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COURSE OF STUDY.

FOR CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.—The Bible: Wesley's Sermons on Justification by Faith and on the Witness of the Spirit; Rules concerning the Duty of a Preacher, as laid down in the Discipline; Written Essay or Sermon.

FIRST YEAR.—The Bible: Historical and Biographical parts, with reference to Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary, enlarged, with New Biblical Atlas, and Preachers' Text-book; Wesley's Sermons, Volume 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, Volume 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's Advanced Course of Composition and Rhetoric.

THIRD YEAR.—The Bible: as to Doctrines, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above; Wesley's Sermons, Volume III.; Discipline; Hymn-book; Watson's Institutes, Part II.; Whately's Rhetoric; Essay or Sermon, with reference to Vinet's Pastoral Theology.

FOURTH YEAR.—The Bible, generally, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above; Wesley's Sermons, Volume IV.; Discipline; Hymn-book; Rivers's Elements of Moral Philosophy; Watson's Institutes, Part I.; Powell on Succession; Ruter's Church History; Whately's Logic; Essay or Sermon.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

APPOINTED IN 1866 FOR FOUR YEARS.

CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.—A. H. Thomas, John Barcroft, E. E. Hamilton.
FIRST YEAR.—Guilford Jones, W. W. Pearson, A. C. Allen.
THIRD YEAR.—E. C. Slater, B. H. Bishop, W. T. Harris.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE MINISTERIAL EDUCATION AID SOCIETY.

ORGANIZED DECEMBER 1, 1868.

Rev. A. W. Jones, President; Rev. J. H. Evans, Secretary; Dr. Alexander Jackson, Treasurer—all of Jackson, Tenn.
MINUTES
OF THE
MEMPHIS CONFERENCE,
THIRTIETH SESSION.
1869.

The Memphis Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held its Thirtieth Session, in the Methodist Church, Holly Springs, Miss., opening Wednesday morning, Nov. 3, 1869, and closing Wednesday evening, Nov. 10, 1869.

Bishop Kavanaugh, the presiding officer, being present at the time for opening the session, read the third chapter of 1 Timothy, and after the singing of the 272d hymn, led in prayer; and another hymn having been sung, prayer was offered by G. W. D. Harris.

The Secretary of the last session called the roll of clerical members, of whom were present then—and afterward during the session—the following persons, viz.:—

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The following lay-members were present, viz.:


Somerville District.—Jno. S. Dickason, J. M. Mask, and John Little, local preacher.

Jackson District.—Milton Brown, B. F. Transou and W. C. Cason.

Trenton District.—David Whitaker, H. J. Turner, W. A. Cooper, and George Johnston, local preacher.

Dresden District.—J. M. Dunn and J. E. Freeman.


Paris District.—T. F. Lilly, W. C. Williams, Joseph Travis, and J. T. Irion, local preacher.

Holly Springs District.—James Fort, Thomas McDougal, and Henry A. Rives, local preacher.

Iuka District.—J. Y. Murray, G. P. Hammersley, T. J. Key, and H. T. B. Speer, local preacher.

Aberdeen District.—R. C. Clark, E. G. Thomas, and R. H. Bonner, local preacher.


Sunflower District.—John Clark and C. R. Mason.

Besides the members, the following visiting brethren were present, viz., the Rev. Dr. Redford, of the Publishing House; the Rev. Dr. Munsey, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions; the Rev. Dr. Anderson, President of Florence Wesleyan University, and the Rev. S. P. Whitten, Agent of the American Bible Society, both of the Tennessee Conference; the Rev. J. J. Clark, of the Mississippi Conference; also the Rev. Mr. Paine, of the Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Mr. Miller, of the Baptist Church, both of Holly Springs. W. C. Johnson was elected Secretary; John Barcroft, Assistant Secretary; J. W. Boswell, Statistical Secretary.

J. H. Brooks, A. B. Fly, T. L. Boswell, W. H. Leigh and E. C. Slater were
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appointed to report nominees for the usual Committees; and their report having been submitted and amended, was adopted, viz.:


Education.—A. H. Thomas, William T. Harris, Milton Brown, Wm. Shepherd, John Y. Murray.


Parsonages, Church-extension, and Ministerial Support.—This Committee, according to a standing order, is composed of the lay-members as a body.

The Joint Board of Finance.—The members of this Board were appointed at the last session, and in the printed Minutes thereof their names are published.

The Conference Board of Domestic Missions.—This Board, elected heretofore to serve four years, consists of the following persons, viz.: Philip Tuggle, President; A. W. Jones, Vice-president; J. H. Evans, Secretary; Sam’l Watson, Treasurer; Thos. Joyner, S. W. Moore, E. C. Slater, Amos Kendall, L. D. Mullins, B. W. Williamson, R. C. Clark, A. S. Campbell, Thomas F. Lilly, Managers. To this Board, in addition to the interests of Domestic Missions, the Conference referred the subject of Foreign Missions.

The hour for meeting was fixed at 9 o’clock A.M., and that for adjournment at 1 o’clock P.M.

Conference having fully organized, proceeded to transact the business of the session.

Question 1.—Who are admitted on trial?


Question 2.—Who remain on trial?


Question 3.—Who are admitted into full connection?


Question 4.—Who are readmitted?
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Thomas L. Beard, John F. Armstrong, Benjamin Peeples, Ambrose M. Barrington, George K. Brooks.

Question 5.—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?
Emsley B. Plummer, from the Arkansas Conference; Henry B. Frazee, from the St. Louis Conference.

Question 6.—Who are the deacons of one year?

Question 7.—What traveling preachers are elected and ordained deacons?

Question 8.—What local preachers are elected and ordained deacons?

Question 9.—What traveling preachers are elected and ordained elders?
None.

Question 10.—What local preachers are elected and ordained elders?
Jesse E. Hudgins, Wm. A. Langley, John W. Shearin, James M. Barton.

Question 11.—Who have located this year?
Bryant Medlin and Elbridge L. Fisher.

Question 12.—Who are supernumerary?

Question 13.—Who are superannuated?

Question 14.—What preachers have died during the past year?
Gideon H. Bransford, William N. Morgan. (See Memoirs.)

Question 15.—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?
Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Question 16.—What is the number of preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?
There are 39,786 white members, 235 colored members, and 434 local preachers. (For details, see Report of Statistical Secretary.)

Question 17.—How many infants and adults have been baptized during the year?

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(Report by no means complete, but more nearly so than heretofore.)
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Question 18.—What is the number of Sunday-schools, teachers, and scholars?
Scholars.................................................. 406
Teachers............................................... 3,042
Scholars................................................ 19,028
(See Report on Sunday-schools.)

Question 19.—What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers?
$3,000.

Question 20.—What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?
$3,049 87, which was applied for the benefit of the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers. (See Report of the Joint Board of Finance.)

Question 21.—What has been contributed for Missions?
Domestic Missions.................................. $2,828.05
Foreign Missions.................................... 1,145.10
(See Report of the Conference Board of Domestic Missions.)

Question 22.—Where and when shall the next session of the Conference be held?
Brownsville, Tenn.; time to be appointed by the Bishops.

Question 23.—Where are the preachers stationed this year?

MEMPHIS DISTRICT.
John Moss, Presiding Elder.
Memphis:
Second Street Church, E. C. Slater.
Central Church, W. M. Patterson.
Hernando Street Church, L. D. Mullins.
Saffaran Street and Greenwood, A. H. Thomas, J. B. Baskerville, Sup.
Springdale and Bethel Station, D. R. S. Roseborough.
Raleigh, James Perry.
Marshall, Thos. L. Beard.
Byhalia and New Salem Station, M. H. Ford.
Byhalia Circuit, James M. Beard.
Olive Branch, T. P. Holman.
Book and Tract Society, Sam'l Watson, Agent.
Memphis and Arkansas Christian Advocate, W. C. Johnson.
State Female College, Chas. Collins, President.
Byhalia Female Institute, P. J. Eckies, President.

JACKSON DISTRICT.
W. H. Legon, Presiding Elder.
Jackson Station, J. H. Evans.
Jackson Circuit, W. B. Seward, B. F. Blackmon.
Humboldt and Milan Station, W. T. Bolling.
Brownsville Station, G. Jones.
Denmark, to be supplied by James A. Heard, S. A. Mason.
Big Spring, G. K. Brooks, P. J. Kelsey, Sup.
Medon, R. G. Rainey, one to be supplied.
Rock Spring, J. G. Glasgow.
Purdy, G. W. Burchman.
Memphis Conference Female Institute, A. W. Jones, President; B. A. Hayes, Agent.
Superintendent of the Work among the Colored People, Thomas Taylor.

