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The forty-first session of the Memphis Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held in Trenton, Tennessee, November 17-22, 1880.

There being no Bishop present, on motion of Rev. A. R. Wilson, Presiding Elder of the District, Rev. Thos. L. Boswell was called to the chair and proceeded to open the Conference by reading the 10th chapter of Luke. After the 272d hymn had been sung Dr. Boswell led in prayer.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll of clerical and lay delegates as follows—all of whom were present some time during the session, except those marked with an *:

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

*L. D. Mullins, A. H. Thomas, W. M. McFerrin, R. H. Mahon

LAY MEMBERS.


Bolivar District—T P Ramsey (L. P.), I T Bell, J M Porterfield, G W Armstead.

J. R. Wiggins, reserve delegate from Somerville District, took the place of T. W. Crowder; G. W. Morris, from Bolivar District, took the place of J. M. Porterfield.

Many visitors were present during the session, including Rev. R. A. Young, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Vanderbilt University, Rev. G. S. Savage, D. D., Agent for the American Bible Society, who addressed the Conference in behalf of the society, Rev. J. O. A. Clark, D. D., of South Georgia Conference and agent for Wesley Monumental church, Savannah, Ga., Rev. J. J. Ransom, Missionary to Brazil, and Rev. Dr. W. F. Camp, of Missouri.
Rev. Thos. L. Boswell was elected President, R. H. Mahon, Secretary, E. E. Hamilton, Assistant, and Warner Moore, Statistical Secretary.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate the usual committees, and after consultation submitted their report which was adopted:

At this juncture (10 o'clock a.m.) Bishop H. N. McTyeire arrived and took the chair and presided through the session.

COMMITTEES.

Public Worship—A. R. Wilson, J. M. Scott, John W. Elder.


†Memoirs—W. C. Johnson, S. W. Moore, Guilford Jones.

Board of Finance appointed at the close of last session—


†Appointed for four years.
The questions in the Discipline were duly considered and answered, viz:

Question 1—Who are admitted on trial?

Question 2—Who remain on trial?

Question 3—Who are discontinued?
None.

Question 4—Who are admitted into full connection?

Question 5—Who are readmitted?
Thos. P. Ramsey.

Question 6—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?
J. H. Garrett, from Tennessee Conference.

Question 7—Who are the deacons of one year.

Question 8—What traveling preachers are elected deacons?
Job R. Bell, J. R. Hardin, R. Y. Blackwell.

Question 9—What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?
Job R. Bell, Jas. R. Hardin, Richard Y. Blackwell.

Question 10—What local preachers are elected deacons?

Question 11—What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Question 12—What traveling preachers are elected elders?
John M. Major.

Question 13—What traveling preachers are ordained elders?
John M. Major.

Question 14—What local preachers are elected elders?
Charles R. Voss, Henry R. Reaves.

Question 15—What local preachers are ordained elders?
Charles R. Voss.

Question 16—Who are located this year?
John H. Johnson.

Question 17—Who are supernumerary?

Question 18—Who are superannuated?

Question 19—What preachers have died during the year?

Question 20—Are all the preachers blameless in their lives and official administration?
All examined and passed.

Question 21—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?
Local preachers, 238; white members, 33,209.

Question 22—How many infants have been baptized during the year?
627.

Question 23—How many adults have been baptized during the year?
1,830.

Question 24—What is the number of Sunday Schools?
364.

Question 25—What is the number of Sunday School teachers?
2,490.

Question 26—What is the number of Sunday School scholars?
13,610.

Question 27—What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
(See Report of Board of Finance.)

Question 28—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?
(See Report of Board of Finance.)

Question 29—What has been contributed for Missions?
For Foreign Missions, $4,613.65; Domestic Missions, $808.76.
(See Report of Board of Missions.)

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

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

MEMPHIS DISTRICT—A. H. Thomas, P. E. 
First Church, R. H. Mahon; W. M. McFer-
ris, Sup. 
Central Church, S. B. Surratt. 
Hernando street church, Warner Moore; J. 
E. Treadwell, Sup. 
Saffarun street mission, J. P. Walker. 
Georgia street mission, J. W. Knott. 
Springdale, R. N. Freeman. 
Bethlehem, J. C. Hooks. 
German town mission, T. P. Holman. 
Collierville station, James A. Heard; T. 
Joyner, Sup. 
Moss, W. T. Locke. 
La Grange station, W. A. Cook. 
Williston, J. A. Fife. 
Macon, A. C. Smith. 
Bastiau, C. J. Mauldin. 
J. S. Collins, Professor in State Female Col-
lege. 
J. A. Heard, President Bellevue Female Col-
lege. 
W. C. Johnson, Editor Western Methodist 
SOMERVILLE DISTRICT—T. L. Boswell, P. E. 
Somerville mission, W. D. P. Hadford. 
Newcastle, R. V. Taylor; one to be supplied. 
Whiteville, J. G. Clark. 
Dancyville, J. M. Spencer. 
Station, A. F. Hendrix, W. B. Matthews. 
Covington station, N. Furett. 
Covington circuit, W. M. Leatherwood. 
Randolph and Poplar Grove station to be 
supplied by James 
Patterson. 
Mt. Zion station, H. J. Turner. 
Embry, J. S. Kenshaw. 
Gratitude, S. B. Adams. 
Braden, J. W. Poston. 
High School. 
Moss, P. E., Principal Somerville District 
High School. 
JACKSON DISTRICT—J. H. Evans, F. E. 
Jackson First Church, E. E. Hamilton. 
East Jackson, W. C. Sellers. 
West Jackson, J. M. Major. 
Jackson circuit, R. A. Umpstead. 
Humphrey station, G. K. Brooks; T. L. 
Beard, Sup. 
Trenton circuit, B. Medlin. 
Brownsville station, W. T. Harris. 
Brownsville, W. L. Duckworth. 
Dennett, James Perry 
Pinson, T. F. Sanders, E. L. Fisher, sup. 
Cornersum and Friendship station, S. B. 
Love. 
Henderson station, R. W. Newsom. 
Lavinia, W. O. Lanier. 
Spring Creek, J. H. Garrett. 
W. W. Patterson, Missionary to Mexico. 
J. W. Grimes, Missionary to Mexico. 
W. M. Jones, President Memphis Conference. 
Female Institute. 
B. F. Blackmon, Principal Jackson District 
High School. 
John Williams, President Wesleyan Female 
College. 
DYERSBURG DISTRICT—A. R. Wilson, P. E. 
Dyersburg station, J. H. Collins. 
Dyersburg circuit, G. P. Parker; R. S. Harris, 
Sup. 
Newbern, R. M. King. 
Rutherford, B. F. Peeples. 
Trenton station, Guilford Jones. 
Alamo and Bells, T. C. Holmes. 
Alamo circuit, W. T. C. Young. 
Friendship, T. J. Simmons. 
Woodville circuit, G. H. Martin. 

Riley and Durhamville, T. G. Whitten. 
Riley circuit, J. M. Maxwell. 
Hair's Point mission, to be supplied. 
UNION CITY DISTRICT—N. P. Ramsey, P. E. 
Union City station, J. H. Roberts; J. E. 
Beck, Sup. 
Hickman station, E. K. Bransford. 
Hickman circuit, J. G. Pirtle; C. D. Davis, 
Sup. 
Tiptonville, J. A. Russell. 
Troy, J. V. Fly. 
Centreville, R. Y. Blackwell; M. D. Robin-
son, Sup. 
Sharon, S. Weaver. 
Martin, J. T. C. Collins. 
Wadeville female, R. E. Graves. 
Fulton station, W. H. Armstrong; J. Moss, 
Sup. 
Fulton circuit, F. Bynum. 
Dresden station, O. B. Whitten. 
Cottage Grove, J. R. Bell. 
Boydsville, W. H. Evans. 
Fiskag mission, to be supplied. 
Dresden High School, E. T. Hart. 
PADUCAH DISTRICT—W. H. Leigh, P. E. 
Paducah station, J. M. Scott. 
Paducah circuit, H. D. Hilliard. 
Hinkleville, W. S. Malone. 
Miller, R. L. West. 
Columbus station, J. D. Bush. 
Cleveland, E. H. Stewart. 
Clinton circuit, J. J. Smith. 
Wingo, W. H. Frost. 
Mayfield station, W. G. Heffley. 
Murray and Benton station, J. R. Hardin 
Benton, H. C. Gamble. 
Pipe Bluff mission, to be supplied. 
Birmingham, Josephus Edwards. 
Briensburg, G. W. Evans. 
Wickliff mission, D. M. Evans. 
PADUCAH DISTRICT—R. H. E. Gordon; L. R. Martin. 
PARIS DISTRICT—B. A. Hayes, P. E. 
Paris station, A. L. Prichett. 
Paris circuit, A. N. Sears; H. B. Covington, 
Sup. 
Huntingdon, T. J. McGill. 
McKenzie station, H. M. Sears. 
Gleason, R. R. Nelson. 
Spring Hill, J. T. Wiggins. 
Bradford, F. B. Davis. 
Trezevant, J. B. Sears; T. C. Ellis, sup. 
Mishawaka, M. W. Taylor. 
Murray circuit, B. B. Risenhoover. 
Paris Landing, R. E. Swift. 
Big Sandy, W. H. Blalock. 
McKenzie College, E. B. Chappell; President; 
E. B. Plummer, Agent. 
BOLIVAR DISTRICT—J. H. Witt, P. E. 
Bolivar station, G. W. Wilson. 
Bolivar mission, W. F. Barrier. 
Grand Junction, R. H. Ellis; D. C. Wells, sup. 
Pocahontas mission, G. Leath. 
Hamburg, T. P. Ramsey. 
Purdy, E. W. Richardson. 
Adamsville, G. T. Peeples. 
Santillo, J. D. Sullivan. 
Decaturville, Wm. Hay. 
Scott's Hill mission, D. A. Ross. 
Lexington station, James A. Moody. 
Lexington circuit, R. S. Swift. 
Mifflin, W. A. Freeman. 
Transferred, C. B. Baskerville, and Joseph 
Carl to Little Rock Conference. 
J. R. Jones and J. J. Brooks to White River 
Conference. 
J. J. Jones to North Alabama Conference. 
T. N. Raggsdale to Illinois Conference.
Your committee on the Spiritual Interests of the Church, respectfully submit the following report:

