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FOURTH YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to the Acts and Epistles, their analysis and design; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. IV; Watson's Institutes, Part I; Powell on Apostolical Succession; Hickok's Moral Science; Mosheim's Church History; Summers on Baptism; Book of Discipline reviewed; Manual of Discipline, Chaps. VIII and IX; Written Sermon on Regeneration.

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


NOTE.—The Examination will be confined to the Course of Study. The books of reference are recommended to be read, and the Commentaries to be consulted.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

APPOINTED IN 1870 FOR FOUR YEARS.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL.—B. A. Hayes, J. E. Beck, H. B. Avery.
SECOND YEAR.—J. A. Heard, A. R. Wilson, J. A. Fife.
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The thirty-second session of the Memphis Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was opened in the Methodist Church, Trenton, Tenn., Wednesday morning, November 15, 1871.

No Bishop being present, T. L. Boswell was called to the chair, and led in religious exercises, consisting of reading from the Holy Scriptures, singing and prayer.

An election by ballot for a President was held, and resulted in the election of T. L. Boswell, who continued in the chair.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll of clerical members:


There was a large attendance of clerical members at the opening—others appeared afterward. The names of those absent throughout the session are marked *.

The several districts were called and the lay-delegates elect were reported, viz.:


**Jackson District.**—B. F. Transou, W. C. Cason, James Blackmon (local preacher), Milton Brown.

**Trenton District.**—Jesse Harris (local preacher), W. L. Duckworth, A. T. Fielder, E. H. Tisdale.

**Dresden District.**—Enoch Baker* (local preacher), J. W. Freeman,* H. C. Bailey, G. W. Hearn.

**Paducah District.**—W. D. Senter (local preacher), A. R. Boone, W. C. Lang, B. C. Derrington.*

**Paris District.**—J. T. Irion* (local preacher), Thomas F. Lilly, G. W. Walters,* G. W. Rogers.

The lay-members whose names are marked * were not present.

I. C. Foster, local preacher, and A. P. Fields, of the Dresden District, reserve delegates, being present, were announced as substitutes for Enoch Baker and J. W. Freeman, respectively; H. Williams and W. C. Williams, of the Paris District, for J. T. Irion and G. W. Walters, respectively.

The following visiting brethren, during the session, were introduced to the Conference, viz.: the Rev. Dr. Redford, Book Agent; the Rev.
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Dr. Haygood, Sunday School Secretary; the Rev. Drs. Green, Kelley, and West, and the Rev. S. P. Whitten, of the Tennessee Conference; the Rev. Dr. Scruggs, of the St. Louis Conference; the Rev. Dr. Andrews, of the Alabama Conference; the Revs. Philip Tuggle, M. H. Ford and J. W. Knott, of the North Mississippi Conference; the Rev. J. W. Shelton, of the Louisville Conference; and the Rev. J. H. Garrett, of the Illinois Conference; also, the Rev. Dr. Hillsman, of the Baptist Church, and the Rev. Mr. Hall, of the Reform Church, both of Trenton, Tennessee.

W. C. Johnson was nominated and elected Secretary; D. R. S. Rosebrough, First Assistant; Edgar Orgain, Second Assistant; John E. Beck, Statistical Secretary.

The presiding elders were appointed a Committee to nominate the usual standing Committees, and they were granted leave of absence to prepare their report.

Bishop Kavanaugh having arrived, made a brief address and took the chair.

The Committee on Nominations having appeared, made a report, which, after an amendment, was adopted—constituting the following Committees, viz.:

Public Worship.—W. H. Leigh, S. W. Moore, John Randle.


Subsequently, J. T. C. Collins was added to the Committee on Sunday-schools, and T. D. Eldridge was appointed on the Committee on Education, vice R. J. Morgan, absent.

The following lay members of the Joint Board of Finance were appointed, viz.: T. R. Tuggle, D. J. Newbern, Milton Brown, W. L. Duckworth, J. W. Freeman, W. D. Senter, T. F. Lilly.
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The usual minute business received attention from day to day, and the results are here given in the form of question and answer:

Question 1.—Who are admitted on trial?

Question 2.—Who remain on trial?

Question 3.—Who are discontinued?
David J. Austin.

Question 4.—Who are admitted into full connection?
Banks M. Barrow, John G. Glasgow, who are elders, Thomas R. Luter.

Question 5.—Who are re-admitted?
Sterling B. Adams, Richard E. Graves, who are elders.

Question 6.—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?
Warner Moore, Ferdinand S. Petway, Emsley B. Plummer, from the North Mississippi Conference; John C. Reed, from the Louisiana Conference, who are elders.

Question 7.—Who are the deacons of one year?
Warner T. Bolling, Benjamin F. Blackmon—also Reuben R. Nelson, Jarrett S. Renshaw, William M. Patterson, William B. Quinn, who are yet to be examined on the studies of the third year. William A. Cook, an elder, but of this class in his studies, stood an approved examination.

Question 8.—What traveling preachers are elected deacons?
None.

Question 9.—What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?
None.

Question 10.—What local preachers are elected deacons?

Question 11.—What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Question 12.—What traveling preachers are elected elders?
David R. S. Rosebrough.—Thos. Taylor, Warren B. Seward, Jas. G. Pirtle, being of this class though elders, are yet to be examined on the studies of the fourth year.
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Question 13.—What traveling preachers are ordained elders?
David R. S. Rosebrough.

Question 14.—What local preachers are elected elders?

Question 15.—What local preachers are ordained elders?
Thomas L. Orgain, Alpheus M. Chadwick, John J. Smith, Martin Shikle, Thomas R. Luter.

Question 16.—Who are located this year?
F. A. Wilkerson.

Question 17.—Who are supernumerary?

Question 18.—Who are superannuated?

Question 19.—What preachers have died during the past year?
None; a verbal statement was made on behalf of the Committee on Memoirs that they had no report to present, as through the mercy of God the lives of all the preachers had been preserved during the year.

Question 20.—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?
Their names were called, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Question 21.—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?
There are 278 local preachers, 28,032 members. (For details, see Report of Statistical Secretary.)

Question 22.—How many infants have been baptized during the year?
804.

Question 23.—How many adults have been baptized during the year?
2,515.

Question 24.—What is the number of Sunday-schools?
275.

Question 25.—What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?
1,861.

Question 26.—What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?
13,541. (See Report on Sunday-schools.)
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Question 27.—What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

$1400.

Question 28.—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

$1438.15, 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 29.—What has been contributed for missions?

$4,038.85.

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

Somerville, Tennessee.

Question 31.—Where are the preachers stationed this year?

MEMPHIS DISTRICT.

A. H. THOMAS, Presiding Elder.

Memphis:
- First Church, E. C. Slater.
- Central, L. D. Mullins.
- Hernando Street, G. Jones.
- Savannah Street, Greenwood and City Mission, W. M. Patterson, W. M. Baskerville.
- Springdale and Mt. Vernon Station, D. B. Rosecrough.
- Nonceanna Mission, T. P. Davidson—one to be supplied.
- Germantown—to be supplied.
- Collierville, T. Joyner, B. M. Burrow.
- Macon T. L. Roswell.
- Oakland, S. T. Lane.
- Shelby Mission, W. M. McFerrin.
- Bartlett, T. P. Holman (to be transferred), one to be supplied.
- State Female College, Charles Collins.
- Western Methodist, W. C. Johnson, Editor.
- Christian Index, Sam W. Watson, Editor.

SOMERVILLE DISTRICT.

John Moss, Presiding Elder.

Somerville Station, W. D. F. Hazford.
- Bolivar Station, J. N. Peeples (to be transferred).
- Whiteville, Warner Moore, D. A. Ross, supply.
- Dancyville, A. R. Wilson, R. V. Taylor, sup.
- Stanton, M. H. Cullum, J. T. Baskerville, sup.
- Braden, A. C. Smith.
- Covington and Tabernacle Station, G. B. Baskerville.
- Mt. Zion, C. J. Mauldin.
- Embury, J. A. Fife.
- Somerville Female Institute, W. T. Plummer.