TRENTON DISTRICT.
G. W. D. Harris, Presiding Elder.
Trenton Station, S. W. Moore.
Cagerville, J. B. McCutchen, B. M. Burrow.
Ripley and Mt. Pleasant Station, J. M. Scott.
Dyersburg and Union Station, H. B. Avery, W. J. Mahon, Sup.
Dyersburg Circuit, John Randie.
Kenton, N. P. Ramsey.
Gibson, B. S. Harris, G. B. Allen, Sup.
Andrew College, S. W. Moore, President.

DRESDEN DISTRICT.
F. Brum, Presiding Elder.
Dresden Station, Edgar Orgain.
Dresden Circuit, to be supplied by J. M. Spence, H. B. Corlington, Sup.

SOMERVILLE DISTRICT.
T. L. Boswell, Presiding Elder.
Somerville Station, W. D. F. Hafford.
Newcastle, A. Davis.
Bolivar Station, S. B. Suratt.
Middletburg, J. G. Acton, N. A. D. Bryant, Sup.
Macon, W. M. McFerrin, G. B. Baskerville.
Embry, A. G. Smith, J. D. Slaughter.
Mt. Zion, J. H. Garrett.
Corvington Station, W. T. Melugin.
Tabernacle, M. H. Cullum, R. A. Umstead, Sup.
Wesley, A. R. Wilson.
Dancyville, M. D. Fly, R. V. Taylor, Sup.
Somerville Female Institute, W. T. Plummer, President.

L. E. H.
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Hickman Station, J. P. McCall.
Hickman Circuit, J. M. Flatt, T. B. Attebury, Sup.
Madrid Bend, J. G. H. Wilson.
Troy, to be supplied by E. D. Baker, M. D. Robinson, Sup.
Union City and Troy Station, J. E. Beck, W. H. Frost, Sup.
Richland, J. V. Fly, S. Weaver, Sup.
Boydsville, D. C. McCutchen.
Murray, W. T. C. Young.

PADUCAH DISTRICT.
A. B. Fry, Presiding Elder.
Paducah Station, W. T. Harris.
Blandville Mission, H. R. Caldwell.
Columbus Station, S. R. Brewer.
Clinton, F. A. Wilkerson.
Mayfield Station, R. H. Mahon.
Trenton, T. R. Luter, B. B. Risenhoover, Sup.
Wadesboro, to be supplied by D. W. Fadgett.
Birmingham, J. L. Futrell.
Brinsburg, R. E. Nelson.

PARIS DISTRICT.
J. H. Wrr, Presiding Elder.
Paris Station, A. L. Pritchett.
Conyersville, B. F. Peoples.
Camden, to be supplied.
Huntingdon, Benj. Peoples.
Troy, J. R. Sykes.
Hickory Ridge Mission, to be supplied by W. Christenberry.
Morgan's Creek, T. C. Ellis.
Lexington, R. S. Swift.
Decaturville, to be supplied by W. D. Stayton.
New Salem, W. A. Cook.

HOLLY SPRINGS DISTRICT.
J. H. Brooks, Presiding Elder.
Holly Springs Station, E. E. Hamilton.
Holly Springs Circuit, Elias Jackson.
Early Grove, J. K. Morris.
Lamar, J. R. H. Hicks.
Salem, S. B. Carson.
Tippah Mission, to be supplied by A. Freeman.
Ripley, J. W. Luter.
Hickory Flat, S. W. Miller.
Cornerstone, T. G. Freeman.
La Fayette Springs, B. H. Bounds, John L. Yancey, Sup.
Oxford Circuit, B. B. Brown, A. A. Houston, Sup.

HERNANDO DISTRICT.
A. J. Siz, Presiding Elder.
Hernando Station, E. B. Plummer.
Hernando Circuit, T. P. Davidson.
Harmony, T. E. Ramsey.
Sardis, Warner Moore.
Senatobia, A. P. Sage.
Cockrum, L. H. Davis.
Chulahoma, R. A. Nebbitt.
Tyro, H. C. Moorehead.

IUKA DISTRICT.
P. Truage, Presiding Elder.
Iuka Station, R. L. Harper, Joseph Johnson, Sup.
Iuka Circuit, W. J. Reeves.
Burnsville, to be supplied by John McElhaney.
Corinth Station, J. W. Honnoll.
Corinth Circuit, J. M. Reeves.
Rienzi and Boonerville Station, John Barchoft, W. E. Ellis, Sup.
Marietta, H. H. Thacker, J. B. Price, Sup.
La Grange and Middleton Station, J. A. Fife, D. C. Wells, Sup.
Jonesboro, K. Adams.
Iuka Female Institute, J. E. Douglass, President.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.
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WATER VALLEY DISTRICT.
F. S. Petway, Presiding Elder.
Water Valley Station, W. S. Harrison.
Water Valley Circuit, J. W. Poston.
Pamela, Wm. Shepherd.
Coffeeville, J. M. Hampton.
Charleston, F. C. Pearson.
Grenada and Coffeeville Station, J. W. Boswell.
Grenada Circuit, J. P. Markham.
Calhoun, R. A. Roach.
Oxford Station, Amos Kendall.
University of Mississippi, J. J. Wheat, Professor.

SUNFLOWER DISTRICT.
J. W. Kvors, Presiding Elder.
Sunflower, L. M. Nichol.
Friar's Point Station, J. R. Peoples.
Concordia and Beulah, J. F. Truslow, one to be supplied.
Magnolia, to be supplied by D. O. Hughes.

TRANSFERRED.
Isham L. Burrow, to Arkansas Conference, and appointed to Lewisburg Station; John W. Walkup, to Arkansas Conference, and appointed to Wittsburg Circuit; Alfred T. Mann, to North Georgia Conference; Henry B. Frase, to Little Rock Conference; W. F. Minter, to St. Louis Conference.
MEMOIRS.

Monday Afternoon, November 8.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was presented, and having been read, was adopted, viz.:

The Rev. W. N. Morgan was born in Muhlenburg county, Va., Jan. 1, 1806, and died suddenly at his residence in Somerville, Tenn., Oct. 19, 1869.

Brother Morgan was licensed to preach in 1836, and was admitted on trial in the Memphis Conference in the fall of that year. For twenty years he continued effective, and was appointed to various circuits and stations in Tennessee and Mississippi, and occupied an important position in the Conference. He was a good preacher, sound in doctrine, clear and practical in the exhibition of divine truth, and earnest and forcible in his appeals to the Church and to the world. Many gracious revivals were the result of his pastoral visitations to the people, and the faithful preaching of the word. For thirteen years he was supernumerary, and during that time, though often deeply afflicted, did not fail to labor and preach, according to the full measure of his physical strength, for the welfare of the Church and the glory of God. He loved the Church in all her interests, and ever adhered with unswerving fidelity to her doctrines and peculiar institutions. He gave liberally of his means to support the cause of God, and was prospered both in temporal and spiritual things.

In his private character he was upright, honest, truthful, and of incorruptible integrity. It may be said with emphasis that he was a just man. He loved mercy, dealt justly, and walked uprightly with his God. We honored him while living, as a good and faithful servant of the Church, and we will cherish his memory now that he is dead.

On the last morning of his life he called his family together for worship, as had been his custom for forty-five years, and after reading the 18th Psalm, he meekly kneeled down, and with more than usual fervor, it is thought, invoked the blessing of God upon his household, his Church, and his country, and in about thirty minutes from that time, the great Head of the Church removed the faithful servant, who had commanded his children and household to the observance of divine statutes and ordinances, from the labors of earth to the rest of heaven. He was ready.

The Rev. Gideon H. Bransford died on the 28th of August, 1869, at the residence of his son, in Union City, Tenn. He was born in Buckingham county, Va., August 9, 1805; removed to Tennessee, where he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Wootten, in Smith county, Dec. 26, 1826. Brother Bransford commenced preaching in early life, about the year 1829; joined the Tennessee Conference, traveled and labored there for several years, with great success. He then moved to West Tennessee, and settled in Obion county. Joining the Memphis Conference, he again became an itinerant preacher, and a faithful herald of the cross. He went forth sowing the precious seed of gospel truth. His preaching was in power and demonstration of the Spirit, and was attended with great success; but his health failing him, he asked for a location, which was granted. Serving the Church for several years in a local capacity, he was readmitted into the Memphis Conference in the fall of 1866, and appointed to the Troy, and the next year to the Richland Circuit; after which, his health having failed, he was granted a supernumerary relation to the Conference and connected with the Richland Circuit, but was not able to perform any labor during the year.