We regard this interest as paramount to all others. Upon it depends the peace, prosperity and union of our beloved Zion. It should permeate the minds and hearts of all our people, both clergy and laity. With spirituality we are alive, without it we are dead.

While the past year has not been equal to some former years in extensive revivals, we think we have maintained our ground, and gained some. Many precious victories have perched upon our banner, for which we feel thankful to Almighty God. But after careful examination of the various points connected with this interest, we regret to state that, in our opinion, we need much improvement.

Prayer meetings have been kept up in most of the charges, and through them much good has been accomplished. Some social meetings of the church have been so well attended as our prayer meetings. Some lively class meetings have been held in some of our charges, and good results have followed. But this once strong arm of the church has been almost paralyzed, but we are glad to note that there is a growing disposition among our ministers, and an increasing desire among our members, to restore it to its original vitality and power. Family worship is observed by a few of our members, but neglected by a large majority. We urge every pastor to make an earnest effort to have the family altar erected in every family in his charge. For with the prayer meeting, the class-meeting and the consecrated family altar, our church has grown to its present dimensions.

The signs of the times warn us that insidious and dangerous evils surround us, threatening to destroy the very life of the church. We do not hesitate to denounce plainly and emphatically the modern dance, theater-going, attending circuses and Mardi Gras, as injurious to the morals and piety of our people. There is an institution in our land, the original design of which we believe was good, but which has so degenerated as to be productive of much evil. We allude to our county fairs. In them horse-racing has been legalized, and many species of gambling introduced. We believe they have a pernicious influence, and would advise our people to abandon them, unless they can be restored to their original design.

We would carefully warn our people against the lurking skepticism of the day, and advise that their reading be well selected; and would especially insist on a more extensive circulation of the
literature of our church. Above all, we would insist upon the
diligent study of God's Word; the regular attendance upon the
ordinances of his house, and much meditation and prayer. There-
fore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we, as a body of ministers, will still endeavor
to seek higher attainment in the divine life.

2. That we will use our most earnest efforts to promote the
spiritual interests of the church, by influencing our people to
attend the prayer meetings and class-meetings of the church, and
to erect the family altar.

3. That as pertinent to this report, we request our presiding
officer, Bishop McTyeire, to furnish for publication, either in pam-
phlet form by our Book Agent at Nashville, or in our Conference
organ, the Western Methodist, the sermon on "Worldliness,"
preached by him Sunday morning in the Methodist church, believ-
ning, as we do, that its publication would do much good.

F. Bynum, Ch'n.

MISSIONARY REPORT.

The Conference Board of Missions present the following report:

1. Saffaran's Street Mission, Memphis District, has been served
by T. C. Holmes. He reports ninety members, one Sunday School,
ten officers and teachers, fifty-five scholars. Raised for Sunday
School purposes, $46.25; Presiding Elder, $27; preacher, $346.95;
church repairs, $33.50; for other purposes, $139.45; Foreign Mis-
ion, $25.35; Conference Collection, $5.50.

2. Georgia Street Mission, Memphis, has been served by J.
E. Treadwell. He reports forty-seven members, one Sunday School,
fourteen officers and teachers, eighty-seven scholars; raised for
Sunday School purposes, $92.35; one church, value $400; sit-
tings, 300; expended repairing church, $2.50; paid Bishops' Fund,
$4; Presiding Elder, $6; preacher, $91.81; volumes in library, 500;
Magazine, 12; Lesson Papers, 12; Little People, 50.

3. Somerville Mission, Somerville District, has been served by
J. M. Major and W. D. F. Hafford. It is reported with Somerville
station.

4. Bolivar mission, Bolivar District, has been served by W. F.
Barrier. He reports three local preachers, two hundred and four
members, forty-two conversions; thirteen adults baptized; three
infants; one Sunday School, seven officers and teachers, thirty-five
scholars. Visitors taken, 25; money expended for Sunday School
purposes, $10, number churches, 7, one now being built; sittings,
1500; value, $2000; expended for building, $300 raised for Bish-
ops, $3; Conference collection, $5; Foreign Missions, $2.75; for
Domestic Missions, $2.85; assessed for Presiding Elder, $60; paid,
$27.20; deficit, $32.80; assessed for preacher, $500; paid, $128, de-
ficit, $172; books sold, $25; Christian Advocates taken, 7; other
church papers, 3.

5. Lynnville mission has been served in connection with the
Boydsville circuit by Bryant Medlin, and reported with said circuit.

6. Obion mission has been served by Job R. Bell, in part, and E. B. Plummer, and has been reported with Troy circuit; hence we have no separate report as to the condition of the mission.

7. Pocahontas mission has been served by Giles J. Leath. He reports ten appointments, six churches, two hundred and forty-two members; one thousand six hundred meetings; value of churches, $2300; six Sunday Schools, ten officers and teachers, one hundred and twenty-five scholars; twenty-two additions to the church; sixteen conversions; baptized, nine adults, two infants; paid preacher in charge, $53.20; Presiding Elder, $10.65; Conference collection, $2; Domestic Missions, $2; for Sunday Schools, $14; books sold, $15.55; Christian Advocates taken, 2; Western Methodists, 3. The work is in good condition. The people greatly need the gospel and look to us mainly for it.

8. Blandville mission has been served by D. M. Evans. He reports six societies, one hundred members, one house, value $50; paid minister, $165.50; Bishop's fund, $8.25; Foreign Missions, $2.30; eighteen conversions; accessions, 23; Sunday Schools, 2; officers and teachers, 40; scholars, 40.

9. Scott's Hill mission has been served by R. S. Swift. He reports one local preacher, three hundred and forty-four members; baptized, adults 36, infants 9; Sunday Schools, 5; officers and teachers, 75; scholars, —; eight churches; value, $1750; sittings, 2700; paid for building church, $120; Presiding Elder, $24.05; preacher, $120.45; Bishops, $6; Conference collection, $13; Domestic Mission, $1; Foreign Mission, $1.

10. Pine Bluff mission has been served by G. W. Evans. He reports two societies, one house of worship; sittings, 100; white members, 36; paid, nothing. The condition of the mission spiritually not good.

11. Pisgah mission has been served by J. C. Poyner. He reports one church; value, $500; sittings, 300; fifty-five members; two other appointments; have had thirty-five conversions, twenty-six additions; baptized, adults 18, infants, 3; paid for building, $50; paid preacher, $31.50.

The Board propose the following mission work in the bounds of the Conference, and have made appropriations as follows for support of the same:

Memphis District: Georgia street mission, $200; Saffaran's street mission, $200; Germantown mission, $50.

Dyersburg District: Hale's Point mission, $50.

Jackson District: West Jackson mission, $75.

Union City District: Pisgah mission, $100.

Bolivar District: Scott's Hill mission, $166,666 2/3; Bolivar mission, $166,666 2/3; Pocahontas mission, $166,666 2/3.

Paducah District: Wickliff mission, $50.

The Board propose to raise $1,250 for the support of the mis-
sions named above, and assess the same to the several Districts, as follows: Memphis District, $190; Somerville District, $160; Jackson District, $170; Dyersburg District, $170; Union City District, $155; Paducah District, $145; Bolivar District, $115.

