

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

OF THE

TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church, South,

Held in Clappell Hill, Texas, November 14th-21st, 1860.

BISHOP ANDREW PRESIDING.

With the Reports of the Missionary Secretary and Treasurer.

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NOTE.

The Committee appointed by the Texas Conference, at the session of 1860, to prepare an abstract of the Minutes of that session for publication, present the following pages as their report. The object of the pamphlet is to spread information concerning the objects and progress of the Conference. Having become a religious power in the State of Texas, the Conference deems itself bound to exhibit the conservatism of its designs and proceedings—their entire harmony with the government by which they are protected. It will be seen that the enterprises of the Conference embrace the preaching of the Gospel to white and colored congregations, the foreign mission cause, and the circulation of religious literature by means of books and periodicals: objects which, it is believed, are heartily approved by all good citizens. To such this publication is frankly commended, in the hope and belief that it will secure, for the body it represents, larger co-operation and universal good will.

The members of the M. E. Church, South, within the bounds of the Conference, the Committee beg leave to say, will find in these minutes much to increase their gratitude and to stimulate their zeal. It is hoped that they will make themselves familiar with the information presented, not as material for boasting—which is excluded both by the Gospel and by the consideration that a much greater advancement would have been made, if entire consecration to God had prevailed throughout the Church—but as a basis of enlarged effort, remembering that while so much remains to be done, this record in the present condition can receive vital and honorable significance only from manifest improvement in future publications of a similar kind.

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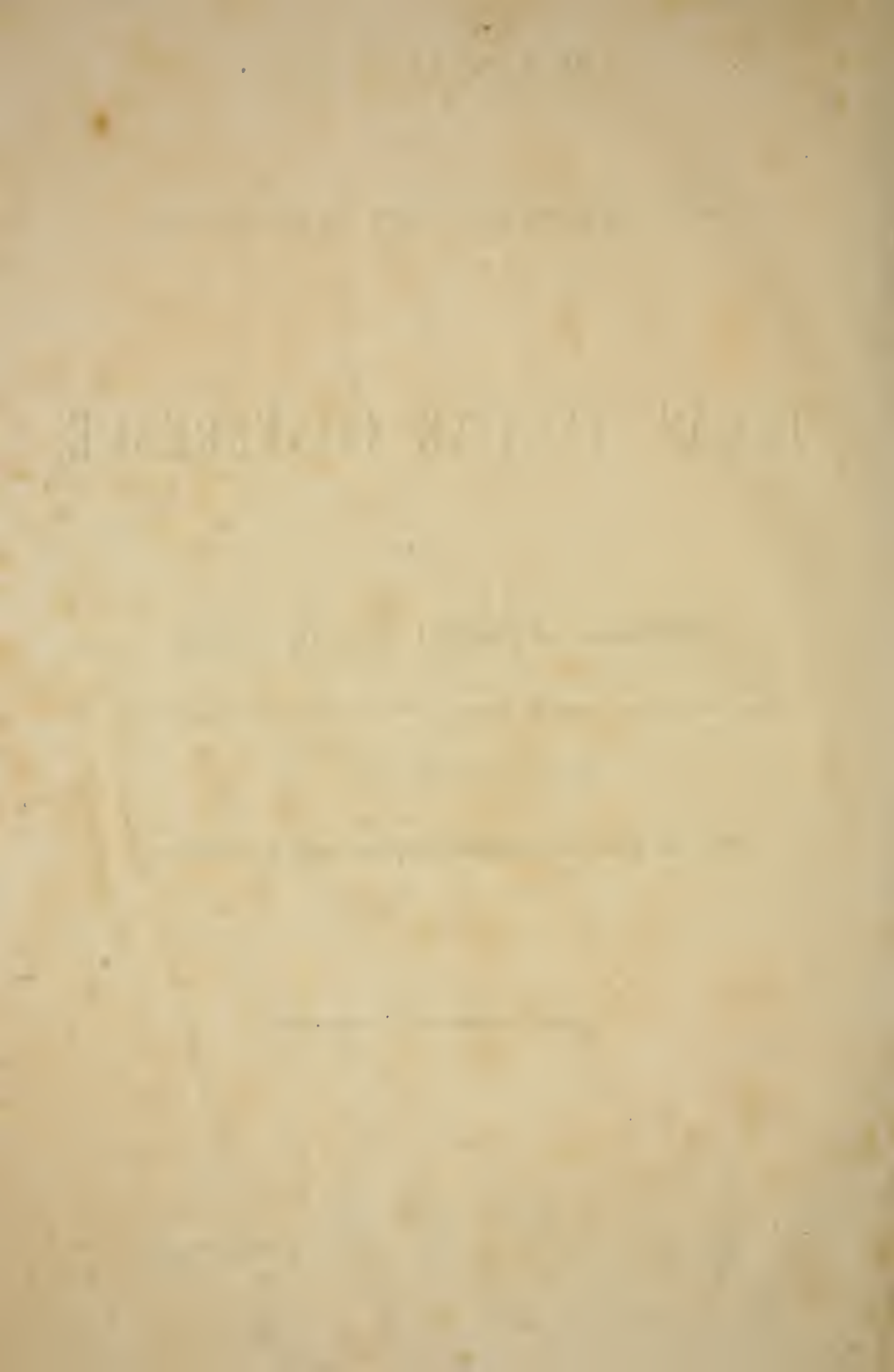
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BISHOP JAMES O. ANDREW, PRESIDENT.

