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OF THE
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

The Forty-Fifth Session of the Memphis Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, began Wednesday morning, December the 3d, 1884, in the First Church, in the City of Memphis, Tennessee, Bishop J. C. Keener presiding.

The Conference was called to order by the Bishop, who read for the lesson — Chapter of xi. Cor., and then gave out the hymn: "And are we yet alive?"

After the singing the Bishop led in prayer.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll of Clerical and Lay Members, as follows, to-wit:

CLERICAL MEMBERS.


LAY MEMBERS.

Memphis District—Dr D G Godwin, J C McNeil, Thos Alsabrook, F C Stevenson.

Brownsville District—Dr D J Newbern, Hon W J Lyle, David Cunningham, Dr G W Morris.

Jackson District—James Blackmon (L P), Hon R W Haynes, Hon W I McFarland, J A Hanna.


Union City District—E T Hollis, T L Wood (L P)*, B H Bransford, J M Moss.

Paducah District—Dr Andrew Smith*, W W Mosby, Prof J M Quinn, J H Myers (L P).

Paris District—J G Smotherman, Hon S W Hankins, Dr J T Irion, Prof Granville Goodloe.

Absentees*.

R. H. Mahon was elected Secretary, and on his nomination E. E. Hamilton was elected Assistant Secretary, and Warner Moore Statistical Secretary.

The hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 9:00 a.m., and 12:30 p. m.

A line across the room from the rear side of the fourth windows from the Chair was made the bar of the Conference.

The Presiding Elders who are a standing committee to nominate the usual committees, submitted their report, which was adopted, as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Public Worship—S A Steel, R H Mahon, David Leith, G B Baskerville and D D Moore.

Spiritual Interest of the Church—T F Saunders, Chairman; W T Barrier, J M Maxwell, M M Taylor, J W Waters, W C Sellars, R M King.


Bible Cause—J P Walker, Chairman; J A Russell, James Blackmon, J L Adams, Job R Bell, J J Smith, O P Parker.


Ministerial Relations—N P Ramsey, Chairman; A H Thomas, G H Martin, W O Lanier, T J Simmons, G T Sullivan, J H Roberts.

Board of Education—S B Love, Chairman; S H Williams, Geo T Peeples, H J Turner, R B Swift, J M Scott, J T Trion.


Board of Missions—Officers elected for four years, Guilford Jones, President; W C Johnson, Vice-President; R W Haynes, Secretary; R W Newsom, Treasurer. Members: J W Knott, F C Stevenson, T P Ramsey, Dr D J Newbern, A W Jones, James Blackmon, E K Bransford, J F Young, Wade H Frost, E T Hollis, H C Gamble, J H Myers, T J McGill, J G Smotherman.

Joint Board of Finance—Appointed at the last session, J P Walker, R V Taylor, G W Wilson, S Weaver, E T Hart, C J Mauldin, G K Brooks, Clerical; J W Young, A D Bright, N J Caldwell, D J Fraser, George Johnston, W A Dunagan, A E Scott, Lay.

Board of Church Extension—W T Harris, President; J E Beck, Vice-President; G T Sullivan, Secretary; John W Elder, Treasurer. Managers—W I McFarland, L D Mullins, R W Haynes, Guilford Jones, J H Witt.

Memoirs—W C Johnson, Guilford Jones and Jas A Heard.

The Rev. S. A. Steel in an appropriate speech presented Bishop Keener with a gavel, it being the same that was used by the Bishop during the General Conference held in this city in 1870, at which time Bishop Keener was elected and consecrated to the Episcopal office. The gavel was presented to the Bishop at the request of Brother Ben Abernathy, a colored brother who has been the faithful sexton of this church during thirty-three years past. The Bishop responded in a felicitous speech.

A communication from Rev. J. B McFerrin, agent of the Publishing House at Nashville, together with the Annual Exhibit of the House, was read and referred to the committee on Books and Periodicals.

A communication from Rev. J. W. Hinton, D. D., editor of the Quarterly Review at Macon, Ga., was read and referred, at his request, to a special committee of three, to-wit: J. W. Knot, H. J. Turner and B. Medlin.

A communication from the Rev. W. K. Boyle, touching the publication of the Centennial Daily during the forthcoming Centennial Conference to be held in Baltimore, Md., beginning December 9th. R. H. Mahon agreed to receive subscriptions to the daily.

A communication from Rev. Doctor Morton, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, with a copy of the Annual Report of the Board, were referred to Conference Board of Church Extension.

Dr. Morton was introduced to the Conference by the Bishop.
Rev. W. C. Johnson presented a copy of the Register of Vanderbilt University, which was referred to the Board of Education.

Communications from Rev. John Williams, President of Wesleyan Female College at Brownsville, Tenn., and the Rev. A. W. Jones, D. D., President of the Memphis Conference Female Institute at Jackson, Tenn., were received and referred to the Board of Education.

Question 6—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Answer—The Bishop announced that W. G. Heffley and D. L. Hines, both from the North Texas Conference, had been transferred to the Memphis Conference.

Question 20—Are all the preachers blameless in life and official administration?

Answer—J. M. Major, J. M. Flatt, T. J. Neeley, T. P. Holman, John Randle and James Perry were examined and passed, and their names referred to the committee on Ministerial Relations, as applicants for the supernumerary relation.

The name of J. C. Crews was called, and his Presiding Elder stated that he had died during the year, in peace. His name referred to the committee on Memoirs.

Question 20—Are all blameless, etc.?

The names of D. M. K. Collins, M. D. Robinson, Jesse Moss, D. C. Wells, W. M. McFerrin and B. B. Rienhoover were called and they were passed and referred to the committee on Ministerial Relations for the supernumerary relation.

Question 10—What local preachers are elected deacons?

Answer—Jerome L. Hunter was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of LaGrange and Moscow, Memphis District; W. A. Dungan by the Quarterly Conference of Jackson Circuit, Jackson District; T. L. Adams by the Quarterly Conference of Decaturville Circuit, Jackson District; W. T. Grant by the Quarterly Conference of Covington Station, Dyersburg District; A. J. Anderson by the Quarterly Conference of Covington Circuit, Dyersburg District; John S. Moore by the Quarterly Conference of Woodville Circuit, Dyersburg District; Newton W. Utley by the Quarterly Conference of Union City Station, Union City District, were elected deacons.

Question 14—What local preachers are elected elders?

Answer—Thomas J. Owen having been recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Hinkleville Circuit was elected an elder.

Thomas A. Shearing, formerly of the Methodist Protestant Church, who had been received into the M. E. Church, South by the Quarterly Conference of the Shiloh Circuit, Brownsville District, on the recommendation of that Quarterly Conference was recognized as an elder, he having certified his belief in the doctrines and discipline of the M. E. Church, South.

T. S. Rowlett, formerly of the Freewill Baptist Church, was also recognized as an elder, he having been received and recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Lavinia Circuit, Paris District, and
having certified his belief in the doctrines and discipline of the M. E. Church, South.

Question 1—Who are admitted on trial into the traveling connection?

Answer—John H. Warmath of Jackson Circuit, Jackson District; T. L. Adams of Decaturville Circuit, Jackson District; H. B. Johnston of Ripley and Durhamville Station, Dyersburg District; W. W. Adams of Mt. Zion Circuit, Dyersburg District; W. J. McCoy of Covington Station, Dyersburg District; A. J. Anderson of Covington Circuit, Dyersburg District; Samuel L. Jewell of Wingo Circuit, Paducah District; having been recommended by their respective Quarterly Conferences, and having stood an approved examination before the committee, were admitted on trial into the traveling connection.

The Rev. H. A. Jones, pastor of the Court Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church, this city, and the Rev. Jacob Ditzler, D. D., of Louisville, Ky., were introduced to the Conference by the Bishop.

After announcements the Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction by Bishop Keener.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, December 4, 1884.

The Conference met at 9 o'clock, according to adjournment, and was called to order by Bishop Keener. Rev. B. A. Hayes conducted the devotional service.

The names of the absentees yesterday were called, and the following answered:


A communication from the Trustees of McTyeire Institute, at McKenzie, Tenn., was received, and on motion referred to Board of Education without reading.

L. D. Palmer, Esq., business manager of the Publishing House at Nashville, Tenn., was introduced by the Bishop, and in a short speech presented the claims of the House.

A resolution by Granville Goodloe and J. T. Irion, touching the report on educational statistics of the Conference, was read and referred to the Conference Board of Education.

Communications from Memphis District High School at Wythe, Tenn., and the Dyersburg District High School at Mt. Zion, Tenn., were referred to the Board of Education.

Question 1.—Who are admitted on trial into the traveling connection?

Julius H. Cale, of Camden Circuit, Paris District; Charles C. Bell,
of Huntington Circuit, Paris District; Richard H. Pigg, of McKenzie Station, Paris District, having been recommended by their respective Quarterly Conferences, and having stood an approved examination before the Committee, were admitted on trial into the traveling connection.

Question 20.—Are all the preachers blameless, etc.?

H. B. Covington was examined and passed, and he referred to the Committee on Ministerial Relations for the superannuated relation.

Question 14.—What local preachers are elected elders?

James M. Cunningham, on the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of the Mifflin Circuit, Jackson District, was elected an elder.

