charge and Preacher not given with money.			20.00
Total,			\$486.75

† This did not come into my hands.

### *Knoxville District.*

Knoxville	Station,	Rev. G. Taylor,	75.20
"	Circuit,	" J. A. Hyden,	80.00
Little River	"	" A. E. Woodard,	15.00
‡ Clinton	"	" A. J. Greer,	21.57
Maynardsville	"	" Milton Maupin,	23.75
Louisville	"	" L. M. Renfro,	5.00
Mrs. Stringfield's annual contribution.			5.00
Total,			\$225.52

‡ \$5 of which was forwarded.

|| All of which was paid especially for the China Mission.

### *Athens District.*

Athens	Station,	Rev. J. W. Mann,	\$57.00
"	Circuit,	" C. Long,	38.50
Marysville	Station,	" J. F. Woodfin,	40.00
Madisonville	"	" Thos. H. Cass,	13.75
Decatur	"	" E. W. Moore,	25.00
Loudon	"	" J. G. Caldwell,	12.00
Kingston	"	" Robt. G. Blackburn,	16.00
Total.			\$202.25

### *Cumberland District.*

Jasper	Circuit,	Rev. M. P. Swain,	\$35.00
Hamilton	"	" J. W. Dodson,	15.00
Spencer	Mission,	" J. W. Rudd,	1.05
Montgomery	"	" T. P. Rutherford,	6.00
Altamont	"	" N. B. S. Owings,	5.00
Washington	Circuit	" R. A. Giddens,	8.00
¶ Returned by Rev. W. C. Daily,			65.00
Total,			\$135.05

¶ Which had been appropriated to Huntsville Mission, and not used.

### *Chattanooga District.*

Chattanooga	Station,	Rev. W. P. Queen,	\$20.00
Harrison	Circuit,	" S. W. Hyden,	14.00
Charleston	Circuit,	" H. B. Swisher,	15.00
Fort Hembree	"	" J. L. M. French,	5.00
Cleveland	"	" P. H. Reed,	6.00
Total,			\$60.10

### *Asheville District.*

Asheville	Station,	Rev. A. D. Stewart,	\$87.25
"	Circuit,	" H. P. Waugh,	85.00
Burnsville	"	" H. M. Bennett,	65.00
Hendersonville	Station,	" P. S. Sutton,	10.00
Franklin	Circuit,	" J. D. Baldwin,	68.00
Catawba.	"	" Jas. R. Ballew,	75.00
Waynesville	"	" D. R. Reagan,	31.00
Webster	"	" Wm. H. Cooper,	10.00
Sulphur Spring	"	" W. W. Smith,	34.00
Hendersonville	"	" J. L. Mann,	50.00
Missionary Lyceum of the Holston Conference Female College per Rev. A. W. Cumming, D. D.,			43.50
Total,			\$558.85

*Jonesboro District.*

Jonesboro	Station,	Rev. S. S. Sweet,	\$30.00
"	Circuit,	" L. W. Crouch,	30.00
* Rheatown	"	" J. C. Hyden,	100.00
Watanga	Mission,	" W. P. Cooper,	10.00
Fall Branch	Circuit,	" F. D. Crumley,	5.00
Taylorville	"	" Jas. S. Edwards,	15.00
St. Clair	"	" Jas. Mahoney,	18.80
Newport	"	" J. W. Bird,	37.25
Elizabethtown	"	" W. Ingle,	8.00
† Greenville	"	" J. G. Swisher,	48.20
Total,			\$302.25

\* \$40 of which was contributed to make Gen. Stonewall Jackson, and Rev. Wm. P. Armstrong, life members of the Parent Missionary Society, and \$10 to make Rev. Wm. H. Bates a life member of Holston Conference Missionary Society.

† \$10 of which was paid by the Class at Pisgah to make Rev. J. G. Swisher a life member of the Holston Conference Missionary Society.

## RECAPITULATION.

Wytheville District,	\$990.90
Abingdon "	613.65
Rogersville "	486.75
Knoxville "	225.52
Athens "	202.25
Cumberland "	135.05
Chattanooga "	60.10
Asheville "	558.85
Jonesboro "	302.25
Total from Districts,	\$3575.32

Proceeds Missionary Anniversary at Athens,	\$389.90
Rev. F. M. Fanning's Annual Contribution,	10.00
" Wm. H. Roger's " "	2.00
* Returned by Rev. J. M. McTeer,	50.00
† Returned by Rev. F. M. Fanning,	10.00
Grand Total,	\$4037.22

\* Which had been appropriated to the Flat Top Mission, and not used.

† Which had been appropriated to Asheville District, and not used.

The following persons were made life members of the Parent Missionary Society at our Anniversary; viz:—

Mrs. Hon. Julius Backwell,	Hon. Jefferson Davis, P. C. S. A.
" David Cleage,	Gen. Stonewall Jackson,
" Rev. G. A. Caldwell,	Rev. James Atkins,
Miss Cornelia Ballew,	" R. M. Hickey,
Rev. G. A. Caldwell,	Mrs. Rev. Erastus Rowley,
Gen. Stirling Price,	Gen. John H. Morgan,
Col. N. M. Menefee,	Gen. Buckner of Kentucky,
Rev. F. M. Fanning,	Rev. ——— Yarborough of Ga. Conf.,
	Gen. Robert E. Lee.

The last is first of American Generals.—Let all the Editors say, *yea!* YEA!  
YEA!!!

All the above is respectfully submitted by

WILLIAM ROBESON,  
Treasurer of the Holston Conference Missionary Society.

For the Sunday School Society - - - - - 56.00  
For the Tract Society - - - - - \$445.45  
20. Where shall the next Conference be held?  
Ans. At Wytheville, Va.

21. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Ans.

APPOINTMENT OF PREACHERS.

WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT.		Union	"	✗	J. A. Hyden.
J. M. Crismond, P. E.		Clinton	"		J. R. Payne.
Wytheville Station,	G. Taylor.	Jacksborough	"		A. J. Frazier.
"	Circuit, J. Boring, H. C. Neal,	M. Maupin, Chaplain in the Army.			
Pearisburg	"	CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.			
Newbern	"	J. W. Dickey, P. E.			
Hillsville Station,	S. S. Grant.	Washington Circuit,	G. W. Callahan.		
"	Circuit, W. H. Stephens.	Hamilton	"		Jno. Rudd.
Grayson	"	Pikeville	"		M. P. Swaim.
	Nuckols.	Jasper	"		A. E. Woodward.
Jefferson	"	Altamont Mission,	✗		G. M. Hicks.
Marion	"	Spencer	"		W. H. Moody.
Mechanisburg	"	Cumberland	"		To be supplied.
W. C. Bowman	Chaplain in the Army.	Jamestown	"		To be supplied.
ABINGDON DISTRICT.		Montgomery	"	✗	Thos. S. Walker.
J. M. McTeer, P. E.		CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.			
Abingdon Station,	W. P. Queen.	A. G. Worley, P. E.			
"	Circuit, R. N. Price.	Chattanooga Station,	W. E. Munsey.		
Saltville	"	Trenton Circuit,	W. P. Doane.		
Jeffersonville	"	Cleveland Station,	✗	J. L. Mann.	
Lebanon	"	"	Circuit,	H. B. Swisher.	
Blountville	"	Harrison	"		J. L. M. French.
Bristol Station,	P. S. Sutton.	Benton	"	✗	S. W. Hyden.
"	Circuit, F. A. Farley.	Ducktown and Hiwassee Mission, W. H. Eblin.			
Emory and Henry College,	E. E. Wyley,	Murphy Circuit,			To be supplied.
President; J. A. Davis,	Professor.	Charleston	"		R. G. Blackburn.
Martha Washington College,	W. A. Harris, Pres.	Fort Embree		✗	J. P. Milburn.
W. G. E. Cunyngham,	Missionary to China.	J. A. Wiggins, Chaplain in the Army.			
T. K. Catlett, Tract Agent.		ATHENS DISTRICT.			
W. W. Neal, Bible Agent.		J. Atkins, P. E.			
ROGERSVILLE DISTRICT.		Athens Station,	✗	J. F. Woodfin.	
R. M. Hickey, P. E.		"	Circuit,	C. Long.	
Rogersville Circuit,	T. J. Pope.	Madisonville Circuit,		J. H. Brunner.	
Morristown	"	Maryville Station,		J. K. Stringfield.	
Mossy Creek	"	Louisville Circuit,	✗	J. W. Mann.	
Rutledge	"	Sweetwater	"		To be supplied.
Thorn Hill Mission,	J. T. Freeman.	Kingston	"		To be supplied.
Tazewell Circuit,	✗	Decatur	"		L. W. Crouch.
Powell's Valley Circuit,	To be supplied.	Tellico Mission,			D. R. Reagan.
Jonesville	"	Athens Female College, E. Rowley, Pres. ✗			
Sneedville	"	ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.			
Kingsport	"	F. M. Fanning, P. E.		✗	
Rye Cove	"	Asheville Station,		J. D. Wagg.	
Estillville	"	"	Col. Mis.,	Jno. Reynolds.	
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.		"	Circuit,	E. W. Moore.	
J. S. Kennedy, P. E.		Hendersonville Station, A. D. Stewart.			
Knoxville Station,	D. Sullins.	"	Circuit,		L. M. Renfro,
East Knoxville,	✗	} A. F. English,			
Knox Circuit,	J. B. Little, J. E. Niece.	} sup.			
Little River Circuit,	T. H. Russell.	Transylvania Mission,		To be supplied.	
Sevierville	"	Catawba Circuit,		J. R. Ballew.	
Dandridge	✗	Burnsville	"		J. N. Summers, G.
	✗	} W. Proffit, sup.			
	✗	Sulphur Springs Circuit, W. W. Smith.			

Webster Circuit, and )	H. M. Bennett.	Elizabethtown Ct.	J. Torbitt.
Echota Mission,	J. S. Brooks.	Taylorville	To be supplied.
Cheoa " "		Watauga	To be supplied.
Waynesville Circuit,	J. R. Long.	Fall Branch	F. Crumley.
Franklin " "	J. D. Baldwin.	Rheatown	G. W. Miles.
Holston Conf. Female College,	A. W. Cummings. Pres't.	St. Clair,	G. W. Penley.
H. P. Waugh, Thos. F. Glenn, Chaplains		Greeneville,	J. G. Swisher.
in the Army.		Newport,	J. Mahoney,
JONESBORO DISTRICT.		E. C. Wexler, Chaplain 29th Reg't N. C.	
W. H. Bates, P. E.		Vols.	
Jonesboro Station,	W. H. Howell.	G. W. Alexander, transferred to Missis-	
" Circuit,	J. T. Smith.	issippi Conference.	

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CERTAIN CASES REFERRED FOR THEIR INVESTIGATION.

The Committee to whom was referred for suitable investigation certain complaints against the following named brethren : W. H. Rogers, W. H. Duggan, Wm. C. Daily, Jesse A. Hyden, Patrick H. Reed, Jno. Spears, Jas. Cumming, Thos. H. Russell, and Thos. P. Rutherford, beg leave to present the following report :

Solemnly impressed with the duty and responsibility devolving on this Conference touching the exceedingly delicate and momentous issues involved in any action which it may take in reference to its scriptural and ecclesiastical relations to the great and terrible controversy now shaking the foundations of Church and State, your Committee feel constrained to preface their specific report on the cases of the brethren above mentioned, with a declaration of a few general facts, essential, in their judgement, to the proper exhibition, before the public mind of the causes and reasons of such recommendatory action on the part of the Conference as is hereafter set forth.

The jurisdiction of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church having been entirely dissolved over the Conferences of the slaveholding States, in May, 1845, by a Convention of Delegates formally appointed in pursuance of a "Plan of Separation" adopted by General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1844, the Church in the slaveholding States, in her primary assemblies, the Quarterly and Annual Conferences, with a unanimity unparalleled in ecclesiastical history, approved the course of the delegates, and declared her conviction that a separate and independent jurisdiction was necessary to her existence and prosperity. In the judgement of the wisest and best men throughout the South and Southwest at that time, (a conviction since attested by the most overwhelming proofs,) the continued agitation of the subject of slavery, and its actual and practical abolition in some portions of the South, not only rendered necessary, but absolutely demanded separation from the Northern portion of the Church, in order to the successful preaching of the Gospel in the South, and the establishment of Christ's Kingdom in the hearts of both master and slave.

The history of the Methodist Episcopal Church South since its formal organization in 1845, has furnished, and still furnishes, multiplied evidences of the wisdom and far reaching sagacity of the fathers and chief masters of Southern Methodism at that time, in having divorced themselves and flocks from the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of those who came amongst them as wolves in sheep's clothing, openly and covertly undermining the foundations of our social system, stirring up internal commotion, aiding and counselling the sedition and insurrection of our slaves, by alienating them from their masters and disaffecting them towards their providential allotment.

It is with profound regret that it remains to be written, as the sequel of this unholy and anti-scriptural crusade of abolition fanaticism and higher-law infidelity against the Southern Institutions generally, that it has eventually culminated in the permanent and irrevocable dissolution of the Federal Government, and has forced upon the sovereign people of the Southern States (as the case of the South-



ern Methodists in '44,) the ineradicable conviction that the only alternative left them in the Providence of God, is to appeal to the Sovereign of the Universe for the righteousness of their cause, and, under his blessing and guidance, to organize for themselves a Government founded upon the great principles of justice and equity, for mutual protection and for the better security of all those rights of religion and good society guaranteed to us and all other people by the God of heaven. It cannot now be gainsayed, with all the light before us, that to the people of the Confederate States has been committed, in a sense true of no other people on the face of the globe, the guardianship and moral and intellectual culture of the African race, and that the Methodist Episcopal Church South is to a great extent, charged, in the Providence of God, with the religious destiny of the colored race.

Peculiarly and intimately related to the institution of domestic slavery in the Confederate States, as the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has ever been, and deeply involved as she is in the future weal of that people, it is gratifying to be able to state that still, as ever, she holds it to be her religious duty to throw the whole weight of her influence, ministerial and lay, into the scale against the encroachments of religious fanaticism and infidelity.

It was no unnatural result, therefore, that the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, alike because of her historical antecedents and her doctrinal peculiarities, touching Southern institutions generally and this institution specially, should be found arrayed side by side with the great masses of the Southern people in religiously contending in part for the same rights—political, civil and religious—for the security of which they were compelled, in 1844, to adopt measures for a separate and independent ecclesiastical organization.