JAMES W. SHIPMAN, Secretary,

I. G. JOHN, Assistant Secretary.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. James W. Baldrige, Nicholas H. Boring, Jackson Perry, Frederick J. Cox, Thomas M. Glass, Charles Biel, William Harms, Love M. Harris, Archibald McKinney, Archibald Duvall, Eugene R. Smith, Ira E. Chalk, Peter W. Gravis.

J. W. Baldrige, F. J. Cox, and Love M. Harris, declared their willingness to go to any part of the missionary work.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?

Thos. W. Blake, Geo. W. Fleming, Isaac H. Wright, Preston W. Phillips.

The name of Peter W. Gravis would have appeared here, but he was continued in the class of the first year, at his own request.

Ques. 3. Who are admitted into full connection?

John Pruenzing, John M. Whipple, Wm. McK. Lambdin, Isaac H. Wright, Quinn M. Menefee; Wm. McK. Lambdin being an ordained Elder.

Ques. 4. Who are re-admitted?

John W. Ledbetter, Calvin H. Brooks, John M. Kinney, James M. Johnson.

Ques. 5. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

William A. Parks, Thos. W. Rodgers, William Shegog, and Jacob S. Matthews.

Ques. 6. Who are the deacons of one year?

Joel T. Daves, Albert G. May, Jr., William T. Harris, Charles J. Lane, Ur-

bane C. Spencer, William G. Veale, A. A. Killough, Geo. D. Parker, John Carmer.

The name of Quinn M. Menefee would have appeared here, but he was continued in the class of the third year at his own request.

U. C. Spencer is an ordained Elder.

Ques. 7. What traveling preachers are elected and ordained deacons?

John Pruenzing, John M. Whipple.

Ques. 8. What local preachers are elected and ordained deacons?

Joseph D. Lewis, Jeremiah Nabours, Nelson S. Rector, Isaiah Evans, John Budd.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are elected and ordained elders?

Benj. A. Kemp, Walter S. South, Orceuth Asbury Fisher, Ulrich Steiner, Thos. B. Ferguson, Horatio V. Philpott, Joshua B. Whittenberg, Wm. R. Fayle.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected and ordained elders?

James Chandler, William Rivers, William J. Wilson, James M. Johnson, Wm. A. Shegog.

Ques. 11. Who have located this year?

Isaac H. Wright, John C. Copp, Drury Wamack, William L. Kidd, William E. George, Caleb L. Spencer.

Ques. 12. Who are supernumerary?

Daniel Morse, James C. Wilson, Solomon S. Yarborough, Bryant L. Peel, Fountain P. Ray, Job M. Baker, Valentine H. Iley.

Ques. 13. Who are superannuated?

Geo. Tittle, A. B. F. Kerr, J. H. D. Moore, Wm. A. Smith, John W. Kinney, Robt. N. Drake, John Carpenter.

Ques. 14. What preachers have died during the past year?

John Haynie, Henry D. Hubert.

As obituaries of father Haynie and brother Hubert, and also the Report of the Committee on Memoirs, have been published in the Advocate, we omit them here.

Ques. 15. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

They were examined one at a time, and their characters passed by the Conference.

Ques. 16. What is the number of preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

(See statistics on pages 13, 14, 15.)

Ques. 17 & 18.

The Stewards, in answer to the 17th and 18th questions of the Discipline,

"What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance, on their respective districts, circuits and stations?" and

"What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?" report:

Quartermaster Claim.....\$29,197

Receipts on the above Claim 26,378

Deficiency on the above.....\$2,919

Claim for Table Expenses..\$22,190

Receipts on the above.....14,354

Deficiency.....\$7,837

Total Claim for all purposes \$51,387

" Receipts on the above 40,820

" Deficiency on all claims.....10,567

By the above it will be seen that we have paid about 90 per cent. on the quartermaster claim, and about 67 per cent. on the table expenses.

We have disbursed the Conference Collection of \$1,443 55 as follows, which we hope will meet your approbation. We have done the best we could, with all the lights before us.

