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CONFERENCE ROLL

Baines, W. C.....	Deacon.....	1905
Chappell, M. L.....	Elder.....	1897
Davis, T. S.....	Elder.....	From Blue Ridge
Graham, W. Q. A.....	Elder.....	From Blue Ridge
Graham, W. F.....	Deacon.....	1907
Garriss, J. H.....	Deacon.....	1910
Lewis, J. J.....	Elder.....	1900
Moore, W. L.....	Elder.....	1909
Plint, W. J.....	Elder.....	1906
Woodell, W. R.....	Deacon.....	1905
West, W. E.....	Deacon.....	From Blue Ridge 1910
Weston, Z.....	Elder.....	1910

ATLANTIC MISSION CONFERENCE

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church

Held in Pamele, N. C., October 4 and 5, 1910

OFFICERS

President: Bishop W. F. Anderson, D. D.

Secretary: W. J. Plint, Pinners, Va.

Statistician: W. F. Graham, Morehead City, N. C.

Treasurer: W. Q. A. Graham, Marshallberg, N. C.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

EXAMINERS

W. J. Plint, Chairman; T. S. Davis, Registrar;
M. L. Chappell, J. J. Lewis.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

W. J. Plint, Chairman; W. Q. A. Graham; J. J. Lewis—Laymen;
E. H. Davis, B. T. Willis, J. H. Lewis.

TRUSTEES CONFERENCE RELIEF FUND

T. S. Davis, M. L. Chappell, W. F. Graham,
W. J. Plint, W. L. Moore.

TRIEERS OF APPEAL

W. Q. A. Graham, M. L. Chappell, J. J. Lewis,
Z. Weston, W. J. Plint.

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

T. S. Davis, W. J. Plint, M. L. Piland.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1 Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirements of the Discipline? No. W. Q. A. Graham, T. S. Davis and W. J. Plint were appointed a Committee on Incorporation.

2 Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference? William E. West, in Studies of First Year, from Blue Ridge Annual Conference.

3 Who have been Readmitted? None.

4 Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what churches? Zaccheus Weston, as an Elder from the Independent Methodist Church of America.

5 Who have been Received on Trial?

In Studies of Third Year, Jas. H. Garriss.

6 Who have been Continued on Trial?

In studies of Second Year, W. C. Baines.

7 Who have been Discontinued? Evan J. Midgett, in Studies of Second Year.

8 Who have been Admitted into Full Membership? None.

9 What Members are in Studies of Third Year? None.

Admitted into Full Membership previously, W. F. Graham, W. L. Moore.

10 What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year? W. R. Woodell.

11 What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study? None.

12 What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons? None.

13 What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders? None.

14 Was the Character of each Preacher examined? Yes, carefully in open Conference. The case of L. N. Booth was referred to the Superintendent for investigation.

15 Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences? D. D. Bailey, to Blue Ridge Annual Conference.

16 Who have Died? None.

17 Who have been Located at their own Request? None.

18 Who have been Located? None.

19 Who have Withdrawn? None.

20 Who have been Permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints? None.

21 Who have been Expelled? None.

22 What other personal Notation should be made? The case of L. N. Booth was referred to the Superintendent for investigation.

23 Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? None.

24 Who are the Superannuated Preachers? None.

25 Who are the Triers of Appeals? W. Q. A. Graham, M. L. Chappell, J. J. Lewis, Z. Weston, W. J. Plint.

26 What is the Statistical Report for this year? See Statistical Tables.

27 What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$401.00.

28 What are the Claims on the Conference Fund? None.

29 What has been Received on these claims and how has it been Applied? In hands conference Relief Fund.

30 What is the Amount of the Five per cent of Collections for the conference claimants' connectional fund paid by the Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants? Nil.

31 Where are the Preachers Stationed?

W. Q. A. Graham, President, Graham Collegiate Institute, Marshallberg, member Marshallberg Quarterly Conference.

APPOINTMENTS

T. S. Davis, Superintendent, Marshallberg, N. C.

CHARGE	POST OFFICE	PASTOR
Avon.....	Hatteras.....	J. H. Garriss
Elizabeth City.....	Elizabeth City.....	W. E. West
Hamlet and Rowland.....	Elrod.....	W. R. Woodell
Laurinburg and Bladen.....	Laurinburg.....	To be supplied
Marshallberg.....	Marshallberg.....	Z. Weston
Morehead City.....	Morehead City.....	W. F. Graham
Ocracoke.....	Ocracoke sup'd by W. E. Tomkinson	
Pates.....	Maxton.....	W. L. Moore
Parmele.....	Parmele.....	M. L. Chappell
Pinners and Portsmouth.....	Pinners, Va.....	W. J. Plint
Wildwood and Harkers Island.....	Grantsboro.....	J. J. Lewis
Winfall and Whaleyville.....	R. F. D. Elizabeth City.....	W. C. Baines