Having visited Union City on business, he was taken suddenly ill, and died in a few hours. Thus has passed away one of the most efficient preachers of our country. He was a kind husband, an affectionate father, a faithful friend to all. In his death, the community has lost a bright ornament, the Church a shining light.

W. D. F. Hafford, Ch'n.
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STATISTICS.

MONDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 8.

The report of J. W. Boswell, the Statistical Secretary, respecting numbers in the Church—members and preachers in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference, containing exact figures directly received from every charge—was presented, and having been read, was received and spread upon the Journal:

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Oxford Station              | 109         | 1           |             |      |
Calhoun                     | 426         | 13          |             |      |
Friar's Point               | 9           |             |             |      |
Tunica                      | 31          |             |             |      |
Concordia                   | 170         |             |             |      |
Clarksville and Lawler      | 32          |             |             |      |
Holly Springs               | 4074        | 55          |             |      |
Paducah                     | 4752        | 43          |             |      |
Dreadan                    | 2489        | 43          |             |      |
Trenton                     | 3032        | 43          |             |      |
Jackson                     | 2681        | 32          |             |      |
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*This decrease is only apparent: the colored members nearly all are now reported to the Memphis Colored Conference.

The number of conversions during the year, as reported by the preachers in charge, according to a regulation of the Conference, aggregates 6,975.

SPIRITUAL INTERESTS OF THE CHURCH.

SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 6.

The report of the Committee on the Spiritual Interests of the Church was presented, and having been read, was adopted, viz.:  

The information we have gathered from different portions of our territory, induces us to believe that there has been, during the year just closed, a very appreciable growth in the spirituality of our Church. This information covers the whole ground which we are expected to survey—the labors of the ministry, the administration of the sacraments, and the general state of zeal in the membership. Gracious revivals have prevailed in many charges, in which the Church has been refreshed and numbers of souls brought to Christ. Our well-defined standard of scriptural holiness has been made prominent in the pulpit, and accepted and exemplified by many true and earnest believers. We sincerely trust that the Church is, in the aggregate, stronger and purer than it was a year ago.
Minutes of the Memphis Conference.

There are, however, some painful exceptions which modify this thank-worthy view of the case. In some places there are practices and delinquencies which offend, and prove a stumbling-block to sinners. Where class-meetings are ignored, prayer-meetings neglected, worldly amusements justified, and extravagances of social life considered needful to respectability, there have been few, if any, conversions to God, and little, if any, life and power in the Church. Yet, even in these cases, we learn of none where backsliding is hopeless, and its evils beyond remedy. The vine of God's planting may be revived by patient culture another year, and thus these seeming wastes be made to bear most gracious fruits. Let not our hands grow slack in their tillage.

Rejoicing, then, as we may with propriety, in these evidences of growth in spiritual strength, and at the same time humbly confessing to one another and to God our manifest short-comings, we turn our attention to the future. Let us prayerfully inquire, What can we, as ministers of Christ and members of his Church, do to promote and secure a higher spiritual life?

What is a Church—what are professed Christians—if they are not imbued with the mind, filled with the spirit, and conformed to the life, of their Divine Lord? And with what weapons shall we fight his foes, if not with such as he has declared to be "mighty?"

To attain the full stature of manhood in Christ, we must use the means of grace ourselves, and commend them to our flocks. We may mention a few of the most fruitful of these means:

1. A daily and prayerful reading of the Holy Scriptures. Therein we commune with the Father, learn of our Divine Saviour, and find the spirit of truth, of grace, and of rejoicing.

2. Private prayer—without which there can be no growth in grace, no spiritual life in the soul.

3. Fasting or abstinence—a thing much neglected these days, but too fruitful of good results to be abandoned by Christians. When "the Friday before every quarterly-meeting" was faithfully remembered as a day of fasting and prayer, there were more life in the Church, and more power in the pulpit, than we can claim in our day.

Social and public means of grace are no less important than these which we are to observe in private. The family altar is necessary to the completeness of a Christian household. Let us insist that it be erected in every house—that every Christian father officiate in the daily sacrifice as the priest of his own house.

Let us insist, also, on religious instruction at home—that our members shall not transfer to the Sunday-school the sacred task of training up their children in the Lord, but consider that good and useful institution as a mere auxiliary in the pleasing labor that should be begun, conducted, and finished by parental hands. It is our opinion that these two—family prayer and family teaching—are the chief conservators of virtue in the young; and that much of the defection from our Communion, of which we occasionally hear, and nearly all the moral deviations sometimes seen in Christian families, are traceable to parental unfaithfulness. The spiritual interests of our Church, therefore, require us to urge with increased ardor the establishment and maintenance of the altar of prayer, and the Christian school in all our families. Nothing else can save, to the Shepherd and the fold, the precious lambs of our flock.

The value of weekly prayer-meetings cannot be overestimated. Where they are regularly and faithfully attended, the Church grows in numbers and in strength.

Experience proves that no means of grace is more profitable than class-meetings. Religion cannot prosper without them. Methodism cannot afford to abandon them. We will continue to recommend them, and to urge our people "not to forsake the assembling of themselves together, as the manner of some is." There must be Christian communion in order to Christian life.

Our information indicates that there is too general a neglect of the Lord's-supper. Very many pastors have it only four times a year—that is, at quarterly-meetings. Hence, in large circuits, many Church-members are deprived of this sacred privilege. Even in sta-
tions and small circuits, those who are sick or absent from home at these quarterly occasions, may pass a year or more without the holy sacrament. We earnestly recommend that measures be taken to remove this "sin of omission" from our several charges. Let special services for this purpose be held so frequently and at such points as to secure to all our members a more regular access to the holy communion. We know that the spiritual interests of God's people will be largely promoted by often repeating this act of consecration.

We are happy to state that several camp-meetings have been held in our bounds the past year, with gracious results. Some of them were occasions of much power—many souls were converted, and believers strengthened and edified. Let us henceforth have camp-meetings, striving to guard them against abuses, and to restore them to the simplicity of plan and singleness of aim that once made them such seasons of grace and salvation to the people.

While we urge the diligent use of all these means of grace, we must not forget that the chief instrumentality, ordained of God for the salvation of men, is the preaching of the gospel. This, indeed, in a broad sense, includes all the subordinate appliances recited above; but in its primary sense it means the public declaration of God's law, the proclamation of his gospel, his mercy and love. "Go, preach my gospel," is the great commission. We must be preachers as well as pastors—preachers first and then pastors—preach to convert sinners, and then to edify and comfort believers.

It may not be immodest in your Committee to suggest that this gift, this chief function of the Church, needs our earnest watch-care. It is in danger of becoming, as it has been made in some periods of the Church, a mere exercise, or official duty, and thus so far degenerate as to lose its glory and fail of its aim. We must, at our peril, keep our preaching free from this dangerous theory, and ever consider it as a direct message from God to men. To be effectual, our sermons must be plain, without dulness; simple, without littleness; polished, without mere gloss; eloquent, without bombast; studied, without obscurity; spiritual, without counterfeit passion. Thus, coming fresh from the heart, and instinct with the influence of the Holy Spirit, our words will be the wisdom of God, and the power of God, and we shall both save ourselves and them that bear us.

In behalf of the Committee.

S. W. Moore, Ch'n.

**SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.**

**TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 9.**

The report of J. T. C. Collins, Conference Sunday-school Agent, was submitted, and after being read, was referred to the Committee on Sunday-schools.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 10.**

The report of the Committee on Sunday-schools was presented, and having been read, was adopted, viz.:

Your Committee on Sunday-schools have had under consideration the various matters submitted to them, and beg leave to present the following as their report:

We present, first, the following analysis of the statistics that we have been able to gather. A few appointments have not been reported, which probably would have made the aggregate numbers somewhat larger:
We can but express our grateful thanks to Almighty God for the evidences of his grace in the zeal and success which these statistics exhibit. An increase over last year's report of nearly a thousand teachers, and more than six thousand children, in these nurseries of the Church, is truly encouraging. Eternity alone can reveal the immense harvest that shall spring up into eternal life from the precious seed that have been thus sown during the year. We trust that our preachers will go forth to their fields of labor with increased zeal and interest in this department of our great mission field. "Feed my lambs," was as emphatic as any command given by the great Shepherd.