And now, that the Abolitionists and Black Republicans of the North, and out of Northern churches, have inaugurated, without just provocation, causelessly and wickedly, a terrible and relentless warfare of invasion, plunder and wholesale confiscation, against all our rights of person, property and conscience, by an utter and base prostitution of all the sacred sanctions of constitutional liberty, with the repeatedly avowed object of subjugation or extermination, the people called Southern Methodists could not so far forget their past history, or become so blinded to their providential destiny, as not to perceive, with the clearness of a sunbeam, that the success of the Federal Government, in any form and under any circumstances, as at present related to this terrible controversy, could only eventuate in the utter destruction of Southern Methodism, as well as of true republican liberty.

And now, moreover, that the Southern States under the blessing and providence of Almighty God, have been enabled to organize themselves into a permanent Confederacy, with all the machinery of government in motion, and with all its resources, internal and foreign, laid under contribution for the preservation and perpetuity of our political, civil, and religious rights, your Committee, in common with the Methodist Episcopal Church, *South*, as a whole, hold it to be the religious duty of her ministry and membership within the limits of this Confederacy, not only to be subject to the supreme authority of our country where they may reside, but also to use all laudable means to enjoin obedience to all established powers. The Scriptures and Discipline of our Church enjoin these obligations. Touching the duty with which your Committee has been charged, in behalf of the Conference of Southern Methodist preachers, invested with the spiritual oversight of a flock of perhaps fifty thousand souls, they beg leave to say they are pained at the very thought that any suspicion, much less well grounded complaint of disloyalty to our established Government, or of disaffection to, and want of sympathy with our Government in its earnest and mighty struggle against its ruthless foes for the blessings and rights of political and religious liberty, should lie against, or attach to, any member of this body.

They feel constrained furthermore to say, for the sake of not only themselves and this Conference, but for the sake of all the people of our various charges, that no member of this body is held obnoxious to complaints or allegations because of former or present opinions touching the *abstract* political questions of secession and revolution, and that such a representation of the acts of this body would be as false as malicious. But now that these questions have assumed a *concrete form*, and

under the inspiration of Abolition fanaticism have kindled the fires of the most brutal and ruthless war ever known in the history of man, involving every interest, political and religious, held to be most sacred and absolutely vital to the present and future weal of our people; it is the deliberate and religious conviction of your Committee that no patriot, no christian, and last of all, no christian minister who claims to be a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, *South*, and a citizen of the Confederate States of America, and who is presumed to be even partially acquainted with the merits of this unhappy controversy, can throw the *weight* of his *opinions, words* or *acts* into the *scales of our enemies against* us with moral impunity, or with a conscience void of offence toward God and his fellow countrymen. Therefore, in the judgement of your Committee, the following simple principles are held to be true and unanswerable.

First. The word of God and Discipline of the M. E. Church, South, as far as it respects civil affairs, make it the religious duty of christians, and especially all christian ministers, to be subject to the supreme authority of the country where they may reside, and to use all laudable means to enjoin obedience to its established powers. See Rom., 13—1, 7; Tit., 3—1; 1 Pet., 3—13; also Articles of Religion, page 32 and 129 of Discipline.

Secondly. The Scriptures make it a duty to offer supplications, prayers and intercessions for rulers and all in authority, that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives, in all godliness and honesty. See 1 Tim., 2—1.

Thirdly. In a moral point of view a wilful and persistent violation of these preceptive truths of the Gospel and religious obligations, involve legitimately a grave offense against the Word of God and Discipline of the Church.

Your Committee hold, therefore, that in applying these general principles as a test of moral character in this body, instead of being liable by such action to the imputation of instituting an inquisition into the *peculiar abstract political dogmas* of any member, we are only fulfilling our obligations to God and the Church in thus guarding its purity and integrity.

1. *Resolved*, That in view of the manner in which Wm. C. Daily defined his present position in reference to his loyalty to, and support of the Confederate Government, your Committee do hereby recommend the passage of his character.

2. *Resolved*, In the case of Thos. P. Rutherford, that for as much as he had opinions on that subject which he did not choose to communicate, and gave the Committee no satisfaction pro or con on the subject of the complaint alleged, he be discontinued.

3. *Resolved*, That in the case of Thos. H. Russel, it is the judgement of your Committee that our brother acted imprudently in organizing a class composed of persons transferred from a society on another circuit; but that he is believed to have acted without a knowledge of the facts, and intended no wrong, and should therefore be excused. And in view of the entire satisfaction he gave the Committee touching his fealty to our country, it is recommended that his character be passed.

4. *Resolved*, In the case of James Cummings, that while the Committee disapprove and deplore his course touching this unhappy controversy, they do, nevertheless, in view of his advanced age and consequent infirmities, and in view of his former valuable services to the church, recommend the passage of his character.

5. *Resolved*. That in the case of Jesse A. Hyden, it is the judgement of the Committee that while his course has been culpably inconsistent in reference to this controversy, no evidence appearing against his loyalty to our Government at present, but to the contrary; we do recommend the passage of his character.

6. *Resolved*. That in the case of Patrick H. Reed, while his statements before the Committee do not satisfy them touching his loyalty, yet in view of the fact that he asks a location through us; the Committee recommend the passage of his character, and the granting of his petition.

7. *Resolved*. That in the case of Wm. H. H. Duggan, while his statements before the Committee do not satisfy them concerning his loyalty, and, therefore, in their judgement, render him an improper person to receive an appointment in the regular pastoral work, the Committee would, however, recommend the

passage of his character, and that he be left without an appointment for one year.

8. In the case of Wm. H. Rogers, your Committee would report that he has made before us and others ample protestations of loyalty; but we are pained to find evidence of want of veracity and, therefore, prefer the following charges and specifications.

Charge First. *Duplicity.*

Specification. In solemnly affirming to John H. Bruner that he, Rogers, was a Southern man and occupied precisely the same ground that he, Bruner, did, and then in affirming directly the contrary, time and again; and also in making similarly contradictory statements to John H. Woodfin.

Charge Second. *Criminal Falsehood.*

Specification. In saying that as he passed through the Town of Knoxville, the Confederate Authorities applied to him, Rogers, to bear certain documents to Wm. G. Brownlow, as they had confidence in him and supposed that he knew where Brownlow was; and that he, Rogers, conveyed said documents to Brownlow, whereas he made substantially contradictory statements before the Committee, both as to the fact of his knowing Brownlow's whereabouts, and of his bearing said documents to him.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) JOHN M. McTEER, Chairman.

October 21st, 1862.

REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee would offer the following:

Whereas the church is now in great peril, and the minds of our children and youths are carried away by the martial strife; and whereas many of those who were once active in this noble cause, are now in the service of their country, therefore,

*Resolved,* That all our ministers and members at home, should give increased attention to the religious instruction of the children and youths, allowing no discouragements, however great, to diminish their zeal and labors in the cause of Sabbath Schools.

T. SULLINS.  
J. C. HYDEN.  
GEO. STEWART.

October, 1862.

WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT.						ABINGDON DISTRICT.					
	No. Schools.	Off. & Tea.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Mon. Coltd. Convers'ns.		No. Schools.	Off. & Tea.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Mon. Coltd. Convers'ns.
Wytheville Sta.	1	16	80	300		Abingdon Sta.	1	10	40	500	15
"    Cir.	7	54	225	610	28	"    Cir.	4	6	150		
Pearisburg	5	17	140	600		Blountville	6	46	187	440	10
Mechanics'g	7	34	145	259		Bristol Sta.	1	12	50	100	
Grayson	11	91	321	315	7	"    Cir.	1	6	30	300	
Marion	5	35	350	400	15 9	Jeffersonville	1	6	30	500	
Newbern	3	31	130	600		Lebanon	5	28	110	400	
Hillsville Sta.	1	14	53	1000	25	Saltville	4	24	102	95	
"    Cir.	6	36	186	200		Guest River	3	21	60	200	
Jefferson	2	11	45	100		Estillville				190	
Princeton						Gladesville					
Flat Top Miss.											
<b>Total,</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>1675</b>	<b>3384</b>	<b>15 69</b>	<b>Total,</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>2725</b>	<b>15 10</b>

JONESBORO DISTRICT.						ATHENS DISTRICT.							
	No. Schools.	Offi. & Tea.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Mon. Coltd.	Convers'ns.		No. Schools.	Offi. & Tea.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Mon. Coltd.	Convers'ns.
Jonesboro Sta.	1	12	75	375	7		Athens Sta.	1	12	75	100		
" Cir.	6	30	180	100			" Cir.	4	30	162	100		15
Rheatown	2	25	89	285			Madisonville						
Greeneville	9	74	284	956			Marysville Sta.	1	6	30	250		
Taylorville	2	5	30				Louisville	3	14	173			
Elizabethton	3	22	182				London						
Watauga Miss.							Kingston						
Fall Branch							Sewee						
St. Clair	2	10	40				Decatur	6	40	175	200		20
Newport	3	8	75				Tellico						
<b>Total,</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>1716</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>Total,</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>650</b>		<b>35</b>
ROGERSVILLE DISTRICT.						ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.							
Rogersville Cir.	2	7	70	600			Asheville Sta.	1	12	50	300		
Morristown	2	6	55	125			" Cir.	7	24	250	250		10
Mossy Creek	2	6	50	128			Henderson's Sta.	1	6	40	300		4
Tazewell							" Cir.	6	29	188	513		5
Thorn Hill							Transylvania	2	8	50	150		
Sneedsville	3	23	100			21	Catawba	3	9	90	240		
Kingsport	4	24	130	115			Burnsville	3	15	90			
Rutledge	1	12	70	90			Sulphur Spr'gs	4	24	80	200		15
Jonesville	5	34	150	300			Webster						
							Waynesville	4	24	150			
<b>Total,</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>1358</b>		<b>21</b>	Cheoa						
							Franklin	4	14	76	175		5
<b>Total,</b>							<b>Total,</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>1064</b>	<b>2128</b>		<b>534</b>
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.						RECAPITULATION.							
Knoxville Sta.	1	8	75	200			DISTRICTS.	No. Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Moneys Col.	Convers'ns.
" Cir.							Wytheville,	48	339	1675	3384	15	69
Little River							Abingdon,	27	153	759	2725	15	10
Sevierville	3	20	140	125			Jonesboro	28	182	958	1716	7	
Dandridge	8	56	310	875	12	5	Rogersville	19	112	625	1358		21
Jacksboro							Knoxville	13	89	555	1200	14	11
Clinton							Chattan'ga	5	35	220	500		39
Maynardsville	1	5	30			5	Athens	15	102	615	650		35
							Asheville	35	165	1064	2128	5	34
<b>Total,</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>TOTAL,</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>1177</b>	<b>6471</b>	<b>13561</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>219</b>
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.													
Chattanooga Sta	1	10	50			9							
Trenton	3	21	160	350		30							
Cleveland													
Harrison													
Benton													
Ducktown													
Fort Hembree													
Charleston													
Cleveland													
Murphy	1	4	10										
<b>Total.</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>400</b>		<b>39</b>							

NOTE.—No Schools reported from the Cumberland district, owing to the fact that the army was within its territory, and the schools suspended.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH RECORDS.

Whereas, it appears that there have been great irregularity and want of uniformity in keeping the Church records in the various societies of our Church within the bounds of the Conference; and whereas it is believed that much confusion and misunderstanding might be avoided by adopting and carrying into effect a uniform system of keeping these records on our various circuits, stations and missions. Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That as preachers in charge we will be more careful hereafter to observe the directions given on this subject in chap. 2, sec. 7 of our Book of Discipline.

2. *Resolved*, That we will see that a blank book of suitable size be kept in each class for a Church register, in which there shall be a department for full members, probationers, baptized infants, colored members, and one also for the marriages and deaths.

3. *Resolved*, That it be considered the special duty of the Presiding Elders to see that the plan contained in these resolutions be faithfully carried out, and that it be made a matter of inquiry at the examining Quarterly Conference of each circuit, station and mission.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education report, that the interests of education, within the bounds of our Conference, have suffered greatly in consequence of our national troubles is a fact but too well known to the Conference as well as to your Committee. But from the facts which the Committee have been able to elicit, they are led to believe that these great interests have not been undervalued nor have they been lost sight of, but are only temporarily obscured by others more absorbing in their character.

The report from the Holston Conference Female College represents that institution in a condition even more favorable than the circumstances of the times might allow us to expect. The last collegiate year closed with about 70 pupils, and the present session is progressing with the prospect of even a larger number. The of Board Instruction has been necessarily diminished to suit the number of pupils in attendance, and the charges for board and tuition have been somewhat increased, yet we feel satisfied that the Institution is prudently managed, that its interests are in safe hands, and that with the return of peace it will quickly regain its former prosperity.

The report from the Athens Female College is encouraging, 85 pupils were in attendance during the year ending June 27th, about 40 are now attending, with a good prospect of an increase in the number after the adjournment of Conference. We commend this school as well deserving the fostering care of Conference.

In the absence of any formal report from Martha Washington Female College, we beg leave to state that from representations made by its President to members of this Committee, it appears that the school is progressing under the management of President Harris, with about 40 pupils in attendance. The receipts, as we are informed, have hitherto been rather more than sufficient to meet the current expenses. We cannot learn, however, that anything has been done towards liquidating the debt incurred in the purchase of the buildings.—The notes executed for the property have passed from the original owner into the hands of Messrs. Stewart, Buchanan, & Co., who are not only not solicitous about their present collection provided the interest be paid, but express a perfect willingness to receive back the property in lieu of the bond, both principal and interest if the trustees desire it, a fact indicating that the purchase of the property has not been injudicious.

Your Committee regret to state that the school at Emory and Henry College has of necessity been entirely suspended during the past year. The students have left its halls and are gone to fight the battles of the country. Efforts have been made to reopen the school but without success, and we are unwillingly

forced to the conclusion that its operations must remain suspended until the return of peace and the successful establishment of our independence.

During the greater part of the past year the college buildings have been used as a hospital for sick and wounded soldiers, for which the Confederate Authorities pay the Trustees an annual rent of \$2500. The farm is rented to other parties for \$500 per annum, making an aggregate annual income of \$3000.—The buildings and grounds have been carefully protected from injury while occupied by the soldiers.