The Parent Board have assessed our Conference $6000; this we divide to the several Districts, as follows: Memphis District, $900; Jackson District, $850; Somerville District, $810; Dyersburg District, $840; Union City District, $780; Paducah District, $680; Paris District, $660; Bolivar District, $480.

There has been collected for Domestic Missions, from the various charges in the Conference, $719.45. Amount assessed, (see Treasurer's report.) Collected from various charges for Foreign Missions, $4038.25; additional for Patterson's press, $230. Total, $4268.25.

The Board passed the following resolutions, signed by W. C. Johnson and R. V. Taylor, W. T. Harris, Vice-President, in chair:

Resolved, 1. That we rejoice in the success of the labors of the Memphis Conference Woman's Missionary Society, and of their co-laborers throughout the connection.

2. That we recommend that all our preachers render whatever assistance they can to the women of the church in their good and great work for missions.

The Board adopted the following:

Resolved, 1. That from this date we will endeavor to collect, in addition to the amount assessed to our several charges, funds enough to pay the salary of the Rev. Wm. M. Patterson, Superintendent of the Central Mexican Mission and a member of the Memphis Conference.

2. That we have learned with pleasure that our dear brother, Rev. J. W. Grimes, has offered himself to our presiding Bishop, and through him to the Board of Missions, for service in the Central Mexican Mission.

3. That the amount collected at the anniversary meeting for Foreign Missions be designated as an outfit for Brother Grimes.

Resolved, 1. That in addition to contributions for this special purpose, we designate for it any sums collected in the several charges in excess of the assessment to them respectfully.

2. That we recommend to the children of the church in our Sunday Schools and families that they give their money to this special purpose.

W. C. JOHNSON,
W. C. SELLARS.

The Board (without the knowledge of W. C. Johnson, our President,) say that we recognize with pleasure the Children's Missionary Society, and the success of "Cousin Louise" in the columns of the Western Methodist, in awakening in the hearts of our young people a love and devotion to the cause of Missions, as evinced by their frequent letters published in the Western Methodist. Respectfully submitted,

W. C. JOHNSON, Pres't.
G. JONES, Sec'y.
EDUCATION.

As your committee we are pleased to report that the cause of education has been much advanced within the bounds of our Conference during the past decade. We are now not only prepared to present to the country increased facilities in the number of our institutions, but in the variety of character, whether male, female or mixed, as well as in the different grades of education, from the High School to the University. The theory of placing the education of our youth under the auspices of the church has worked out such grand results that it is no longer questionable. Indeed, the church has become not only a patron but a leader in this great enterprise. She is now expected to inaugurate new plans, establish new institutions to meet the demands of the age and give motive power to the whole machinery. It is through her that intellectual and moral culture have been brought into union, from which there has sprung a great family of civil and religious blessings. It therefore belongs to us, as a Conference, under this especial appointment of Providence, to nurse with tender care this important trust, and by our prayers and influence, both clerical and lay, to see that it is properly sustained. There is a denominational increase from this source, outside of the large benefits conferred upon society, which makes its demands doubly imperative. We cannot ignore these claims with impunity. Generations to come will hold us rigidly responsible. It is quite satisfactory to know that we are not behind our sister Conferences in this regard. The number of institutions that annually report to this body and which, to a greater or less extent, are under our fostering care, will show the breadth and character of the work we have in hand and the benefits we are conferring upon the world. Those institutions are as follows:

Vanderbildt University, Nashville, Tennessee. Of this distinguished institution of learning we desire to express through this medium our great gratification at its unparalleled success in every department; for which we are indebted to its efficient and highly cultivated faculty, its able and faithful chancellor, its liberal endowment, and the safe counsels and judicious management of its Board of Trustees, with its wise and watchful President. Though not ours in Conference boundary, it is no less ours in church relations, and entirely ours as located at the capital of our State—a magnificent monument to the memory of its beneficent founder. We are proud of Vanderbildt University.

The Memphis Conference Female Institute, located at Jackson, Tennessee, under the Presidency of the Rev. A. W. Jones, D. D., has maintained her position as one of the most prosperous and successful female colleges throughout our connection. We honor her for her age and the good she has accomplished. For thirty-six years she has annually contributed to the church and country a large class of cultivated young ladies. There are many intelligent and pious wives and mothers throughout our land who acknowled-
edge her maternal influence, and call her “blessed.” Under the guidance of its experienced and faithful President we shall expect nothing but success.

The State Female College, located at Memphis, Tennessee, after its sad reverses, is still alive. Though once an institution of extended patronage and highest rank, it has adjusted itself to existing circumstances, and hopes, through the help of her friends, to rise to her former prosperity. It is now under the care of the Rev. John S. Collins, a highly cultivated minister and able teacher, and member of this body.

Wesleyan Female College, located at Brownsville, Tennessee, is under the Presidency of the Rev. Jno. Williams. He has a competent corps of instructors, and the institution is reported to be in better condition than at any time during its history. Situated in a beautiful and growing little city, and surrounded by the best order of society, we feel confident of its continued success.

McKenzie College, located at McKenzie, Tennessee, is under the charge, jointly, of the Rev. E. B. Chappell and Prof. Granville Goodloe. It is reported as being in a very prosperous condition. Well located at the intersection of two important railroads, in a thriving town of excellent society, being lately relieved of heavy incumbrances in the way of debt, and under the energetic management and scholarly training of the Rev. E. B. Chappell and Prof. Goodloe, both well accredited graduates of Vanderbilt University, assisted by the Rev. H. M. Sears, in charge of the boarding department, we are encouraged with the promise of its continued prosperity.

Milburn High School is located at Milburn, Kentucky, and is a mixed school, under the care of Paducah District, Memphis Conference. The Principal is Prof. L. R. Martin, who is reported to have given general satisfaction to the patrons of the school, and greatly increased the number of pupils through his diligence and close attention to its interests. This institution will doubtless prove a great blessing to the church and country in its immediate section.

Somerville District High School is located at Mount Zion, Tipton county, Tennessee, and is under the care of the Rev. Hardin J. Turner, assisted by a competent corps of teachers. It is reported as enjoying a good degree of prosperity, especially when considered that it has been in operation only a few years. The purpose of the President is to make thorough work, satisfactory to the patrons and honorable to the school. The rigid discipline, the ability and fidelity of its teachers, the high moral tone of the community will guarantee a more extended prosperity.

Jackson District High School, located at Montezuma, McNairy county, Tennessee, is under the Presidency of the Rev. B. F. Blackmon. The Trustees report the school as lately relieved of debt, and with the combined efforts of the President and his corps of efficient teachers the school has attained to an unusual prosperity. We feel satisfied that under the continuance of its present
administration it will furnish further supplies to the ministry and
the general well-being of the church.

We ask the Bishop to appoint the Rev. A. W. Jones, D. D., to
the Female Institute at Jackson, Tennessee; the Rev. John Wil-
liams, Wesleyan Female College, Brownsville, Tennessee; the Rev.
B. F. Blackmon, Jackson District High School at Montezuma,
Tennessee; the Rev. Hardin J. Turner, Somerville District High
School, at Mount Zion, Tennessee; the Rev. L. R. Martin,
Paducah District High School, at Milburn, Kentucky; the Rev.
E. Chappell, McKenzie College, at McKenzie, Tennessee; the Rev.
John S. Collins at the State Female College, Memphis, Ten-
nessee; the Rev. E. T. Hart, Dresden High School; the Rev. Jas.
A. Heard, Bellevue Female College. We recommend E. B. Plum-
mer as Agent of McKenzie College.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to make the fol-
lowing report:

They are apprised of the importance of the work committed to
their consideration. No auxiliary of the church is doing more to
spread scriptural holiness over these lands. The moral and reli-
gious power brought to bear, and the good accomplished through
this potential agency, cannot be estimated. As far as we have
been able to gather the statistics, there are within the bounds of
the Memphis Conference 301 schools, 2026 officers and teachers,
and 15,280 scholars.

These facts bring before our minds a large army of men, women
and children, engaged in teaching and studying the pure word of
God. If these teachers are divinely consecrated to their high
work, and truly realize the great importance of their mortal obli-
gations, the church has in the Sunday School a mighty coadjutor to
sustain her in establishing the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

While infidelity, skepticism and rationalism are rife, and doing
much to despoil the minds and hearts of our young people, all these
instrumentalities of the devil will spend their force, and do but
little harm, if we are only diligent to teach the truth, as it is in
Jesus.

We should be very careful as to the methods employed in in-
structing the children of our schools. The plan adopted by some,
of teaching by means of pictures, we think, injudicious. The dis-
 pensation has passed when the divine truths of God’s word were
taught by types and symbols. The time has come when we are
to take hold of the invisible and eternal Father, by the direct exer-
cise of implicit confidence. Let us strive to so train the young
hearts committed to our trust, that this supernatural principle of
faith may be implanted in every bosom. Then this rocky element in such a host as is found in our schools, will make an immovable foundation for the church of God. We are glad to note the progress made this year in Sunday School work. There are more devoted men and women teaching the Scriptures in the bounds of the Memphis Conference now than ever before. Let us use well our opportunities. With a spirit of earnestness, in the name of Christ, we insist that every pastor see to it, that wherever ten persons can be collected together, that a school be organized. If we are negligent here, it gives the great enemy of souls a chance to do incalculable harm.