32 Where shall the next conference be held? Rowland, N. C.
William F. Anderson, President. W. J. Plint, Sect'y.

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DAILY PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY

Tuesday, October 4, 1910

The Fourteenth Annual Session of the Atlantic Mission Conference convened in Parmele Methodist Episcopal church at Parmele, N. C., Tuesday October 4, 1910, 10 a. m.

Bishop Anderson having telegraphed the Superintendent that he would necessarily be late in arriving but that the business should proceed, the Superintendent opened the Conference.

After singing 'Jesus Lover of My Soul' and prayer by T. S. Davis, the superintendent read the first chapter of Saint John.

The former Secretary called the roll and the following Members responded:—D. D. Bailey, M. L. Chappell, T. S. Davis, W. Q. A. Graham, W. F. Graham, J. J. Lewis, W. J. Plint, W. R. Woodell.

Probationers:—W. C. Baines,

W. J. Plint was elected Secretary and named D. D. Bailey as his Assistant.

W. F. Graham was elected Statistical Secretary and named W. E. West as assistant.

W. Q. A. Graham was elected treasurer and named T. S. Davis as assistant.

The following Committees were appointed:—

Foreign Mission; D. D. Bailey, W. C. Baines.

Home Missions and Church Extension; J. J. Lewis, M. L. Chappell.

Education; W. F. Graham, W. E. West.

Freedman's Aid; W. E. Tomkinson, W. R. Woodell.

Sunday Schools; W. Q. A. Graham, W. L. Moore.

Public Worship; M. L. Chappell, T. S. Davis.

Periodicals; D. D. Bailey, W. F. Graham.

Temperance; W. J. Plint, Z. Weston.

Auditing; W. Q. A. Graham, J. J. Lewis.

Conference Relations; W. J. Plint, D. D. Bailey, W. Q. A. Graham.

Thanks; W. E. Tomkinson, Z. Weston.

On motion of W. J. Plint the Conference hours for the day were fixed at 2:30 and 7:30 pm.

On motion of Dr. Graham the meeting at 2:30 was declared a statistical session.

The Secretary read a communication from National Reform Association. On motion of J. J. Lewis, W. Q. A. Graham and T. S. Davis were appointed as delegates to the World's Conference in Philadelphia November 16, 1910.

On motion of M. L. Chappell, J. J. Lewis was appointed as Canvasser for Methodist Review.

On motion of D. D. Bailey, Conference adjourned. Benediction was pronounced by T. S. Davis.

STATISTICAL SESSION

After devotional services by Dr. Graham the secretary called the roll of charges and the pastors passed in their reports.

Appropriate remarks, relative to the good of our work were made by Brothers M. L. Chappell, J. J. Lewis, W. Q. A. Graham, W. R. Woodell and T. S. Davis.

The Secretary again called the roll for delinquents and we adjourned.

EVENING SESSION

Conference convened at 7:30 p.m., Bishop W. F. Anderson, D. D., presiding.

After preaching service by the Bishop the business of the conference was resumed.

Question 14 was taken up, T. S. Davis, Superintendent was called, his character passed and report read.

The following were called, they reported their collections and their Characters were passed:—W. J. Plint, M. L. Chappell, J. J. Lewis, W. Q. A. Graham.

Question 1 was called and W. Q. A. Graham, T. S. Davis and W. J. Plint were appointed committee on Incorporation.

Question 2 was taken up and the Bishop announced the Transfer of William E. West, in the Studies of the First Year, from the Blue Ridge Annual Conference.

Questions 3, 21, 23 and 24 were called. The answer to each being 'none.'

The Bishop appointed W. F. Graham and J. J. Lewis as tellers and T. S. Davis, W. J. Plint and J. W. McWilliams were elected Trustees of the Graham Collegiate Institute, terms to expire in 1913.

Question 32 was considered. Invitations were received from Elizabeth City and Rowlands. Upon vote Rowland was selected as the seat of our next conference session.

On motion of D. D. Bailey Conference adjourned. Benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY.

Wednesday, October 5, 1910.

Conference convened at 8:30 a. m., Bishop Anderson in the chair. After singing and prayer by Dr. W. E. Tomkinson the Bishop read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians.