P'd R. Abbey's draft for Bis'p's cl'm	\$225 00
Rev. Young's widow and son	150 00
John Haynie's widow.....	75 00
J. H. D. Moore, superannuated	120 00
A. B. F. Kerr, "	193 95
George Tittle, "	25 00
G. L. Patton's son.....	50 00
Wm. A. Smith.....	151 75
Wm. C. Lewis.....	100 00
Daniel Carl.....	50 00
Thomas G. Gillmore.....	75 00
William P. Reid.....	75 00
Thomas F. Windsor.....	75 00
A. G. May.....	75 00
For Stationary.....	2 90

\$1,443 55

This is the best Conference Collection we have ever made in this Conference; and now that we have improved on the past, let us improve on the present till we meet all these worthy claims. We offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of every preacher having charge of a Circuit or Station to take up a Conference Collection at every appointment in his charge; at which time the nature of the collection shall be explained.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. FERGUSON,

J. H. ADDISON,

Conf. Stewards.

Ques. 19. What has been contributed for the Missionary, Sunday School, and Tract Societies?

Ans. (1). MISSIONARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. W. WHIPPLE, in Acct.	Paid Mission'y.	Paid Treas'r.	Total
GALVESTON DISTRICT.			
Galveston,		320 65	
Galveston Colored Mission,	100 00		
Lynchburg,	195 00	30 00	
Houston and Colored Mission,		100 00	
Houston	150 00	80 00	
Columbia and " "	130 00	28 50	
Brazoria,			
Liverpool, Sandy Point and Bailey's Prairie,	400 00		
Richmond and Union Chapel,		55 00	
	975 00	614 15	1589 15
HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.			
Huntsville,		34 90	
Cold Springs and Waverly		40 00	
Montgomery and Danville,		5 00	
Plantersville,	40 00	67 00	
Washington and Colored Miss.,	100 55		
Hempstead	200 00		
Hempstead Colored Mission	200 00		
	540 55	156 90	—097 45

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Springfield,	182 00	
Marlin mission,	156 00	18 00
Owensville mission,	150 00	
Boonville,		5 00
Centerville,		25 50
Madison,		49 50
Fairfield and Colored mission,		45 40
Corsticana		30 00
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	306 00	355 00—661 00

FORT WORTH DISTRICT.

Fort Worth mission,	304 60	17 00
Weatherford,		50 00
Keechi mission,	100 00	
Belknap mission,	115 00	
Buchanan mission,		200 20
Meridian mission,	96 00	121 00
Stephenville mission,	100 00	5 00
Hillsboro',		35 00
Waxahatchee,		40 00
Tellico,		50 00
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	715 60	518 20—1233 80

WACO DISTRICT.

Waco,		106 25
Belton,		45 55
Lampasas and Florence,		2 00
Port Sullivan,		40 00
Port Sullivan Colored mission,	112 00	
San Andres mission,	200 00	
Georgetown,		88 75
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	132 00	282 55—594 55

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

Austin,		146 25
Travis county Colored mission,	250 00	
Bastrop circuit,		10 00
Post Oak Island mission,	180 00	6 00
Caldwell,		20 00
Lagrange,		41 50
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	430 00	223 75—653 75

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.

Columbus,		70 00
Eagle Lake and Colored mission,	200 00	
Brenham,		18 50
Ruterville,	8 00	
Bellville,		136 10
Navidad,	230 00	82 00
San Felipe,	500 00	10 00
Egypt and Wharton Col'd miss.,	140 00	20 00
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	1078 00	336 60—1414 60

GONZALES DISTRICT.

Gonzales,	140 00	
San Marcos and Colored miss.,	190 00	21 00
Gonzales circuit,		30 00
Belmont and Colored mission,		15 00
Seguin and Colored mission,		56 00
Lockhart,		30 00
Blanco and Perdinales,		40 20
San Saba,	55 80	55 80
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	385 80	248 00—633 80

VICTORIA DISTRICT.

Victoria and Colored mission,		35 00
Victoria mission,	50 00	
Lavaca,		5 50
Texana,	55 00	
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	105 00	40 50—145 50

GERMAN DISTRICT.