JACKSON DISTRICT.

W. T. Harris, Presiding Elder.

Jackson:
- Jackson Station, James A. Heard.
- Paine Chapel, B. F. Blackmon.
- Jackson Circuit, W. B. Seward.
- Trenton Station, Armistead L. Pritchett.
- Brownsville Station, S. W. Moore.
- Denmar, L. K. Brooks.
- Tabernacle, B. A. Hayes.
- Millin, Thos. Taylor.
- Pinson, B. G. Rainey.
- Rock Spring, J. S. Renshaw.
- Purdy, J. R. Sykes, J. N. Reeves, sup.
- Adamsville, T. F. Sanders.
- Memphis Conference Female Institute, A. W. Jones.
- Andrew College, J. T. Baskerville, Agent.

HUMBOLDT DISTRICT.

W. H. Leigh, Presiding Elder.

Humboldt Station, W. T. Bolling.
- Trenton Circuit, F. Bynum, D. C. McCutchen, sup.
- Cagerville, Nathan Sullivan.
- Friendship, W. O. Lanier, G. B. Allen, sup.
- Dyersburg Station, J. D. Bush, (to be transferred).
- Dyersburg Circuit, H. B. Avery, W. J. Mahon, sup.
- Kenton, N. P. Ramsey.
- Durhamville, J. M. Scott.
- Ripley, James Perry.
- Ashport, to be supplied by W. A. Yancey.

DRESDEN DISTRICT.

J. H. Wirt, Presiding Elder.

Dresden Station, J. W. Atkinson.
- Dresden Circuit, H. B. Covington.
- Hickman Circuit, J. C. Pirtle.
- Madrid Bend, W. T. C. Young.
- Union City Station, T. L. Beard.
- Richland, Simpson Weaver.
- Cottage Grove, E. B. Plummer.
- Boydville Mission to be supplied by J. C. Poyner.
- McKenzie Circuit, R. E. Graves, J. C. Crews, sup.
- McKenzie and Milan Station, J. E. Beck, T. C. Ellis, sup.
- Murray, J. G. Glasgow.
- Troy, J. M. Spain, M. D. Robinson, sup.
PADUCAH DISTRICT.

R. H. MAHON, Presiding Elder.
Paducah Station, J. H. Evans.
Paducah Circuit, J. C. Reed.
Blandville, B. H. Bishop.
Columbus Station, J. C. Hooks.
Clinton, J. M. Platt, S. B. Love.
Palestine, W. W. Faucett.
Mayfield and Milburn Station, B. F. Peoples, A. L. Hunsaker, sup.
Benton, J. V. Fly.
Wadesboro, R. A. Sawrie.
Birmingham, to be supplied by Jas. Burnham.
Briensburg, S. A. Mason.

PARIS DISTRICT.

J. G. ACTON, Presiding Elder.
Paris Station, S. B. Suratt.

Paris Circuit, W. A. Cook.
Conyersville, R. A. Umstead, T. R. Luter, sup.
Huntington, J. P. Walker, B. Peoples, sup.
Trezvant, T. E. Hall, W. B. Quinn, sup.
Salem, John Randle.
Lexington, R. S. Swift.
Morgan's Creek, W. Ray.
Decaturville, R. R. Nelson.
Saltillo, H. M. Sears.
Sunday-school Agent, J. T. C. Collins.

TRANSFERRED.

F. S. Petway, to the North Mississippi Conference; Edgar Orgain, to the White River Conference, and appointed to Batesville Station.

STATISTICS.

TUESDAY MORNING, November 21.

The report of the Statistical Secretary was presented, and having been read, was adopted, with a vote of thanks to him for diligence and faithfulness in securing a very accurate and almost complete report, viz.:

The columns of statistics fill the next six pages—more extended than any ever obtained by the Conference. The comparison of the grand totals with those of last year is possible only in part, because the report of last year is incomplete. But the comparison, as far as it can be made, is gratifying—it shows an increase in every item, except moneys expended for Sunday-schools. Brethren of the clergy and laity, both, would do well to examine closely the report on Statistics, and particularly the part of it relating to their own charges respectively. Let every one see to it that, as to his charge, the report next year be made complete and accurate—perfectly so; and likewise, that increase be shown in each item. In many instances—particularly as to moneys collected—it is practicable to increase largely on the amounts given in this report. It is reasonable to expect that the publication of the figures in detail, and in the form of tables, which facilitate comparison, will stimulate many charges to improvement in their finances. Thanks are due to the Rev. D. R. S. Rosebrough, Assistant Secretary, for very careful attention bestowed upon the printed tables of statistics, for the accuracy of which his skill in figures is a guarantee.

—SECRETARY.
### Memphis District

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**RECAPITULATION—CONTINUED.**

**Minutes of the Annual Conference.**
SPIRITUAL INTERESTS OF THE CHURCH.

TUESDAY MORNING, November 21.

The report of the Committee on the Spiritual Interests of the Church having been presented, was read, and, after some earnest remarks, first by S. B. Suratt and then by the Bishop, was adopted, viz.:

The Committee appointed to consider and report on the Spiritual Interests of the Church would respectfully state that they have had the subject under careful consideration, and now beg leave to submit the following statement of the facts in the case, so far as they know.

In the first place, they are fully convinced that spirituality in religion is indispensably necessary to a sound conversion; and that a spiritual growth in the graces of Christianity is the only way by which we can develop the fullness and maturity of the spiritual man in Christ Jesus; and from hence we conclude that spirituality is the central idea of "pure and undefiled religion."

This is the religion of God—of the Bible—of Paul—of Wesley. By reading the Scriptures, Wesley saw that men could not be saved without holiness. Reading further, he saw that men are justified before they are sanctified. These are the two great branches of spiritual religion. Men are first pardoned, then sanctified, and then they become "spiritually minded, which is life and peace."

A congregation of such men constitute a spiritual church, "in which the pure word of God is preached, and the sacraments duly administered."

Your Committee are of the opinion that in order to keep up and increase the spirituality of the Church she must have a living and spiritual ministry to minister at her altars; a holy and zealous membership to exemplify her precepts and ordinances, and a uniform and faithful administration of a godly discipline in carrying out the great ends of her government. The pastors of the Church must, if they would clear their skirts, "feed the flock of God, taking the oversight thereof."

In order to do this, your Committee would respectfully suggest that all the pastors of the Church should be so far provided for in temporalities as to relieve them from temporal cares, so that their minds may not be divided between laboring in the word and doctrine and that of serving tables; that they may give themselves wholly to the work of promoting the spiritual interests of the Church in pulpit and pastoral labors. Such a provision would greatly relieve the friction of our itinerant machinery, and, next to the divine influence of the Spirit, contribute more than anything to its power, efficiency and success.

We have been wont, in former times, to estimate the spiritual state of the Church by holiness of heart and life in her members and ministers; their attendance upon all the means of grace, especially family prayer, class-meeting, and love-feasts; their dis-conformity to the world, and their willingness to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow Christ. Now, we regret to know that for the want of proper training and discipline many of these tests of spiritual and holy living are entirely wanting among our people. But few attend class, few speak in love-feast, and in many places it is difficult to hold a prayer-meeting for the want of praying men, and, as a matter of course, family prayer is generally neglected. And, what is worse, the fashionable vices of the day, such as conformity to the world, dram-drinking, dancing, theatre-going,
and such like, in many places, are giving us no little trouble. If such evils are winked at and allowed to remain in the Church, it will require no prophetic ken to tell or see the result:—spirituality will be driven from the Church, and Ichabod will be written on our hearts and altars—the glory of our beloved Methodism will have departed for ever.