The journal of Tuesday was read, corrected and approved.

Dr. Graham made a very interesting report of the work of our school.

Question 7 was called. On motion of the Superintendent Evan J. Midgett, in Studies of Second Year, was Discontinued.

Question 6 was taken up and W. C. Baines was Continued on Trial in Studies of Second Year.

Question 9-b was called, W. F. Graham and W. L. Moore were Continued in Studies of Third Year.

Question 10 was taken up. The Examiners made favorable report and on motion of T. S. Davis, W. R. Woodell was advanced to Studies of Fourth Year.

Questions 28 and 30 were called, the answer to each being 'nil'.

Question 29 was called. The Bishop announced to the Conference that the Annual Draft on the Book Concern had not been received, however the Treasurer reported \$7 received by collections.

Question 27 was taken up and the Treasurer announced \$401 as the Aggregate of Conference Collections.

On motion of M. L. Chappell, the case of L. N. Booth was referred to Superintendent for investigation.

The Bishop announced a recess of 30 minutes.

After recess question 6 was recalled, the Examiners made report and on motion of T. S. Davis, Wm. E. West was Continued on Trial and advanced to Studies of Second Year.

The Treasurer read his report which was adopted.

The Statistical report was read and adopted.

The following Committees made reports which were adopted, viz:—Temperance, Periodicals, Education, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Church Extension, Sunday School, Freedman's Aid, Thanks, Auditing.

The Bishop read the distribution of the Missionary Appropriations which were accepted.

Question 15 was called and the Bishop announced the Transfer of D. D. Bailey to the Blue Ridge Conference.

Question 4. On motion of T. S. Davis, Zacheus Weston from the Independent Methodist Church of America was received into membership in the Conference as an Elder upon his Credentials.

On motion of the Superintendent the Secretary was authorized to edit and publish the conference minutes, assessing each pastor their proportional part of the cost.

On motion of M. L. Chappell. after the communion service and the reading of the minutes and appointments the conference stood adjourned 'sine die'.

W. J. Plint, Secretary.

W. F. Anderson, President.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THANKS.

The hospitable entertainment of the Conference for the second time in two successive years by the church and citizens of Parmele incites our gratitude and we hereby extend to them our hearty thanks. To the Pastor of the Church, Brother Chappell, for his courtesy and care of the preachers, we extend our thanks.

Our appreciation of the brotherliness and careful administration of our beloved Bishop Anderson we now express by a rising vote.

Z. Weston, Wm. E. Tomkinson, Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

The evil of Intemperance is the greatest menace to the individual, the home, the state, the Nation and the Church.

We rejoice to say that our fair State is on the temperance list and thus our pastors have not the open saloon to fight. But we regret that an evil just as great has taken its place, namely, ordering by mail and the so called blind tigers. These two evils to a very large extent make of no effect the enactments of our legislature while the mail order houses are fast becoming rich.

We earnestly urge our people to co-operate with all Christians and organizations for the suppression of this gigantic evil and pursue with relentless vigor the hosts of the enemy.

W. J. Plint.
Zaccheus Weston.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

When the now immortal Lincoln struck the shackles from ten millions of slaves, the Nation and the slave States were left with one of the greatest problems in their histories.

The Methodist Episcopal Church realizing something of the greatness of their problem and seeing these teeming millions of Freedmen as created in the image of God and needing the Gospel of his Son Jesus, the Christ, the church organized the Freedman's

Aid Society. Through the work of the twenty schools under the direction and support of this society, ministers, teachers, doctors, lawyers, mechanics, milliners, dressmakers and housekeepers have gone forth to bless the people of the colored race and make them good citizens. The Freedman's Aid Society has and is thus aiding the Nation and the States in solving this race problem.

"A heart possessed of wishes to relieve who'ers oppressed" will take the work of this society under sympathetic consideration and do all possible to further its Christly work.

Resolved, therefore, by the preachers of this Conference that we will do all possible to meet the apportionments for this cause at our several charges. W. R. Woodell, Wm. E. Tomkinsor, Committee.

REPORT OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE TO THE ATLANTIC MISSION CONFERENCE

Dear Brethren:—We return thanks to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts for His continued blessings and the prosperity we now enjoy.

We acknowledge our indebtedness to those pioneers of Methodism who, guided by the Spirit of Divine Wisdom, laid the foundation of our great publishing interests, and to those God-fearing men of later years who by their untiring energy and zeal have contributed toward the present attainment.