Question 5.—Who are re-admitted?

D. D. Moore, on the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of Georgia Street Station, Memphis District, was re-admitted into the traveling connection.

D. R. Hooker came recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Trenton Circuit, Jackson District, but his application for re-admission was rejected.

J. T. Wiggins, being recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Conyersville Circuit, Paris District, was re-admitted.

The Rev. Horace Jewell, of the Little Rock Conference, Rev. Dr. G. S. Savage, of Kentucky Conference and Agent of the A. B. Society for Kentucky and Tennessee, Rev. E. B. Ramsey, of North Mississippi Conference, and the Rev. Dr. Patterson, a member of this Conference and Superintendent of Central Mexican Mission, who has been absent for seven years, were introduced to the Conference.

The order of the day (11 a. m.), having arrived, the Rev. Dr. Morton, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, was introduced by the Bishop and he addressed the Conference in the interest of Church Extension.

Question 12.—What traveling preachers are elected elders?

W. B. Matthews, D. M. Evans, C. D. Hilliard, Josephus Edwards, R. B. Swift, W. T. Locke and E. H. Stewart, having passed an examination of character, and having stood an approved examination before the committee of the fourth year were elected elders.

H. J. Turner, an elder of this class, was examined and passed.

Question 11.—Who are the deacons of one year?

D. L. Hines was examined and passed, and having stood an approved examination on the studies of the third year was passed to the class of the fourth year.

John H. Johnson was added to the committee on the Bible Cause.

After announcements the Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction by the Bishop.
THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, December 5, 1884.

Conference met at 9 o'clock according to adjournment, and was called to order by Bishop Keener. The opening exercises were conducted by Rev. E. T. Hart.

On motion of E. E. Hamilton the calling of the roll is omitted after to-day.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following resolution was read and referred:

Resolved, That the Joint Board of Finance be, and they hereby are, respectfully requested when they bring in their report to state clearly and definitely, what in their judgment, should be the basis on which the assessments should be made on the various charges, by the District Stewards.

DAVID LEITH,
R. H. MAHON.

John H. Johnson was elected Secretary to issue certificates of attendance, required by the railroads in order to a reduction of fare.

Question 2.—Who remain on trial?

Samuel F. Chambers and James W. Blackard having passed in examination of character and stood an approved examination before the committee were continued on trial.

Question 7.—Who are the deacons of one year?

Jacob F. Carl was examined and passed.

E. B. Graham, J. G. Burks and R. W. Erwine having passed in examination of character and stood the approved examination before the committee were advanced to the class of the fourth year.

James B. Currie, of this class, had died during the year with nothing against him. His name was referred to the committee on Memoirs.

Question 8.—What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

William J. Naylor, John G. Jones, Rufus E. Humphrey, Peter H. Fields and William C. Waters, having passed in examination of character and having stood an approved examination on the studies prescribed, were elected deacons.

W. D. Jenkins, a deacon of the class, having stood his examination, was passed and advanced to the class of the third year.

Question 4.—Who are admitted into full connection?

W. J. Naylor, John G. Jones, R. E. Humphrey, P. H. Fields, W. C. Waters and W. D. Jenkins, having stood the usual examination, appeared before the Conference and were examined by the Bishop on the disciplinary questions, and they were admitted by vote of the Conference into full connection.

The Hon. D. P. Hadden, Mayor of the City of Memphis, was introduced by the Bishop, and he delivered a short address of welcome, which was responded to by the Bishop in a few appropriate remarks.

Bishop Isaac Lane, of the Colored M. E. Church in America, was introduced and made a short address of greeting.

Rev. E. J. Stanley, of Montana Conference, was introduced and spoke of the work in the far West.
Question 20.—Are all the preachers blameless in life and official administration?

The names of W. C. Johnson, A. R. Wilson, G. H. Martin, R. V. Taylor, R. Y. Blackwell, S. H. Williams, W. M. Leatherwood, D. A. Ross, W. F. Barrier, J. A. Russell, T. P. Ramsey, John Williams, J. W. Grimes and W. M. Patterson were called and all examined and passed.

R. N. Freeman, of the Central Mexican Mission, had died during the year in the City of Mexico. His name was referred to the committee on Memoirs.

The report of the committee on the Bible Cause was submitted and read, and after an address by Dr. Savage, agent of the A. B. Society was adopted. (See appendix.)

After announcements the Conference adjourned with singing and the benediction by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, December 6, 1884.

The Conference met at 9 o'clock and was called to order by Bishop Keener. Rev. J. M. Spence led the devotional service.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Question 20.—Are all the preachers blameless in life and official administration?


William S. Malone had died during the year in great peace. His name was referred to the committee on Memoirs.

The names of A. L. Pritchett, S. B. Adams and E. H. Stewart were referred to the committee on Ministerial Relations for the supernumerary relation; and W. O. Lanier and R. S. Swift were referred to same committee as suitable for the superannuated relation.

The Rev. Doctor Eugene Daniel, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church; the Rev. George W. Sweeney, pastor of the Christian (Camp-
bellite) Church, this city; the Rev. J. W. Cunningham, of St. Louis, Mo.; and the Rev. Dr. A. R. Winfield, of Little Rock, were introduced by the Bishop.

The Committee on Public Worship submitted the following appointments for preaching on Sunday:

**SUNDAY APPOINTMENTS.**

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<td>First Methodist Church, corner Poplar and Second</td>
<td>9 a.m.</td>
<td>Sunday School Anniversary; at 11 a.m., Preaching by Bishop J. C. Keener, followed by Ordination of Deacons; at 3:30 p.m., Preaching by Rev. J. M. Spence, followed by Ordination of Elders; 7:30 p.m., Memorial Service.</td>
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<td>First Methodist Church, Union Street</td>
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Third Presbyterian Church, Chelsea—Rev. R. M. King, at 11 a. m.; Rev. J. G. Burks, at 7:30 p. m.

Lauderdale Street Presbyterian Church—At 11 a. m., Rev. B. F. Peebles; at 7:30 p. m., Rev. C. D. Hilliard.

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Court Street—Rev. J. H. Roberts, at 11 a. m.; Rev. Warner Moore, at 7:30 p. m.

After singing a hymn the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the Bishop.

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SUNDAY NIGHT.
MEMORIAL SERVICE.

SUNDAY NIGHT, December 7, 1884.

The Conference met in the First Church at 7:30 p. m. to hold a memorial service. The Rev. J. M. Spence presided by appointment of the Bishop. G. H. Martin acted as Secretary.

Question 19.—What preachers have died during the year?

The Committee on Memoirs announced that four of our brethren had died during the year, to-wit: J. C. Crews, J. B. Currie, W. S. Malone and R. N. Freeman.

Suitable memoirs of these brethren were presented and read in the following order: J. C. Crews and J. B. Currie, by Rev. Guilford Jones. W. S. Malone, by Dr. J. A. Heard. R. N. Freeman, by Rev. W. C. Johnson.


The report of the committee was adopted, and the Conference adjourned, with the doxology and benediction by the President.

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FIFTH DAY.
MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, December 8, 1884.

The Conference met at 9 o'clock, according to adjournment, Bishop J. C. Keener in the Chair.

Dr. Boswell led the devotional services.

The minutes of Saturday and of the Memorial Service Sunday night were read and approved.

Question 9.—What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

The Bishop announced that he ordained on Sunday after sermon in the First Church, this city, the following traveling preachers deacons,

Question 11.—What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Question 13.—What traveling preachers are ordained elders?
W. B. Matthews, D. M. Evans, C. D. Hilliard, Josephus Edwards, R. B. Swift, W. T. Locke and E. H. Stewart were ordained by Bishop Keener on Sunday, after sermon, in the First Church at 3 p. m.

Question 15.—What local preachers are ordained elders?
T. J. Owen, James M. Cunningham, local deacons, were ordained elders at the same hour.

Question 20.—Are all the preachers blameless in life and official administration?

The vote referring D. C. Wells for supernumerary relation was reconsidered, and he was referred for the superannuated relation.

Question 17.—Who are supernumerary?

Question 18.—Who are superannuated?

Question 16.—Who are located this year?
G. B. Baskerville and Josephus Edwards at their own request.
The report of the Committee on Education was submitted and read, and after some slight amendments was adopted.

Question 31.—Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?
Paducah, Ky., Paris, Tenn., and Brownsville were nominated. Paris was withdrawn, and Paducah having received the majority of the votes was chosen.

On motion of W. C. Johnson the vote for Paducah was made unanimous.
The Rev. W. H. Leigh was appointed in connection with the Secretary of the Conference to publish the minutes of the present session. J. J. Smith, W. H. Evans, W. T. Locke, J. T. Wiggins, were appointed to solicit subscription to pay for the same.
The Special Committee on the Quarterly Review submitted their report, which was adopted. (See appendix.)
The Committee on the Spiritual Interests of the Church submitted their report, which was read and adopted. (See appendix.)

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read and adopted. (See appendix.)

The report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals was read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on District Conference Journals was read and adopted. (See appendix.)

The resolution signed by R. W. Haynes and others, touching the time of holding the sessions of our Conference, was read but not adopted.

The Conference resolves to meet again at 3 p. m. to-day.