Your Committee, however, rejoice to know that this sad state of things has not yet overtaken us. While we have much to deplore and repent of, at the same time we have more to be thankful for and to rejoice over; for “where sin abounded grace has much more abounded.” The labors of our ministers and people have been crowned during the past year with abundant success. We rejoice that we are able, through the mercy of God, to report an increase in all the departments of the work committed to our care. The support of the preachers has been increased. We have had an increase in the membership of 2655 over last year’s returns. The statistics also show an increase in the number of conversions and baptisms, both of infants and adults. In the Sunday-school department we have an increase of 29 schools, 156 officers and teachers, and 2010 scholars.

And now, brethren, may the God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are this day, and bless you, and give you success in every good word and work.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we will strive to maintain spirituality—holiness of heart and of life—in experience and practice, among ourselves as ministers of Christ.

2. That we will preach it to our people, and urge it upon them as indispensable to present salvation and future happiness.

3. That it is especially the duty of presiding elders, and the pastors of the people, on all suitable occasions, to explain to them the doctrine and duty of Christian baptism; and to insist that all Christian parents dedicate their children to God in baptism, and “bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”

Respectfully submitted,

T. L. Boswell, Chairman.

MISSIONS.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 15.

A communication from the Rev. Dr. Redford, Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South, was presented by the Bishop, and having been read, was referred to the Conference Board of Missions.

A communication from the Rev. Dr. McFerrin, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South, was presented by the

*The subject of Missions is committed to the Conference Board of Missions, auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South. The officers of the Board are chosen quadrennially by the Conference—they were chosen last year, viz.: Samuel Watson, President; T. L. Boswell, Vice President; J. H. Evans, Secretary; R. W. Blew, Treasurer; A. R. Wilson, Milton Brown, S. E. Taylor, J. M. Scott, Thomas Joyner, Managers.
Minutes of the Memphis Conference.

Bishop, (together with a blank form for a report from the Conference Board,) and having been read, was referred to the Conference Board of Missions.

SATURDAY EVENING, November 18.

The Missionary Anniversary was held in the Methodist Church, Samuel Watson, President, in the chair. The opening religious exercises were led by R. V. Taylor. The report of the Conference Board was read by J. H. Evans, Secretary. Impressive addresses were delivered by Drs. Green and Kelley, followed by a collection for Missions. The occasion was interesting, though the attendance of people was much reduced on account of the inclemency of the weather.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, November 21.

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

The Board of Missions would respectfully submit the following report:

A year ago we ventured to express the hope that a brighter day was dawning upon us in our missionary operations. That hope is beginning to be realized. Something of the spirit which actuated our people in days gone by is being felt by them again, and is manifesting itself in increased Christian liberality. The Somerville District deserves special mention in this connection. Once the banner district of the Conference, she seems envious of again attaining that distinction; and right nobly has she won that honor for this year, as will be seen by the detailed statement below. The other districts also have increased their contributions to some extent, so that we are able to report a much larger collection this year than for any previous year since the close of the late war. For this evidence of prosperity and Christian liberality we feel devoutly thankful to Him from whom "every good and perfect gift" descends.

The Memphis City Mission, in the city of Memphis, has had the services of the Rev. Wm. M. Patterson, who reports two houses of worship, valued at $7,200; 92 members; received during the year, 42; adults baptized, 10; infants baptized, 4; Sunday-schools, 4; scholars, 347; one new house of worship has been erected during the year, and another is projected, which will probably be built in the course of another year. This mission is an important one. It is now in a prosperous condition, and ought to be continued.

Shelby Mission lies between the Wolf and Loosahatchie rivers, and is about fifteen miles in length, and ten miles in breadth, embracing portions of Shelby and Fayette counties. The Rev. Wm. M. McFerrin, who traveled this mission, says: "When this field of labor was assigned me, there was no Church organization within its bounds. We now have six preaching places, with a prospect of getting more; four organized churches, numbering 84 members; one house of worship nearly completed, worth about $1000. Arrangements are being made to build two other houses, which we expect will be carried into effect during the ensuing year. We have had 50 conversions; adults baptized, 22; infants baptized, 1." This mission seems to have justified the expenditure made in its behalf, and should be continued in our list of appointments.
Ashport Mission, in the Trenton District, lies in Lauderdale and Dyer counties, Tenn., near the Mississippi river, and shows signs of vitality. The Rev. Jonathan Richardson traveled this mission, and reports 86 members; adults baptized, 18; infants baptized, 3; Sunday-schoo ls, 2; officers and teachers, 7; scholars, 52; volumes in library, 30; houses of worship, 4—valued at $1,000. This, also, we think, should be continued.

Bolivar Mission, in the Somerville District, has been organized this year, under the supervision of the Bolivar Quarterly Conference, and has been under the pastoral care of the Rev. John Myers, a local preacher employed for that purpose. Bro. Myers reports six houses of worship, valued in the aggregate, at $2,950 and one hundred members. We believe this mission to be susceptible of development, and indulge the hope that the Bishop will include it in the list of appointments for the ensuing year, and appoint a competent man as pastor.

The following are the appropriations made at our last session: Memphis City Mission, $500; Shelby Mission, $250; Dresden District, $200; Paris District, $500; Blandville Circuit, $200; Ashport Mission, $250; Mifflin Circuit, $100. In all $2,000.

The receipts for the year are as follows:

**Memphis District.**—Second Street, $225, (Old Debt, $200); Central, $15; Hernando Street, $60.20; Saffarans Street, Greenwood and City Mission, $12; Springdale and Bethel, $100, (Old Debt, $50); Bartlett Circuit, $74; Germantown Circuit, $24.10; Collierville Circuit, $30; Macon Circuit, $61.90; Shelby Mission,—; LaGrange and Middleton, $55. Total, $657.20; also, for Old Debt, $250.

**Somerville District.**—Somerville Station,—; (Old Debt, $50); Whiteville Circuit, $234.65; Bolivar Station, $62.75; Embury Circuit, $236.30; Mt. Zion Circuit, $82.10; Covington and Tabernacle,—; (Old Debt, $150); Wesley Circuit, $437.80; Clopton and Concordia Circuit, $153; Dancyville Circuit, $818.15. Total, $2,025.35; also, for Old Debt, $200.

**Jackson District.**—Jackson Station, $82.75; East Jackson, $10; Jackson Circuit, $47.70; Humboldt and Milan, —; Brownsville Station,—; Old Debt, $100); Denmark Circuit, $27.50; Tabernacle Circuit, $37; Mifflin Circuit, —; Pinson Circuit, $45; Rock Spring Circuit, $16.50; Purdy Circuit, —; Adamsville Circuit, 5.25. Total, 271.70; also, for Old Debt, $100.

**Trenton District.**—Trenton Station,—; Trenton Circuit, $30; Cageville Circuit, $16; Friendship Circuit, $27.60; Dyersburg Station, $5; Dyersburg Circuit, $50; Kenton Circuit, $30; Brownsville Circuit, $141; Gibson Circuit, —; Ashport Mission, —. Total, $299.60.

**Dresden District.**—Dresden Station, $15; Dresden Circuit, $50; Hickman Station, $23; Hickman Circuit, $16.50; Madrid Bend Circuit, $15; Troy Circuit, $5.65; Union City Station, $15; Richland Circuit, $10; Boydsville Circuit, $27.50; McKenzie Circuit, $2; Murray Circuit, $26. Total, $205.45.

**Paducah District.**—Paducah Station, $12; Paducah Circuit, $20; Blandville, $27; Columbus and Clinton, $10; Milburn Circuit, $30; Mayfield Station, $34; Benton Circuit, $10; Wadesborough Circuit, —; Birmingham Circuit, $3.40; Briendburg Circuit, —; Clinton Circuit, $35. Total, $182.40.

**Paris District.**—Paris Station, $18; Paris Circuit, $61.50; McKenzie Station, $13.50; Conyersville Circuit, $6.45; Camden Circuit, —; Huntingdon Circuit, $16.25; Trezevant Circuit, $16.50; Salem Circuit, $15; Lexington Circuit, $15;
Morgan's Creek Circuit, —; Decaturville Circuit, $18.70; Saltillo Circuit $5; Total, $185.90.