Resolved, 1. That we pastors and laymen, will henceforward exert ourselves more diligently in organizing and encouraging Sunday Schools.

2. That we will industriously concern ourselves to supply each school with the excellent and unequalled literature published at Nashville, Tenn., by Dr. Cunningham, Sunday School Secretary.

N. FUTUREL, Chm'n.

S. B. LOVE, Sec'y.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Books and Periodicals, beg leave to submit the following as their report:

THE PUBLISHING HOUSE.—We have before us the exhibit of the Agent, Rev. J. B. McFerrin, from which we learn that the business of the House, the past year, was entirely satisfactory to the Agent and Book Committee—that from the sales of books manufactured by the House—from the sales of merchandise purchased from other houses—from Advocate subscriptions—from Sunday School Periodicals and job work, the gross receipts of the House amounted to $154,313.80—from rents of store rooms in the Publishing House, the Agent realized $4,287.42—from account made before June 1st, 1878, $2,438.60—making the grand total of $160,039.82, the business of the House for the past year. We learn also, that during this time the Agent paid every expense connected with the business—kept up repairs on buildings and machinery—increased the insurance on the property from $50,000 to $135,000—paid for $75,000 of this insurance for a term of three years in advance—paid the interest on $100,000 of 10 per cent first mortgage bonds—made valuable additions to the composing and stereotype rooms, and furnished $25,000 earnings of the House to pay debts contracted before June 1st, 1878. It is with profound gratitude to God that we are able to report that the friends of the church have taken a sufficient amount of the four per cent bonds, to lift all prior liens and mortgages, and pay the entire indebtedness of the House, except $51,286, that will be paid as soon as outstanding subscriptions can be collected. The exhibit shows that our Publishing House is in better financial condition than it has ever been, and that it is now safe, provided our friends who have subscribed for the four per cent bonds, will take
them, and all who are indebted to the House pay up promptly. That our Publishing House is now safe, that its business has so wonderfully increased within the last twelve months, that the $300,000 of indebtedness has been relieved by the four per cent bonds, thereby enabling the House to run its business, take up its coupon bonds by degrees, and finally to relieve the House of all indebtedness, and supply the church with a sound Christian literature, is cause of gratitude to God, and thanks to our honest, industrious and self-sacrificing Agent and Book Committee. We urge the preachers to use every effort in their power to disseminate our books, and thoroughly educate our people in the things of God and of his grace.

The Christian Advocate.—Respecting our periodical literature, your committee submit the following:

The Christian Advocate, the connectional organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and published at Nashville, Tenn., is worthy the highest commendations, as an ably edited and popular religious newspaper. Dr. Fitzgerald is giving universal satisfaction, and every issue sent out from the press, but increases the popularity of this faithful old guardian of the polity and doctrines of our common Methodism. We are gratified to learn that the Advocate has largely increased its circulation within the last twelve months: but in view of its connectional spirit, its connectional interests, its connectional value, it has not reached the measure of its legitimate circulation and usefulness, as the connectional organ of the great Methodist Church in the great South. Its list of subscribers ought to be double what it is in our Conference. Can we not quadruple the number of subscribers the coming year? Let us try. For nearly half a century, this grand old Advocate has been contending for the faith delivered to the Saints, and is to-day better adapted to the wants of all classes than it has ever been.

Our Sunday School Literature.—This comprises our Magazine, Visitor, Little People and Lesson Papers—a complete catechetical and biblical library for any Sabbath Schools. We cannot see how the editor, Dr. Cunningham, could add anything to this department; it is in our judgment complete. We fear the preachers are not so active and diligent as they ought to be in recommending and circulating these messengers of love and mercy. The subscriptions to our Sunday School periodicals, ought to be doubled next year. Let the preachers resolve to do this, and the work will be done. We are gratified to know that this department of our publishing interest is prospering in a high degree, and that the editor is giving unusual satisfaction.

We emphasize the importance of this work, and urge our preachers to make a more determined effort to introduce the Visitor, the Little People and Lesson Papers into every family where they visit. We are satisfied that by doing this we can more than double the present subscription list in our Conference within the next twelve months.
WESTERN METHODIST.—Your Committee beg leave to call attention to our Conference organ—the Western Methodist—so ably and efficiently edited by Dr. W. C. Johnson, and his worthy associates. The Western Methodist is strictly a religious family journal—it is the silent preacher, the active and faithful pastor, visiting our families from week to week, with messages of love and sympathy. We are glad to note that its removal to Little Rock, has been attended with success, and that it is yearly increasing in usefulness and popularity. The children’s department, under the control of “Cousin Louise,” is doing a grand Christian work for our children and the cause of Missions. Our children are becoming more and more interested in church work, and “Cousin Louise” is sowing seed that will sooner or later bring forth a rich harvest for the Master. We, as members of this Conference, clerical and lay, should give to the Western Methodist a generous and hearty support, and increase its circulation in the bounds of our Conference, thereby increasing its usefulness, and redeeming pledges heretofore made. We urge our preachers to work for the Western Methodist, increase its circulation, and place it in all Methodist families in the bounds of our respective charges. The Arkansas Conferences gave it a generous support while it was located in our midst, and now we should still stand by our Conference organ.

THE QUARTERLY REVIEW.—The last General Conference appointed a committee of ten delegates to project and publish a Quarterly Review for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Dr. R. A. Young was elected publisher. His success may be seen in the fact, that this sumptuous periodical enters upon the third year of its existence without one dollar of indebtedness, and with money in the treasury. The thanks of the church are due to Dr. Young, especially as he has not charged one cent for all his services. Dr. T. O. Summers was elected editor—a man eminently fitted for the criticism of literature. His great learning, his industry, his long experience as a Reviewer are known and acknowledged by us all. In the estimation of such judges as George Stevenson of London, Dr. James Strong of New York, and Dr. A. A. Lipscomb of Georgia, this Review stands in the front ranks. The great Dr. Lipscomb has written it as his opinion that it is the ablest periodical of the kind ever issued by the Methodists of Europe or America. Our old men read it with increasing delight. We urge our young men to subscribe at once for it. Send your order money to Dr. Young, Nashville, Tenn. Price $3 a year. All of which is submitted. J. W. KNott.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Your committee, to whom was referred the Bible Cause, present the following report, viz:

The Rev. G. S. Savage, D.D., District Superintendent of the American Bible Society for Kentucky, East and Middle Tennessee, having, by the request of the parent society, visited our Confer-
ence, favored your committee by being present at its session, and greatly assisted us by furnishing us with many important statistical facts hereinafter mentioned; to whom we wish to express our sincere thanks and many obligations. During the sixty-four years of the existence of the American Bible Society it has published, in eighty different languages and dialects, three hundred and seventy-four million eighty-two thousand and eighty copies of the sacred Scriptures. During the last fiscal year the receipts of the society have been $608,342.28, showing an increase over the receipts of the previous year of $146,005.62. The issues of the society for the last year were 10,356,039 copies. The society has nine publishing depots in foreign lands, and a well organized system of colportage in the foreign as well as in the home field. By these colporteurs in our own State 10,654 families have been visited; 3245, or more than one-third, of whom have been found destitute. Two thousand six hundred and ninety-nine of these destitute families have been supplied. During the past year 28,202 copies of the Scriptures have been distributed in Tennessee, while the entire receipts of the society from this State have been $3474.53. During the last four years there have been distributed in this State by the society, 125,917 copies of the Scriptures, of which 66,503 were donations from the parent society, and 39,314 were paid for by auxiliary societies and individuals.

In view of these facts, and many others which we cannot herein enumerate—in view of the great and indispensable aid which this society gives to the missionary work and the evangelization of the world,

Resolved, 1. That we have an abiding and undiminished confidence in the work and management of the American Bible Society.

2. In view of the great work this society is doing at home and abroad, and particularly the grants it has made from time to time to our church, that the members of this Conference do pledge themselves to preach at least one sermon annually bearing on this subject at each appointment in their several charges, and take up an annual collection, when and wherever practicable, for the benefit of the American Bible Society.

Doyel Pearson, Chm'n.