After singing, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference met at 3 p. m., according to adjournment, Bishop Keener in the Chair.

Rev. J. W. Knott led the devotional service.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Bishop announced the following as the Joint Board of Finance for the following year: (See list of Committees.)

Also the following Visiting Committees: (See list.)

Question 27.—What is necessary for the superannuated preachers, their widows and orphans?

Answer.—$2,500.00.

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

Answer.—Raised in Churches, $2,078.60.

—Colvin Bequest, 28.20.

—Interest on Notes, 299.25.

Distributed as follows: (See Report of Joint Board of Finance in appendix.)

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

Answer.—369.

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

Answer.—2,591.

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

Answer.—16,098.

Question 29.—What has been contributed for Missions?

Answer.—For Foreign Mission, $6,784.90.

—For Domestic Missions, 1,091.00.

Total, - - - $7,875.90.

(See Report of Board of Missions.)
The Board of Church Extension submitted their report, which was adopted. (See appendix.)

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the pastors of this Conference be and they are hereby urgently requested to take up their Home Mission collection by April 1st, next, and to pay the same over to the Treasurer; and that he be authorized to pay to our Home Missionaries in quarterly installments the amounts appropriated to the several Missions in our bounds, taking receipt for the same.

J. M. Maxwell,
J. T. C. Collins,
J. T. Wiggins.

Question 22.—How many infants have been baptized during the year?
Answer.—1002.

Question 23.—How many adults have been baptized during the year?
Answer.—2,272.

Question 21.—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions of the Conference?
Answer.—Local preachers, 250.
—No. of members, 35,931.
(See Statistical Table.)

The following vote of thanks was adopted:

Whereas, The members and delegates of the Forty-Fifth Session of the Memphis Conference have been most warmly welcomed, and entertained with great Christian kindness and hospitality, by the citizens of Memphis; and also invited to occupy pulpits of various Churches in the city; therefore be it

Resolved, By this Conference, that we tender our heartfelt thanks, and express our highest appreciation of this Christian liberality by a rising vote.

J. H. Johnson,
W. L. Duckworth,
W. S. Harris,
J. A. Fife,
M. M. Taylor,
A. N. Sears,
T. G. Whitten.

A vote of thanks was given to the officers of the Chesapeake, Ohio & Southwestern Railroad, and to those of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, for a reduction of fare to the members and visitors of this Conference

The Centenary Committee submitted a report, which was accepted. (See appendix.)

There being no further business, the Bishop asked the following

Question 32.—Where are the preachers stationed this year? (See appointments.)
THIRTY-TWO QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Question 1.—Who are admitted on trial?

Question 2.—Who remain on trial?
Answer.—Samuel F Chambers, James W Blackard.

Question 3.—Who are discontinued?
Answer.—none.

Question 4.—Who are admitted into full connection?

Question 5.—Who are re-admitted?
Answer.—D D Moore, John T Wiggins.

Question 6.—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?
Answer.—W G Heffly and D L Hines from North Texas.

Question 7.—Who are the deacons of one year?
Answer.—Jacob F Carl, E B Graham, J G Burks, R W Erwin.

Question 8.—What traveling preachers are elected deacons?
Answer.—W J Naylor, John G Jones, Rufus E Humphrey, Peter H Fields, W C Waters.

Question 9.—What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?
Answer.—W J Naylor, J G Jones, R E Humphrey, P H Fields, W C Waters.

Question 10.—What local preachers are elected deacons?

Question 11.—What local preachers are ordained deacons?

Question 12.—What traveling preachers are elected elders?

Question 13.—What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

Question 14.—What local preachers are elected elders?
Answer.—Thomas J. Owen, James M Cunningham.

Question 15.—What local preachers are ordained elders?
Answer.—T J Owen, J M Cunningham.

Question 16.—Who are located this year?
Answer.—G B Baskerville, Josephus Edwards.
Question 17.—Who are supernumerary?

Question 18.—Who are superannuated?

Question 19.—What preachers have died during the past year?
Answer.—J C Crews, R N Freeman, James B Currie, W S Malone.

Question 20.—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?
Answer.—They were all examined and passed one by one.

Question 21.—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?
Answer.—Local preachers, 250.

—No. members, 35,902. (See paper.)

Question 22.—How many infants have been baptized during the year?
Answer.—1002.

Question 23.—How many adults have been baptized during the year?
Answer.—2272.

Question 24.—What is the number of Sunday schools?
Answer.—369.

Question 25.—What is the number of Sunday school teachers?
Answer.—2591.

Question 26.—What is the number of Sunday school scholars?
Answer.—16,098.

Question 27.—What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
Answer.—$2500.

Question 28.—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?
Answer.—Raised in Churches, $2,078.60.
—Colvin Bequest, 28.20.
—Interest on Notes, 299.25.

Question 29.—What has been contributed for Missions?
Answer.—Foreign Missions, $6,784.90.
—Domestic Missions, 1,091.00.

Question 30.—What are the educational statistics?
Answer.—Two Female Colleges and eight High Schools, valued at $75,000. Number of pupils, 704.

Question 31.—Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?
Answer.—Paducah, Ky.

Question 32.—Where are the preachers stationed this year?
Answer.—(See Appointments.)

Raised for Church Extension, $1389.20.
APPOINTMENTS.

MEMPHIS DISTRICT.

T. L. Boswell, Presiding Elder.

MEMPHIS:
First Church, S. A. Steel.
Central Church, R. H. Mahon.
Hernando Street, David Leith.
Georgia Street, D. D. Moore.
Springdale Circuit, J. M. Maxwell.
Bartlett Circuit, J. P. Walker.
Embry Circuit, J. E. Treadwell.
Bethlehem Circuit, E. E. Hamilton.
Callierville and Germantown, A. H. Thomas, W. M. McFerrin, supernumery.
LaGrange Station, J. A. Heard.
Williston Circuit, J. W. Knott.
Grand Junction Circuit, R. Y. Blackwell.
Saulsbury Circuit, J. D. Sullivan.
LaGrange College, J. A. Heard, President.

BROWNSVILLE DISTRICT.

W. C. Johnson, President Elder.

Brownsville Station, A. R. Wilson.
Brownsville Circuit, G. H. Martin.
Stanton Circuit, A. C. Smith.
Braden Circuit, W. T. Locke.
Somerville Station, S. H. Williams.
Dancyville Circuit, W. M. Leatherwood.
Somerville Circuit, T. P. Ramsey.
Whiteville Circuit, R. V. Taylor.

DENMARK CIRCUIT.

W. D. Jenkins.

Bolivar and New Castle, C. D. Hilliard.
Falcon Circuit, J. G. Burks.
Adamsville Circuit, W. F. Barrier.
Shiloh Circuit, J. A. Russell.
Chaeralla Circuit, J. G. Jones.
Wesleyan Female College, John Williams, President.

JACKSON DISTRICT.

W. L. Duckworth, Presiding Elder.

JACKSON:
First Church, Guilford Jones.
East and West Jackson, B. F. Blackmon.
Jackson Circuit, J. A. Fife.
Spring Creek Circuit, S. B. Love.
Mifflin Circuit, R. A. Umpstead.
Lexington Station, G. T. Peeples.
Lexington Circuit, J. H. Garrett.
Scott's Hill Circuit, W. B. Matthews.
Decaturville Circuit, T. L. Adams.
Saltillo Circuit, P. H. Fields.
Henderson and Montezuma, J. W. Blackard.
Pinson Circuit, F. B. Davis.
Humboldt Station, Warner Moore.

MCFERRIN, W. M. McFerrin, supernumery.

Trenton Station, G. W. Wilson.
Trenton Circuit, B. A. Hayes.
Memphis Conference Female Institute, A. W. Jones, President,
J. T. C. Collins, Agent.
DYERSBURG DISTRICT.
J. H. EVANS, Presiding Elder.
Dyersburg Station, E. K. Bransford.
Dyersburg Circuit, B. Medlin.
Newbern and Trimble, T. F. Saunders.
Mason’s Hall Circuit, W. T. C. Young.
Kenton Circuit, S. F. Chambers.
Alamo and Bells, M. M. Taylor.
Friendship Circuit, E. B. Plummer.
Woodville Circuit, C. J. Mauldin.
Ripley and Durhamville, J. M. Scott.
Hennings Circuit, W. H. Evans.
Covington Station, J. G. Clark.
Covington Circuit, T. J. Simmons.
Hale’s Point Mission, to be supplied.
District High School at Mt. Zion, H. J. Turner, Principal.

UNION CITY DISTRICT.
W. T. HARRIS, Presiding Elder.
Union City Station, R. W. Erwin.
Hickman Station, W. G. Heffley.
Hickman Circuit, W. A. Cook.
Tiptonville Circuit, J. H. Warmath.
Troy Circuit, Finley Bynum.
Union City Circuit, S. Weaver.
Center Circuit, S. J. Jewell, M. D. Robinson, supernumerary.
Obion and Wilsonville, R. B. Swift.
Sharon Circuit, J. V. Fly.
Martin Circuit, J. W. Waters.
Walnut Grove Circuit, E. B. Graham.
Fulton Station, J. R. Bell, Jeremiah Moss, supernumerary.
Dresden Station, J. A. Moody.
Pisgah Mission, R. E. Graves.