Your Committee recommend that the communication from the Trustees of Shoal Creek Academy be received with favor, but prefer that the question of appointing the Rev. Wm. Hicks as Principal be left with the authority to which it properly belongs.

In conclusion, your Committee would most earnestly recommend the members of the Holston Annual Conference, to give all the encouragement and support to the cause of education that these times of darkness will admit of; a cause on which the future success and power of our Confederacy must greatly depend. Respectfully submitted.

JAS. A. DAVIS.

Chairman of Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee upon the Bible Cause have considered the subject, and beg leave to report:

That from all the information they can procure, there are many destitute of the Word of Life both among our citizens and soldiers, and that there is now no active organized effort in the bounds of our Conference, to supply this deficiency. This lack of active effort, however, is chiefly owing to the want of facilities for publishing the Holy Scriptures in the bounds of the Confederate States.

Yet inasmuch as there are a few places, in the bounds of the Confederacy, where at least the New Testament is published, and as it is believed that the facilities for publishing the Scriptures should be, and will be, increased, your Committee are of the opinion that this body should take some efficient step to contribute to the increase of these facilities for the publication and to aid in the circulation of the Word of God.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the presiding Bishop is hereby respectfully requested to appoint W. W. Neal of this body as Bible Agent, whose duty it shall be to ascertain whether bibles or testament can be procured, and if they can, to solicit funds with which to purchase them and superintend the circulation of the Scriptures in our bounds

In behalf of the committee,

J. M. CRISMOND.

REPORT OF PREACHER'S AID SOCIETY.

The Treasurer of the Preacher's Aid Society makes the following report:

Received per E. E. Wiley interest on College note,	- - - - -	\$38.67
“ of T. K. Catlett,	- - - - -	13.00
“ of J. Atkins,	- - - - -	21.00
Total,	- - - - -	\$72.67
Paid over to Stewards of Conference,	- - - - -	\$72.67

Received of the principal per F. A. Butler, \$51.00 from the estate of Rev. T. Stringfield, in full for his note to this society. There is no change in the condition of the funds belonging to this society, since our last meeting that has come to the knowledge of your Treasurer. The note of E. F. Sevier is still due with interest for two years. Respectfully submitted,

JAS. ATKIN, Treas.

CONFERENCE ORGAN.

Certain papers presented to Conference were referred to the committee on the State of the Church, consisting of T. Sullins, J. W. Dickey, A. W. Cummings, E. E. Wiley, and T. K. Catlett. The following is their report, which was adopted by the Conference.

The committee to whom were referred the papers in regard to the establishment of a Religious Paper within our bounds, beg leave to report :

Being fully apprised of the great value of a religious weekly journal to ourselves and our membership, feeling sensibly the loss of our Nashville periodical from which we are now cut off, and having received liberal proposals from gentlemen not connected with this body, to co operate with the Conference in the establishment of such an organ, therefore,

*Resolved*, That W. W. Neal, E. E. Wiley, T. K. Catlett, C. W. Charlton, J. B. G. Kinsloe, A. W. Cummings and C. Long be a Committee to meet at such time and place as they may elect, with full power to establish a paper for a Conference Organ, with the distinct understanding, 1st, that it shall be strictly a religious paper, and 2nd, that this Conference will incur no pecuniary responsibility whatever.

*Resolved*, If the above Committee shall determine to establish such a paper, the Presiding Elder of the Knoxville District, the Station preacher in Knoxville, and the preacher in charge of Knox Circuit, shall be a Publishing Committee for the same.

*Resolved*, That we as members of the Conference, will act as agents in procuring subscribers, and making collections for the paper, if it is resolved to establish it.

*Resolved*, That the Committee have power also to provide an Editor for the Paper.

## FINANCIAL.

### THE PLAN ADOPTED.

1. There shall be a Conference Financial Committee, constituted annually as follows:—There shall be one lay-steward from every district within the Conference elected by the district stewards, either from their own number at their annual meeting, or from among the other stewards of the district, and one from among the preachers of the Conference for each district. All the financial interests of the Conference shall be referred to this committee, provided, always, that the failure of the lay-stewards, any or all of them, to attend the sessions of the Conference, shall in no wise hinder or invalidate the regular proceedings of that portion of the Financial Committee elected from the Conference.

2. The expenses incurred by the lay-stewards in attending the sessions of the Annual Conference shall be determined by the board of district stewards, and paid by their respective districts.

3. There shall be elected annually by the fourth quarterly meeting of each circuit, in addition to the legal number of seven stewards already provided for by the Discipline, a representative for each society on said circuit not represented by one of the stewards.

4. There shall be a meeting in every district, of one steward from each station and circuit, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration the temporalities of the district, to estimate the presiding elder's entire claim, including quarterage, travelling and family expenses, and to apportion his entire claim, thus ascertained, among the several circuits and stations of his district according to the relative ability of the several charges to pay.

5. It shall be the duty of this class of representatives to attend the first financial meeting held by the preacher in charge, of the several circuits and stations, (and also the quarterly meetings) and co-operate with the stewards in estimating the entire claims of the preacher, or preachers of said circuit, or station, including quarterage, family and traveling expenses, etc., and, when so determined, to apportion the entire claim, including that of the presiding elder, against said circuit or station, among the several societies of their respective charges; it being left to the discretion of those brethren who have families, to make, on their own fields of labor, such arrangements as they and their stewards may deem most judicious for raising their family supplies, whether it may be in money or in such produce as may be needed, and is equivalent to so much money in value.



6. When the first financial meeting of the circuits and stations has been convened, and the stewards and other class representatives have ascertained the entire claim against said station or circuit, and apportioned it to the several classes or societies, the preacher in charge shall recommend that each class have a committee of three, five or more appointed by election or otherwise, in each class or society, whose duty it shall be, at the earliest opportunity, to divide or distribute the amounts apportioned to the several classes among all the individual members of said classes, per head, according to the ability of each one to pay, thus providing for the entire claims of all the preachers, and diffusing the burden of ministerial support over all the church.

7. In order to meet the claims of the superannuated preachers, widows and orphans of deceased ministers, the preachers in charge of the several circuits and stations shall be required to raise a collection in each society; and that the stewards of the conference apportion the amount necessary to meet the claims of the bishops among the several districts, and that the presiding elders collect the same: and that in the event a preacher fails to do his duty as above required, he shall pay or forfeit to the conference five per cent. on his entire receipts.

8. It shall be the duty of the Conference Financial Committee, constituted as heretofore provided, to receive the financial reports of all the preachers in charge of the districts, stations, circuits and missions, to be made out agreeable to the requirements of the Discipline; and also, at each conference, carefully to inquire into the pecuniary condition and resources of all those for whose benefit this collection is made, lest improper claimants be retained on the list of this class of beneficiaries.

9. The lay conference stewards shall have the privilege of voting and participating in all discussions arising either in the committee-meetings, or in the conference room, in reference to the financial interests of the Conference and Church.

10. It shall be the duty of each steward and class-representative to present to each class at the end of the year an accurate list of all the names on their several class-rolls, with the amount assessed to each member, and the amount paid.