Recapitulation.—Memphis District, $657.20; Somerville District, $2,025.35; Jackson District, $271.70; Trenton District, $299.60; Dresden District, $205.45; Paducah District, $182.40; Paris District, $185.90. Whole amount from circuits and stations, $3,827.60; anniversary collection, $211.25; balance in treasury last year, $71.62. Whole amount on hand, $4,110.47.

This amount we have disbursed as follows: Forty per cent. to Parent Board, $1,615.04; paid appropriations of last year: Memphis City Mission, $500; Shelby Mission, $250; Dresden District, $200; Paris District, $500; Blandville Circuit, $200; Ashport Mission, $250; Mifflin Circuit, $200; Bolivar Mission, $32.75. Balance in the treasury, $432.62.

The communication of Dr. Redford, which was referred to us, shows that of the apportionment made to our Conference a year ago to pay the Old Debt, there remains $243.75 still unpaid. Something near a hundred dollars of this amount is in the hands of responsible persons, who have pledged themselves to pay it in a short time. Whatever remains unpaid after that, we have instructed our Treasurer to pay out of the funds of our Board; and we hope this action will receive the endorsement of the Conference. This instruction being carried out, we report the full amount of our part of the Old Debt, $1650, paid.

In addition to this, Bro. John Randolph, of the Rock Spring Circuit, has paid $90 to the China Mission.

We have made the following appropriations for the ensuing year: To Memphis City Mission, $500; Nonconnah Mission, $200; Shelby Mission, $200; Middleburg Mission, $150; Braden Circuit, $200; Mifflin Circuit, $200; Ashport Mission, $250; Blandville Circuit, $200; Milburn Circuit, $150; Trezevant Circuit, $100; Lexington Circuit, $100; McKenzie Circuit, $100; Purdy Circuit, $100; Obion Mission, $250; Paris District, $150. Amounting in all to $2850.

It will be seen by the above statement that appropriations have been made to circuits. According to a strict construction of law, we are satisfied that we have no authority to appropriate in such manner; but as this has been our practice for some years, while our work was everywhere in a disorganized state, we have agreed to do so again, with the distinct understanding that hereafter the presiding elders shall bring this subject before the last quarterly conference of each feeble circuit, and the matter be there determined, whether they will be called missions, and receive help from the Missionary Board, or be reported as circuits, self-sustaining.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. Watson, Pres't.

J. H. Evans, Secretary.

* EDUCATION. *

THURSDAY MORNING, November 16.

The report of the Trustees of Andrew College, Trenton, Tenn., was presented, and having been read, was referred to the Committee on Education; also, reports from the Wesleyan Female College, at Browns-
ville, Tenn., and the Marshall Female Institute, Marshall county, Mississippi.

The reports of the Trustees of the State Female College, near Memphis, and of the Memphis Conference Female Institute, Jackson, Tenn., were presented, and having been read, were referred to the Committee on Education.

The Rev. Dr. Andrews, President of the Southern University, Greensboro, Ala., made an address in reference to that institution.

Conference, on motion, requested of the Bishop the appointment of W. T. Plummer to the Somerville Female Institute.

FRIDAY MORNING, November 17.

The Rev. Dr. Green, in a brief address, stated that Drs. Kelley, Young and himself were appointed by the Tennessee Conference to confer with similar Committees, which it was proposed should be appointed by the Memphis, North Alabama and North Mississippi Conferences, and others, in reference to the establishment of a University largely endowed and of high grade. Dr. Green also stated his views of the subject, with reasons why such a University should be established, dwelling especially upon the importance of having the facilities which would thus be furnished for the education of young preachers. Thereupon the following resolution, offered by John Moss and S. W. Moore, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Memphis Conference appoint a Committee of three to confer with the Committees appointed by the Tennessee and other Conferences in reference to the proposed University.

The following were appointed as the Committee, viz.: W. C. Johnson, S. W. Moore and T. L. Boswell.

SATURDAY MORNING, November 18.

The following resolutions were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, 1. That three laymen be added to the Committee on the proposed University.

2. That Conferences acting hereafter in favor of this enterprise, be requested each to appoint a Committee of six—three preachers and three laymen.

3. That Committees already appointed be requested to nominate to the Bishop who presided at their sessions proper persons to be appointed by him, so as to adjust the Committees, in number and relations, to this action.

The Bishop appointed the following laymen, viz.: Milton Brown, R. J. Morgan, M. J. Wicks.
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Monday Afternoon, November 20.

The report of the Committee on Education was presented, and sections 1, 2, 3, 4 having been read, were adopted.

Section 5 of the report in reference to Andrew College, having been read, members discussed at some length the 1st and 2nd resolutions, viz.:

Resolved, 1. That we hereby inaugurate a regular annual collection, for the cause of Education, to be raised by the preachers within their respective charges, and reported to the ensuing session of the Conference, with the usual annual collections.

2. That the amount to be raised shall be applied to the endowment of a Chair of Biblical Literature, in connection with Andrew College.

Monday Evening, November 20.

Conference resumed the consideration of section 5 of the report on Education, the question being on the adoption of the first resolution, concerning Andrew College.

After some discussion, W. C. Johnson, W. H. Leigh, Sam'l. Watson and Guilford Jones offered the following substitute, viz.:

Deeply impressed with the importance of fostering and sustaining Andrew College—our own educational institution for young men—and at the same time well assured that success can be achieved only with a Faculty of the first class, and worthy of receiving payment for their services exceeding the usual income from tuition fees; and well assured, likewise, that the instruction of young men with the ministry in view, which yields no money to the Faculty, is a bestowment of a valuable benefit to the Church, but an expense to the Faculty wholly disproportionate both to their duty and to the means at their command; therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend to each Quarterly Conference within our bounds, to adopt measures by which the circuit or station it represents shall contribute to the salary, in whole or in part, of the President of Andrew College, for the next year (the other members of the Faculty to be paid for their services out of tuition fees), a sum of money amounting to ten, twenty, thirty, forty or fifty dollars—the Quarterly Conference to determine by this scale the extent of the contribution—giving more, if agreeable, than fifty dollars, but not less than ten dollars in any instance.

2. That the presiding elders be instructed to bring this subject before each Quarterly Conference, on the first round, and, with the preachers in charge, to make earnest and faithful efforts to promote the object in view, through their Quarterly Conferences; and in the event of a Quarterly Conference failing to take action, the pastor is instructed to secure, if he can possibly do so, a contribution of money upon the above scale, by public or private effort.

3. That the money contributed be remitted by the pastor to Jesse I. Wells, President of the Board of Trustees, Trenton, Tenn., as early in the year as convenient, and in all cases before the 15th day of June next.

4. That, if the money received should, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, be greater than a sufficient salary for the President of the Faculty,
the excess shall be at the disposal of the Board for the benefit of the College.

5. That we propose to continue this plan of aiding in the support of Andrew College from year to year, until such time as it will be feasible to obtain an Endowment Fund.

After further discussion, a motion to lay the substitute on the table was lost, and then the substitute was lost.

A motion to lay the whole subject on the table was lost.

The adoption of the first resolution being the question, a call was made for the yeas and nays, pending which a motion to adjourn was adopted.

TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 21.

The Report on Education, section 5, was taken up again, the first resolution being the question for adoption after the call for the yeas and nays.

A substitute, offered by J. H. Witt and H. C. Bailey—the second resolution being withdrawn by the Committee—was adopted as part of the report.

The report was amended likewise by adding resolution four, and thereupon it was, as a whole, adopted, viz.:

Your Committee, appointed to consider the cause of Education within the bounds of the Conference, have confined themselves to the merits and claims of such institutions only as have been presented through their annual reports. According to the general exhibit there are four female colleges, with about 600 pupils under the tutelage and instruction of about 35 professors and teachers, who are represented as equal to the responsibility attached to their respective chairs. There is one male college, with 80 students under the care of an able Faculty and a competent Board of Trustees. These make up the aggregate of our educational interests. The Committee forbear to offer, through this medium, any further general remarks upon the cause of education, but would respectfully present their report in detail upon the several institutions of our Conference.