Galveston mission,	65 00	
Houston and Bray's Bayou,		64 85
Bellville mission,	43 00	2 00
Industry mission,	254 00	25 00
Bastrop mission,	90 00	6 00
Victoria mission,	89 00	3 50
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	538 00	101 35—639 35
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	\$538 95	\$247 00 \$826 95

Amount raised at Chappell Hill—at the Conference Anniversary Meeting—in promises to meet drafts falling due the current year, and in notes, lands and cash, \$4,791 00
 From Missions, Circuits and Stations, \$262 95
 Total for A.D. 1860, \$13,053 95

J. W. WHIPPLE, in Acct.,	Cr.
Amt'd Missionaries on the work,	\$5385 95
.. on last year's drafts, drawn by Bp Pierce,	1150 00
.. Book Agent, Galveston, to be forwarded to Parent Board,	1269 65
.. on drafts 1, 2, 3, 4, drawn by Bp Andrew, in favor of Charles A. Grote, Sup. of German Dis. Miss., Texas Conference,	1314 00
.. on drafts 1, 2, 3, 4, drawn by Bp Andrew, in favor of Robert W. Kennon, Sup. of Huntsville Dis. Miss., Texas Conference	425 00
.. on drafts 1, 2, 3, 4, drawn by Bp Andrew, in favor of J. W. Whipple, Sup. of Austin Dis. Miss., Texas Conf., Nov. 20, 1860,	252 50
.. on drafts 1, 2, 3, 4, drawn by Bp Andrew, in favor of J. McLeod, Sup. Galveston Dis. Miss., Texas Conf., November 20, 1860,	499 00
.. on draft 1, drawn by Bp Andrew, in favor of M. Yell, Sup. Waco Dis. Miss., Texas Conference, November 20, 1860,	175 00
.. on drafts 1, 2, 3, 4, drawn by Bp Andrew, in favor of Asbury Davidson, Sup. Victoria Dis. Miss., Texas Conf., Nov. 20, 1860,	150 00
.. on drafts 1, 2, 4, drawn by Bp Andrew, in favor of J. S. McGee, Sup. Gonzales Dis. Miss., Texas Conference, Nov. 20, 1860,	343 75
.. on draft 1, drawn by Bp Andrew, in favor of Henry W. South, Sup. Springfield Dis. Miss., Texas Conference, Nov. 20, 1860,	37 50
.. on draft 3, drawn by Bishop Andrew, in favor of H. S. Thrall, Sup. Columbus Dis. Miss., Texas Conf., Nov. 20, 1860,	35 00
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	\$11037 35
Amt in Notes and Subscriptions,	1400 00
.. Land, valued to Treasurer,	840 00
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	Total, \$13,277 35

RECAPITULATION.

Rec'd from Miss'ns, Circ'ts & St'ns,	\$8262 95
.. .. Anniversary,	4791 00
.. .. Old Notes,	175 00
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	\$13,228 95
Paid Missionaries on the work,	\$5385 95
.. On drafts of 1859, by Bishop Pierce, for 1860,	1150 00
.. On drafts of 1860, by Bishop Andrew, for 1861,	2231 75
.. Parent Board, through J. W. Shipman, Book Agent,	1269 65
Bogota paper on hand,	1400 00
Value of Land,	840 00
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	\$13,277 35

Balance in favor of Treasurer, \$48 40
 J. W. WHIPPLE,
Treas. Texas Conf. M. Society.
 Chappell Hill, Texas, Nov. 20, 1860.

P. S.—Should any one discover a mistake in the Treasurer's Report, such person or persons will do a kindness by addressing me at Webberville, Texas. The best endeavor shall be made to correct errors. In some instances there may be a slight change of amounts and names; but, be assured, the Secretary and Treasurer have spared no pains to mature and perfect the report.
 J. W. WHIPPLE.

MISSIONARY SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Board of Managers of the Texas Conference Missionary Society would respectfully present its 21st Annual Report. The joy with which we usually celebrate our Missionary Anniversary is tem-

pered, the present hour, by the loss of another of our band. Two years ago we mourned with Henry D. Hubert over the death of his brother: this year, *his* form is absent, and *his* voice no longer responds to the language of prayer, or swells the song of praise.

"Gone to his grave in all his glorious prime,
In full activity of zeal and power.
The Christian cannot die before his time.
The Lord's appointment is the servant's hour."

And Father Haynie is gone. That eye that age could hardly dim is closed in death, and that voice that so often cheered us onward in the hour of conflict is hushed on earth forever. But the memory of his devotion still remains, to animate the hearts of his younger brethren, and that soul that was ever warm with love for Christ and sinners now shares the long anticipated triumph of the ransomed around the throne. "God buries His workmen, but carries on His work." Though one by one we pass away, others will stand up in our stead, to herald the claims of the cross, and hasten the hour of the Redeemer's triumph.

The past year has been a period of peculiar trial in many departments of our work. The severity of the drouth has pressed heavily on the finances of the Church, while the excitement of political strife and the commotions which have disturbed our northern frontier have materially affected its spiritual welfare. Yet, though adverse influences have surrounded us, revival power has rested on portions of the land, attesting the fact that God is with His people, to bless the Church in answer to prayer, and hear the cry of the penitent.