The general financial and commercial condition of today indicate that the former prosperity that this country enjoyed has not fully returned; notwithstanding our Agents, by painstaking constant endeavor and careful management have produced results that exceed those of any year heretofore with the result that your Committee has been thus enabled to increase the dividend in the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), making for the benefit of the Conference Claimants an amount that is most gratifying, and aggregating one hundred and seventy thousand dollars.

In addition to this cash dividend there has been forwarded to the homes of these veterans of the Church, free of expense, Advocates and other periodicals, whose cost aggregates eight thousand seventy-eight dollars and eighty cents, making an actual dividend of one hundred and seventy-eight thousand and seventy-eight dollars and eighty cents.

There comes from the press of the Publishing Houses many thousands of books and periodicals that spread the doctrines of our Church, and which supply the demand for good and wholesome

literature. Thus our agents have made available to preacher and people the words of the best writers of the day, and afford opportunities for great intellectual and spiritual advancement.

In this day of apparent indifference to things spiritual, when the tendency seems to be toward a literature rationalistic, striving to break down the historic faith, the publications as offered to our connection, whether they be along the lines of practical religion; theology; biography, sociology, or in fiction, can be read and recommended to your people without fear.

The record made by our Sunday-school publications is most gratifying; the present is a time of transition, the old system making way for the more modern graded lessons, which, if properly used, must prove of valuable service and further increase the scope and power of the work.

No periodicals issued by the church make such demands on the thought and energy of those interested as the various advocates. Why these papers, attractive in form, composition, and literary merit, should not receive a more generous support is difficult to comprehend. We urge a hearty co-operation on the part of our preachers for a strong, systematic effort that will bring up the circulation of these papers.

We report the Episcopal fund in a healthy condition, but it must be so maintained, that we may be prepared to meet any increased demand upon this fund.

The collection for general conference and the commission expense must not be overlooked. The total amount required is approximately \$140,000, which was to be raised during the term of three years; one-third of that time has elapsed, and the amounts so far received indicate that a special effort should at once be put forth if the amount needed is collected and the funds of our conference claimants protected.

We urge upon the committee on entertainment for the annual conference sessions, in their preparation of program, that they arrange in connection with the publishing agents for an "anniversary for the book concern." and we request that the pastors use their efforts to secure a similar service annually in their Brotherhood, Epworth League, Sunday-schools and Young Ladies' Aid Societies.

We congratulate the general membership upon the financial showing as made by the book concern, and express our sincere appreciation of the efforts of those who have in any manner contributed toward the results.

Finally, the interests we serve are your interests, and we ask for your hearty co-operation that the dividends for the conference claimants may be maintained.

Charles E. Bacon, William E. Bletsch,
Edward E. Shipley, Ezra B. Tuttle.

Methodist Book Concern, New York, for year ending October 31, 1909. Western Methodist Book Concern, Cincinnati, for the year ending Oct. 31, '09.

ASSETS		ASSETS	
Real Estate,	\$ 963,591 45	Real Estate	\$ 922,369 00
Merchandise,	138,369 17	Merchandise	312,960 07
Mf'g Department	211,351 74	Mf'g Department	182,878 91
Furniture and Fixtures	3,450 11	Furniture and Fixtures	13,139 87
Notes and Accounts	342,188 38	Notes and Accounts	327,425 80
Surplus Investment	623,168 75	Surplus Investment	74,950 00
Cash	81,992 55	Cash	139,862 00
Fire Reserve Fund	108,368 75	Fire Reserve Fund	104,333 00
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	\$2,472,480 90		\$2,077,918 65
LIABILITIES		LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$1,500,000 00	Capital	\$1,200,000 00
Reserve	150,000 00	Reserve	150,000 00
Undivided Profits	512,135 48	Undivided Profits	535,629 40
Special Real Estate Acct.	100,000 00	Accounts	56,482 52
Accounts	43,626 82	Fire Reserve Fund	104,333 00
Fire Reserve Fund	108,548 27	Income Fire Reserve Fund,	
Income Fire Reserve Fund	4,334 38	'08 Balance	2,294 93
Dividend Account: Earnings,		Income Fire Reserve Fund '09,	4,951 00
from Real Estate and Sur-		Dividend Account: Earnings	
plus Investments	53,835 95	from Real Estate and Sur-	
	<hr/>	plus Investment	24,227 80
	\$2,472,480 90		<hr/>
			\$2,077,918 65
Sales for the year ending October 31, '09.		Sales for the year ending Oct. 31, '09.	
Book and Job Sales	\$ 624,394 35	Book and Job Sales	\$ 542,756 62
Periodicals	451,425 05	Periodicals	845,825 92
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	\$1,075,819 40		\$1,388,582 54

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The interest evidenced in Sunday school work by the people called Methodists dates so far back into the early history of the church that doubt exists in many minds as to whom the honor of its origination really belongs. Certainly Susannah Wesley did a noble work in giving Sunday instruction to her boys before Robert Raikes organized the Sunday school into being.