1. The report of the Rev. C. Collins, President of the State Female College of Memphis, shows that cherished institution to be in a very prosperous condition. Besides which, your Committee having received direct and full assurances of the admirable qualifications of its large corps of professors and teachers, and the good discipline and management that characterize both its literary and boarding departments, are prepared to recommend this institution as worthy of the cordial support of our people. We therefore recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That this Annual Conference again commend the State Female College at Memphis as a first-class institution of learning, meriting a full share of the patronage of those who desire to give their daughters and wards a polished education.
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2. That the Bishop be requested to reappoint Rev. C. Collins, D.D., to the presidency thereof, and also to appoint the usual visiting Committee.

2. Your Committee have read with pleasure the report of the Trustees of the Wesleyan Female College, Brownsville, Tenn., and from the information contained in said report and received from other sources, we are pleased to see that the institution is in a prosperous condition and deserves the patronage of the public, not only because of the efficiency of its corps of teachers and of the plan of instruction, but also of its favorable location. We cheerfully recommend this institution to the favorable consideration of the Conference and of the public. We further recommend the appointment of the visiting Committee asked for.

3. Your Committee, referring to the communication from the Marshall Female Institute, now in the bounds of the North Mississippi Conference, would respectfully commend it to your favorable consideration, and as the parent still loves and cares for the child, though removed from the immediate circle in which it was reared, so we extend our fostering care over this institution, and recommend it as worthy the confidence and support of those having daughters and wards, to whom they may wish to give a thorough and practical education. We congratulate the institution in having secured the services of the Rev. Lorenzo Lea, as President, a man of such successful experience and popularity as an educator, and doubt not that under his superior management it will soon regain its former prosperity.

We further recommend that a Committee be appointed at this session of the Conference to visit the institution during the Commencement exercises of the present session.

4. The Memphis Conference Female Institute, at Jackson, Tenn., reports her usual prosperity and success. It is a time honored institution, and deserves the patronage of the entire Church within our bounds. At present there are 175 pupils under the care of an able faculty, with all necessary facilities for a thorough education. We recommend the appointment of Rev. A. W. Jones, D. D., President.

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of Andrew College, have had the same under consideration, and would state that the institution is under the judicious management of the Rev. S. W. Moore, D. D., as President, assisted by two Professors well qualified for their positions. It has at present about 90 students in attendance, several of whom are preparing for the ministry. We believe the institution is in as prosperous a condition as the untiring energy and constant devotion of its Faculty and Trustees could make it under the circumstances. And we revert with pleasure and gratitude to these their faithful efforts in the cause of education and the interests of the Church involved in that subject. Although all indebtedness against the College has been met by its Trustees and friends, and it to-day stands free in this respect, yet it is subjected to great difficulties and disadvantages on account of having no other resources of financial support than the tuition of students. In order, therefore, to give due encouragement to the cause of education in our Church, and especially to this, our only institution of learning for the benefit of our young men within the bounds of our Conference, and in accordance with former and repeated pledges, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.:
Resolved, 1. That we cordially endorse Andrew College as our Conference institution, and we heartily recommend it to the Church and the public as highly worthy of patronage.

2. That we recommend the raising of an educational fund, and request each preacher to use his influence, at his discretion, as may be expedient to collect the same.

3. That said fund, when collected, shall be disposed of as follows, viz.: Half of it appropriated to the endowment of a theological chair in Andrew College, and the other half be placed at the disposal of the Board of Trustees of said College.

4. That we will each endeavor to send at least two new students to Andrew College by the opening of the spring session.

Respectfully submitted, JAMES A. HEARD, Chairman.

John T. Baskerville offered his services, as far as he might have strength, as Agent for Andrew College, without salary, and the offer was accepted.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, November 21.

The following Visiting Committees were appointed by the Bishop, viz.:

Andrew College—J. A. Heard, S. B. Suratt, W. T. Bolling.
Memphis Conference Female Institute—W. T. Harris, W. C. Johnson, A. L. Pritchett.
Wesleyan Female College—S. W. Moore, W. D. F. Hafford, J. M. Scott.
State Female College—A. H. Thomas, E. C. Slater, W. M. Patterson.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

THURSDAY MORNING, November 16.

The Rev. Dr. Haygood, Sunday-school Secretary, addressed the Conference at length on the subject of Sunday-schools, and particularly on the Sunday-school publications of the Church.

MONDAY MORNING, November 20.

J. T. C. Collins, Sunday-school Agent, presented his report, which having been read, was referred to the Committee on Sunday-schools.

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

Your Committee on the subject of Sunday-schools have taken under careful thought the various matters submitted to their consideration, and beg leave to report as follows:

We present the following synopsis of the statistics of the schools in the Conference:

Memphis District: Schools, 22; officers and teachers 241; scholars, 1,557.
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Somerville District: Schools, 29; officers and teachers, 237; scholars, 1,467.
Jackson District: Schools, 38; officers and teachers, 296; scholars, 1,731.
Trenton District: Schools, 37; officers and teachers, 211; scholars, 2,131.
Dresden District: Schools, 42; officers and teachers, 217; scholars, 1,797.
Paducah District: Schools, 40; officers and teachers, 299; scholars, 1,616.
Paris District: Schools, 65; officers and teachers, 442; scholars, 3,695.

Total: Schools, 273; officers and teachers, 1,942; scholars, 13,994.

Last year—Schools, 244; officers and teachers, 1,786; scholars, 11,984. Increase—Schools, 29; officers and teachers, 156; scholars, 2,010.

While we have reason to be grateful to God for the measure of success that has been attained in our Sunday-school operations, we must confess that the success ought to have been much greater. The number of Sunday-school scholars ought, at least, to equal the number of Church communicants, but our statistics show that we are far behind that measure. We know that much of our territory is rugged and sparsely populated, and many children are remote from the Church or place of meeting, and even when the house is there it is unfit for use during winter. Yet amid these disabilities, much more could be accomplished by earnest effort than has been done, even in those less favored regions. Day schools are kept through the winter, even in log houses—these are made comfortable for the purpose. If our people felt as they should feel, that Sunday-school instruction was as important to the well-being of the child as his literary training, they could easily provide some comfortable place for the purpose regardless of seasons. Our people, however, are improving much in this matter of comfortable churches, and the Sunday-schools will improve in the same ratio.

Our Sunday-school Agent, Rev. J. T. C. Collins, has been in feeble health during a part of the year, yet in the midst of feebleness, he has done much of good and faithful service in this great work. There is in many portions of our Conference an open field where such an agency can accomplish much good. Hence we recommend that such an agent be continued in the field; and we have no man among us who is better suited to this work than Brother J. T. C. Collins. We recommend that he be appointed again to that work.

Guilford Jones, Chairman.

Various motions to amend and substitute were made, proposing methods for securing a salary for the Sunday-school Agent, but no method was adopted.

Tuesday Afternoon, November 21.

The following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That this Conference endorse and recommend to our preachers and people the Memphis Conference Sunday-school Society, of the M. E. Church, South.

[By special request, the Constitution, officers, etc., are republished. They are copied from last year's Minutes.]


Article I. This Society shall be styled "The Memphis Conference Sunday-School Society" of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.
ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to promote the cause of Sunday-schools by collecting and disseminating information, and exercising a fostering care over Sunday-schools within the bounds of this Conference.

ART. III. Section 1. This Society shall be composed of the preachers and delegates from the Sunday-schools and Sunday-school Societies of the Memphis Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South.

Sec. 2. There shall be four delegates from each Presiding Elder's District, to be elected by the District Sunday-school Convention, or by the District Conference.

ART. IV. Section 1. The officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer.

Sec. 2. There shall be a Board of Managers, consisting of one minister and one layman from each Presiding Elder's District in the Conference.