PADUCAH DISTRICT.
J. M. SPENCE, Presiding Elder.
Broadway, J. C. Hooks.
Locust Street, W. H. Leigh.
Paducah Circuit, W. J. Naylor.
Hinkleville Circuit, J. R. Hardin.
Wickliffe Circuit, D. A. Ross.
Columbus Station, J. T. Wiggins.
Clinton Station, W. C. Sellars.
Clinton Circuit, N. P. Ramsey.
Wingo Circuit, J. J. Smith.
Mayfield Station, G. T. Sullivan.
Farmington Circuit, D. M. Evans.
Murray and Benton, G. W. Evans.
Birmingham Circuit, W. J. McCoy.
Breensburg Circuit, H. C. Gumble.
Benton Circuit, C. D. Davis.
Palestine Circuit, A. N. Sears.

PARIS DISTRICT.
T. G. WHITTEN, Presiding Elder.
Paris Station, G. K. Brooks.
Paris Circuit, R. E. Humphrey.
Conyersville Circuit, R. H. Pigg.
Henry Circuit, R. W. Newsom.
McKenzie Station, J. H. Roberts.
Gleason Circuit, R. L. West.
Huntingdon Circuit, J. H. Witt.
Bradford Circuit, O. P. Parker.
Trezevant Circuit, B. F. Peeples.
Milan Station, R. M. King.
Big Sandy Circuit, C. C. Bell, D. M. K. Collins, supernumerary.
Cottage Grove Circuit, C. H. Yates.
Camden Circuit, A. J. Anderson.
Medina Circuit, W. C. Waters.
Colporteur for American Bible Society, J. H. Johnson.
J. F. Carl transferred to North Texas Conference.
APPENDIX

Report of Committee on Spiritual Interests of the Church.

It is the opinion of the committee to whom was referred the consideration of the Spiritual Interests of the Church, that never in a single year of our history have the great doctrines of the "witness of the Spirit," and the sanctification of heart and life been emphasized with so much earnestness and zeal by our ministers, as they have been during the past year.

The season has been one of retrospection and examination of the causes that, through the help of Divine Providence and Grace, have brought us to our present status in the Christian world. It is easy to conclude that most minds would believe that one, if not the chief cause of our success, was the deep-felt want and consequent seeking after and obtaining a renewal of the moral nature by the Holy Spirit. When once converted, and "the eyes of our understanding enlightened that we may behold the glory of God, and what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of His inheritance in the Saints," there is kindled a desire to become more assimilated to the likeness of the Son of God. This we believe to have been the case with multitudes of our preachers and people, as evidenced by the fact that during the past year, notwithstanding a hotly contested Presidential canvass, many glorious revivals in our bounds and hundreds have been added to the Church, such as shall be saved. From information received from all the Districts, we do not think the number of conversions will fall short of five thousand souls, most of whom have joined our Church. We have found that as heretofore, the prayermeeting, class and experience meetings, together with the frequent administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, have been of exceeding great advantage in this great work.

We have very many people in our bounds who have learned much of the things of God. Their piety is deep and their joys are constant. For this we thank God and "praise the brethren that their faith has
grown exceedingly." Perhaps we have never had in our Conference bounds so many exhibitions of the power of the sanctifying grace of God as are set forth in the soul-life and the practical godliness of our people to-day. But while we rejoice in this, we are also sensible of the mournful fact, that there are large numbers of our people who know little of "Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." This we think is due to the neglect of secret prayer, the means of grace, the abuse of God's Holy Day, and an indulgence of fleshly appetites and passions. It is our desire that all our people enjoy the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of peace, and to secure this end, therefore,

Resolved, That we as ministers of God will reconsecrate ourselves to this one work and endeavor to make more effective our lives and pastoral visitations.

2. Resolved, That we will encourage the private study of God's Word, meditation and prayer, and discountenance the abuse of our Christian Sabbath.

3. Resolved, That we will improve upon the past year, in our endeavor to get our people to appreciate and enjoy the social meetings of the Church.

4. Resolved, That we are opposed to the system of raising money for Church purposes by fairs, raffling, and all other means not distinctly approved by the word of God, and that we believe the Church may trust to the sanctified liberty of her people for all her revenues.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. SANDERS, Chairman.

W. C. SELLARS, Secretary.

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Bible Cause.

To the Memphis Annual Conference, Memphis, December 5, 1884,

Your Committee on the Bible Cause beg leave to report as follows:

The Bible is still the word of Life; still the nations are earnestly calling for it, and with the growing demand, there has been a vigorous and enlarged circulation of the Scriptures. As Dr. Richard Watson said: "The Bible Societies have sent a stream of light through the world," and the missionaries now stand upon its banks crying, "Ho, every one that thirsteth! come ye to the waters." The American Bible Society especially has been wise, liberal and full of enterprise in its work.

The total issues of this society for the last fiscal year were 1,808,215 of which 510,546 were circulated in foreign lands.

The total receipts for the year amounted to $649,719.96; its disbursements were $762,106.15.

In the fourth supply of the whole country more than four hundred colporteurs have been employed with the following results: Number of families visited, 1,217,215; number of families found without Bibles, 152,150; number of destitute families supplied, 102,000.

In this fourth general canvass there were employed in the State of
Tennessee last year, for longer or shorter periods of time, forty colporteurs. The work was faithfully carried forward with these results: Number of families visited, 70,496; number of families found without Bibles, 12,747; number of destitute families supplied, 10,808. For the same time the total number of books distributed in the State were 60,374; of this number 44,672 were donated.

The American Bible Society issued an urgent address to the people of the United States in 1882, asking aid in its fourth supply of the whole country; but as the responses to this address have not been as general and as liberal as was anticipated, the managers cannot refrain from giving expression to their apprehension that unless the cause is more generally and pressingly presented in the Church, and the friends of the Society respond more liberally to its claims, the time is near when the work, both at home and abroad, will be greatly curtailed. Never was there a more general demand for the Scriptures in our land; never were the nations of the earth stretching forth their hands so eagerly for the Word of Life; never was this Society more thoroughly equipped for its work, or prosecuting it more vigorously. The work done at home and abroad during the past year makes a most cogent appeal for more general and liberal contributions.

Whereas, This Society is doing so much for our Church and country —supplying at least one-fourth of our families with the Scriptures, either by sale at cost or by donation; and

Whereas, We think our people should contribute more liberally to this cause, therefore be it

Resolved, By the Memphis Conference, that each pastor present the claims of this Society to each one of his congregations during the coming year; and also take a collection for the immediate benefit of the work.

J. P. Walker, Chairman.
J. H. Johnson, Secretary.
J. A. Russell,
J. S. Adams,
J. J. Smith,
James Blackmon,
J. R. Bell,
O. P. Parker.

Quarterly Review.

The Special Committee to whom the Quarterly Review of the M. E. Church, South, was referred by the Conference at the instance of the editor, J. W. Hinton, D. D., beg leave to submit the following report, to-wit: The Committee have had the merits of this periodical under careful consideration, and they deem that it supplies a desideratum long felt (before its publication,) among our people. A periodical of its literary value will furnish food for thought, not only in the departments of literature and philosophy, but likewise in the fields of theology and religion. Our people are entitled to first class literature, and
they demand it at our hands, and if we are unwilling or unable to furnish it, others will. We think the editor well adapted by rare literary advantages and the high order of talent to conduct this publication to a successful issue. Its reviews and learned criticisms constitute no small part of its merits. The people living within the bounds of Southern Methodism are rapidly advancing to the higher developments of mental and religious culture. In order to meet the wants of the rising generation, as well as to supply the current demands of our reading and thinking people the highest truths should be crystalized in permanent form, as gems of thought and literary research, especially when such shall conserve the sublime teachings of the Son of God. The tidal wave of literary and scientific progress is destined to overwhelm the ever recurring errors of head and heart, when guided by the hand of wisdom. The brain power and moral worth of our best men must be brought to the front to educate the mind and heart of this great nation. We cannot see how the pulpit in our Church can keep pace with the grand march of human thought and thus learn how to subsidize and utilize everything in the range of the active mental forces without the benefits accruing from the reading and study of the Quarterly Review or some similar periodical. This work to a large extent meets the demands of our people. It compares favorably with the best publications of its kind in the country. Its price has been reduced to $2.50 per annum. Therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily approve and recommend the Quarterly Review to our ministers and membership as worthy of their patronage.

J. W. Knott,
B. Medlin,
H. J. Turner.

Report of Board of Missions.

The Conference Board of Missions reports as follows:
There have been raised during the present year—
For Foreign Missions, - $6,784 80
For Domestic Missions, - 1,091 00
Total, - - $7,875 80

The assessment for Foreign Missions is $10,300 00. The Board assess said amount on the several districts as follows:
Memphis District, - 1,800 00
Brownsville District, - 1,650 00
Jackson District, - 1,425 00
Dyersburg District, - 1,800 00
Union City District, - 1,450 00
Paducah District, - 1,150 00
Paris District, - 1,025 00

$10,300 00
The Board proposes raising for Domestic Missions $1,500.00, assessed as follows:

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The amount of money assessed and collected last year has been distributed to the several claimants in full, except two Missions which were served only part of the year, and to them we have paid $90 each.