We will not take time here to repeat what every preacher and Christian parent ought to know: the many Bible injunctions bearing on the duty of training our children in the knowledge and fear of God. Nor would we have parents think that any thing can be substituted for the duty of training children at home. This duty they may not neglect without peril. But, having done this, an aid so appropriate and so efficient for good as is found in the Sunday-schools, in training our children for usefulness and heaven, should by no means be neglected. Nor should the preacher overlook the relation which these schools bear to the mission on which he is sent. His great work is to preach the gospel. But how is he to preach? He must remember that the command sometimes says: "Teaching," "feed the Church of God;" some with "strong meat," some with "milk." He is to be pastor and ruler: this involves the idea that he may and ought to call some of the stronger to aid in feeding and teaching the younger. He will succeed best in this by having system, and human wisdom can frame no system superior to the Sunday-school in aiding a pastor in caring for all his flock and building up the Church of God. Here he may succeed in giving to many their portion in due season, better than in any other way.

As an argument bearing on the importance of giving this watchful attention to the children, we call attention to a fact becoming startlingly apparent in these later days. It is this: we find but few people now who seek religion after they are twenty-five years old; very few after they are thirty. Some do embrace religion beyond that age, some even beyond fifty years; but a very large majority in the Church become Christians before they are twenty years of age. Judging from these facts, the probabilities for the salvation of persons who are not converted before the age of twenty-five are fearfully uncertain. Hence we should look to the youth of our country as affording the most promising field from which to gather jewels for our Master's crown. Not that we should cease to labor for the salvation of the older and more hardened, but that we should strive the more diligently to save the young, before the chances against their salvation become so fearfully strong.

Another point we would suggest to your consideration is, that the relation of children to the Church is not sufficiently understood in any of the churches. We need that this
point be elaborated more definitely than it has been done in our theology. Their status, moral and ecclesiastical, should be more fully understood by our people. They are members of the Church, or should be. They hold the right to be such. They hold the right upon a covenant sealed by the Almighty, and confirmed by his oath. No afterlaw of God or Christ can annul this right, so as to make it of no effect; and will God hold guiltless any man, or set of men, whose practice sets aside or overrides this right? We think not. Being in the Church, and lambs of the fold, they should be so recognized and treated as such. They should be taught by their parents and in the Sunday-school that they hold this relation. Moreover, they should be so trained as to be ready at the proper age to assume the covenant vows of their baptism in the Church of God.

The Agent of the Conference, Rev. J. T. C. Collins, who was appointed to labor in this department of our general work, has rendered much efficient service in this noble cause, although crippled during a part of the year by feeble health. While our preachers have done much in the Sunday-school department, and may do much more, yet the Agent has given valuable aid where aid was needed, and has developed the existence of a field where much more of just such labor may be profitably employed. The report of the Agent, which was read before the Conference and referred to us, contains much of important and suggestive information, which we need not here repeat.

Your Committee have been requested to present a plan for a Missionary Society in every Sunday-school. On this point we think it better to leave that matter to those connected with the schools severally. Yet some form of systematic contribution should be adopted in every school, the funds so raised to be applied, first, to the use of the school, and then for other benevolent purposes, as each school may see fit.

We farther recommend that our Sunday-schools, as far as practicable, adopt a uniform course of study and instruction. We suggest a division into four departments, with a certain course of study in each; and that admission into the second, or any higher class, shall be on condition of having a certificate of proficiency in the next lower class—the scholar passing an approved course in the highest class to receive a diploma.

Finally, we recommend the continuance of an agent in the field, and we know of no better man for the work than J. T. C. Collins, the present Agent. And we propose the same resolutions adopted at our last Conference on this subject—those numbered 1, 2, and 3—and the following plan:

**PLAN FOR RAISING A GENERAL FUND.**

To carry forward the general work will require money; hence we advise the raising of a general fund, by taking up collections in our Sunday-schools and congregations, in the following way:

1. It shall be the duty of the General Agent, in addition to his other work, to take up a collection wherever he may think it advisable for the Sunday-school cause.

2. It shall be the duty of each Superintendent to take up a collection in his Sunday-school for the general cause, and forward it to the Agent, and that the pastors will see that these collections are taken up in the schools.

Respectfully submitted.

GUILFORD JONES, Ch'n.

**EDUCATION.**

**THURSDAY MORNING, November 4.**

Reports from the Trustees of the State Female College, Byhalia Female Institute, and Iuka Female Institute, were submitted, and after being read, were referred to the Committee on Education.

**FRIDAY MORNING, November 5.**

Reports from the Trustees of Andrew College and Marshall Female Insti-
tute were submitted, and after being read, were referred to the Committee on Education.

Resolutions affirming an increase of Roman Catholic schools, and proposing the establishment of Methodist schools wherever practicable, were offered by S. B. Suratt and A. C. Smith, and after being read, were referred to the Committee on Education.

**TUeSDAy MORNING, November 9.**

The report of the Committee on Education was presented, and having been read, was, after some remarks by President Moore, of Andrew College, and others, adopted, viz.:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Education, after due deliberation and patient examination of all the papers placed in their hands, present their report for adoption.

Accepting the idea of the venerable Hooker, that education necessarily involves moral and intellectual culture, we cannot but be deeply impressed with its importance. It is true the mission of Methodism is to save the souls of men, yet she has ever been regardful of the intellectual improvement of her children. Schools for this purpose were established under the supervision of the founders of our Church, and some of her ministers have been educated from the beginning. But, although Methodism was born in a literary institution of the highest order, it could not be expected that in the early part of her history on this continent she could furnish to the children of her membership the facilities for education which they needed and the Church desired. In this country, however, and even in the bounds of the Memphis Conference, much has been accomplished in this direction; yet more remains to be effected, and the subject swells with importance with each revolving year; for, while scientific and classic learning were once confined to the few, they are now required and demanded by all. The thorough education of our minds is necessitated by the age in which we live, by the rules and regulations of society, and the importance of that truth we are commissioned to proclaim. Such have been the achievements of the Church in this respect, that in the providence of God, and by common consent, and almost universal desire, the education of the young has become her privilege and duty. This responsibility cannot be assumed or duty performed in the absence of an educated ministry. In this age of the march of mind, we must act our part by contributing something to practical discovery and scientific advancement. Education is needful to qualify our children, and the children of our people, for the highest social positions and relations. Moral culture and intellectual development are both essential to the acquisition of useful knowledge, and are therefore necessary agents in the procurement of the highest degree of positive felicity. Without education with this signification, man certainly cannot attain the end of his being, and fill the high destiny for which he was formed by the Creator's hand.

From these observations it will appear our duty, not only to instruct our children in all knowledge, but to impart unto them, as far as we may, that wisdom which cometh down from above—peaceful and gentle. We hold it to be our duty to see that the young, so confidingly committed to us, are instructed in religion, and not only in religion, but in that form of religion which we believe to be true. We must not only teach them the way to heaven, but the safest and surest path to the city. So that, if we believe in the truthfulness of the doctrines of the Methodist Church, we are under the strongest obligation to teach them to our children. And since the formation of religious character and the instillation of religious truth may be best effected in early life, and since no one has more moral and religious influence over children than teachers, if we would secure to our Church the coming posterity of our membership, our people should at least look well to the religious faith of those who conduct primary schools in their respective neighborhoods.
Minutes of the Memphis Conference.

Your Committee have received and examined reports from each of the institutions under our care, and claiming our patronage, which contain encouraging facts concerning what is being accomplished on this behalf.

Iuka Female Institute, which takes its name from the place of its location, is now in charge of the Rev. J. E. Douglass, assisted by a sufficient number of competent teachers. The past session was one of prosperity, its present condition is encouraging, and the reputation and success of the President, the qualifications of associate instructors, and the moral and sanitary character of its location, are sufficient guarantees of blessing to the community and utility to the Church.

Marshall Female Institute is still controlled by the Misses Johnson. It affords ample facilities for the acquisition of a good education, and is now doing well. Having accomplished much in the way of educating the young, and being the property of the Memphis Conference, it cannot be too much to say the institution deserves patronage, and that it is our interest to give it.

The Memphis Conference Female Institute is in successful and prosperous operation, under the management of the Rev. A. W. Jones, assisted by eight efficient teachers. This institution has one hundred and sixty pupils, about eighty of whom are from a distance. The community is religious and intelligent, the location accessible and healthy, the teachers competent and faithful, and scholars obedient and studious. They have been graciously favored with revival influence, the lost have been saved to Christ, and the wanderers returned to God. We pray that this institution may continue its career of prosperity and usefulness.