But while we thus gratefully note every token of good vouchsafed by our Leader, when we look abroad upon the wide spread mission field, and mark our operations as a Church, we may justly question whether we meet in full our weighty obligations. The recent appeal of the Board at Nashville reveals the humiliating fact, that the receipts for the year have fallen largely short of the appropriations needed to carry on the work, and, unless the Church freely responds, some of our outposts must be abandoned, and workmen, now toiling under a

brightening sky, must retire to their homes. Human prudence would doubtless say too much has been attempted, and the work should be reduced in extent. An enlightened sense of Christian obligation would rather say, the Church is just entering upon its mission, and beginning to perform the mighty work assigned it. We have a membership more than 700,000 strong. The aggregate wealth of our people is counted by millions, and surely fifty cents per annum for each member, (one cent per week.) is not too heavy a draft upon their liberality; and yet, were this pittance raised, not only would every appropriation be met, but new enterprizes could be projected, and the light of gospel day be made to shine on lands now shrouded in pagan night. Never in all the past has there been a period when the voice of God, not only speaking through His word, but heard amid the stirring scenes of human history, so loudly called His people to activity and enterprize, as that in which we live. Every steamer that enters our ports, and every wire that quivers with electric flame, is the messenger of strange and wonderful events. The old world is convulsed. Thrones and empires are disturbed, and institutions long established are yielding to the spirit of advance. But all these movements are the prelude to a mightier moral and religious change. The plough-share of revolution is opening deep furrows where the seed of the gospel will fall, and the overthrow of the kingdoms of earth is preparing the way for the universal reign of Christ. The long predicted period when the Papal power shall be overthrown is hastening on, and the word of God, no longer "bound" by the authority of a corrupt hierarchy, shall ere long shed its light through Rome itself, and a pure and holy gospel exert its hallowed influence among the nations around. The spirit of commercial enterprise has penetrated the long sequestered abode of the Japanese, and another empire of darkness is revealed, to arouse the church of God to action. The barriers of Chinese prejudice are yielding to the pressure of the "out-side barbarians," while her throne is shaken

and her idols overthrown by a revolution that promises to end the present dynasty, and prepare that vast empire, embracing one-third of the population of the globe, for the labors of the church of God. The changes in the Turkish empire are opening the way for gospel truth, and the waning crescent is disappearing before the rising glories of the Sun of Righteousness, which will once more shed its radiance over the vales and mountains consecrated by the steps of the Redeemer. On our western border lies a nation crushed by priestly domination, yet open now, for the first time in her history, for the entrance of the Word of Life. The hand of God is on the nations. In countries closed a century ago against the gospel, a field is already opened, where upwards of 100,000 ministers of God can be employed. How can that vast army be provided? In the different branches of the Church in our own land, there are twice that number of young men just entering active life. Surely enough could be spared from worldly avocations to man every mission opening on our globe. We have merchants and farmers and lawyers and doctors: all trades and professions are thronged, and yet a host of workmen are wanted to gather the ripening harvest of souls. Why has not God already marshaled them in the field? Has the Church nothing to do with their call? Why, then, did Jesus tell us to pray that more laborers might be sent? If Christendom was moved by the mighty desire, and the cry going up from every pulpit, closet and altar, the spirit of missionary zeal, the grand culmination of every Christian grace, would glow in its mighty heart, making it willing to send out those whom the Lord would call, and then hearts now at ease would be stirred by deep emotion, and, feeling "woe is me if I preach not the gospel," would abandon their dreams of worldly advancement, and say to God and the Church, "here am I, send me." Suffering humanity in every form secured the tenderest sympathies of Christ, and the Christian never truly shares His spirit and follows in His steps till he hears the cry of perishing souls, and responds to their

voice of distress. That cry comes up from every land. It freights every breeze that floats through the groves of spice, or waifs with icy breath across the northern plain—not uttered in spoken language, or traced in written characters, but the cry of the human heart wrapped in the smothering gloom of pagan night, yet conscious, amid its dark surroundings, of its desolate estate, and groping among the shrines of idolatry for help. There is a prayer in every pagan rite—a supplication in the smoke that ascends from every heathen altar. Yet, while we lament that the Church apprehends so faintly the claims of a dying world, the membership are not alone to blame. As ministers, we have not recognized the Missionary spirit as the essential spirit of Christianity, the standard of devotion in the Church or the individual heart, and labored as we should have done for its development. The theme is often unwelcome—some brother might complain—and, though willing to give or sacrifice ourselves, we fear to press the demand—put off the effort till the last moment, and then preface it by apologies that effectually destroy its power. Often the mortification of standing on the floor of Conference with no offering to lay on the altar is the only motive that impels the act. No wonder the people hear with careless hearts. If we called for mourners with as little zeal as we plead the cause of Missions, the shout of new-born souls would seldom cheer the Church of God. Our field of labor is not circumscribed by the immediate one in which we toil; the world is emphatically the parish of every minister of God. Its interests, in fact, are intrusted to his care, and, though unable to traverse its continents with his message, or visit its isles on his mission of love, his heart should never be withdrawn from the work, or his efforts cease to supply its demands. May God wake up the preachers, and may the Church wake up, till it recognizes the true design for which wealth was given—not to pamper pride, or swell the selfishness of the human heart; not to become a god before which all that is god-like in humanity is sacrificed, but a

mighty agency for the world's redemption. Then the dawn of millennial glory will overspread the earth, dispel the night of sin, arrest the slumbering nations, and prepare the way for the Messiah's reign.