11. It shall be the duty of each presiding elder to see that every preacher in charge on the several circuits and stations of his district put into operation the plan hereinbefore set forth, and that every preacher in charge be required to scrupulously carry out this financial policy on all their charges, and among all their classes.

12. It is earnestly recommended that all the preachers unitedly co-operate throughout the bounds of our conference in carrying out uniformly and rigidly this financial policy.

#### REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF STEWARDS.

Appointments.	Preachers.	Claims.	Receipts.	Deficiency.	Conf. Col.	Bishops Claims.
WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT,	J. M. McTeer,	600 00	600 00			
“ Station,	W. H. Howell,	325 00	325 00		31 75	10 00
“ Circuit,	Geo. Stewart,	680 00	680 00		78 00	15 00
“ “	B. F. Nuckle,	150 00	150 00			
Pearisburg “	J. W. Dickey,	600 00	600 00		24 20	25 00
Newbern “	G. W. Miles,	700 00	700 00		54 00	11 00
Hillsville Station,	J. D. Wagg,	150 00	150 00		3 00	2 50
“ Circuit,	A. J. Frazier,	150 00	150 00		27 00	2 50
Grayson “	C. K. Miller,	150 00	150 00		55 65	15 00
Jefferson “	B. W. S. Bishop,	300 00	300 00		45 00	6 00
Marion “	John Boring,	650 00	650 00		110 00	15 00
Mechanisburg Circuit,	S. R. Wheeler,	380 00	380 00		25 00	5 00



Appointments.	Preachers.	Claims.	Receipts.	Deficiency	Conf. Col.	Bishops Claims.
Princeton Circuit,	J. M. Crismond,	470 00	76 00	394 00		
Flat Top Mission,	J. Milburn, Jr.,	150 00	28 00	122 00		
		5455 00	4939 00	516 00	453 60	107 00
ABINGDON DISTRICT,	Jas. S. Kennedy,	800 00	600 00	200 00		
Abingdon Station,	W. E. Munsey,	600 00	600 00		39 90	6 00
" Circuit,	J. Haskew,	480 00	400 00	80 00	3 00	5 00
Saltville "	J. K. Stringfield,	165 00	170 00		66 00	14 00
Jeffersonville "	Wm. M. Kerr,	900 00	667 10	232 90	73 40	10 00
" "	J. R. Payne,	160 00	118 65	41 35		
Lebanon "	B. F. White,	300 00	300 00		7 00	5 00
Russell "	F. A. Farley,	160 00	100 00	60 00		
Guest River "	W. P. Doane,	160 00	149 50	10 50		5 00
Estilville "	J. T. Smith,	530 00	420 64	109 36	4 70	5 00
Blountville "	S. D. Gaines,	500 00	424 00	76 00	30 00	5 00
Bristol "	W. W. Neal,	400 00	300 00	100 00	10 00	5 00
" Station,	T. K. Catlett,	200 00	200 00		24 10	5 00
		5355 00	4449 89	910 11	258 10	65 00
ROGERSVILLE DIST.,	R. M. Hickey,	300 00	280 00	20 00		85 00
Rogersville Circuit,	L. C. Delashmit,	160 00	160 00		8 85	
Morristown "	W. C. Graves,	700 00	275 00	425 00	11 60	
Mossy Creek "	W. P. Kinsland,	150 00	150 00		16 00	
Rutledge "	J. Milburn, Sr.,	400 00	300 00	100 00	14 95	
Tazewell "						
" "	J. F. Freeman,	150 00	109 00	41 00	10 00	
Thorn Hill "	T. K. West,	300 00	86 25	213 75		
Powell's Valley "	R. Steele,	500 00	400 00	100 00	4 00	
Jonesville "	J. Torbitt,	450 00	200 00	250 00		
" "	Jacob Smith,	150 00	150 00		7 65	
Sneedville "	W. B. Lyda,	150 00	150 00		15 00	
Kingsport "	S. A. Miller,	190 00	190 00			
" "	T. S. Walker,	150 00	150 00			
		3760 00	2600 15	1159 35	88 05	85 00
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT,	G. W. Alexander,	700 00	500 00	200 00		20 00
Knoxville Station,	G. Taylor,	500 00	500 00		75 15	
Knox Circuit,	J. A. Hyden,	700 00	550 00	150 00	30 00	
" "	J. N. Summers,	140 00	80 00	60 00		
Little River Circuit,	A. E. Woodward,	150 00	130 00	20 00	2 00	
Sevierville "	T. H. Russell,	500 00	400 00	100 00	2 00	
Dandridge "	J. H. Bruner,	550 00	327 15	222 85	49 95	
" "	W. H. Rodgers,	400 00	350 00	50 00		
Maynardsville "	M. Maupin,	530 00	230 00	300 00	5 00	
Clinton "	A. J. Greer,	200 00	168 00	32 00	5 20	
Jacksboro "	G. W. Penley,					
		4370 00	3235 15	1134 85	169 30	20 00
CUMBERLAND DIST.,	W. C. Dailey,	600 00	600 00		6 00	6 50
Washington Circuit,	R. A. Giddens,	450 00	337 85	112 15	10 00	

Appointments.	Preachers.	Claims.	Receipts.	Deficiency.	Conf. Col.	Bishops Claims.
Hamilton Circuit,	J. W. Dodson,	150 00	150 00		14 25	
Pikeville "	G. W. Callahan,	162 76	76 50	85 50		
Jasper "	W. P. Swain,	200 00	121 14	78 86	30 00	
Cumberland "	E. J. Dawn,	150 00	35 00	115 00		
Spencer Mission,	John Rudd,	150 00	61 00	89 00		
Altamont "	N. B. S. Owing,	150 00	107 00	43 90		
Montgomery Mission,	T. P. Rutherford,	150 00	21 70	128 30	4 00	
Huntsville "	J. P. Minton,	10 00	10 00			
		2172 00	1520 19	651 81	58 25	6 50
CHATTANOOGA DIST.	A. G. Worley,	750 00	600 00	150 00		20 00
" Station	E. C. Wexler,	150 00	180 00		8 00	10 00
Benton Circuit,	M. H. B. Burkett	175 00	100 00	75 00		
Cleveland Station,	T. F. Glenn,	150 00	75 00	75 00		
Harrison Circuit,	Samuel Hyden,	550 00	392 00	158 00	20 00	17 00
Bradley "	P. H. Reed,	600 00	500 00	100 00		
Trenton "	J. Forretser,	375 00	229 25	145 75	8 00	
Ducktow Station,	W. P. Queen,	75 00	50 00	25 00		
Murphy Circuit,	W. H. Eblin,	150 00	140 00	10 00	9 25	
Fort Henbree,	J. L. M. French,	150 00	150 00		26 00	7 00
Charleston,	H. B. Swisher,	150 00	150 00		8 00	6 00
		3275 00	2566 25	738 75	79 25	60 00
ATHENS DISTRICT,	J. Atkins,	800 00	550 00	250 00		
Athens Station,	John W. Mann,	550 00	207 90	342 10	60 60	
" Circuit,	C. Long,	600 00	379 65	220 35	8 25	
Madisonville Circuit,	Thos. Cass,	500 00	330 00	170 00	6 00	
Marysville Station,	J. F. Woodfin,	155 00	155 00			10 00
Louisville "	L. M. Renfro,	150 00	126 00	24 00	5 00	
Loudon "	G. Caldwell,	475 00	367 00	108 00	12 00	12 00
Kingston "	R. G. Blackburn,	525 00	262 50	262 50	20 50	
Sewee "	W. H. H. Duggan	300 00	99 57	200 43		10 00
Decatur "	E. W. Moore,	440 00	440 00		27 00	
		4495 00	2917 62	1577 38	139 35	57 50
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT,	F. M. Fanning,	670 00	670 00			32 00
Asheville Station,	A. D. Stewart,	165 00	165 00		5 00	
" Col. Charge	J. Reynolds,	300 00	43 00	257 00		
" Circuit,	H. P. Waugh,	450 00	450 00		5 00	
Hendersonville Stat.	P. S. Sutton,	550 00	550 00		3 00	
" Circuit	J. L. Mann,	150 00	150 00		11 50	
Transylvania Mission,	L. K. Haynes,	75 00	88 35			
Burnsville Circuit,	H. Bennett,	150 00	150 00		6 25	
Sulphur Springs Ct.	W. W. Smith,	480 00	375 46	104 54	4 00	
Franklin Circuit,	J. D. Baldwin,	525 00	427 63	97 37	17 00	
Webster "	W. Cooper,	112 50	112 50			
Waynesville "	D. R. Reagan,	150 00	150 00		5 00	
Echota & Cheo Miss.	W. H. Moodey,	150 00	121 30	28 70	1 00	
Catawba	J. R. Ballew,	375 00	225 49	149 51		
		4302 50	3678 73	637 12	57 75	32 00