Our church has always recognized the fact that the Sunday school is the great training department and has ever sought to make it more and more efficient. Hence the ablest and best men have been called to the work of its development and the preparation of its literature. Today, no better equipment for a modern Sunday school can be found than that published by our own Board of Sunday schools and all Methodist Sunday schools should be supplied with our own publications.

W. Q. A. Graham, Ch'm'n.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In proportion as the church advances in the foreign field, winning new victories for Christ and in proportion to the increase of converts from heathenism; the Macedonian cry of "come over and help us" also increases in volume and power and we are glad to say, also in effectiveness; the cry of the heathen for help and light has never met with a more hearty response from the church than at the present day. We rejoice in the work that is being done by the Layman's Missionary Movement and in the prospect of new conquests which are being opened up thereby. We realize that as a conference we are not measuring up to our responsibilities and we desire to pledge ourselves to greater efforts along this line, that we may have some humble part in the evangelization of the world and the bringing of Christ into the inheritance which the Psalmist prophesied should be His.

D. D. Bailey,
W. C. Baines.

 EDUCATION.

Dear Brethren:—Your committee on Education begs to report. —We believe that Christian culture, educational excellence and genuine spirituality, may be classed among the things which accompany salvation and that at no period of the child's life does he need the guiding hand of consecrated Christian influence more than in the days when he is learning the things which he is to believe, and which are to shape the events of all his after life. We do not intend this report to condemn the political schools of our state or nation. In some respects they are indispensable, especially in the making of a cosmopolitan American citizenship, but when the choice of schools is to be made in a Christian home the result should always be the placing the boys and girls where they will receive the advantages of Christian Education. We have many such institutions in our own Church, under the control of the Board of Education, The Freedman's Aid Society and The Womans Home Missionary Society. Each of these societies should be liberally supported by the Church, and we should make earnest effort to raise every dollar asked of us by the Board of Education which has oversight and is giving aid to our white schools in the South.

We gladly re-affirm the statement made by us the last two years as follows:—We have within our bounds one of the schools under the auspices of this society, the Graham Collegiate Institute. This school has been at work for twenty years and has been a blessing to many of our young people and a strong factor

in the accomplishment of whatever good may have been wrought by us in this field. This school is under splendid management at the present time and is worthy of the confidence and support of our people. We ask our people for enlarged liberality towards this institution and we hereby endorse the appeal which the president is making to the benevolently inclined for financial aid in carrying on the work of the school.

We gladly recommend that as a Conference we make a special appeal to the friends of Education for aid for our Conference School and respectfully ask that, by vote, you adopt the following paper and ask the Bishop and Secretary to attach their signatures to the same.

W. F. Graham,

W. E. West.

Our appeal for aid for our conference school, The Graham Collegiate Institute, Marshallberg, N. C.

OUR APPEAL.

To the Benevolently Inclined:—We are a feeble folk in the bounds of the Atlantic Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, poor in such opportunities as others enjoy and poor in worldly goods. But we are not only preaching the gospel and building churches in neglected communities, but are trying to maintain a school of academic grade to give our young people, at least, a practical education. We are unable, as yet, to furnish the money needed to successfully carry on this work, hence we are asking the friends of Christian Education for aid. We are sending the President of our school, Rev. W. Q. A. Graham, D.D., with our endorsement, to bring our appeal to you, asking you to assist us in our work, assuring you that the money you will give us will be coired into good, rich, red, heart blood which shall go on forever ministering to humanity.

Adopted by the Atlantic Mission Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church at Parmele, North Carolina, October 5th, 1910.

Willam F. Anderson, Presiding Bishop.

W. J. Plint, Secretary.

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May 25th, 1908.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer, Rev. W. Q. A. Graham, D. D., is President of our school at Marshallberg, North Carolina and is doing a most laudable and worthy work. We know him, and know of the work under his care.

We believe him worthy of the consideration and help, in this special work, which he asks, and trust that all to whom he may apply will give him a patient hearing and liberal practical aid.

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EARL CRANSTON,
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