I. T. Bell, Sec'y.

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance ask leave to submit the following as their report, after considering the subject in the light of the Holy Scriptures:

The history of the past clearly demonstrates the fact that intemperance has been, and observation teaches that it now is, among all nations the greatest evil that affects our fallen race. It is a potent truth that, in all grades of society, majorities carry with them an almost irresistible force. Unfortunately for the public good, the majorities have always been, and still are, worshippers at the shrine of Bacchus. In all the annals of the past there has
been, and still is, among all nationalities, a brave minority who have been and are still doing what they can to promote the Temperance cause. However, it is a lamentable fact that these efforts have been ineffectual in arresting the progress of this evil. This is the result of a want of organization and concert of action among the friends of the Temperance cause. We admit, as an axiom, that all Methodist preachers are friends of the Temperance cause, and that the Methodist church requires all her communicants to abstain from the use of strong drink except in cases of extreme necessity.

We believe that a large majority of the laity faithfully comply with the requirements of the church in this respect; yet it must be admitted that in all parts of our beloved Zion there are members who habitually use as a beverage intoxicating drinks; and in some localities members of our church engage in the liquor traffic. In most of these cases the parties occupy a social position that deters the pastors from the execution of the law of the church. We believe it to be the imperative duty of all pastors to prudently, yet firmly, enforce the rules of the church, especially with respect to this class of offenders.

We, as a church, are, and always have been, in sympathy with the friends of Temperance, without reference to their dialects, nationalities, religious or political opinions; and we will heartily co-operate with any and all Temperance workers in promoting the interests of our common cause.

Your committee have received and read with interest a circular issued by the authority of a mass meeting held July 2, 1880, consisting of the religious societies and citizens of Knoxville, Tenn., making an appeal to all the friends of the Temperance cause to unite with them in memorializing the legislature to suppress the liquor traffic by prohibitory or local option laws. We cordially endorse their action, and will cheerfully co-operate with them in their grand enterprise. The papers, both religious and secular, which gave publicity to the action and proceedings of the convention are entitled to our gratitude for the efficient services rendered the Temperance cause by them.

We have watched with interest for many years the progress of the Temperance cause in our sister States, and are pleased to observe that prohibition has been a success in Maine, and the interest manifested by our friends in Arkansas and other Southern States re-kindles our zeal and inspires us with hope for success; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we, the members of the Memphis Conference, memorialize the legislature of the State of Tennessee to enact such laws as will protect us, as a church and people, against the foul monster Intemperance, giving us a prohibitory or, at least, the local option law.

2. That each pastor be requested to preach at least one sermon in each of his congregations specially on the subject of Temperance.

W. A. Cook, Sec'y.
Church Extension.—Your committee on church extension, have had under careful consideration the accompanying report, adopted by the South Georgia Conference, and we do heartily concur in its wise suggestions.

The plan proposed, if put into speedy and practical operation, would no doubt develop fields, now only partially cultivated, that would be highly productive, and also enable us to enter for the first time and occupy territory rich in material resources, and susceptible of great spiritual results, and thus securing the sympathy and co-operation of such places, the reflex influence would benefit and strengthen the entire Church, South.

Your committee have personal knowledge of sections of country that are not embraced in our regular pastoral charges, which might soon be included therein, under the operation of this happily conceived enterprise—therefore we herewith present this paper, which is clear and forcible in its statements, and earnestly recommend its adoption.

W. D. F. Hafford, Ch'rm.
A. R. Boone.
A. T. Filder, Sec'y.

The committee on church extension, appointed at the Annual Conference, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee is profoundly impressed that some movement, looking to church extension, ought to be inaugurated by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Such a movement has been put into successful and practical operation by several other Evangelical churches, and notably by the Wesleyans of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Methodist Episcopal Church of these United States. By Church Extension Societies, they have aided weak churches to build houses of worship adapted to the wants of the places where they were respectively located, and have builted others where they were greatly needed and the people too poor to build for themselves. In this way churches, Methodist and others, who have tried the plans have greatly enlarged their borders, and strengthened themselves in communities where they respectively needed strengthening. We are satisfied that much has been lost to our church because a similar plan has not been adopted by us.

But something in this direction has been done by our church in our missionary fields, and, as we are told, with good results. Our Mission Board has expended money in building houses of worship where it has established missions. In this way, it is claimed, whatever has been given was wisely appropriated. Indeed, the houses of worship which we have erected in our mission fields were absolutely essential to success.

Now, the same kind of aid which has effected so much in our missions proper, will do much to build up our church in other places not properly missionary ground. Besides, too, such aid is especially needed in our own borders where thousands have already been expended, and thousands more will be expended to strengthen those who are seeking to supplant us. If we awake to
the dangers which threaten us, we will awake to the importance of helping our weak and building up our waste places.

By this means we not only strengthen ourselves against encroachments upon our work at home, but enable our Mission Board to send more laborers into our missions abroad. For, if money raised for church extension, be money raised for aiding the building of mission churches abroad as well as weak churches at home, much will be saved to our Mission Board that may be appropriated to the support of more laborers “in the regions beyond.”

Your committee are persuaded that this will be the result. We are convinced that a church extension movement will not diminish our missionary collections. We believe that, in a very short time, our missionary collections will be largely increased by the church extension movement. For this movement will soon increase the number of self-sustaining churches at home—churches not only able to support themselves, but to give to the cause of missions. This result, we believe, has been witnessed wherever the church extension plan has been employed. The church extension policy of the Wesleyans and the Northern Methodists has not taken a dime from their respective missions. Where the most has been contributed for church extension, there the most has been given for missionary purposes.

Your committee, however, after careful consideration of the subject submitted to us, does not deem it advisable to recommend any plan of church extension for our adoption at this time. But while this is so, we do earnestly advise that the initial step in this movement, be taken by the adoption of this report, in hope that, if adopted by this Conference, the attention of our sister Conferences and our next General Conference will be called to it.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. O. A. CLARK, Ch'm.

FINANCE—NO. 1.

We find the following amounts for the support of the Bishops, reported by the several Districts, viz:

BISHOPS' FUND.

Memphis District—Assessed, $150; paid, $150.
Somerville District—Assessed, $190; paid, $192.70; excess, $2.70.
Jackson District—Assessed, $205; paid, $207; excess, $2.
Dyersburg District—Assessed, $195; paid, $195.05; excess, 5c.
Union City District—Assessed, $145; paid, $145.
Paducah District—Assessed, $135; paid, $135.40; excess, 40c.
Paris District—Assessed, $145; paid, $121.50; deficit, $23.50.
Bolivar District—Assessed, $77; paid, $77.

Total assessed, $1,242; paid, $1,223.65; deficit, $18.35.

We hold Bishop McTyeire’s receipts for $150.80; Bishop Kavanagh’s receipts, for $95.60. Total receipts, $246.40. The balance of $977.25 we have paid to Bishop McTyeire.
We have assessed the Districts for the support of the Bishops, for the following year, as follows:

Memphis, $200; Somerville, $175; Jackson, $180; Dyersburg, $190; Union City, $140; Paducah, $125; Paris, $130; Bolivar, $70. Total, $1,210.

CONFERENCE COLLECTION.

Memphis District—Assessed, $301; paid, $225.75; deficit, $75.25.
Somerville—Assessed, $382; paid, $301.60; deficit, $80.40.
Jackson—Assessed, $413; paid, $393.65; deficit, $19.35.
Dyersburg—Assessed, $393; paid, $387.75; deficit, $5.25.
Union City—Assessed, $292; paid, $235; deficit, $57.
Paducah—Assessed, $272; paid, $180.90; deficit, $91.10.
Paris—Assessed, $292; paid, $91.65; deficit, $200.35.
Bolivar—Assessed, $155; paid, $86.20; deficit, $68.80.

Total assessed, $2,500; paid, $1,902.80; deficit, $597.20.

We have received from Dr. A. W. Jones, interest on due bill, $225. Received from W. C. Johnson, interest, $52.80. Total amount Conference Fund on hand, $2,210.30. Appropriated as follows:

Sister John Moss, $79.40; Sister Rosebrough, $29.40; Sister P. T. Scruggs, $29.40; T. P. Davidson, $79.40; Sister W. T. Plummer, $39.40; Sister Mary C. Crouch, $69.40; Sister D. J. Allen, $89.40; Sister J. G. Acton, $29.40; Sister Mathis, $29.40; Brother J. D. Slaughter’s children, $50; Sister M. J. M. Hubbard, $49.40; Brother J. R. Sykes, $150; Sister W. B. Seward, $39.40; Sister F. M. Morris, $129.40; Sister Nathan Sullivan, $104.40; Brother J. C. Crews, $75; Sister B. H. Bishop, $54.40; Sister D. C. McCutchen, $50; Brother Benj. Peebles, $75; Sister Sallie Warren, $79.40; Sister Martha Cole, $39.40; Sister Mary O. Moore, $204.40; Sister Corbitt, $204.40; Brother J. M. Flat, $150; Barney McCutchen, $25; Sister Glasgow, $129.40, and Brother England is continued as trustee of the fund. Sister M. A. Gillespie, $29.40; Sister Mary Burns, $104.40; we have paid Warner Moore $1.75, expenses incurred in supplying stationery. Balance of $1.15, in hands of Treasurer, to meet expenses of the distribution of the fund.