Sec. 3. The officers of the Society shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Managers, and also officers of the Board of Managers.

ART. V. It shall be the duty of the officers of the Society and Board of Managers to attend to the general interest of the Sunday-school cause; to establish new schools, improve those already in existence, raise funds for this purpose, organize and keep in active operation circuit and station societies, and devise methods of advancing, by all possible means, the religious instruction of children and youth.

ART. VI. Section 1. The President of the Society shall have the general supervision of the Society, preside at its meetings, and shall present an annual report of its condition and operations to each annual meeting of the Society, and in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents shall perform his duties.

Sec. 2. The Recording Secretary shall keep correct minutes of the Society and of the Board of Managers, notifying all officers and members of their election, and performing all other duties appertaining to his office. The Assistant Secretary shall aid the Secretary in the performance of his duties, and in his absence perform the duties required of the Secretary.

Sec. 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall perform all the regular duties of his office; and when the interest of the Society requires it, shall correspond with the General Conference Secretary, and the auxiliary societies and schools in the bounds of the Conference. He shall carefully file all communications addressed to the Society; keep faithful copies of all letters written by him relative to the affairs of the Society, and shall make a full report of his proceedings to the Board at its annual meeting.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall receive all money accruing to the Society, and upon the order of the Board of Managers, disburse the same, and make a report of the same to the Board at its annual meeting.

ART. VII. Section 1. The annual meeting of the Society shall take place during the session of the Conference, at which the officers of the Society and Board of Managers shall be elected. There shall also be an anniversary meeting during the session of the Conference, the exercises consisting of a report from the President, addresses, and such other exercises as the Board of Managers may deem necessary.
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Sec. 2. The annual meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held previous to the meeting of the Society, and when necessary, there may be a called meeting of the Board, when ordered by the Chairman or any three members.

Art. VIII. The auxiliary societies, through their Presidents, and where no society exists, the schools, through their Superintendents, shall make an annual report of the statistics and condition of their several schools to the Corresponding Secretary during the month of September.

Art. IX. Any vacancies in the offices or Board of Managers of the Society occurring in the interim of the annual sessions, may be filled by the Board of Managers for the unexpired term.

Art. X. At any annual or adjourned meeting of the Society or Board, five members shall constitute a quorum.

Art. XI. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting.

A Constitution for Auxiliary Societies.

Article I. This organization shall be called —— Sunday-school Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, auxiliary to the Sunday-school Society of the Memphis Annual Conference.

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to advance the cause of Christianity through the instrumentality of Sunday-schools, and to the accomplishment of this end, it shall, by every means in its power, sustain and strengthen existing schools, and establish new ones wherever possible.

Art. III. The ministers, officers, teachers and scholars of all the schools represented in this Society shall constitute its membership.

Art. IV. The officers shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer; all of whom shall be elected at the anniversary meeting.

Art. V. The officers of the Society, together with one representative, chosen annually from each school belonging to the Society, shall constitute a Board of Managers, who shall have power to transact the business of the Society.

Art. VI. The Society shall hold an anniversary meeting on the — of ——, the exercises of which shall consist of election of officers, addresses, singing, etc.

Art. VII. The Board of Managers shall hold meetings to receive reports from all the schools as to number and condition, and make a full report to each regular meeting of the Society. They may make such "by-laws" for their government as they may think proper, provided that they do not conflict with this Constitution.

Art. VIII. The officers of the Society shall be ex officio officers of the Boards.

Art. IX. The President shall conduct all necessary correspondence with sister societies, and make annual reports during the month of September, to the Corresponding Secretary of the Memphis Annual Conference. The Treasurer shall disburse money on the order of the President, and report the same to the Board at its annual meetings. The Board of Managers shall fill all vacancies occurring in offices of the Society.

Art. X. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Managers at any regular meeting.
OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

President—A. W. Jones, Jackson, Tenn.
Vice-Presidents—L. D. Mullins, Memphis, Tenn.; J. H. Witt
Paris, Tenn.
Corresponding Secretary—J. T. C. Collins, Jackson, Tenn.
Recording Secretary—W. M. Patterson, Memphis, Tenn.
Assistant Recording Secretary—A. H. Bradford, Brownsville, Tenn.
Treasurer—David Whitaker, Cageville, Tenn.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Jackson District—B. A. Hayes and James Blackmon.
Trenton District—H. B. Avery and David Whitaker.
Dresden District—J. E. Beck and W. L. McCutchen.
Paris District—W. A. Cook and T. F. Lilly.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, November 15.

The Annual Exhibit of the Southern Methodist Publishing House, with a communication from the Book Agent, Rev. Dr. Redford, was presented by the Bishop, and having been read, was referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

THURSDAY MORNING, November 16.

The Book Agent, Rev. Dr. Redford, was introduced by the Bishop, and made an address in reference to the Publishing House, and especially the books and periodicals issued from it.

A letter from the Rev. A. G. Stacy, author of the "Service of Song," to S. W. Moore, in regard to that book, was presented, and referred without reading to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

The report of the Editor of the Western Methodist, with a postscript, was presented, and having been read, the report was referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals, and the postscript to the Joint Board of Finance.

FRIDAY MORNING, November 17.

The Rev. Dr. Redford, presented to the Conference, in the name of the author, Dr. McFerrin's History of Methodism in Tennessee, Vol. II, which was referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.
The Rev. Dr. Scruggs, addressed the Conference in behalf of the South-Western Book and Publishing Company, at St. Louis, and particularly, the Southern Review and Children's Advocate; and was followed by the Rev. Drs. Green and Redford—the Bishop adding some words in commendation of the Southern Review.

MONDAY MORNING, November 20.

Report No. 1, of the Committee on Books and Periodicals, in favor of the continuance of the New Monthly Magazine, under certain conditions, was presented, and having been read, was, after some statements by the Rev. Dr. Green, as to the impracticability of its continuance, withdrawn by the Committee.

Report No. 2, of the Committee on Books and Periodicals, was presented, and having been read, was adopted, after an address by the Rev. Dr. Redford, Book Agent, and some remarks by W. C. Johnson, Editor of the Western Methodist, viz.: Your Committee on Books and Periodicals, after a careful consideration of the several subjects referred to them would respectfully submit the following report:

1. The Southern Methodist Publishing House.—We are gratified to learn from the Annual Exhibit of the condition of the Publishing House that it is steadily growing in usefulness. It has increased its capital and facilities during a year of great financial embarrassment. All its available resources are being brought into action, by the indefatigable Book Agent. From this Publishing House have issued, during the past year, several new and valuable publications, as—“Summer's Commentary on Luke, with Accompanying Questions.” This work we gladly welcome. Also, “The History of the Organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South,” a book of great merit, by Rev. A. H. Redford, D.D. Also, the second volume of “Methodism in Tennessee,” a copy of which has been presented to this Conference and referred to this Committee. It is a valuable addition to our Church Literature, and written with all the vigor and perspicuity that characterizes its great author. Besides this, we would call attention to “McTyeire's Manual of the Discipline,” which has been carefully revised by the well-instructed scribe, and it should have a place in every Methodist family. We could notice some well-timed additions to our Sunday-school libraries, by Rev. Dr. Haygood, and other publications of great importance, but our limits will not permit.

Your Committee believe that under the skillful conduct of the Agent, assisted by that prince of book editors, Rev. Dr. Summers, this great enterprise of our Church will be established on a sure foundation. We respectfully urge upon all our preachers and people to patronize the Southern Methodist Publishing House, and aid in its great objects.

2. The Christian Advocate.—We are pleased to learn that the enlargement of this paper and the reduction of its price, has nearly trebled its subscription the past year. In view of the Christian Advocate's relation to the general in-
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terests of the Church, and its great merit, we trust that it may speedily attain
a general circulation. Next to our own Conference organ we pledge ourselves
to promote the interests of the Christian Advocate.