What we are doing in our own field will appear from the following condensed report:

MISSIONS IN DESTITUTE PORTIONS OF THE
REGULAR WORK.

LYNCHBURG.—James Rice, Missionary, reports 113 white mem., 54 on pro., 34 black mem.

HOUSTON.—Wm. F. Compton, Missionary, no report.

FORT WORTH.—James M. Jones, Missionary, reports 105 mem., 31 on pro.; colored, 35 probationers.

AUSTIN CITY.—No report.

VICTORIA.—Daniel Carl, Missionary, reports 23 in full connection.

SAN ANDRES.—Rufus Y. King, Missionary, reports 115 whites, 24 on pro., 6 colored members.

MARLIN.—W. E. George, Missionary, reports 129 mem., 14 pro.

OWENSVILLE.—Drury Wamack, Missionary, no report.

Many of these Missions, from the membership reported, will doubtless be able to enter the regular work, and the means appropriated to them will support other fields where the gospel is needed.

2D. GERMAN MISSIONS.

1. GALVESTON.—Charles Biel, Missionary, reports prospects good. 15 mem., 2 on probation.

2. HOUSTON AND BRAY'S BAYOU.—Served part of the year by S. Fehr, and by P. Mølling the rest of the time, is in a good condition; reports 54 mem., 6 on probation.

3. VICTORIA.—John Pruenzing, Missionary, reports 44 mem., 11 on pro.

4. INDUSTRY.—John Ropp, Missionary, reports 72 mem., 28 on pro.

5. BELLVILLE.—E. Schneider, Missionary, reports 24 mem., 6 on pro.

6. BASTROP.—Ulrich Steiner, Missionary, reports 66 mem., 14 on pro.

Our German Brethren are nobly meeting their important trust. They have a parsonage in every mission, and at least one house of worship in all but one,

while one is supplied with three. The Missionary who supplied Houston and Bray's Bayou Mission reports family prayer in the house of every member of the Church, while class meetings are well attended. This is a specimen of German Methodism throughout the work. They all take the German paper. They all bring up, every year, some Missionary money. Sunday schools are fostered, and a seeker of religion never given up till God converts him, and then the Church nurtures him as a mother does her child. No wonder God has blessed, and that souls have been converted in every charge. New fields have been visited by Bro. Grote, the P. E., who will organize and supply them as soon as it can be done.

3D. COLORED MISSIONS.

1. GALVESTON MISSION.—J. E. Carnes supplied the work. Reports 125 mem., 20 on probation.

2. HOUSTON.—Wm. McK. Lambdin, Missionary, reports 93 mem., 20 on pro.

3. WALKER Co. MISSION.—Andrew Davis, Missionary, no report.

4. WASHINGTON MISSION.—A. B. Duvall, Missionary, reports 209 members.

5. CHAPPELL HILL.—G. Sandal, Missionary, reports 150 mem., 48 on pro.

6. HEMPSTEAD MISSION.—W. C. Lewis, Missionary, reports 46 mem., 64 on pro.

7. FAIRFIELD MISSION.—J. H. Addison, W. O. Campbell, Missionaries, report 76 mem. and 36 on pro.

8. WACO MISSION.—John Carpenter, Missionary, reports 34 mem., 10 on pro.

9. PORT SULLIVAN MISSION.—Joseph P. Sneed, Missionary, reports 115 mem., 28 on probation.

10. TRAVIS Co. MISSION.—David Coulson, Missionary, reports 123 mem., 36 on probation.

11. MONTGOMERY MISS.—T. T. Smothers, Missionary, no report.

BASTROP.—H. D. Hubert, Missionary, deceased, no report.

CALDWELL MISSION.—M. H. Porter, Missionary, reports 15 whites, 10 colored.

EAGLE LAKE MISSION.—Benj. A. Kemp, Missionary, reports 34 mem., 20 on pro.

NAVIDAD MISSION.—Augustus T. Kerr, Missionary, reports 93 mem., 52 on pro.

OLD CANEY MISSION.—J. A. J. Smith, Missionary, reports 20 mem., 6 on pro.

GONZALES MISSION.—Powell, Missionary, reports 163 members.