We have assessed for this fund for the next Conference year, $2,500, and distributed it as follows:

Memphis district, $400; Somerville district, $365; Jackson district, $400; Dyersburg district, $390; Union City district, $300; Paducah district, $250; Paris district, $250; Bolivar district, $150.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. J. MAULDIN, Chm’n.

A. E. SCOTT, Treasurer.
W. L. DUCKWORTH, Secretary.

FINANCE—NO. 2.

Since our first report we have received from S. B. Adams, Macon Circuit, Memphis District, $33.55 and $1 from Paducah
station, which amount of $34.55 we have appropriated to Sister Mary Burns, making the total appropriation for her benefit $140.95.

It is with pleasure that we note an increase in all the collections of the work. Especially do we note as a mark of increased spirituality in the church an excess of over $1,300 in the amount paid for the support of the ministry.

After prayerful consideration of the necessities of each claimant, as reported by their several pastors, we have made the appropriations according to the best of our judgment; and yet we are reminded that we have not been able to give entire satisfaction in every instance. We therefore urge upon the pastors and lay delegates from circuits where claimants reside to use the utmost care in ascertaining all the facts that would throw light upon the wants and conditions of the claimants, and present them to the Board at as early an hour during the session as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. MAULDIN, Chm'n.,
A. E. SCOTT, Treas.,
W. L. DUCKWORTH, Sec.

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MEMOIRS.

THE REV. JOHN A. CORBITT.

The Rev. John A. Corbitt, son of the Rev. Reuben Corbitt, was born in Tipton county, Tennessee, December 28, 1836. He married Sophronia H. Pickard, October 6, 1858—a happy union. He professed religion in his twenty-first year, joined the M. E. Church, South, and manifested his love for the church by serving faithfully in the capacity of steward, class-leader, local and traveling preacher. He was licensed to preach August 24, 1872, and remained in the local ranks until his removal from Tipton county to Arkansas, in 1876. There he joined the White River Conference as a traveling preacher. Was ordained deacon by Bishop Keener, December 3, 1876, and did good and effective work while a member of that Conference. He was transferred in 1877 to the Memphis Conference, and was appointed to Lucy circuit, and in 1878 to Randolph circuit. At our last session he was put on the superannuated list on account of the low state of his health.

As a traveling preacher, among the people where he was born and reared to manhood, he had the respect and confidence of all who knew him. Applying himself diligently to his books, he was growing to full manhood in the ministry when his health failed. For some time he entertained hope of recovery, but seeing he must die, he bowed submissively to the will of God, and regretted only the separation from his beloved wife and children, expressed himself ready for his departure. He died in hope and much assurance of rest everlasting, January 2, 1880, leaving an affectionate wife and a large family of children to mourn their loss, and a community deeply impressed with the example of a good.
and true man. Heaven has, we think, one more inhabitant. May God bless his deeply afflicted wife and orphan children, and may they meet where parting and tears are no more.

THE REV. S. W. MOORE, D. D.

Smith William Moore, a native of North Carolina, born November 1, 1818, was the son of John and Elizabeth Moore, who, being deeply pious members of the Baptist church, trained their children, eleven in number, so that they all became religious and devoted their lives to the service of God. The family removed to East Tennessee in 1831, and in 1834 his mother dying, the son, whom we honor and mourn, not long after was invited to Raleigh, N. C., by his uncle, Hon. William Hill, Secretary of State, in whose family he enjoyed a home, while he was employed as a clerk in the State office. During this time a great change occurred in his spiritual history.

It was in 1837, and in the midst of a religious revival among the Methodists of Raleigh, under the ministry of the Rev. Edward Wadsworth, that our brother was deeply convicted of sin, and earnestly sought till he found pardon and peace. On the night of June the 20th, after the service at church, while going up stairs to a friend's chamber, he was happily converted to God, and on the 16th of July following he was received as a probationer in the church, which was his spiritual mother. Ever afterward he sacredly celebrated the anniversary of his new birth and happy entrance upon the Christian life. And truly the life he lived was a Christian life—the life of faith in the Son of God, a life of growth and maturity, of strength and activity, of eminent usefulness to his fellow-men, and of glory to God.

As Christ had loved him and given himself for him, and saved him from sin and ruin, so he early felt a pure love for the souls of men, for whom Christ died, and an earnest desire to lead them to Christ. He was divinely impressed and assured that he was called to the ministry of the gospel. As a preparation for this great work his elder brethren counselled him to enter upon a thorough course of study, and accordingly, in the autumn of 1838, he became a student in Randolph-Macon college. June 20, 1840—the anniversary of his conversion to God—he was license to preach the gospel, and the Sunday following, at Providence, not far from the college, he preached for the first time. He remained at college four years, add at the close of 1842, lacking means to continue, he was obliged to leave but a little while before the time for his graduation. Subsequently, when he was in the maturity of his powers, the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Randolph-Macon college.

For two years he taught school in Taylorsville, Tennessee, and then in Giles county, Tennessee, and during that time he labored faithfully and usefully as a local preacher, in which relation he even then showed rare gifts, as well as grace and usefulness in proof of his call to the ministry.
He married, July 24, 1844, Miss Mary O. Yates, daughter of Warner Yates, the well-known scholar and educator, then of Giles county, Tennessee. To the end of our brother’s days this wife, now his widow, was a help-mate, truly, in every relation of life, well fitted, as she was, by nature and culture, in intellect, in heart, and in domestic and social virtues to her position — sympathizing thoroughly with her husband, and wisely counselling him in his life-word.

He was admitted on trial in the Tennessee Conference, held at Columbia, in 1844, and was then ordained deacon by Bishop Janes, and two years afterward, at Nashville, was admitted into full connection, and ordained elder by Bishop Soule. At that session, eighteen preachers, including our brother, stood before the Conference and made “the prescribed and most solemn vows of the itinerancy. He is the sixth of the number who have died itinerants — twelve of us, all of the class that survive, after thirty-six years’ service, are still in the traveling connection. May we, too, live and die in “this field of glorious war” against sin and for the Savior of souls.

We name here the appointments received by our brother: Franklin circuit, with J. B. West for junior preacher, 1844-45; Spring Hill circuit, with W. H. Hughes for junior preacher, 1846-47; Murfreesboro station, 1847-48; Athens station, 1848-49. During his years of service in this charge he was elected professor in the Female Institute at Athens, Alabama, and continued such until 1852, when he was elected President, and served one year in this office, which he resigned to accept the Vice-Presidency of Lagrange college; but on account of the financial difficulties which then beset that once renowned institution of learning, he gave up his position after a few months’ service. At the close of 1853 he removed to Grenada, Mississippi, and became President of Bascom Female Seminary, and was transferred to the Memphis Conference, which then extended over North Mississippi. Ever since, till his removal by death to a higher sphere and a better life, he has been a very useful, dearly beloved and highly esteemed member of this body. For seven years, as instructor and governor, he presided over the fortunes of Bascom Female Institute, and in 1858 he was also pastor of Grenada station. In 1860 he retired from service as an educator, with the settled purpose to devote himself exclusively to the preaching of the gospel. But he was overruled and at the session of that year he was appointed one of the agents of the Book and Tract Society at Memphis. In this office he served but one year, and at the same time was one of the editors of the Conference paper, which then bore the family name, Christian Advocate. His editorial work, particularly the leading articles from his pen, bore the marks of scholarship, polished and vigorous, thoughtful and earnest, and were characterized by breadth of view, clearness and force of statement, and intense devotion to the interests of the church, and to the moral and religious improvement of his readers.
But soon war's rude alarm was heard through the land, and during the terrible struggle our brother did excellent service as a pastor at the following places: Hernanda station, 1861-62; Panola circuit, 1862-63; Grenada circuit, 1863-64; Grenada station 1864-65 and 1865-66. During 1866 he resumed educational work, in Bascom Female Seminary, but at the session of the Conference for that year he was appointed President of Andrew College, Trenton, Tennessee, to which important office he gave four years' service. In 1871 he was appointed to Brownsville station, which he served four years. In 1875 he was appointed to Paducah station, and after two years' service there he was again appointed to Brownsville station, which he served two following years. In 1879 his appointment was Central Church, Memphis—his last charge on earth.