The State Female College is healthily located, in a beautiful suburb of Memphis. The buildings are elegant and commodious. Mrs. Collins, the excellent wife of the President, is governor—a position to which she is most admirably adapted. The entire management of the College is in the hands of Charles Collins, D.D., one of your number, who, looking to the permanent success of the institution, selects his teachers with wisdom, and governs his pupils with diligence. The last was a prosperous session, but the present promises to excel. The young ladies are instructed on the holy Sabbath in the word of God and books of our own publication. They sit under our ministry, and many of them during the past year were converted to God and saved from sin. This is an institution of the very highest order. Its connection with our Church and capacity for good renders it an object of the highest interest, and its continued prosperity one of deep concern and earnest solicitude.

Byhalia Female Institute is in a prosperous condition, and deserves our continued confidence and patronage.

Our worthy brother and co-laborer, S. W. Moore, D.D., is still the President of Andrew College, located at Trenton, Tenn. The Trustees, to whom the highest praise is due, have secured a noble Faculty, who are doing a noble work. This institution has thus far struggled its way through many embarrassments, but is now on the highway to success. Those engaged in this great educational enterprise are self-sacrificing and zealous, learned and diligent. They have six young men preparing for the ministry, and the growing prosperity of the College demands additional accommodations. They ask means to aid in the erection of two additional buildings—one to contain a spacious chapel below and two society-halls above; the other a boarding-house, with a sufficient number of dormitories to accommodate fifty students. In view of past achievements and future prospects, your Committee believe that the improvements contemplated should be speedily made. The estimated value of the property is twenty thousand dollars, and we believe, by a mortgage on the College property, a sufficient amount could be raised to erect the buildings for which they are so solicitous. We therefore recommend that the Trustees be empowered to negotiate a loan, should they deem it expedient. We furthermore believe that some measures should be adopted for creating a permanent educational fund, and placed in the hands of a receiver, to be disposed of as the wisdom of the Conference may direct. In this way, and by means of such contributions as
might be secured, we may hope, ere long, to endow, as they earnestly request, one literary professorship and a Biblical chair.

From statements already made, it will appear that we have five Female Institutes of the highest order, under the wing of the Memphis Conference. We have one Male College. This is sufficient, and worthy of all acceptation.

It is evident that our Church is doing much in furnishing educational facilities for the young. Our institutions are worthy of unreserved confidence and the most liberal patronage; and those of our people who sustain other denominational institutions, in preference to our own, cannot be blameless. Such, however, is the pecuniary condition of many of our people that they are unable to bear the expense of board and tuition in our large and popular institutions, and we think that, for the accommodation of such, primary schools should be organized in every Methodist neighborhood where a sufficient number of pupils can be obtained.

Having thus presented these suggestive points, we offer the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, 1. That we consider it the duty and interest of our people to patronize our own literary institutions.

Resolved, 2. That as a means of controlling the young mind, and giving it a religious tendency, as well as for purposes auxiliary to our chartered institutions, our preachers encourage the establishment of primary schools in their circuits and stations wherever needed.

Resolved, 3. That the Trustees of Andrew College be, and are hereby, empowered to use the College property as security for a loan negotiated; the money to be invested in improvements heretofore specified in this report.

A. H. Thomas, Ch'n.

President Anderson, of Florence Wesleyan University, addressed the Conference in reference to that institution.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, November 9.

It was resolved, in accordance with the requirement of the Book of Discipline, that the Bishops be requested to appoint W. T. Plummer to the Somerville Female Institute—that school not being under the care of the Conference.

The following resolution, offered by W. J. Reeves and M. M. Dunn, was adopted:

Resolved, That each preacher in the Conference give the community in which he labors an opportunity to contribute to the "Education Fund," the money received to pass through the hands of the Rev. R. V. Taylor, Receiver, Dancyville, Tenn.

THURSDAY MORNING, November 4.

The pupils of the Franklin Female College were introduced to the Conference in a brief speech by one of the Principals, Rev. H. H. Paine, of the Presbyterian Church, to whom an appropriate response was made by Bishop Kavanaugh. Thereupon, the following resolutions were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, 1. That in the spirit of Christian fellowship, and upon the foundation of our Protestant Evangelical Christianity, we bid "Godspeed" to the Franklin Female College, the pupils of which are now introduced to us.

Resolved, 2. That only Protestants are religiously and morally qualified to teach and train the children of Protestants, and that upon parents rests the responsibility of recognizing this great truth in practice as well as in theory.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, November 10.

The Bishop appointed the following Visiting Committees, viz:

Andrew College.—T. L. Boswell, A. C. Allen, Guilford Jones.
MISSIONS.

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 4.

Conference resolved to adjourn at ten o'clock to the Presbyterian Church, to hear an address by the Rev. Dr. Munsey, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Conference—the hour of ten having arrived—repaired to the Presbyterian Church and resumed business.

Dr. Munsey then addressed the Conference eloquently and impressively in behalf of Foreign Missions; and, after the address, a collection was made to aid in paying the old debt.

SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 6.

The Anniversary Missionary Meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, Philip Tuggle, President of the Conference Board of Domestic Missions, in the chair. Religious devotions were conducted by A. C. Allen. The Secretary, J. H. Evans, read a report, which subsequently was adopted by the Conference, and is inserted in due order. Addresses were made by Guilford Jones and Bishop Kavanaugh, who raised a collection for the cause.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 9.

The report of the Conference Board of Domestic Missions was presented, and having been read, was adopted, viz.:

The Board of Domestic Missions offer the following exhibit of their operations for the year now closing:

Our last annual report showed an indebtedness of $505 46. Appropriations were then made to the Missions, and other destitute portions of our work, to the amount of $1,500; and the Board resolved to make an effort to raise $3,500 this year, to meet this debt, and to supply other fields as they might present themselves. This amount was divided between the several Presiding Elders' Districts for collection, and we have received on that account the following amounts:

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Leaving in the hands of our Treasurer: $506.12

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The plan of assessing the Conference, adopted last year, has worked well. It has yielded a gain of over one hundred per cent. We have, therefore, thought it advisable to try it again; and have fixed the amount to be raised by the Conference at $3,500, which we will apportion to the Districts at the proper time, and bring it in as an appendix to this report. But, to prevent an assumption of liabilities which we may not be able to meet, we have authorized the Bishop and Presiding Elders to appropriate for the ensuing year only $2,000, which is an increase of $1,000 over the appropriations of last year, and which we think will be quite sufficient to sustain those fields now occupied by us. But, as other doors are being opened and new fields of labor presenting themselves, we would most earnestly urge each preacher to make a diligent effort to collect every dollar which may be assessed to his circuit or station, that we may be enabled to enlarge our operations as the occasion may demand.

Blandville Mission is located in Ballard County, Ky., in the bounds of the Paducah District, and has been served the past year by the Rev. H. R. Caldwell, who reports it in good condition and improving. There are one hundred members of the Church, two Sabbath-schools, with nine officers and teachers, eighty scholars, and two hundred volumes in the library. Fifty-seven have been added to the Church during the year, sixty-six converted, and twenty-three adults baptized.

South Paducah Mission has had the labors of the Rev. Wm. S. Harrison, who, being unable to effect any organization in the city of Paducah, extended his operations beyond the Tennessee River, in the bounds of the Louisville Conference, where he organized a Church with eighteen members, baptizing one, and witnessing eight conversions. This Church was reported to the preacher in charge of the circuit contiguous to it, and taken in that circuit, and will hereafter be reported to the Louisville Conference. This Mission having proved a failure for two years, so far as the objects contemplated are concerned, we think it should be discontinued.

Middleburg Mission, in the Somerville District, was organized this year, under the direction of the Bolivar Quarterly Conference. The Presiding Elder appointed to it the Rev. John Myers, who reports five preaching-places, one local preacher, and two houses of worship, valued at $2,600. Seven adults and four children were baptized.

Hickory Ridge Mission is on the border of the Trezevant Circuit, in the Paris District. It was organized this year, under the direction of Bishop McTyre, and was served by the Rev. Wm. Christenberry. He reports it in a prosperous condition, with prospects of enlargement. There are thirty-eight members; thirteen adults were baptized, and fifty-nine souls converted. The missionary says it will pay something another year, and, in his judgment, will soon be self-sustaining.

Rock Ridge Mission is also a new work, in the Holly Springs District. The Presiding Elder appointed to it the Rev. A. Freeman, who reports five preaching-places, and two churches, with twenty-four members.