The Board proposes the present year to aid the following Missions within our bounds, and for the purpose makes the following appropriations:

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The collection for Foreign Missions have been paid to Dr. Kelly, in part, and draft for balance has been obtained, to be immediately forwarded.

Our Domestic Mission work during the year has been as follows:

*Georgia Street*—Mission has been served by Bro. W. S. Malone during the early half, and Dr. D. D. Moore the latter half of the year. The report shows: One church, $4,000; 79 members; 24 accessions; Sunday school scholars, 94; paid preachers, $261.32. The Board has aided this Mission $400.

*Locust Street*—Has been served by Bro. W. H. Leigh. The report shows: One church, $800; members, 58; baptisms, adults, 10; infants, 4; one Sunday school; scholars, 85; paid preacher, $55 40; assessments in full; aided, $400.

*Pisgah Mission*—Union City District, has been served by Bro. J. C. Poyner. The report shows: Three churches, $800; other property, $325; paid preacher, $160 25; aided, $100.

*Obion Mission*—Has been served by Bro. R. J. Mason, L. P., and Bro. R. B. Swift. The report shows: Two churches (Obion and Minnick); members, 80; Sunday school, 80; paid preachers, $58 50; aided, $90.

*Hale's Point*—Has been served by Bro. G. W. Richardson, L. P. The report shows: No church; two preaching places; members, 91; Sunday school, 65; paid preachers, $11 85; aided, $90.

Last year the members of the church within the bounds of the Con-
ference paid for Foreign and Domestic Missions, per capita, the sum of a small fraction over 20 cents. The present year, upon a like assessment, shows an increase of about 7 per cent., making a per capita of about 21½ cents. While this work has been slightly increased on the aggregate, it is far beneath the duty and privileges of our people. This Board is fully persuaded that the success of Missionary collections depends very largely on the personal and persistent attention of the preachers. We trust they will cheerfully and prayerfully urge this cause upon the attention of their people, so as to bring up next year a bountiful offering.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. W. HAYNES, Sec'y.

GUILFORD JONES, President.

Report of the Board of Church Extension.

The Board of Church Extension submits the following report:
The amount raised during the year for Church Extension, $1389.20. Of this amount $694.65 belongs to the parent board, and $694.60 to the local board of this Conference. Amount brought forward from last year’s fund, $196.40; total in hand of local board, $989.70. Traveling expenses, stationery, treasurer’s valise, etc., $21.15.

There were two applications for aid before the board, both in proper form. On motion the board deferred an appropriation to any point until further consideration. The assessment for Church Extension for the ensuing year is $2500, and is apportioned to the Districts as follows:

Memphis District - - $475.00.
Brownsville District - - 425.00.
Jackson District - - 325.00.
Dyersburg District - - 425.00.
Union City District - - 325.00.
Paducah District - - 250.00.
Paris District - - 275.00.

Total - - $2500.00.

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. SULLIVAN, Secretary.

W. T. HARRIS, President.

Report of the Board of Finance.

MEMPHIS, TENN., December 8, 1884.

The amount assessed by this board for the widows and orphans of deceased preachers and the superannuated preachers, was $2500. To
secure this amount the several Districts were assessed and have paid the following:

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By reference to the above figures you will see that we have received from the various charges the total amount of $2078.60. Colvin Bequest, $28.20; Rev. W. C. Johnson, $52.80 interest; from Rev. A. W. Jones, $246.45 interest; grand total, $2406.05. Which amount we have distributed as follows: Sister John Moss, $100; Sister P. T. Scruggs, $25; Brother W. T. Plummer's children, $50; Rev. R. H. Mahon, Trustee Sister D. G. Allen, $75; Brother T. P. Holman, $125; Sister T. C. Holmes, $50; Sister M. J. Hubbard, $100; Sister W. B. Seward, $100; Sister Nathan Sullivan, $100; Brother S. B. Surratt's heirs $50; Rev. R. H. Mahon, Trustee Sister F. M. Morris, $100; Sister L. M. Moore, $100; Sister J. C. Corbett, $100; Bro. J. M. Flatt, $100; Sister B. H. Bishop, $75; Brother H. B. Covington, $100; Sister D. C. McCutchen, $50; Sister Sallie Warren, $100; Sister J. G. Cole, $25; Sister J. C. Glassgow, $100; Sister J. G. Acton, $25; Brother John Randle, $100; James Perry, $125; Sister W. S. Malone, $150; Sister L. R. Martin, $125; Sister J. G. Pirtle, $75; Sister Mary Burns, $100; Sister R. N. Freeman, $75.

Reserved to pay to Warner Moore as Secretary of Conference, and of this Board for stationery, $6.05. We have assessed to the several districts for this fund for the ensuing year the sum of $2500, and apportioned it as follows:

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There was assessed for the support of the Bishops during the past year, $1440, and apportioned and paid as follows:

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For this amount we hold Bishop Keener's receipt for $275 00, and Bishop McTyeire's for $100 00, and Bishop Wilson's for $102 65. The balance of $968 25 we have paid to Bishop J. C. Keener.

For the support of the Bishops, we have assessed the Districts, for the ensuing year, as follows:

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The resolution referred to us by the Conference, and signed R. H. Mahon and David Leith, requesting J. B. F. to express judgment as to what should be a basis on which the District Stewards should apportion the assessment to the charges, was considered. No basis was fixed, the Board thinking the question should be decided by each body of District Stewards alone.

G. W. Wilson, Sec'y.  
C. J. Mauldin, Chairman.  
G. K. Brooks, Treasurer.

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**Report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals.**

Your Committee on Books and Periodicals takes very great pleasure in reporting substantial progress in every branch of this important department of church work.

The Publishing House, as shown by the annual report of the Agent and Book Committee dated April 1, 1884, is growing stronger and stronger, and is becoming more and more efficient in the great work of saving the world.

The stock of merchandise is larger by four thousand, eight hundred and fifty-four dollars and seventy-seven cents ($4,854 77) than it was one year ago; and the sales have exceeded those of the previous year ten thousand, one hundred and twelve dollars and eleven cents ($10,112 11).

The increase of the business over the previous year amounts to twenty-three thousand, six hundred and fifty-six dollars and ten cents ($23,656 10).
Additions and improvements have been made to the fixtures and facilities of the House to the amount of fifteen thousand, nine hundred and fifty-one dollars and forty-nine cents ($15,951.49).

And forty-one thousand, two hundred and twenty-five dollars ($41,225) of the four per cent. bonds have been canceled and retired, leaving at the date of the report a liability of only one hundred and forty-eight thousand, eight hundred and seventy-five dollars ($148,875) of the old debt.

The circulation of the Christian Advocate has increased to twenty-five thousand copies per week, and the monthly issue of the Sunday School literature has been enlarged to the aggregate of four hundred and thirty-nine thousand and fifty copies.

Several new and valuable books have been published, prominent among which is the History of Methodism, by Bishop H. N. McTyeire, a book that ought to be placed in every Methodist home, and read by every member of the church.

Arrangements have been made by which worthy books of all publishers may be delivered at any postoffice as cheap as they can be obtained from the publishers themselves.

We approve the course of the Agent and Manager of the Publishing House in adhering strictly to the direction of the General Conference, by doing business upon a cash basis.

We urge upon all, both ministers and members, the importance of putting into our Sunday Schools and in every family our own literature, in place of the trashy and immoral literature which is now flooding the country.

Upon the whole, we recommend our Publishing House, in its now rising condition, to the fullest confidence of our people.

The gratitude of the church and friends of the Publishing House is due to the Agent of the House, the Editor of the Christian Advocate, and the General Manager, for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their responsible duties, which has contributed so much to the brightening prospects of the House.

We gladly welcome the Rev. A. R. Winfield, D. D., Editor of the Arkansas Methodist, and the Rev. J. W. Cunningham, Representative of the Southwestern Methodist, and would cheerfully recommend their papers to the members of the Conference, and to the church generally.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. QUINN, Sec'y.  W. H. LEIGH, Chairman.
E. B. GRAHAM,  D. G. GODWIN,
W. A. COOK,  S. B. ADAMS,
B. H. BRANSFORD,  W. W. SPENCE,
F. BYNUM,  B. F. PEEBLES,
E. B. GRAHAM,  S. W. HAWKINS.
Sunday School Board.

Your Sunday School Board, appreciating the importance of the duty assigned them, in looking after the children of the Church, are sensible of the fact, that the facilities afforded at an Annual Conference are so limited, for ascertaining the true condition of the work, they are scarcely prepared to make such report as the cause demands. We do not consider ourselves as appointed to discuss general questions in connection with our Sunday school interest, so thoroughly ventilated by our District Conference and Sunday School Conventions, but as far as possible to ascertain whether or not, as a Conference, we are working up to the standard of progress as established by other Conferences within our connection. Our only basis for a report will be in the returns from the several charges within the Conference, which have been so tabulated and arranged with accuracy, so that every one may see himself set off in the columns of either success or failure.

1883. 1884 Decrease.