SEGUIN MISSION.—David Thompson, Missionary, reports 29 full connection, 26 probationers, 34 children catechized.

SAN MARCOS MISSION.—No report.

VICTORIA MISSION.—O. A. Fisher, Missionary, reports 51 mem., 23 on pro.

JACKSON Co. MISSION.—John F. Cook, no report.

This department of our work is the crowning glory of Southern Methodism. Cast off, in a measure, by the rest of Christendom, our motives impugned and our policy denounced, we have steadily adhered to our scriptural position, and performed our appropriate work, preaching the gospel to the poor and rich, without meddling in the affairs of State; and God has blessed our work. We have beheld the servants crowding the altar, and the voice of master and slave blending in the cry for mercy, and swelling the shout of praise. We have seen them die, and, as we heard their voices sounding back the note of triumph from far out on the shoreless waters, and then beheld the multitudes of their race in the fields and cabins of the South rejoicing in the same hope, and trooping onward to the same abode, we have felt, though our names be cast out as evil by our brethren in the North, we will preach the gospel to the slaves, and their salvation shall be our rich reward. God bless our negro missions! thousands have been converted by them, and thousands are now drawing near our altars, and Christ is going out to meet them. Clouds may lower over our political sky, but the wrath of man can never stop the work of God.

But have we no work beyond? There is not a branch of Protestant Christianity whose right to the entire world, south and north, east and west, as its field of operations, is stronger than our own. We go not out as the propagandists of political opinions, armed with carnal weapons, to foment strife among the people, though it may wreck the nation and

bathe it in blood,—but, as the messengers of Christ, with the Bible, our sword, the spirit of God our power, and the salvation of man the glorious object of our toil. Let us be like our holy Christianity, aggressive in our spirit. The world invites us on. California has proven a successful field. Four men sent out to Oregon report 300 in the Church, and ten efficient men of God are needed to man that work. Mexico invites us on the west, and Central America, Japan and China call aloud for help; and, in an hour like this, shall Southern Methodism take a backward step? While the sound of preparation is heard throughout the camp of Israel, and the Church of God is marshalling its strength for the final conflict, shall our trumpet sound a retreat, and our deserted posts in the field of missions stand as monuments of our defeat? May the Church rouse up to action, and their response send gladness to the hearts of faithful laborers, and light and peace into abodes of heathen gloom.

The officers of the Missionary Society of the Texas Conference are:

R. ALEXANDER, President,

M. YELL, Vice “

I. G. JOHN, Secretary,

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R. W. KENNON,

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W. H. SEAT,

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F. C. WILKES,

J. W. PHILLIPS,

THOS. F. COOK,

B. F. PERRY,

WESLEY SMITH,

} Board
of
Managers.

I. G. JOHN, Sec'y.

Ans. (2). SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.
(See pages 13, 14, 15.)

Ans. (3). TRACTS. Included in Depository Enterprise.

Ques. 20. When and where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

At Huntsville, Texas—time to be given by the Bishop.

Ques. 21. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

GALVESTON DISTRICT.

James McLeod, P. E.

Galveston Station, James M. Wesson.
Bryant L. Peel, supernumerary.
Galveston Colored Mission, to be supplied.
Houston Station, Wm. H. Seat.
Houston Mission and Colored Mission.
Wm. R. Fayle.

Harmony Grove, James Rice.
Columbus Station and Colored Mission.
Joshua H. Shapard.

Brazoria, Osear M. Addison.
Sandy Point Circuit, Thos. F. Windsor.
Richmond Station, Joel T. Daves.
Union Chapel, R. Alexander.
Fort Bend Col. Miss., George D. Parker.
Hodge's Bend and Colored Mission, A. B. Duvall.

San Felipe, T. B. Buckingham.
Book Agent, J. W. Shipman.
Traveling Agent for Depository, Allen M. Box.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

R. W. Kennon, P. E.

Huntsville, H. V. Philpott.
Walker Co. Col. Mission, To be supplied.
Cold Springs and Waverley, Calvin H. Brooks.
Montgomery and Colored Mission, T. T. Smothers.

Anderson Circuit, James G. Johnson.
Plantersville and Col. Mission, Thos. W. Blake.

Washington Circuit and Colored Mission,
F. A. McShan.

Chappell Hill Station, J. W. Phillips.
Chappell Hill Col. Miss., To be supplied.
Hempstead and Salem, Wm. T. Harris.
D. Moore, supernumerary, and Sunday School Agent.