The subject of Foreign Missions, committed to us by the Conference, has received our attention. The old debt, hanging over the Board of Foreign Missions, should be paid,
and paid at once, before the meeting of our next General Conference. We listened with great pleasure to the eloquent address of Dr. Munsey, the Secretary, and rejoice in the ready response made by the Conference to his appeal.

The amount raised on the occasion was $737 50
In addition to this, we have received from Memphis District... 68 00
   Somerville District... 48 35
   Jackson District...... 79 55
   Trenton District..... 69 00
   Dresden District..... 7 25
   Paducah District.... 18 45
   Holly Springs District... 55 00
   Iuka District...... 15 00
   Aberdeen District... 22 00
   Grenada District.... 60 00

Making... $1,145 10

Of which amount $174 are reported to have been paid to the Board during the year, leaving in the hands of our Treasurer $971 10, which he is hereby ordered to pay to the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions.

We have made the following assessment for the ensuing year:

Memphis District................... $450
   Somerville District........ 475
   Hernando District........ 250
   Holly Springs District... 225
   Jackson District........... 350
   Trenton District......... 250
   Dresden District........ 225
   Paducah District....... 225
   Paris District........ 250
   Iuka District........... 100
   Water Valley District... 300
   Aberdeen District..... 275
   Sunflower District.... 75

Total.............................. $3,500

J. H. EVANS, Secretary Board.

Immediately upon the adoption of this report, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of every preacher in charge to make a collection, if in a station, on the first Sabbath in January next, and if in a circuit, on that day and subsequently during the month of January, so as to apply to every congregation to aid in the payment of the Missionary Debt of the Church.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 10.

The Bishop announced the following Missionary appropriations, viz.:

Memphis District................ $225
   Somerville District........ 100
   Jackson District........... 100
   Dresden District......... 200
   Paducah District....... 150
   Paris District........... 550
   Iuka District........... 550
   Holly Springs District... 200
   Aberdeen District..... 250
   Water Valley District... 100
   Sunflower District.... 200

Total.............................. $2,500
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, November 3.

A communication from the Rev. Dr. Redford, Book Agent, with the Annual Exhibit of the Southern Methodist Publishing House, was submitted, and having been read, was, after an address by Dr. Redford, referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

The report of W. C. Johnson, Editor of the Memphis and Arkansas Christian Advocate, was submitted, and after being read, was referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

SATURDAY MORNING, November 6.

A resolution relative to the intended publication of a volume of Sermons of the Rev. B. H. Hubbard, D.D., deceased, offered by S. W. Moore and Guilford Jones, was referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

TUESDAY MORNING, November 9.

The report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals was presented, and having been read, was (except that part relating to the Memphis Conference Book and Tract Society, which was recommitted) adopted, viz.:

Your Committee on Books and Periodicals have had under consideration the several subjects referred to them, and beg leave to submit the following report in relation to the same:

Memphis and Arkansas Christian Advocate.—We take much pleasure in expressing our unqualified approbation of the management of this paper. Commencing, now nearly four years ago, from nothing—without buildings, presses, and other appliances for printing, and depending on the one hand solely upon the skill, energy, and ability of the Editor, and on the other, upon the generous patronage of the Church, it has been steadily increasing its circulation, enlarging its columns, and elevating its character, until it has risen into honorable position among the first Christian journals of the day.

The paper is free from debt. It is fully self-sustaining, and with the commencement of a new volume, the Editor proposes to issue it in new type, and in an enlarged form. Nay, more: to quote from the report of the Editor: "If in proportion brethren will increase the circulation, it will be practicable to make the paper the largest in the Connection. Indeed, it is believed that if all will work as do many, and work successfully in obtaining subscriptions, it would be feasible, with the aid of useful and reputable advertisements, to furnish the paper at figures much reduced, and thus put it in reach of the poorest persons." Now, brethren, why should not this be done? We need not argue to convince the members of this Conference of the value of this paper, as a means of promoting all the interests of the Church. Let us, then, endeavor to send a copy to every household within the bounds of the Conference.

It gives us farther satisfaction to know that the Advocate is as highly appreciated in the Arkansas as in the Memphis Conference, and that the former has for another term of four years adopted it as its organ, with a unanimity which justifies the expectation of a greatly increased subscription within the bounds of that Conference.

It is only necessary in this report farther to remind the Conference of the dissolution, on the sitting of the next General Conference, of the present arrangement under which the Advocate is published; and to suggest the general satisfaction given by the existing management, as a sufficient reason for its continuance, until it shall please the Conference to take farther action in the premises. Therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That the manner in which the Advocate has been conducted meets with the approval of this Conference.

2. That the Conference approves the changes contemplated in respect to the type and size of the paper.
Minutes of the Memphis Conference.

3. That we express to our sister Conference of Arkansas our gratification at the renewal of her relation to the paper for another term of four years.

4. That the members of this Conference will use their best endeavors to increase the circulation of the Advocate throughout the bounds of the Conference.

Southern Methodist Publishing House.—Turning now from our local to our general publishing interests, we claim for them, and expect for them, an equal, if not a larger, share of the regard and fostering care of this Conference.

No Church has ever flourished without a literature. Next to the living ministry, the press is the most potent instrumentality for the dissemination of religious truth. A literature is necessary to a Church, to unfold and to defend its doctrines, to maintain the unity of faith, and to keep alive the zeal and activity of the membership. Never was the necessity of the dissemination of a pure and sound literature greater than that which exists in the present day. The secular press is groaning under a literature which is dissipating to the mind and corrupting to the morals; and the religious press is not tainted by the poison both of infidelity and of heresy. Thanks to the Wesleys, and Fletchers, and Clarkes, and Bensons, and Watsons, of the old world, and to the Bangs, and Fisks, and Emorys, and Olins, of the new, for a literature pure and unadulterated, which we may send forth among the people, with confidence in its healing virtues; which we may cast into the bitter waters of this literary Marah, with the assurance that they will thereby be sweetened.

The establishment of our Publishing House has stimulated to the production of a literature peculiarly our own, and which is likely to revive and keep alive the missionary and self-denying spirit of primitive Wesleyanism. What a grand and noble heroism marked the pioneers of Methodism in the region west of the Alleghany Mountains! What examples are they to us in cross-bearing, in self-denial, in endurance under hardships, in patience under afflictions, and in an undivided consecration of soul and body unto God! Ah! brethren, with such models before us, and with the grace of God to assist us, is there anything for the promotion of the cause of truth and the salvation of souls that we dare not do? The rich materials of this literature are being gathered up and perpetuated in the attractive pages of our Paines, and Redfords, and McFerrins, to their honor and to the glory of Southern Methodism.

And in Biblical criticism, our House is now publishing a work which, judging from a hasty perusal of the volume issued, will be, within its compass and at its price, the best Commentary upon the Gospels in the English language.

In Biblical literature, there is no book superior to Watson’s Dictionary enlarged by Summers.

Let us, then, scatter this literature all over these lands—accomplishing two great objects: sustaining our Publishing House and blessing our people.

It was a happy conclusion to which the last General Conference was brought, to resuscitate the Publishing House. The case seemed hopeless to all but to him to whose management it was committed. When we contrast the condition of the House presented to your body by the General Agent with that not quite four years ago, when it was without means, without credit, and with a debt of $78,000, the result is scarcely less than marvelous. Certain we are that no finer instance of successful financiering can be found on record. Under the blessing of God, this result has been wrought out by the skill and energy of the Agent, sustained by the liberal patronage of the Church. Let us increase this patronage, that our House may increase its usefulness.

And here we will call attention to the fact that the branches of our business are twofold: first, we publish books, and, secondly, we procure from other publishers books such as our people may want. The latter we guarantee to furnish as cheaply as they can be purchased from the original publishers. Then let all orders, not for our own publications only, but for all Sunday-school books, for all day-school books, and books for general reading, be ordered from our House. You will get them as cheaply, and you will be fostering and building up this great interest of the Church. In all our Sunday-schools, use our own books; and in Union-schools, the existence of which is of
doubtful expediency, let the Union books be ordered from our House. At great labor our editor at Nashville has reviewed thousands of pages of the Union publications, with a view to ascertain those which we may safely put into the hands of our children. Such as have been approved are upon our shelves, to be furnished you as low as you can get them in New York or elsewhere.

If country merchants want books of any kind, to supply neighborhood schools, let them know that they can get them from us at as low figures as they can from the original purchasers.