Appointments.	Preachers.	Claims.	Receipts.	Deficiency.	Conf. Col.	Bishops Claims.
JONESBORO' DISTRICT,	W. H. Bates,	550 00	350 00	200 00		
"    Station,	S. S. Sweet,	275 00	275 00		32 00	5 85
"    Circuit,	L. W. Crouch,	300 00	300 00		5 00	5 00
Elizabethton " "	R. P. McCall,	200 00	200 00		7 00	
Taylorville " "	J. S. Edwards,	300 00	160 00	140 00	5 00	
Watanga Mission,	W. P. Cooper,	225 00	225 00		10 00	10 00
Fall Branch Circuit,	F. Crumley,	575 00	485 00	90 00	15 00	4 70
Rheatown " "	J. C. Hyden,	730 00	447 00	283 00	25 00	25 00
St. Clair " "	James Mahoney,	586 00	465 00	121 00	22 35	
Greenville " "	J. G. Swisher,	600 00	521 00	79 00	38 80	
Newport " "	J. W. Byrd,	520 00	440 00	80 00	2 00	
"    "    "	G. M. Proffit,	150 00	131 00	19 00		
		5011 00	3999 00	1012 00	162 15	50 55

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Claims.	Receipts.	Defcy.	Con. Co.l	Bishops Claims.
Wytheville, . . . . .	5455 00	4939 00	516 00	453 60	107 00
Abingdon, . . . . .	5355 00	4449 89	906 11	258 10	65 00
Rogersville, . . . . .	3760 00	2600 25	1159 75	88 05	85 00
Knoxville, . . . . .	4370 00	3239 15	1134 85	169 30	20 00
Cumberland, . . . . .	2172 00	1520 19	651 81	58 25	6 50
Chattanooga, . . . . .	3275 00	2566 25	708 75	79 25	60 00
Athens, . . . . .	4495 00	2917 62	1577 38	139 35	57 50
Asheville, . . . . .	4302 50	3678 73	623 77	57 75	32 00
Jonesboro', . . . . .	5011 00	3999 00	1012 00	162 15	50 55
	38195 50	29906 08	8289 42	1445 80	489 55

MONIES RECEIVED.

HOW APPROPRIATED.

	Conf. Col.	Bish'ps Col.	Total.	Claimants.	Claims	Am't Paid.	Deficiency.
Wytheville Dis.	453 60	107 00	560 60	J. Cumming,	300 00	100 00	200 00
Abingdon "	258 10	65 00	323 10	T. K. Munsey,	800 00	400 00	400 00
Rogersville "	88 05	85 00	173 05	D. Fleming,	300 00	185 26	114 74
Knoxville "	169 30	20 00	189 30	Mrs. S. Patton,	150 00	75 00	75 00
Cumberland "	58 25	6 50	64 75	" O. F. Cunningham,	190 00	100 00	90 00
Chattanooga "	79 25	60 00	139 25	" Ira Falls,	150 00	134 55	15 45
Athens "	139 35	57 50	196 85	" W. Boring	190 00	90 00	100 00
Asheville "	57 75	32 00	89 75	" W. Murphy	150 00	35 00	115 00
Jonesboro' "	162 15	50 55	212 70	" U. Keener	230 00	100 00	130 00
Ambrister Fund	42 00		42 00	" Goodykuntz,	230 00	95 00	135 00
Trenton Ct. to E. F. Sevier,	15 00		15 00	" C. Mitchell	230 00	120 00	110 00
J. Atkins, Prea. Aid Society,	73 46		73 46	" W. Foster,	175 00	90 00	85 00
Hon. W. G. Swan	50 00		50 00	E. F. Sevier heirs	50 00	50 00	
				Bishop Early,	500 00	500 00	
				M. Maupin,	50 00	50 00	
				Broken Bk. Bill	5 00	5 00	
	1646 26	483 55	2129 81		3700 00	2129 81	1570 19

One hundred and seven ministers have been in their respective fields of labor the past year. When we compare the claims, receipts and deficiencies of this with former years, we find a very great improvement in meeting the claims of our preachers. The receipts, over 1860, are \$2211.40, and over 1861 they are \$9978.48. The Conference and Bishop's collections also show an increase of nearly one hundred per cent. over the year 1861. We are pleased to note the healthy state of the church in financial matters, and hope to record the fact at our next session that every claim has been met.

We would once more appeal to the church—in its officers and membership—to support the Gospel. A little energy upon the part of the Stewards and a proper training of the membership, will secure not only the entire claim, but give a bonus to each minister within our bounds.

We would again urgently request every minister to present the claims of the gospel to their people, during this year, and the membership to give liberally that we may witness greater displays of the power of God, and realize the fact that it is "more blessed to give than receive."

We would also recommend the adoption of the following :

*Resolved*, That we reaffirm our confidence in the present Financial Plan, and would earnestly recommend that all the preachers throughout the bounds of Holston Conference unitedly co-operate in uniformly and rigidly enforcing said plan. Respectfully submitted.

J. B. G. KINSLOE, Chr'm.

### BISHOP'S CLAIM.

Withville District,	\$90.00	Abingdon District,	\$65.00
Jonesboro' "	40.00	Rogersville "	50.00
Knoxville "	65.00	Athens "	60.00
Chattanooga "	40.00	Asheville "	60.00
Cumberland "	30.00		

### TRUSTEES.

*Trustees for the Kennedy Fund.*—E. F. Sevier, R. M. Stevens, J. Atkins.

*Trustees for the Ambrister Fund.*—Jas. Cumming, J. W. Dickey.

## RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE.

### MINUTES.

*Resolved*, That in taking up the Conference collections, the ensuing year, the preachers are hereby requested to state that a portion of the money contributed, will be appropriated to publishing the Minutes of Conference, for gratuitous distribution among our people.