The Sunday-school Periodicals.—The Sunday-school Magazine, edited by the
Rev. A. G. Haygood, D.D., with its admirable miscellany, its illustrative read-
ings of the Scriptures, its well-selected lessons for four Sundays in the month,
its judicious notes and questions upon the lessons, is by far the best adapted
to the ends proposed of any magazine within our knowledge. It is a living
exponent of the pure principles of the Gospel of Christ from a Methodist
stand-point, and should immediately be adopted as the system of instruction in
all our Sunday-schools. The Sunday-school Visitor, designed for weekly, semi-
monthly, or monthly distribution, together with the Little People, each paper
adapted to the graduated method of instruction, alike receive our unqualified
approval, and we hereby pledge ourselves to promote their circulation.

Southern Quarterly Review.—As yet we have received no communication
from the editor or the publisher of this great Review. But it speaks volumes
of truth in its pages. It is freighted with the earnest contributions of the
learned Dr. Bledsoe and others, and it should speedily win its way into all the
intelligent families of the South.

The Western Methodist.—This periodical has been conducted with signal
ability during the past year. Its judicious editor has enlisted many able con-
tributors. As a thorough Methodist journal it is deservedly popular in the
patronizing Conferences. It should be in every Methodist family in this Con-
ference. It must have ten thousand subscribers to insure its permanence. Let
us heed the appeal at once. In the business management of the concern no
more popular man can be found than R. W. Blew. We heartily endorse the
editorial conduct of the paper, in all its departments, and feel that it is a valua-
ble auxiliary in sustaining the Church within the sphere in which it circulates;
therefore,

Resolved, That we will use our utmost diligence to increase the subscription
of the Western Methodist, and endeavor to place it in every family within our
bounds.

E. C. Slater, Chairman.

FINANCE.

Friday Morning, November 17.

The report of the Commissioner appointed last year, to represent
the Memphis Conference, in the division of common funds with the
North Mississippi Conference was presented, and having been read was,
with notes, etc., accompanying it, referred to the Joint Board of
Finance.

Tuesday Morning, November 21.

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

The Joint Board of Finance submit this report:

After obtaining all the information within our reach, it is gratifying that we
can make a report upon all the subjects committed to our consideration.
There are within the bounds of our Conference four hundred and three churches, capable of accommodating one hundred and three thousand one hundred and seventy persons. These churches are valued at $502,287.

We are pleased to ascertain that there are twelve parsonages, valued at $24,900. Though this number is smaller than it should be, yet it indicates that our people still desire to make the itinerancy practical to our preachers. May God speed the day when every charge will have its parsonage. We have also other church property valued at $10,625.

For the support of the ministry, the circuits and stations were assessed $57,961, of which amount they paid $45,921 17, leaving a deficiency of $12,039 83. We would urge upon the stewards and official members of the various charges the importance of meeting their assessments in full, which can only be done by educating our people to feel that their obligations to the Church are paramount.

The amount assessed the Conference this year for the benefit of the superannuates, widows and orphans of deceased preachers, is $1,400, which was assessed to and paid by the districts, as follows:

- **Memphis District.**—Assessed, $260; paid, $280 65; excess, $20 65.
- **Somerville District.**—Assessed, $260; paid, $265; excess, $5.
- **Jackson District.**—Assessed, $215; paid, $334 10; excess, $119 10.
- **Trenton District.**—Assessed, $200; paid, $179; deficit, $21.
- **Dresden District.**—Assessed, $160; paid, $146 25; deficit, $13 75.
- **Paducah District.**—Assessed, $160; paid, $127 60; deficit, $32 40.
- **Paris District.**—Assessed, $145; paid, $105 20; deficit, $39 80.

Total: Assessed, $1,400; paid, $1,438 15; excess, $38 15.

Received by the Conference collection, $1,438 15; interest from the Memphis Conference Female Institute, $246 45; interest from R. W. Blew & Co., $60; due bill on A. W. Jones and interest, $106. Total, $1,850 60; less deficiency in counting out, $3 65.

Which has been distributed as follows: G. W. D. Harris, $225; Sister Morris, $185; Sister Cole, $20; Sister McFarland, $25; Sister Warren, $20; Sister Allen, $90; Rev. R. H. Burns, $65; Rev. Henry Bell, $105 85; Rev. C. C. Glover, $60; Sister Campbell, $149; Sister Hubbard, $25; Rev. J. W. Mathis, $90; Sister Henderson, $90; Sister Gillespie, $22; Sister Slaughter, $115; Sister Morgan, $40; Sister Peebles, $90; Rev. E. Tidwell, $90; W. B. Ramsey's children, $45; Sister Crouch, $280. Total, $1,831 85.

The Board also appropriated $5 to the payment of statistical blanks, and $10 to reimburse T. F. Lilly, trustee of the fund distributed to Rev. W. B. Ramsey's children, it appearing that there was a deficiency of said amount in last year's appropriation.

The Board directs that Brother T. F. Lilly be continued as trustee of the fund given Rev. W. B. Ramsey's children, under the same restrictions imposed at the time of his appointment.

The report of Rev. B. A. Hays, Chairman of the Committee to divide the Preacher's Relief Fund with the North Mississippi Conference, was satisfactory, and it is ordered that hereafter our Treasurer shall collect the annual interest of the Memphis Conference Female Institute, on the part due this Conference, on the division with the North Mississippi Conference, viz.: the interest at six per cent. on $4,108; that the North Mississippi Conference be, and is
hereby authorized to collect the interest at the same rate on the part belonging to it, viz.: interest at six per cent. on $892.

Last spring, the Rev. W. C. Johnson, editor of the Western Methodist, offered a premium for the benefit of the superannuates, widows' and orphans' fund to that one of the patronizing Conferences (the offer including the North Mississippi Conference) which furnished the largest number of subscriptions, according to membership, by the 15th day of May last. The Memphis Conference obtained that premium, a Willcox & Gibbs sewing machine, valued at $70. It is ordered that the Secretary of the Joint Board of Finance be authorized to sell the machine and take for it a note payable the 15th of November, 1872, with ample security.

The Secretary is directed to send Rev. W. L. Bonner his note, he being in destitute circumstances.

On the support of the Bishops, it is gratifying to us to report, as we find those who are appointed to attend to this collection are waking up to its importance.

The Memphis Conference is assessed $1,400. We have received the following amounts from the districts:

Memphis District.—Assessed, $260; paid, $267; excess, $7.

Somerville District.—Assessed, $260; paid, $269.

Jackson District.—Assessed, $215; paid, $209.75; deficit, $5.25.

Trenton District.—Assessed, $200; paid, $205; excess, $5.

Dresden District.—Assessed, $160; paid, $146; deficit, $14.

Paducah District.—Assessed, $160; paid, $162; excess, $2.

Paris District.—Assessed, $145; paid, $164; excess, $19.

Total: Assessed, $1,400; paid, $1,413.75; excess, $13.75.

Of this amount there are in Bishops' receipts, $430. We paid $13.75 of this amount to the Bishop for traveling expenses, leaving $970 to be paid in cash to him, thus meeting all their claims on our Conference in full.

It is required for the support of the Bishops for the ensuing year to raise $1,400, which is apportioned to the districts, as follows:

Memphis District, $260; Somerville District, $240; Jackson District, $235; Humboldt District, $200; Dresden District, $160; Paducah District, $160; Paris District, $145. Total, $1,400.

For the support of the superannuated preachers, etc., we have assessed the Memphis District, $260; Somerville District, $240; Jackson District, $235; Humboldt District, $200; Dresden District, $160; Paducah District, $160; Paris District, $145. Total, $1,400.

Respectfully submitted,

MILTON BROWN, Chairman.

G. B. BASKERVILLE, Secretary.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 21.

Mimeus of the Memphis Conference.

BIBLE CAUSE.

SATURDAY MORNING, November 18.

A communication from the Rev. S. P. Whitten, Agent of the American Bible Society was presented, and having been read, was referred to the Committee on the Bible Cause.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, November 20.