Now this is the only kind of support the House asks—and certainly it is a kind we all can render. As far as we can, make our people a reading people—recommend our books to them, and order them for them. Never was there such an organization as that of the Methodist Church for the advancement of such an interest. Every preacher ought to consider himself as an agent of the Publishing House. The time was when Methodist ministers made it a part of their business to disseminate the literature of the Church—that, too, at a time when the facilities of transportation were far inferior to those of the present day—when a box, fixed behind the seat of a stick gig, or a pair of saddle-bags, was the only means of transportation.

Let us go to work to put our admirable literature within reach of the rising generation of the Church, and vast will be the harvest to those laborers who are to come after us.

The Nashville Christian Advocate needs no indorsement from us. It is the official paper of the General Conference. It is the proper exponent of the sentiment of the whole Church. It is as much yours as anybody else's; and it should therefore meet with your cordial support. Were it not all this, the richness and variety of its columns ought to render it a welcome visitor to every family. We do not ask you to supplant the Memphis by the Nashville Christian Advocate, but let them go lovingly side by side, shedding their benign and enlightening influences over the whole face of the country.

To sum up briefly these views, be it

Resolved, 1. That the Memphis Conference feels the highest gratification at the success of the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, and the deepest interest in its future enlargement and usefulness.

2. That the ministers of this Conference will use their best exertions to diffuse its publications throughout the bounds of their work.

3. That in the opinion of this Conference, we should use our own juvenile books exclusively in our Sunday-schools, or such others as may have received the sanction of our Church authorities.

4. That we endeavor to increase as much as possible the circulation of the Nashville Christian Advocate, without detriment to the Memphis and Arkansas Christian Advocate, and to place a copy of the Sunday-school Visitor into the hands of every child in the Church capable of reading.

5. That, in the judgment of this Conference, the time has arrived when a sufficient patronage could be obtained for the publication of a Quarterly Review by our Book Agent; and we earnestly recommend an early commencement of such publication—pledging ourselves, as a body and as individuals, to labor diligently in securing subscribers for it, as an exponent of the matured scholarship and highest wisdom of our ministry and membership.

Home Monthly.—The Home Monthly, although a journal not published by the authority and under the control of the General Conference, is nevertheless in close sympathy with the Church in endeavoring to diffuse a sound and wholesome literature, and as such deserves the patronage of our people.

Colored Church Paper.—A paper to be circulated among the colored members of the M. E. Church, South, seems to be required by the wants of that people. The Bishops, at their annual meeting in St. Louis, approved of the measure, and favored the appointment of the Rev. Samuel Watson to the editorship of said paper. At the recent session of the Memphis Annual Colored Conference, such a paper, under the name of the Christian Index, was established, and the Rev. Samuel Watson unanimously elected to that office.
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We hope this Conference will approve said appointment, and will ask the Bishop to assign Brother Watson to that work; and, moreover, that it will cooperate as far as practicable in giving circulation to the paper.

Hubbard's Sermons.—In the matter referred to your Committee relative to the publication of the Sermons of the late Rev. B. H. Hubbard, D.D., be it

Resolved, That we approve the publishing of said Sermons, and that our ministers be requested to aid in obtaining subscriptions for the work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. C. Garland, Ch'n.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 10.

A supplement to the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals was presented, and having been read, was adopted, viz.: 

That part of the original report which related to the Book and Tract Society of the Memphis Conference, which was referred back to the Committee for a more thorough investigation, has been reviewed with all the additional information within their reach; and the result of the investigation is, that neither in a legal nor a moral point of view is the Conference bound for the debts contracted by the Managers of said Society: be it therefore

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted

L. C. Garland, Ch'n.

FINANCE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 10.

The report of the Joint Board of Finance was presented, and having been read, was adopted, viz.: 

The Joint Board of Finance find amounts received from various sources, subject to distribution by the Board as follows:

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Total: $3,106.82

Deduct error in counting: 56.95

Leaving: $3,049.87
And have appropriated the same as follows:

- Sister B. T. Crouch........................................................................... $245.00
- Sister D. J. Allen............................................................................ 169.00
- Sister Wm. C. Robb........................................................................ 199.00
- Sister Campbell............................................................................. 163.00
- Sister Hubbard................................................................................ 69.00
- Rev. J. T. Merriwether's children................................................ 163.00
- Sister McFarland............................................................................ 81.00
- Sister Henderson............................................................................ 136.00
- Sister Morris.................................................................................. 218.00
- Rev. R. H. Burns........................................................................... 135.00
- Rev. C. C. Glover.......................................................................... 54.00
- Sister Warren.................................................................................. 59.00
- Sister Cole...................................................................................... 81.00
- Sister Gillespie.............................................................................. 54.00
- Rev. C. B. Harris........................................................................... 136.00
- Rev. H. D. Howell.......................................................................... 273.00
- Sister R. Ellis................................................................................ 27.00
- A. Hamilton's children................................................................ 185.00
- Sister Hunter.................................................................................. 81.00
- Rev. E. Tidwell............................................................................. 199.00
- Sister McIver................................................................................. 109.00
- W. B. Ramsey's children............................................................... 68.00
- Rev. Wm. McMahon....................................................................... 155.00
- Rev. R. Martin.............................................................................. 54.00
- Rev John Young............................................................................. 81.00
- Sister Peeples................................................................................ 116.40

Making.............................................................................................. $3,049.40

Our Conference was assessed for the support of the Bishops, $1,400. Receipts, $1,422.

- Paid Bishop Kavanaugh................................................................ $1,022.15
- Bishops' Receipts.......................................................................... 399.85

Making.............................................................................................. $1,422.00

So few returns have been rendered to the Board as to render it impossible to make any thing like a complete or an approximate estimate of either the salaries or receipts of the preachers, as required. We are therefore compelled to omit any report on that subject.

Ordered by the Board, that the claims in favor of the Preachers' Relief Fund, against F. Crawford and E. O. Shelton's estate, and T. G. McIerlan, be placed in the hands of the Rev. R. V. Taylor and the Rev. W. D. F. Hassford, for liquidation or compromise, as they may think best.

Ordered by the Board, that the funds appropriated to Brother J. T. Merriwether's children be placed in the hands of Dr. A. Jackson and James Merriwether, of Denmark, by them to be applied for the benefit of the children alone; and if the funds cannot be so applied, then they shall be returned to the Joint Board of Finance, at the next session of this Conference.

Ordered by the Board, that the funds appropriated to Brother W. B. Ramsey's children be placed in the hands of Brother Thomas F. Lilly, and he be authorized to take charge of the balance of the appropriation made last year, and that he apply all of said funds to the benefit of said children, as in his discretion he may think proper.

Ordered by the Board, that the amount appropriated to the Rev. William McMahon be placed in the hands of the Rev. Samuel Watson; by him to be applied for the benefit of Brother McMahon.

Ordered by the Board, that the tender of one hundred dollars to the Conference Fund, by an unknown friend, through the Rev. B. W. Stubbs, be accepted, and the thanks of the
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Board be tendered to the liberal donor; and it is further ordered that the Secretary
draw on Brother Stubbs for said amount, in favor of R. C. Clark, Treasurer of the Preachers
Relief Fund, and the same be added to said fund.

The Board would respectfully report that, in their judgment, it will require $3,000 to
meet the necessities of the widows and orphans and the superannuated preachers for
the ensuing year, which amount we have appropriated to the Districts as follows:

Memphis District................................................................. $350 00
Somerville District............................................................ 400 00
Jackson District................................................................. 200 00
Trenton District................................................................. 295 00
Dresden District............................................................... 200 00
Paducah District............................................................... 205 00
Paris District................................................................. 200 00
Hernando District....................................................... 200 00
Holly Springs District.................................................... 150 00
Grenada District.............................................................. 150 00
Aberdeen District.......................................................... 275 00
Iuka District................................................................. 100 00
Sunflower District.......................................................... 50 00

Making.............................................................................. $3,000 00

The amount assessed for the support of the Bishops is $1,400, apportioned to the
Districts as follows:

Memphis District................................................................. $167 50
Somerville District............................................................ 150 00
Jackson District................................................................. 141 00
Trenton District................................................................. 141 00
Dresden District............................................................... 96 35
Paducah District............................................................... 96 35
Paris District................................................................. 94 00
Hernando District....................................................... 94 00
Holly Springs District.................................................... 96 35
Grenada District.............................................................. 96 35
Aberdeen District.......................................................... 129 25
Iuka District................................................................. 100 00
Sunflower District.......................................................... 35 75

Making.............................................................................. $1,400 00

Respectfully submitted.  MI LTON BROWN, Ch'n.

The case of Father McMahon was specially committed to the Joint Board of
Finance, and, besides, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That each preacher in charge raise a collection, amounting to from three to
five dollars at least, for Father McMahon, and pay it over to the Presiding Elders
respectively.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, November 10.