Schools 387 369 18
Officers and teachers 2,692 2,591 101
Scholars 20,268 18,098 2170
Moneys expended $4044.78 $3641.45 $393.33

As we cannot apologize for the above showing upon any possible terms, and certainly not upon the score of providential visitation or hindrance of any kind upon the entire Conference territory, we therefore reach the conclusion, that inactivity and indifference upon the part of ministers, or laymen or both, have forced us to this humiliating report so unlike our former records. The loss of over two thousand children from under the influence and tuition of our Church in one year, is indeed startling, and should call into life the dormant energies of our being. Every member of this Conference should feel that he has been especially commissioned to search for the wandering lambs of the flock and bring them into the fold again. Your Committee would offer the accustomed resolutions, binding this body to more earnest effort in behalf of our noble cause, but we have learned that resolutions have proven of little avail, whether from willful indifference, unpardonable forgetfulness, or inability upon the part of the Conference to comply, we would not presume to determine. As a Board we leave the figures with you, which are so largely against us, and ask that you provide the remedy. We pray that in the future we may be spared a like humiliation, and that in the coming year our losses may be fully regained.

J. T. C. Collins, Chairman
W. I. McFarland,
W. C. Sellers,
A. M. Smith,
Granville Goodloe,
John R. Pepper,
James A. Heard.
SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLE.

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Report of Board of Education.

Your Board of Education beg leave to report that, realizing the fact that education in general expands the mind, exalts the faculties, refines the tastes, and opens new sources of intellectual enjoyment, and that the best interests of the church and society depend to a great extent upon our children receiving that large and liberal culture which will call into activity all their powers—physical, mental and moral—we congratulate our people on the extent of the efforts employed, and the means put on foot for the proper mental and moral training of our youth.

It affords us much pleasure to be able to heartily endorse the various institutions of learning which are subject to and enjoy the patronage of our church.

The Dyersburg District High School—Located at Mt. Zion, Rev. H. J. Turner, Principal, is in a prosperous condition. Ninety-odd pupils were enrolled the past term. The building, furniture and grounds are valued at $6,000 00—all donations of the community adjacent. It is out of debt and its success secured. They are now making an effort to raise an endowment fund, and we earnestly hope they may succeed. The school was founded in 1867; has at present three teachers and one hundred and seven pupils.

The Memphis District High School—Located at Withe Depot, Tenn., expects to begin its first session in January or February. The building, now nearly completed, is a commodious, two-story brick, on a beautiful eminence a half mile from the depot. The subscriptions to pay for it are being collected as fast as practicable. The District Conference, at its last session, resolved to endeavor to raise one thousand
dollars for its benefit, which amount was ordered to be apportioned among the various charges of the District.

The Wesleyan Female College—Located at Brownsville, Tenn., Rev. John Williams, Principal, is in a tolerably prosperous condition, and the students are making commendable progress in their studies. Particular regard is paid to the moral training, and the institution is exerting an excellent moral influence upon the community. A large proportion of the pupils are members of the church. Ministers in the regular work receive literary tuition free.

The Memphis Conference Female Institute—Located at Jackson, Tenn., Rev. A. W. Jones, D. D., President, has passed through another year of usual prosperity. The number of pupils entered this fall upon the record is one hundred and forty-two, of whom sixty are boarding pupils, and there is a prospect of an increase. This excellent institution was founded is 1844; has four thousand volumes in its library, ten teachers, and is valued at $40,000. It has forty pupils belonging to the Woman's Missionary Society, and there have been several conversions during the year. An additional building is now in progress of erection. The walls of brick have been completed and the building covered. It contains a large and elegant dining hall and twelve dormitories sufficient to accommodate forty-four boarders. This is a very valuable addition, and it is hoped that it will contribute much to its increased prosperity and permanent success. If the means can be raised the building will be completed this winter. Board and tuition are offered to the children of itinerant ministers at half price, which liberal offer we hope will be properly appreciated.

The Lauderdale Institute—Located at Ripley, Tenn., on the C. O. and S. W. railroad, on the most elevated point on this road in the State, is noted for its healthfulness and the good morals of its community. The buildings consist of the old institute and a handsome new two-story brick, situated in a beautiful grove on a seven-acre lot in the suburbs of the town. Enough means have been raised for the completion and furnishing of the Institute and purchasing apparatus. It already has a handsome library, and an extensive cabinet of scientific specimens and curiosities. The prosperity of the school has been on the increase from its beginning, one hundred and ten pupils answering to their names the last week of the past session. The handsome contribution by the citizens—nearly $4000—for finishing and furnishing the Institute, is an enthusiastic endorsement of the school. E. H. Randle, A. M., is the Principal.

The McTyeire Institute—Located at McKenzie, Tenn., Granville Goodloe, A. M., and E. R. Williams, A. M., Principals, is still in a prosperous condition. It was founded in 1871, is the property of the Church, is valued at $9200, has in library four hundred and thirty volumes, four teachers, one hundred and fifteen pupils, forty belonging to Young Men's Christian Association, most of whom lead in
public devotions. Under the able and successful pastorate of Brother Roberts there has been another revival, the effect of which was so great that there are but two or three pupils in school who have arrived at the age of accountability who are not religious—a most gratifying state of things, and one to which we would call the especial attention of all who regard the moral well-being of their children. A number of young preachers have been educated here, three of whom will apply for admission into your body this year. A number of others are still there, and they are charged no tuition fees. The children of traveling ministers are taught at half price. These donations amounted to over $200 last session. Some valuable improvements have been made upon the Institute building, and we trust the Conference will appreciate this, and give it a patronage sufficiently large to test its amplest capacity. The debt is reduced by subscriptions, from which about $2000 will be realized, but there is still about $1000 or $1200 behind. In view of the usefulness of this institution and its pressing needs, we recommend them a suitable agent be appointed to raise a fund to pay the balance of the indebtedness.

The following schools have failed to make a written report, but have reported verbally the following facts, viz:

The Union City District High School—Located at Troy City, Tenn., E. J. Garrison, Principal, was founded in 1875, has in library three hundred and eighty volumes, four teachers, — pupils, building valued at $6000. It is in a prosperous condition.

The Paducah District High School—Located at Milburn, Rev. E. H. Stewart, Principal, was founded in 1874, has three teachers, thirty pupils, and is valued at $1500.

The Brownsville District High School.—Located at Dancyville, Tenn., founded in 1883, Profs. W. A. Tanner and T. W. Crowder, Joint Principals. This school though only in its second year is in a very prosperous condition, having three teachers and over one hundred pupils. It has a good building valued at $4000, is in a moral community and will exert a fine influence.

The Jackson District High School—Located at Montezuma, Tenn., Professor Graham, Principal, has a good building and is in a tolerably prosperous condition. It furnishes tuition to young preachers and to children of itinerant ministers free, except incidental expenses.

The Vanderbilt University—Located at Nashville, Tenn., is doing a great work in educating our young men. We give it our hearty endorsement, and hope our people will give it the extensive patronage which it deserves.

We ask the Bishop to re-appoint the Rev. A. W. Jones to the Memphis Conference Female Institute, and the Rev. J. T. C. Collins as Agent and Chaplain for the same, the Rev. John Williams to the
Report of Committee on District Conference Journals.

Your Committee, to whom the District Conference Journals were referred, beg to report that the Journal used by the Brownsville District Conference is the one prepared by our Publishing House. We find no defect in it, except that it fails to state who was preacher in charge of Brownsville Circuit.

The Jackson District Conference uses the book prepared by our Publishing House. The Journal seems to be complete in every particular.

The Dyersburg District Conference Journal is a neat, well-bound book. The record fails to state the denomination to which the District belongs, and also fails to state the number of the session. In other particulars there are no defects demanding criticism.

The Union City District Conference Journal is a neat, well-bound book. It fails to state the denomination to which the District belongs. In other respects the Journal is complete.

The Paducah District Conference Journal is the one prepared by our Publishing House. The Journal states that the District Conference was a District Conference of the M. E. Church, instead of the M. E. Church, South. It says that a committee was appointed on Conference records; omitting the word quarterly. There are some ingrammaticisms, and some of the reports are so abridged as greatly to obscure the sense. The Journal is complete in other respects.

The Paris District Conference Journal is a neat, well-bound book. It fails to show to what denomination the District belongs, and in some instances it fails to state who were the preachers in charge. In other respects the Journal is complete.

The Journal of the Memphis District Conference failed to reach the committee. Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Umsted, Sec'y.                J. C. Hooks, Chairman.
MEMOIRS.

JAMES C. CREWS.