### CLAIMS.

*Resolved*, That the claims of all the claimants on the Conference collection, be reported to the Joint Board of Stewards of this Conference.

### GRATEFUL REMEMBERANCES.

*Resolved*, In view of the fact that in his intercourse, socially and official, with this Conference as individuals and as a body, Bishop EARLY has exhibited that spirit of Christian courtesy and Episcopal firmness so becoming one in his position, that we cherish for him grateful rememberances.

*Resolved* That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the Pastor and Elders of the Presbyterian

Church, for the use of their house of worship during the session of Conference. Also, our thanks are hereby tendered to the good people of Athens for the kind reception and treatment extended to us during our stay with them.

#### PRAYER FOR OUR CONFEDERACY.

*Resolved*, That the members of this Conference, and all other persons leading the devotions of worshiping assemblies, are hereby earnestly requested to offer, or see, that at least, one prayer be offered at every religious service, for our distracted and oppressed country—for Divine protection and direction in all our dangers and troubles—for peace on terms that will glorify God and bless mankind—peace, too, that will last, so that the children's children of this generation shall not learn war. And that all christians in their families and in secret places are requested to join in these petitions.

*Resolved*, That the members of this Conference be, and are hereby requested to bring this motion before their congregations at an early period, and urge upon them its importance.

*Resolved*, That all newspapers in our bounds are hereby respectfully requested to give publicity to the above.

#### FAST DAYS.

*Resolved*, That this Conference will observe such days of Thanksgiving or of Fasting and Prayer as may be set apart by the Confederate or State authorities, and also, we will observe the 28th of November next, as a day of Fasting, Thanksgiving and Prayer to Almighty God for the restoration of peace to our beloved country. And that we recommend the same to all our people and the whole community:

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to those churches that cannot have the services of a preacher, that they have a prayer-meeting among themselves.

#### CONFERENCE SERMON.

Rev. ERASTUS ROWLEY, D.D., was appointed to preach the annual sermon on the first day of the next Conference.

#### COURSE OF STUDY.

FIRST YEAR.—The Bible : Historical Biographical parts, with reference to Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary enlarged, with New Biblical Atlas, and Preachers' Text Book. Wesley's Sermons, Vol. I ; Discipline, Hymn Book, Clarke's Preachers' Manual, Watson's Institutes, part iii. ; Theological Compend, English Grammar, Composition.

SECOND YEAR.—The Bible ; As to the Institutions of Christianity, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above. Wesley's Sermons, Vol. II. ; Discipline, with reference to Henkle's Analysis ; Hymn-Book ; Smith's Elements of Divinity ; Watson's Institutes, part iv. ; Watson's Life of Wesley and Observations on Southey ; Essay or Sermon, with reference to Quackenbos' Advanced Course of Composition and Rhetoric.

THIRD YEAR.—The Bible : As to doctrines, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above. Wesley's Sermons, Vol. III. ; Discipline ; Hymn-Book ;

Watson's Institutes, part ii.; Whateley's Rhetoric; Essay on Sermons, with reference to Vinet's Pastoral Theology.

FOURTH YEAR.—The Bible generally, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above. Wesley's Sermons, Vol. IV.; Discipline; Hymn-Book; River's Elements of Moral Philosophy; Watson's Institutes, part i.; Powell on Succession; Ruter's Church History; Whateley's Logic; Essay or Sermon.

## COMMITTEES.

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JOHN M. McTEER,	WM. ROBESON,	R. M. STEVENS,
	JOHN H. BRUNNER.	

RESERVES :	A. W. CUMMINGS,	T. K. CATLETT,
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### REV. E. F. SEVIER, OF THE HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

A few years since, one of those extraordinary manifestations of God's power and goodness called "revivals," was in progress in Chattanooga. For weeks it had continued; its influence widening day by day, until it reached the outer circle of sinners, where it found the author of this tribute. I was a self-conceited skeptic, so presumptuous as to sit in judgment upon the Christian religion, while knowing but little more of the Bible than a heathen. The revival threw its then seemingly singular influence about me, and for the first time in years, I was at the house of God. Something, I knew not *then* what it was, drew me there again. The sermon was over. An old gray-haired man started from the altar towards the back seat where I was. I had wronged him on one occasion by withholding the courtesy and respect that were his due. He came nearer

and nearer, conversing a moment here and there on his way. I knew the object of real attack. Coming up, he laid his hand upon me, and began: "I know, friend H., that what I can say may have no influence——." It was too much. I interrupted him with "You are mistaken, sir." My self-sufficiency was gone. The old man was an instrument for my good.

The revival ended. The world was a new one to me. How completely all things were changed the disbeliever cannot know. Time passed. A second revival came. One whom God had given me sought pardon for sin, and long and earnestly did she sue for it. Despair was about to chill her effort. Just before the services were closed, my friend—he was now my friend and I was his—slowly and solemnly repeated the words of the promise, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you." The words went to the heart of her whom I loved most. The petition went up in His name, and from that time to this, she and I have been looking forward with an eye of faith to the sweets of heavenly recognition. Elbert F. Sevier has gone before us, but we know that his works live after him.

He was not an ordinary man. I knew him not in the earlier years of his ministry. When I first heard him preach, his work was well nigh finished, but his great mind was still unimpaired. He was in many respects a model preacher. Conscious of his strength he disdained the flowers of rhetoric, and marching boldly up to the subject, grasped it with a master's hand. He never begged a question. Believing the Bible, he planted his faith amid its truths, and boldly defied all opposers. He claimed everything for Christianity. He knew no compromise. To God *all* the praise was due and men were nothing. Without stopping to honor the skeptic with disputation, he looked down from his high stand point and demanded that ignorance should be healed. He was right.—Men who can but repeat the threadbare objections of debauched infidels, only deserve to be directed to go and learn that of which they ignorantly speak.

He was a proud man, but it was not objectionable pride. He was conscious of his power, and as he honored God who gave it, he was proud of it. Rising above the silly and sinful endeavor to please many, he laid bare the deformity of sin, and careless alike of praise and censure, preached for eternity. His commission, old as the cross and sealed by the man of sorrows, was, "PREACH THE GOSPEL." He did preach it. In youth, in manhood, and in old age; in wealth, in poverty, in happiness and in deepest afflictions, he, faithful to his mission and true to his Master, preached the Gospel of the Son of God with the great man's power and the humble christian's simplicity.

But the days of his ministry are ended; he sleeps near the objects of his earthly affection. Where is his spirit? Who doubts? The disciple is with his Master. He rests from his labor. *Rests*, yes, that is the word. Heaven gives it: earth denies it. *Rest in Heaven*. How vast the plan! The Fall, the Atonement, the Resurrection—the Intercession of an ascended Saviour. What equals it? Thanks for it. Faith may console the pilgrim in earth's darkness, but a resurrection with the just—that is happiness. We truly believe that Elbert F. Sevier was, in the providence of God, the means of creating the hope of such a resurrection in many a heart. Let it be a tribute to his memory. 'Tis enough. May we be ready. The believer will not be forgotten. Death only separates for a time. The journey ended, what then?

Jehovah gave the miracle of the Cross as a pledge that *then* we shall meet again.

H.

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