The Bishop announced the following members as the Joint Board of Finance,
to serve till the close of the next session, viz.:

Clergy.—M. H. Ford, A. B. Wilson, B. A. Hays, J. M. Scott, J. E. Beck, R. H. Mahon,
J. R. Peeples.

Laity.—R. J. Morgan, J. S. Dickason, Milton Brown, H. J. Turner, J. E. Freeman,
Garland, J. A. Mason.
MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, CHURCH-EXTENSION, AND PARSONAGES.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, November 10.

The report of the lay-members, as a Committee on Ministerial Support, Church-extension, and Parsonages, was presented, and having been read, was adopted, viz.:

The Committee on Ministerial Support, Church-extension, and Parsonages, beg leave to report as follows, viz.:

That the difficulties and delays in collecting statistics, the little time afforded the Committee for the transaction of business, in consequence of the frequent afternoon sessions of the Conference, and the occupation of the attention of lay-delegates with the deliberations of other Committees, have precluded the presentation of any report beyond the following abstract, made out from the imperfect materials placed in their hands.

We submit the following tabular reports, viz.:

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Last year: 589 $550,641 15 $32,811
Increase: 533 $15,210 14 27,000

Besides, the number of churches and parsonages in course of erection is twelve. The amount raised for building and repairs is $26,661.

If the Conference can devise any plan by which the statistics of the Church can be brought up from the several stations and circuits, classified and arranged in a manner to be passed promptly into the possession of the several Committees of the Conference, the business of its annual session will be greatly facilitated.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the system recommended at the last Conference, with reference to the subjects falling under the cognizance of your Committee, be continued for the ensuing Conference-year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. C. Garland, Ch'n.

BIBLE CAUSE.

SATURDAY MORNING, November 6.

The report of the Committee on the Bible Cause was presented, and having been read, was adopted, viz.:

The Committee on the Bible Cause would respectfully report that they deem it unnecessary at this late day to present arguments in support of this cause. It is enshrined in the inmost heart of the Church, and is dear to every child of God. "The Bible"—"The
Bible’’—uncorrupted by human traditions, and unperverted by sectarian glosses, is the universal creed of Protestant Christianity. We recognize it as the sole fountain of spiritual truth, the strong foundation of morals and of public order, the defense of religious and political liberty, the only sure light which is to save the world.

As the means for multiplying and diffusing the word of God have long since been organized, and are still in successful operation, it seems unnecessary to your Committee for this body to do more than to express concurrence in the same. We therefore present for adoption the following resolutions, viz.:

Resolved, 1. That we continue as a Conference to recognize the American Bible Society as a noble Christian institution—that we heartily sympathize with its heavenly work, and that we will do all in our power to render it successful.

2. That we cordially invite its Agents, Rev. S. P. Whitten and Dr. George S. Savage, to our fields of labor, and promise them our hearty cooperation.

C. Collins, Ch’n.

BOUNDARIES.

SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 6.

The report of the Committee on Boundaries, appointed last session, was presented, and having been read, a substitute in favor of dividing the Conference was offered by E. E. Hamilton and W. D. F. Hafford. Thereupon the report, with the substitute, was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 2½ o’clock.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 6.

The order of the day was taken up, and, after discussion, the substitute was lost, and the report adopted, viz.:

The Committee on Boundaries, appointed by the Chair at the last session of our Conference, and instructed by the Conference ‘‘to confer with brethren of other Conferences, and ascertain, as far as they can, how far the best interests of the general Church can be served by a concert of action from different Conferences in this matter,’’ and, in particular, ‘‘to take into consideration the propriety or necessity of dividing our Conference,’’ respectfully present the following report, viz.:

Your Committee are of opinion that the question of Conference boundaries has been so recently and so ably discussed in the public prints, that it is altogether unnecessary for them to enter into any formal argument with the hope of enlightening or changing the opinions of brethren, convinced, as we are, that all have formed, and many have expressed, their opinions on the subject.

We have conferred with brethren of adjoining Conferences on the subject referred to us, to the extent of our opportunities, and have examined it carefully according to the best lights before us; but, after all, we have not been able to see how ‘‘the best interests of the general Church’’ can be served by the simple change of Conference boundaries.

In regard to the division of our own beloved Conference, in particular, we beg leave to say that, with adoring gratitude to the great Head of the Church, we rejoice to witness, from year to year, the great prosperity and growth of the Church within our bounds, and we are ready to adopt the prayer of the great leader of Israel’s hosts in ancient times, ‘‘The Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more
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as ye are this day;" and we believe that he will hear our prayer and prosper us more abundantly if we are faithful to our high and holy calling, and that the day will come when territorial division will become necessary. But, at the present time, we would respectfully suggest that in the multitude of old and experienced counselors there is safety, and that younger men are more likely to be trained in the good old way, and in connection with such advisers and administrators of Church law, than they would be if set up by themselves. And, more than this, your Committee are satisfied that large bodies are more weighty and influential, and, consequently, make deeper impressions than can be hoped for from smaller bodies; and, especially, that large Annual Conferences always wield a more powerful influence, both in their annual sessions and General Conference representations, than small Conferences possibly can. And, in view of the fact that our Conference territory is beautiful, compact, and convenient; that young and growing villages are springing up all over the land; that our towns are expanding into cities, and our cities into great commercial emporiums, and that they are all accessible either by railroad or river; and in view of the fact that our people, in the abundance of their Christian hospitality, usually keep one or more petitions in advance upon our table, inviting us to hold our sessions with them, we are convinced that our entertainment, as yet, cannot be a grievous burden to them: therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Memphis Annual Conference, that it is neither necessary nor expedient, at the present time, to make any change in our territorial bounds.

Respectfully submitted.

T. L. Boswell, Ch'n.

Wednesday Morning, November 10.

The following resolution, offered by G. W. D. Harris and Samuel Watson, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That our delegates to the next General Conference be, and they are hereby instructed, to obtain from that body permission and authority to this Conference to divide its territory into two Annual Conferences, if at any time within the next four years we shall judge it expedient to do so.

"HISTORY OF METHODISM IN TENNESSEE."

Wednesday Morning, November 13.

A communication was submitted from the Rev. Dr. McFerrin, presenting a copy of his "History of Methodism in Tennessee, Vol. I.," with the request that the book be preserved with the records of the Conference; also, that in the preparation of future volumes, he may have liberty of reference to the Journals of the Conference, and that the members aid him by collecting for him items of interest in the various portions of the Conference. Thereupon the following resolutions were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, 1. That the copy of the History of Methodism in Tennessee, Vol. I., presented by the author, the Rev. Dr. McFerrin, be accepted with thanks, and be preserved with the records of the Conference.

2. That Dr. McFerrin be granted liberty of reference to the Journals of the Conference in preparing matter for successive volumes of his work.

3. That the members agree to collect, as far as they can, items of interest suitable for use by Dr. McFerrin, and furnish the same to him.
TIME OF NEXT SESSION.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, November 10.

The following resolution, offered by T. L. Boswell and Elias Jackson, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the College of Bishops be, and they are hereby requested, respectfully, in arranging the Plan of Episcopal Visitation in future, to give us the time of our Conference sessions about the first of December, as it will be, in our opinion, greatly to the advantage of the Church within our bounds in her spiritual and temporal interests.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, November 10.

The following resolution, offered by E. E. Hamilton and W. D. F. Hafford, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the preachers in charge of the various circuits and stations are hereby instructed and required to take up a collection for the purpose of defraying the expenses of our delegates elect to the next General Conference, and to pay the same to their Presiding Elders, or to one of the delegates—any excess over expenses to be paid to the Joint Board of Finance.

The election of delegates to the General Conference, to meet in the city of Memphis, May 1, 1870, was held Monday, Nov. 8, and resulted in the choice of the following persons, viz.:


THANKS.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, November 10.

The following resolutions were adopted unanimously and with a rising vote, viz.:

Resolved, 1. That we tender to the citizens of Holly Springs our thanks for their generous and warm-hearted hospitality during the sitting of this Conference.

2. That we hereby tender our thanks to the brethren of the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches for the use of their houses of worship during the session of this Conference, and that we will ever pray for their prosperity.

3. That we thank the officers of the various railroads for favors in the way of reduced fare to the members.
This year, the Christian Advocate will be more interesting and desirable than ever, because it will publish the earliest and fullest reports of the Proceedings of the General Conference, to meet in the city of Memphis, May 1, 1870.

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