In poor health, very feeble in body, and apprehending that his strength was not sufficient in view of the work expected of him, he entered with humility, and yet in faith and hope and love, upon his pastorate. Exhausted by constant service and summer's heats enerating his body, though his soul was strong in the strength which God supplies, nature demanded rest, and so, with leave of absence, he left the city of Memphis early in August to spend some weeks with his son, Rev. Warner Moore, at Ripley, Tennessee, and his daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Lewis Estes, near Brownsville. His private diary, which gives us full proof of his arduous labors, his rich spiritual experience, records in brief terms his last labors in Central Church—we copy: "Sunday, August 1, Luke 17: 20—Silent Forces. A good communion. 8 P. M. Luke 12: 47-48." Then follows from Farrar's Life of St. Paul (a book which he finished after he was seized with the illness which proved fatal), an extract which expressed his own experience, and which for this reason we quote:

"There are souls in which the burning heat of some transfusing purpose adorns every other thought, every other desire, every other admiration; and St. Paul was one."

Our brother's last sermon was preached in his son's pulpit at Ripley, Tenn.—the diary notes it in few words, followed by a poetical religious sentiment, which we accept as indicating the soul's anticipated retirement from earthly scenes, and its introduction to the palace of the great King himself, in whose presence is fulness of joy. We copy:

"Sunday, August 8.—Preached in Ripley, Tenn., 11 a.m., Is. 1:3. Consider.

"I long to

'Sit on the desert stone,
Like Elijah at Horeb's cave alone;
Where a gentle voice comes thro' the wild,
Like a father consoling his fretful child,
That banishes bitterness and wrath and fear,
Saying, 'Man is distant, but God is near.'"

And now God is near to his trusting, hoping servant. At the
residence of Dr. Estes he was prostrated by disease; from which, after an illness of two weeks, he died, in his right mind, clear, bright, serene, yea, triumphant over death, at 7:45 p. m., September 2, 1880.

The funeral service was held the next day in the afternoon at the Methodist church in Brownsville. The mourning people, suspending business and closing the doors of their offices and stores and shops, filled the house—ministers and members of other churches, as well as of our own, and many who are not Christians—all gathering in memory and honor of one whom they loved and admired for his gifts and graces, and for his work among them. The pastor of the church, Rev. W. T. Harris, D.D., conducted the service, assisted by the Revs W. L. Duckworth, John Williams and W. H. Armstrong—the discourse of Dr. Harris being considered very appropriate to the mournful occasion, and impressive in an uncommonly high degree. A multitude of people in procession followed the remains to the City of the Dead, “Oakwood,” where, with the burial service read by Dr. Harris, our brother’s body was laid away, “dust to dust,” in the hope of the resurrection unto life. In Central church, Memphis, and in Paducah, memorial services were held by the pastors and members, the Sunday Schools also uniting with the congregations to pay the homage of tears to one who had faithfully fed the sheep and the lambs, too, committed to his charge. And not only so, but everywhere throughout the Memphis Conference, and even to the uttermost parts of the Connection, the wise and the ignorant, saints and sinners were blessed by his ministry. Though his frame was not stout and his health never perfect, he did a great deal of work as a student; as an instructor and governor of youth, in which he excelled; and as an author—his best work, a text book on Mental Science, has never been published. “Our Church in Sandburg” was well received, and will be read with profit and pleasure for many years to come; and besides, his editorial labors and frequent contributions to the religious press possessed a very high degree of merit, combining fullness of knowledge and vigor of thought with elegance of expression, and displaying always the spirit of the Christian. But it was as a preacher of the gospel, a shepherd of the flock, of the sheep and the lambs, he was pre-eminent. In him the spiritual was so blended with the intellectual that his preaching was most instructive and influential, whether his hearers were the intellectual but not spiritual, or the spiritual but not intellectual—the wise and the ignorant, saints and sinners were blessed by his ministry. Though
he was not spoken of as a natural orator or an eloquent man, yet with the Spirit's influence upon him, he became divinely eloquent and powerful. His preaching was always clear, strong, instructive and impressive. He studied God's word closely in various languages, ancient and modern, and with many other books, and above all, with much prayer; and, therefore, in theory, as well as experience, he understood the Scriptures, and was thoroughly versed in theology, discerning the truths and the errors, too, of theologians; and so he preached from a large store of religious knowledge, and brought out treasures new and old, with which to enrich his hearers. Moreover, as a pastor, not only in public; but in private also, in the homes of his people, and wherever he could approach them, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and in adversity, he ministered unto all—the old and the young, the rich and the poor alike; every class claiming him, all blessed by him. So he lived and labored, often in suffering, yet always in patience—not accomplishing the aims of his ministry by impulsive or sensational demonstrations, but by steady, hearty, always true yet always kind work for Christ and souls—not relying upon special appeals and occasions, but upon constant, minute service, omitting no details, neglecting no agencies, and bringing all under contribution for the success of the gospel. To all the collections—for missions, for the superannuated and the widows and orphans of preachers, for the poor—he gave attention; and he circulated the literature of the church, its weekly journals as well as its books, among his people as zealously and successfully as any preacher within our knowledge. Indeed, as a Methodist pastor, he was a model, and the Master crowned his labors with signal success.

Studious, prayerful, laborious; pure in heart, chaste in speech, consistent in life; earnest, profoundly earnest, as a minister of the gospel, constantly purposing to honor God and to bless mankind; a Christian in spirit and life, and a Methodist by choice, catholic as well as evangelical—such was Smith W. Moore.

In other relations, in various phases of life and character, we might refer to our dear friend, our beloved brother; but we must do so in very few words. He always displayed very deep interest in the movements of the church, and especially of his own denomination. He was wise in council—in the Annual Conference, and in the General Conference also, to which he was sent again and again. In him, Christian education had an intelligent and strong friend, not only during the years when he served in this important department, but since, and particularly as a member of the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University—a body which will hereafter painfully feel his absence. But we cannot enlarge here. Nor can we describe him, as we would, among his friends and especially in his family. How precious are our memories of him at home! The noble, Christian wife, the only son, Rev. Warner Moore, and the only daughter, Mrs. Lily Estes, with many other relations—they mourn him, husband, father, kinsman—a pattern for all, an illustration of Christianity in the home.
This imperfect sketch of a true life, we close with an account of Dr. Moore's sickness and death, furnished at our request, by his son—may he represent his father in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Warner writes:

"Father was taken sick on Sunday, August 15th, but was not very sick until the next Sunday. Then his disease assumed the form of dysentery. We did not regard him as dangerously sick up to the 29th. About 4 p.m. on the 29th, the doctors said he could not get well. At 8 p.m., I told him he was near death. He replied immediately, 'I know it.' After a moment he laid his hand on mine and said: 'Son, has the testimony of my life been that Jesus Christ was the Son of God?' I replied that it had been. 'Then,' said he, 'the testimony of my death is that Jesus Christ is the Savior of sinners,—adding after a moment, 'My soul through my Redeemer's grace, saved from the second death I feel.'

"During the forty-eight hours which remained of his life, he spoke often between the paroxisms of pain, of his hope and his complete trust in the Savior. These remarks were frequently quotations from the Scriptures and from favorite hymns. It showered, and that reminded him of the hymn, 'Sweet the moments rich in blessing,' with especial reference to the last couplet of the first stanza:

'Precious drops my soul bedewing,
Plead and claim my peace with God,'

"Again he said to me with great emphasis:

'I say to thee, do thou repeat
To the first man thou mayest meet
In lane, highway, or open street,
That he, and we, and all men move
Under a canopy of love
As broad as the blue heaven above.'

"Again it was:—

'Jesus, my only hope thou art.'

"He called me and said: 'There are so many soul-saving formulæ in the gospel of Jesus Christ. How I could preach if I had another opportunity! Tell the young preachers to work, think, pray, trust.'

"He prayed for a special blessing on mother, and he prayed to the covenant God for his children and children's children.

"Again and again he gave us to understand his perfect assurance—said it was "good to live for Christ and better to die in Christ.'

"As the end drew near he sent his love to his brethren, and seemed to long for some of them to hear his dying testimony. Once after giving some necessary commands about the affairs of Central Church, he called me back and said, 'Tell them how I love them.' I questioned, 'Who?' and he replied, 'My church.'

"About 7 o'clock—forty-five minutes before he breathed his last—he said distinctly: 'Glory to God in the highest,' and then lifting his hand above our bowed heads, he commenced, 'And now may the peace'—the hand dropped, the loved voice was
silent, and that word was his last. Oh! Brother Johnson, how that benediction falls on my heart as I write!"

May it remain on the hearts of the son, the daughter, the wife, and may it fall upon all our hearts.

Surely, in the life and death of Smith W. Moore, we have an example so brilliant that it should never be lost, but be kept ever in memory for admiration and imitation. Would that it might be reproduced and multiplied in the lives of all of us, especially of all who are called to the office and work of the Christian ministry.

THE REV. C. C. GLOVER.