Rev. James C. Crews was born in Halifax county, Virginia, Jan. 9th, 1807. He was married to Miss Francis Esters Dec. 23rd, 1828. In 1830 he emigrated to Tennessee and settled in Weakly county. In March, 1875, he moved to Obion county, Tennessee, where he made his home until he died. He embraced religion in Aug., 1834. How soon after that he began to preach, we have not been able to learn; but we know that he was for many years a prominent preacher in the Protestant Methodist Church. Indeed he was for a number of years, President of the Conference of that church, showing the high esteem in which he was held among his brethren. Brother Crews being convinced that the M. E. Church, South, in addition to the fact of holding the same doctrines, had a system of government much more efficient for doing good, sought admission into her communion. He was received into our church in 1859, by John H. Garrett on the Dyersburg Circuit, and was duly recognized as an ordained elder, according to the rule of our discipline, for such cases made and provided. He was then received into the Memphis Conference in due form as a traveling elder, and for several years did acceptable work. His health failing he was finally put on the superannuated list, in which he remained up to the time of his death. Brother Crews was for a while in the Confederate army, and it is said was a good soldier. It was in that service he contracted the disease that finally terminated in his death. He was favorably known among his brethren and neighbors as a good man and much beloved. His life-long companion, a good wife, had died in February, 1881, and was buried at McKenzie, Tenn. He feeling that his end was near, and wishing to be buried by the side of his wife, went to his son's house on Saturday, Sept. 6th, 1884, and on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, suddenly fell asleep in Jesus, supposed to be of heart disease. Thus in his 77th year the aged pilgrim passed from labor to rest.

Guilford Jones.
Rev. James B. Currie was the son of Dr. C. J. and Mrs. M. E. Currie, and was born in Woodruff county, Ark., August 13th, 1852. He embraced religion in his 19th year, and joined the M. E. Church, South, and it is said he was remarkable for his piety. He was educated at Oxford, Mississippi, and afterward taught in several public schools in that State. In that State he came in contact with the "Free Methodist Church," (Fly's Church,) joined that communion and became a preacher among them, and in that church was ordained an elder. He afterward came to Lauderdale county, Tenn., and there several prominent men offered him some inducements to organize a church of his order in that region. But with his ripened thought and experience, he concluded that such a course would be unwise, and that he could be more useful in the M. E. Church, South. So he offered himself for membership, and was received into the same in due form as a preacher; and in the fall of 1881, at Bolivar, he was admitted on trial in the Memphis Conference, and according to rule of discipline, was recognized as an ordained elder. His first appointment was on Tiptonville Circuit, where he did good work, considering the hindrance occasioned by the overflow. During that year he was married to Miss Alice W. Currie, of Lauderdale county, Tenn., a very excellent young lady, who is now left under the shadow of a deep sorrow. His next appointment was on Clinton Circuit, where he did a successful year's work, and endeared himself very much to the good people of that charge. At our Conference last fall, he was appointed to Columbus Station. He went promptly to his charge, and after the disabilities caused by the severe winter, prospects for good were beginning to brighten. He had commenced a protracted meeting on Sunday, was taken sick on Wednesday, and in one week from that day, on June 25th, 1884, he entered into his rest.

Brother Currie bade fair to be a man of usefulness among us; we looked forward in hope that he would become a polished pillar of strength in our church, but he has fallen in the strength of his manhood, and we meet his cheerful manly face among us no more. Thus one by one we cross the river. Conscious that he was going, he said that he could not see why he should be called away so young, but he was ready and willing to go. In strong faith he passed calmly away.

GUILFORD JONES.

WILLIAM S. MALONE.

Rev. William S. Malone, M. D., was born in Limestone county, Alabama, September 5th, 1849, and died in the city of Memphis, Tennessee, June 24th, 1884. He was converted at ten years of age, and
joined the M. E. Church, South, at Bethlehem, near Capleville, Shelby county, Tenn. In the fall of 1871 he graduated at the Louisville Medical College, Ky., and continued in the practice of medicine successfully for seven years. He was happily married November 6th, 1873, to Miss Sally Booth, of Canton, Mississippi, who has been in every respect an help-meet indeed. His pastor, the Rev. David Leith, having good reason to believe that he was exercised upon the subject of preaching, had frequent conversations with him upon his call to the ministry. In the fall of 1875 he was licensed as a local preacher, in which relation he labored until the fall of 1878, when he was received on trial in the Memphis Conference. He was ordained deacon by Bishop McTyeire Nov., 1880, and elder by Bishop McTyeire in Dec., 1882. He filled several Circuits within the Memphis Conference with great acceptability and influence. He was pastor of Georgia Street Mission, Memphis, Tenn., at the time of his death.

Our brother's career in the ministry was short, but marked with good results. After joining the Conference, he became a thoroughly consecrated man. It was this that enabled him to surrender a paying profession, and so readily adjust himself to the privations incident to the life of an itinerant minister. So self-sacrificing, laborious and enthusiastic, he would not at times withhold himself from service which seemed quite beyond his physical strength. It seemed to be his highest pleasure to give labor without measure, and if need be, to endure suffering for the sake of souls. The love of Christ was the constraining influence which kept him upon the life of a spiritual and practical profession.

Intellectually he was well endowed. With an analytical cast of mind, he loved to study the doctrines of the church, that he might the better expound them to the edification of believers, and the conviction of the irreligious. He had his own peculiar style of delivery, which was without an effort at display—smooth, easy, gentle and persuasive. The Word, preached by him, was the power of God unto the salvation of many who believed. His deep piety and earnest Christian zeal imposed itself upon all who knew him.

In disposition and manner he was well adapted to his work. Refined and cultivated, perhaps he was never known to lower himself beneath the standard of a truly dignified minister of the Gospel. Of sprightly temper, fair social qualities, polite and elegant in bearing, he was at the same time unpretentious and unselfish, which at once introduced him into the confidence of strangers, and opened the way for his ministrations.

For a more perfect delineation of the character of our beloved brother, allow us to draw upon a letter written by a lady who knew him, especially in the relations of pastor and preacher:

"The main points in his useful life were especially in connection with the office of pastor. He had admirable skill and tact in talking personally to his people of their religious condition. I think, in the
first three months he was with us, he knew just how we stood—who held family prayers; who took our church papers, etc. How naturally and easily his visits closed with prayer. How we realized that he had audience with Heaven, and carried our spirits with him to the throne of grace.

"We who knew him so well, were not surprised to hear that he said in his last illness: 'I have no deathbed preparation to make; my faith in my Saviour is perfect.'"

"He had his own charming way as a preacher—the most perfectly natural man in the pulpit I ever saw—no affected solemnity or feeling, but the clear musical voice, seldom above conversational tone, conveyed to us every shade of feeling that moved his heart. His power in scripture narrative was wonderful. I have seen the congregation leaning forward with painful interest over Abraham’s sacrifice, and settle back with a sigh of relief, as if they had heard it for the first time. How he loved his work, and how his face glowed, as he told me a few weeks before his death of his work, his success and his hopes. How often we feel our sinful world needs these earnest workers more than Heaven, ‘but God calls, and we are dumb—if we cannot praise, we dare not complain.’"

Our brother has left a beautiful record. His life has been given in faithful service for the good of his fellows. With his Master on high, he has found the promised reward. JAMES A. HEARD.

RICHARD N. FREEMAN.

The Rev. Richard N. Freeman was born in Tippah county, Miss., Nov. 5, 1854. While he was yet a child his parents moved to Marshall county, Miss., and settled near Holly Springs, and there he was brought up. His father, the Rev. Alfred Freeman, who was a local preacher in our church, and his mother, were people of sterling worth, deep piety, and "full of faith and the Holy Ghost." They were blessed with a large family of sons and daughters, all of whom made excellent citizens, and devoted and active members of the church of their parents. Two of the sons became preachers; the oldest, the Rev. T. G. Freeman, of the North Mississippi Conference, and the youngest, the subject of this sketch. Through the influence of home training and the public means of grace, Richard was soundly converted at about the age of eighteen. March 20th, 1875, he was licensed to preach. His very first public efforts astonished his friends, and gave promise of a brilliant future. Modesty, almost amounting to diffidence, was a prominent trait of his character. Associated with this were a grace of manner and elegance of diction of rare quality. Added to all these were evidences of a consciousness of divine acceptance and manifestations of the divine presence and power,
which marked him as a "chosen vessel." He was at school at Montezuma, Tennessee, under Dr. W. M. Patterson, at the time the latter was appointed Superintendent of the Central Mexican Mission, and it was only by the strongest arguments and most earnest persuasion that his friends kept him from leaving school and going with his teacher. The latter half of the year 1877 he was employed as a supply on the Holly Springs Circuit. And there, among the people who had known him from childhood, he was honored and greatly blessed in his labors. He was admitted on trial in the traveling connection in the Memphis Conference at Jackson, Tenn., December, 1878, and appointed to the Springdale Circuit, in the immediate vicinity of the city of Memphis, which he served with great acceptability and usefulness for the next three years. In the summer and fall of 1879 the yellow fever prevailed in the city of Memphis, as it had done the year previous; and the epidemic spreading out into the bounds of Brother Freeman's circuit, presented to him the question of duty in the premises. He said to a friend, "Life is sweet, and yet it would be worth nothing to me, recreant to duty. I know the danger, but I know in whom I trust, and, living or dying, I have no fear." We sometimes talk of the degeneracy of the church and ministry, but that declaration was born of the same spirit that prompted the avowal of the great apostle to the Gentiles: "I am ready not to be bound only, but to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." So Brother Freeman having solved the question of duty, the sick, dying and bereaved of his charge found in him a true pastor. On his circuit, parents pointed to him as a model for their son, and the charge reluctantly yielded their claim upon him at the end of three years. He was ordained deacon at Mayfield, Ky., by Bishop Kavanaugh, November, 1879, and elder by Bishop McTyeire, at Union City, December 15th, 1883. In the winter of 1881-82, he was appointed to Bolivar Station, where he remained for six months. But by this time the missionary fire which had been kindled years before became so hot within him that he could contain no longer, and he resigned his pleasant little charge among friends greatly to their sorrow, and went to an untried field to take his chances among strangers. His first appointment was to the English speaking congregation in the City of Mexico. Though this charge had been served for years by men of large experience and of eminent ability, and though it was composed of members of nearly a dozen different denominations, yet so well and so acceptably did young Freeman fill this delicate and responsible place that at the end of his first year he was unanimously elected for another. In the fall of 1883 he returned to his native land, and while here attended a session of the North Mississippi Conference in the city of Oxford, where, at the anniversary of the Church Extension Society, as one of the speakers of the occasion, he presented the cause so clearly and earnestly as to show that it was in both his head and heart, and with such burning eloquence, pathos and power, as to enlist the vast crowd present in behalf of the cause. He attended also the Memphis Con-
ference, his own Conference, at Union City, where, as already stated, he was ordained an elder in the Church of God. How pleasantly, and sadly too, we now call to mind his converse with brethren beloved; and not only this, but more: we remember the words of light and fire, bright and burning, with which before the Conference he instructed and warned us concerning our great mission field in Mexico. On the 5th day of December, 1883, he was united in marriage to Miss Lucy I. Barton, daughter of the Rev. W. P. and Mrs. Lucy L. Barton, of the North Mississippi Conference, and in a few weeks, with his lovely bride, took his departure to his distant field of labor, and then in a few more weeks, on the 28th day of January, 1884, he received his discharge from the great Head of the Church, who said, "'Tis enough, come up higher," and went to join Stephen and Stevens, and the martyred host around the throne on high. He died expressing the greatest confidence in the final success of the cause to which he had consecrated, and was now sacrificing his noble life. He died of that dreadful disease, small-pox, having been ministered to by his self-sacrificing young wife till she was stricken down by the same disease, and then by other kind Christian people of his charge, and by his fellow-laborer in the Gospel, Rev. Joseph Norwood. His name is embalmed in the hearts of his congregation and brother missionaries, as is shown by the monument erected over his remains, and will go to the pages of history and be placed among the noble heroes of the cross who "counted all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus," their Lord.