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

The Committee appointed upon the Bible Cause would respectfully report:

The circulation of the Scriptures we regard as one of the most important duties devolving upon the Church. The Bible is the foundation upon which rests the whole Christian superstructure—the basis of all our hopes. It teaches the will of God and the way to heaven. Its hallowed influence is felt by all who read its sacred truths, and are governed by its holy principles and precepts. Without it we would know nothing of our origin; the relation we sustain to our Creator; the great plan of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, and a future and eternal state of being beyond the grave. No people who have not been blessed with the influence of the Bible, however highly cultivated their intellects, have had any correct views on these most important and deeply interesting subjects. It must go before, or with, the missionary who goes to enlighten and Christianize the heathen and preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to those who sit in the region of moral darkness. It should be a text-book in all our institutions of learning.

The American Bible Society is the medium through which we have been operating in this great work of supplying the destitute of our country with this blessed book. Its anti-sectarian and anti-sectional character has ever been maintained, and it is therefore entitled to receive our warmest sympathy and most cordial support.

The Memphis and Shelby County Bible Society has for some years been engaged in supplying the country within one hundred miles of that city with the Bible. We rejoice to know that this Society is engaged in so noble a work, and we co-operate with their agents when an opportunity offers.

In conclusion, we offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we have, as ever, the strongest confidence in the American Bible Society.

2. That we welcome its Agent, Rev. S. P. Whitten, to our charges, and give him all the assistance in our power to aid him in the glorious work in which he is engaged.

SAMUEL WATSON, Chairman.

TUESDAY MORNING, November 21.

The Rev. S. P. Whitten, Agent of the American Bible Society, was introduced by the Bishop, and made a brief address on the Bible Cause.
TEMPERANCE.

SATURDAY MORNING, November 18.

The following preamble and resolutions, offered by John C. Reed and H. B. Avery, were adopted, viz.:

WHEREAS, Intemperance exists among the people of our country to an alarming extent, and whereas, we believe that no influence is more calculated to impede the progress of this rapidly-increasing vice than the opposition of the Church and a faithful testimony borne against it by the Christian ministry; therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference appoint a special Committee on the subject of Temperance.

Thereupon, John C. Reed, R. V. Taylor, and T. D. Eldridge were appointed a special Committee on Temperance. Subsequently, T. D. Eldridge was excused on account of other engagements, and T. F. Lilly appointed in his place.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, November 21.

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

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to present the following report:

If the claims of Temperance on mankind were of ordinary character, it might suffice merely to direct attention to the duty and necessity of observing its laws. But its claims are extraordinary in the highest degree, and therefore it is proper to urge them upon all with earnestness and fidelity. The proclivities of mankind tend to involve them in the evils of intemperance, and the temptations which solicit to ruin abound on every side. Hence, self-interest as well as duty demands that mankind, individually and collectively, should use all suitable means of security against the terrible consequences of intemperance. Of the various species of intemperance, it is too true that none is so appalling in its results as that which springs from the use of spirituous liquors.

One word of description is enough—it ruins. This ought to suffice to stir the patriot and philanthropist, and above all, the Christian, to the strongest efforts for the counteraction of this great evil.

The huge proportions of intemperance in spirituous liquors cannot be presented in a brief report; but we submit a few facts. A recent writer says: "It has been recently shown by official figures that the annual cost of the intoxicating liquors drank in this country is not less than $600,000,000. This is at the rate of $15 for each of the population, and it is nearly four times the estimated expenditures of the United States government (not including the public debt) for the current year. Of course if a poll tax of $15, or the fourth of it, were proposed to be levied upon every inhabitant, there would be a great outcry; and yet such a tax could be very easily carried or its equivalent easily raised, if the liquor traffic was abolished. The gain in the industry of those whom liquor makes idle, and in the saving of expense upon those whom liquor makes paupers and criminals, would many times exceed the cost of maintaining our national government. It is the taxes made by vice, and the vice added to the taxes, which burdens our wealth and our industry."
These statements are confirmed by statistics furnished by our own State. In the city of Nashville, $7,000,000 worth of spirituous liquors were sold last year, and during the same year, $200,000 worth in Gibson county. These vast figures show first the material ruin wrought by intemperance, and thence any one can infer the moral ruin caused by this foe of mankind.

If the traffic in, and use of, spirituous liquors were confined to those outside of the Church, it would still be bad enough; but alas, these evils have forced their way into the Church, and many members thereof are guilty before God. In view of this state of things, we close with the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, regard the traffic in, and use of, spirituous liquors by a member, a flagrant violation of the law of our Church; and that we will so instruct our charges, and also preach on the subject of Temperance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Reed, Chairman.

APPEAL CASE.

SATURDAY MORNING, November 18.

J. H. Witt, Presiding Elder of the Paris District, presented the appeal of A. F. Estes, local preacher, expelled by the Quarterly Conference of Huntingdon Circuit. Warner Moore, for appellant, stated the grounds of the appeal. Thereupon, the appeal being allowed, the Bishop appointed the following Committee to try the case, viz. : Findley Bynum, Thos. Joyner, R. G. Rainey, C. J. Mauldin, J. M. Flatt, J. V. Fly, W. B. Seward, N. P. Ramsey, T. L. Beard.

TUESDAY MORNING, November 21.

The report of the Committee on the appeal case of A. F. Estes was presented and read—case remanded for new trial.

RESTORATION OF CREDENTIALS.

MONDAY MORNING, November 20.

A. H. Thomas, Presiding Elder of the Memphis District, presented a certificate in due form from the Second Street Church Quarterly Conference, setting forth that Phineas T. Scruggs has been licensed to preach, and desires the restoration of his credentials as an elder, voluntarily surrendered by him, and that he is recommended to the Memphis Annual Conference for the restoration thereof. The following resolution was then adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the credentials of Phineas T. Scruggs as an elder be returned to him, and that if the parchment be not found, the Secretary issue a certificate of this action.
WASHINGTON CITY CHURCH.

MONDAY MORNING, November 20.

The Bishop made a statement concerning our Church in Washington City, and called upon the Conference, visitors and all, to aid in paying a debt on the building. A number of subscriptions were announced, and J. P. Walker was appointed to solicit other subscriptions.

CHURCHES IN DEBT.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, November 21.

The Conference authorized the appointment of an agent to collect money to relieve Central Church of existing embarrassments, and similar authority was given in favor of Saulsbury Church.

PUBLICATION OF THE MINUTES.

TUESDAY MORNING, November 21.

The report of the Secretary in reference to the publication of the Minutes of last year was presented, and having been read, was adopted.

The following resolutions offered by S. Watson, and J. H. Evans, were adopted unanimously, viz.:

Resolved, 1. That one thousand copies of the Minutes of the present session be published in pamphlet form, by the Secretary, and forwarded to the members, clerical and lay, in equal numbers.

2. That the Presiding Elders, after the publication of the Minutes, collect $1 from every member, clerical and lay, within their bounds, and forward the money to the Secretary.

3. That if practicable, the Secretary obtain business cards and publish with the Minutes to aid in defraying the cost of publication, and if any excess of funds remain, it is hereby appropriated to him on account of former advances.

THANKS.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, November 21.

The following resolutions offered by E. C. Slater and W. M. Patterson, were adopted unanimously, and by a rising vote, viz.:

Resolved, 1. That the hearty thanks of this Conference are due to the citizens of Trenton, for their elegant and bountiful hospitality to the members and visitors in attendance upon our session.
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2. That our thanks are due also to the Presbyterian, Cumberland Presbyterian, Baptist, and Reform Churches, for the use of their houses of worship.

3. That our thanks are due also to the officers of the various railroads accommodating our members at half fare on their respective lines.

ADJOURNMENT.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, November 21.

A Lesson of Scripture was read by the Bishop, who, after a hymn had been sung, led in prayer.

An appropriate and impressive address was made by the Bishop, after which John Moss, at the request of the Bishop, read the appointments of the preachers.

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