The Rev. Clement C. Glover, a native of Tennessee, was born November 28, 1820. His education, though not thorough, was superior to that usually received by the youth of the country, and possessing a vigorous intellect and great force of character, which was in every pursuit displayed by him, he entered upon manhood with fair prospects of worldly success, as a physician, having graduated in medicine. It was not until he was grown that the religious influences which had surrounded him from the beginning were justified in his conversion to God. It was in June, 1843, that this great change occurred and he was received into the church by the Rev. L. D. Mullins. Zealous in his Master's service, and feeling the divine call to the Christian ministry, he was licensed to preach the gospel by the Quarterly Conference of Coffeeville circuit, Memphis Conference, September 5, 1846—the Rev. T. L. Boswell, Presiding Elder, signing his license. In the autumn of the same year he was admitted on trial into the Memphis Conference, and two years later was admitted into full connection. As a circuit and station preacher, and as Presiding Elder, he performed a great deal of hard work, and his labors were crowned with success in bringing souls to Christ and extending the borders of Zion; and all his life except one year (1855-56, when he was local), was spent in the traveling connection. Though not a great preacher, he so used the gifts and grace of God—he was so full of energy and zeal—that he deserved the praise of having done well in the years of his effective ministry, and no doubt the Lord at the last welcomed the way worn traveler with that grand plaudit: "Well done."

In the year 1865, Dr. Glover received a wound by which he was greatly prostrated, and from it suffered a partial paralysis, which ever afterwards disqualified him for work as a preacher, and hence from that year his name has been continued on the superannuated list. But though a great sufferer, he struggled manfully and nobly to the end in the worthy pursuit of selling good books over a wide scope of country. Thus he did much good even after he was so shattered in body, if not mind, that almost any other person, if similarly afflicted, would have ceased from labor and travel altogether.

In 1854, Dr. Glover married Mrs. Eliza N. Shaw nee Malone, of Fayette county, Tenn., and to them were born children—two
survive, a son and daughter; while now the parents both after much affliction have entered into rest. In the days of the family's prosperity, when fortune smiled, and gave largest blessings, their home was the seat of generous and elegant hospitality; and few men in the country were more liberal than Dr. Glover, to the various causes of the church, to the poor and to his friends. But changes came with and after the war, sad reverses under which our brother struggled to the end. A man of many virtues and few faults, the most of which his friends traced to the effects of the hurt suffered in 1865, after which his kindly nature became morbidly sensitive—we loved him and mourn him, even while we rejoice that his troubles are all over, and he is at home now and forever. He died somewhat unexpectedly after brief illness, among brethren, who though strangers, kindly cared for him, in Austin, Texas, December 15, 1879. May God bless and save his orphaned children.

BISHOP DOGGETT.

Having assembled as a conference to participate in the solemn memorial service of the hour, so becoming in us, and so worthy the memory of our departed brethren, we are especially reminded of our common loss as a church, in the death of our beloved Bishop Doggett, therefore

Resolved, 1. That we deeply deplore the loss of one so closely allied to us in all the affinities of a personal as well as ecclesiastical relation, so sweetly endeared by the remembrance of congenial association, so revered and honored in the chamber of counsel, and in the conference room, so loved for the spirit and power he carried into the sacred desk, and for a life of such extended usefulness; and we would humbly pray to bow with due submission to the will of the Great Head of the Church in removing him from us.

2. That in the life and character of our beloved Bishop, as a true patriot, an accomplished gentleman, an earnest Christian, a dignified minister, an eloquent preacher, a finished scholar, a faithful and laborious Bishop, we have had bequeathed to us and to our country and Church, a treasure more precious than jewels, which shall be laid in the depository of loving hearts, so grateful to Him who has given, and who in His mysterious providence has taken away.

3. That we furnish a copy of the above resolutions to the family of the deceased, and to the Richmond Christian Advocate, as well as to the Western Methodist.

W. C. JOHNSON.
GUILFORD JONES.

THE REV. L. D. MULLINS.

Lorenzo Dow Mullins, was born April 6, 1809, in Bedford county, Tenn., and was received on trial in the Tennessee Conference in 1830, and was in due time admitted into full connection, and ordained deacon, and in due course was ordained an
elder. He married May 20, 1835, Miss Martha Ann McGehee. He was fortunate in getting a wife well fitted in mind and heart for her responsible position as the wife of an itinerant Methodist preacher. Under her wise and prudent management of domestic affairs, they always had a pleasant home, abounding in plenty and in hospitality. For over forty years they lived happily together, and reared and educated an interesting family of children, all of whom are now grown, happily married, and all useful members of the Church.

For fifty years this man of God was an itinerant Methodist preacher, ever doing efficient and faithful work in the various fields of labor to which he was assigned. Though he never aspired to be a great orator, yet there was a strength and pathos in his preaching, the eloquence of sound doctrine, and earnest religious fervor, that made his ministry eminently successful in the great work to which his Master had called him.

His various fields of labor are too numerous to be named in their order here. His life work extended over a broad field, from the Cumberland mountains, through Tennessee, North Alabama and North Mississippi, to the Mississippi river. Whether on the rugged mountain circuit, or in the more level and wealthy region; in the station or on the district, he always magnified his office, and the Lord honored his work, and all the people loved and respected him.

While he was ever ready to rebuke sin in any form, and zealous to maintain the purity of the church, his heart was full of charity and kindness toward his fellow-men; hence he was a successful administrator of discipline, and by counsel and kindness saved many an erring one from death.

Brother Mullins, though comparatively a small man, had a great deal of vital energy, and a frame of wonderful elasticity, and the power of enduring heavy labor, and he used those powers in accomplishing an amount of work under which a much stronger looking man would break down. Many powerful revivals occurred under his ministry, too many to name in this brief sketch, but we will record one in this memoir. When this writer was a youth but recently taken into the church, L. D. Mullins was a young man and alone on an adjoining circuit, then called “Roaring River circuit,” which was the dread of the preachers of the Tennessee Conference. It extended from the Caney Fork river in Smith county, up the Cumberland river through Jackson and Overton counties, up among the spurs of the Cumberland mountains. Reports came frequently to our side of the river, about the mighty work which the little preacher was doing among those hills. At the close of the year, he had added about eight hundred members to the church, besides a large number of the converts had joined other churches. The greatest revival ever had in Holly Springs, Miss., was under his ministry, when stationed there many years ago. We will state further that his name has been emblazoned in the memory of hundreds in Memphis, Tenn. Verily, many, many
stars will rise up in eternity from over these broad lands, to sparkle in his crown forever.

But his "three score years and ten" were finished, and one more year of pain and feebleness was added, when he was summoned to lay down his armor, and cross the river to the beautiful home beyond. Through all the long months of his last illness, he was patient and full of faith in the gospel he had preached so faithfully to others. In his last hours he spoke words of comfort to his children and fond friends around him. Thus calmly, on July 12, 1880, this good and faithful man passed away, realizing doubtless, that "when the death-knell sounds, a chariot is at the door."

GuILFORD Jones.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, i. That hereafter all committees of examination, all candidates for admission and all undergraduates in the Conference be and they are hereby required to be in attendance at the place of the meeting of the Conference at such time as the chairman may designate before the opening of the session, for the purpose of the examination of their respective classes; and in failure to comply with this resolution—except in the case of unavoidable circumstances—shall be subject to censure by the Conference.

2. That private examinations in the interval of Conference by individual members of any of the committees will not be received by the Conference.

T. L. Boswell,
R. H. Mahon.

COLLECTION FOR DELEGATES.

Resolved, i. That each preacher in charge take up a collection between this and the first day of June, to defray the expenses of delegates to the Ecumenical Conference to meet in City Road Chapel, London, September, 1881, and that the same be forwarded to the Secretary of the Conference, Rev. R. H. Mahon.

J. S. Renshaw,
E. E. Hamilton.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.


VISITING COMMITTEES.

Wesleyan Female College: W. T. Harris, T. G. Whitton.
State Female College: Warner Moore, J. W. Knott.
Bellevue Female College: A. C. Smith, W. A. Cook.
Somerville District High School: N. Futrell, J. S. Renshaw.

Examining Committees.

Admission on Trial.—W. L. Duckworth, T. F. Sanders, W. C. Sellars.

First Year.—Guilford Jones, G. B. Baskerville, S. B. Suratt.
Second Year.—T. L. Boswell, Warner Moore, N. P. Ramsey.
Third Year.—A. W. Jones, W. T. Harris, J. M Spence.
Fourth Year.—J. A. Heard, J. T. C. Collins, J. M. Scott.
Rev. J. T. C. Collins, Martin, Tenn., Sunday School Sec'y.

Resolved, That we do hereby express our hearty thanks to the citizens of Trenton for their generous hospitality, and to the pastors and members of the Presbyterian, Baptist and Cumberland Presbyterian churches, for the use of their houses of worship. Also to the officers of the Paducah & Memphis, the Mississippi Central, the Memphis & Louisville, the Memphis & Charleston and the Mobile & Ohio railroads for reduction of fare and for special courtesy to the members of our body.

Jas. A. Heard,
T. L. Boswell.

Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction by the Bishop.

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