LIST OF COMMITTEES.

Examining Committees Appointed for Four Years.


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District Centenary Committees, Revised.


Report of the Centenary Committee.

The report from the preachers in the Conference on the Centenary Collections are very meager. From a good many of the charges no reports at all have been received. This is owing in part, no doubt, to the fact that the time for taking Centenary collections has been extended through another year. In many of the charges we know of enterprises now on foot that will be reported after awhile.

It is the request of the Committee that all the preachers that have not taken up Centenary collections already do so this year. Give our people a chance to show their liberality. Where there is need of a parsonage, build one; if a church is needed, or repairs on the old one, attend to it this year. Especially provide for the payment of all debts that now encumber any of our church property or educational institutions. Do it this year, and be ready to report at the next Annual Conference.

There was raised the past year and reported as follows:

For Sunday-Schools, $253 75
For Church Extension, 139 50
For Missions, 90 00
For Education, 366 85
For local objects, such as building and repairing churches, the paying of church debts, etc. 22,840 00

Total, $23,690 10

R. H. Mahon, Sec'y.

COURSE OF STUDY.

For Admission on Trial.—The Bible, in reference to doctrines generally; Wesley's Sermons on Justification by Faith, and on the Witness of the Spirit; Book of Discipline; the ordinary branches of an English Education.

First Year.—The Bible, in reference to its Historical and Biographical parts, and its Chronology; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chapter I, Sections 1 and 2; Manual of Discipline, Chapter I. and II.; McTyeire's Catechism on Church Government; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. I.;Ralston's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, Part IV.; Preacher's Manual; an original sermon on Repentance, of not less than four pages foolscap, written by the candidate.

Books of Reference.—Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary; Theological Compend; Fletcher's Works; Watson's Life of Wesley; Neander's Planting and Training of the Christian Church.

Second Year.—The Bible, in reference to its Prophetic parts; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. II.; Watson's Institutes, Part III.; Smith's
Elements of Divinity; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chapters II., III and IV.; Manual of Discipline, Chapters III. and IV.; Broadus on the Preparation and Delivery of Sermons; an original sermon on Justification by Faith, of not less than four pages foolscap, written by the candidate.

Books of Reference.—Newton or Keith on the Prophecies; Angus's Hand-book of the Bible; Phelp's Theory of Preaching; Watson's Sermons; Milman's History of Latin Christianity; Whately's Rhetoric; Bond's Evidences of Christianity.

Third Year.—The Bible, in reference to the Life of Christ; Wesley's Sermons, Vol. III.; Watson's Institutes, Part II.; Jevon's Lessons in Logic; River's Mental Philosophy; Edgar's Variations of Popery; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chapter V. to the end; Manual of Discipline, Chapters V., VI. and VII.; an original sermon on the Witness of the Spirit, of not less than four pages foolscap, written by the candidate.

Books of Reference.—Young's Christ of History; Farrar's Life of Christ; Porter's Elements of Intellectual Science; Venet's Pastoral Theology; Steven's History of Methodism; Paine's Life of McKendree; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation; Whately's Logic.

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; River's Moral Philosophy; Blackburn's History of the Christian Church; Summers on Baptism; Book of Discipline Reviewed; Manual of Discipline, Chapters VIII. and IX.; an original sermon on Regulation, of not less than four pages foolscap, written by the candidate.

Books of Reference.—Butler's Analogy; Bingham's Antiquities; Wall on Infant Baptism; Jacob's Ecclesiastical Polity of the New Testament; Pope's Compendium of Christian Theology; Liddon on the Divinity of our Lord; Conybeare and Howson's Life and Epistles of St. Paul.


COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

For Deacon's Orders.—The Bible—History and Biography; the Discipline; Wesley's Sermon.

Recommended for Reference.—Preacher's Text-book; Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary; Watson's Institutes; Ruter's Gregory's Church History; Catechism on Church Government.

For Elder's Orders—The Bible—Doctrines; the Discipline; Manual of Discipline; Fletcher's Checks: Smith's Elements of Divinity.

Recommended for Reference.—Paine's Life of McKendree; Watson's Life of Wesley: Watson's Sermons.

Commentaries.—Clarke; Benson; Summers; Whedon.
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# RECAPITULATION.

- **Memphis Dis.tr.**
  - Local Preachers: 18
  - Members: 3159
  - Adults Baptized: 109
  - Total: 455
  - Church Property:
    - Collected for Church extension: 212 22
    - Bishop's Fund: 412 45
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 242 33
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 1000 60
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 893 71
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 988 00
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 947 20
  - Total: 934 80

- **Brownsville Dist.**
  - Local Preachers: 23
  - Members: 463
  - Adults Baptized: 156
  - Total: 86
  - Church Property:
    - Collected for Church extension: 192 00
    - Bishop's Fund: 25
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 244 00
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 1200 00
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 959 83
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 751 00
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 500 00
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 457 60
  - Total: 273 75

- **Jackson District**
  - Local Preachers: 31
  - Members: 671
  - Adults Baptized: 134
  - Total: 55
  - Church Property:
    - Collected for Church extension: 126 00
    - Bishop's Fund: 120 00
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 175 00
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 175 00
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 101 00
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 870 00
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 700 00
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 646 00
  - Total: 264 00

- **Dyersburg Dist.**
  - Local Preachers: 10
  - Members: 548
  - Adults Baptized: 108
  - Total: 70
  - Church Property:
    - Collected for Church extension: 230 00
    - Bishop's Fund: 25
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 230 00
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    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 101 00
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 86 00
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 82 00
  - Total: 255 00

- **Union City Dist.**
  - Local Preachers: 37
  - Members: 922
  - Adults Baptized: 153
  - Total: 108
  - Church Property:
    - Collected for Church extension: 188 00
    - Bishop's Fund: 25
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 280 00
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    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 88 00
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 83 00
  - Total: 375 00

- **Paducah Dist.**
  - Local Preachers: 45
  - Members: 549
  - Adults Baptized: 125
  - Total: 82
  - Church Property:
    - Collected for Church extension: 150 00
    - Bishop's Fund: 25
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 210 00
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    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 120 00
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 85 00
  - Total: 450 00

- **Grand total**
  - Local Preachers: 191
  - Members: 3593
  - Adults Baptized: 6272
  - Total: 2479
  - Church Property:
    - Collected for Church extension: 1417 00
    - Bishop's Fund: 309 00
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 2989 00
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    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 1034 65
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 7239 66
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    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 4544 58
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 694 00
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 579 00
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 37010 17
  - Total: 6391 00

- **Last year**
  - Local Preachers: 191
  - Members: 3593
  - Adults Baptized: 6272
  - Total: 2479
  - Church Property:
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  - Total: 6391 00

- **Increase**
  - Local Preachers: 12
  - Members: 597
  - Adults Baptized: 104
  - Total: 597
  - Church Property:
    - Collected for Church extension: 119 87
    - Bishop's Fund: 224 91
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 183 57
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 138 39
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 365 25
    - Salary of Preacher in charge: 429 50
  - Total: 119 87
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