Spring Creek Circuit, J. H. Davidson.
Trinity Circuit, Benj. A. Kemp.
Tarkington's Prairie Mission, D. G. Bowers.
Soule University, G. W. Carter, President,
J. M. Pollansbee, Professor of Languages,
A. McKinney, Principal in Preparatory Department,
Thos. F. Cook, Agent.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

H. W. South, P. E.

Springfield Circuit, S. C. Littlepage.
Corsicana, Frederic J. Cox.
Fairfield, H. M. Glass, G. W. Burrows,
supernumerary.
Centreville, J. H. Addison.
Madison, Thos. Woodlridge.
Booneville, Byron S. Carden.
Owensville, John R. White.
Marlin, J. H. Merrill.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT.

W. McK. Lambdin, P. E.

Fort Worth Circuit, James M. Jones.
Weatherford, W. S. South.
Keechi Mission, J. Perry.
Belknap, George W. Fleming.
Buchanan, Thos. W. Rogers.
Hillsborough, Thos. Whitworth.
Waxahachie, W. G. Veal. S. S. Yarborough,
supernumerary.
Telico, T. B. Ferguson. F. P. Ray,
supernumerary.

WACO DISTRICT.

M. Yell, P. E.

Waco Station, U. C. Spencer.
Waco Circuit and Col. Miss., J. L. Crabb.
Gatesville, H. G. Carden.
Meridian Mission, Ira E. Chalk.
Stephenville, James M. Johnson.
Lampasas and Florence Mission, J. W. Ledbetter.
Belton and Col. Miss., H. M. Burrows.
Burnett Mission, Wm. Shegog.

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

J. W. Whipple, P. E.

Austin Station, B. F. Perry.
Austin Circuit, John M. Whipple.
Travis Co. Colored Mission, D. Coulson.
Bastrop Station and Col. Miss., Wm. Rees.
Bastrop Station, J. W. B. Allen.
Bastrop Military Institute, R. T. P. Allen,
Principal.
Post Oak Island and Colored Mission,
Thos. G. Gilmore.
Caldwell, Wm. G. Nelms.
Caldwell Colored Mission, M. H. Porter.
Georgetown Circuit, J. B. Whittenberg.
San Andres Mission, J. W. Baldrige.

Cameron and Col. Miss., R. Y. King.
 Port Sullivan Station, L. B. Whipple.
 Port Sullivan Colored Mission, J. P. Sneed.
 Port Sullivan Institute, John Carmer,
 Principal.
 Agent of American Bible Society, I. G.
 John. ✓

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.

H. S. Thrall, P. E. ✓

Columbus Station, C. J. Lane. Job M.
 Baker, supernumerary.
 Alleyton and Col. Miss., Wesley Smith.
 Brenham, Eugene R. Smith.
 Union Hill Circuit, F. C. Wilkes. ✓
 Ruterville, W. C. Lewis.
 Bellville, J. S. Matthews.
 Egypt and Wharton, Quinn M. Menifee.
 Matagorda Circuit, Love M. Harris.
 Evansville and Colored Mission, W. G.
 Foote.
 La Grange Station, W. A. Parks.
 Fayette Colored Mission, V. H. Iley.

GONZALES DISTRICT.

John S. McGee, P. E.

Gonzales Station, B. D. Dashiell. J. C.
 Wilson, supernumerary.
 Gonzales Circuit and Colored Mission, D.
 W. Fly. ✓
 Seguin, J. A. Light. One to be supplied.
 San Marcos, P. Phillips.
 Lockhart, W. P. Reed.

Blanco and Perdenales Miss., A. G. May
 Jr.
 San Saba Circuit, Thos. W. Glass.
 Llano Mission, P. W. Gravis.

VICTORIA DISTRICT.

Asbury Davidson, P. E.

Victoria Station, J. E. Ferguson.
 Victoria Mission, Daniel Carl.
 Lavaca and Indianola, O. A. Fisher. One
 to be supplied.
 Texana Circuit, B. Harris. ✓
 Boxville Circuit, G. W. Cottingham.
 Jackson Co. Col. Miss., to be supplied by
 John F. Cook.
 Hallettsville Circuit, A. A. Killough. ✓
 Navidad and Col. Miss., C. W. Thomas.

GERMAN DISTRICT.

C. A. Grote, P. E.

Galveston Mission, O. Biel.
 Houston Mission, John Pruenzing and P.
 A. Mølling.
 Belville, E. Schneider.
 Industry. One to be supplied.
 Roundtop, One to be supplied.
 Bastrop, Ulrich Steiner.
 Victoria, Wm. Herms.
 Editor Evangelical Apologist, P. A. Mølling.
 Nicholas H. Boring transferred to the
 Rio Grande Conference.

Columbus District.

121	53	4	36	2	2	20	80	250	35	\$60 00	.....	\$1,200	.....	415	415 00	235	235 00
13	10	34	20	1	1	3	30	140	.....	15 00	.....	2,500	.....	150	150 00	150	50 00
48	4	26	26	1	1	1	3	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	150 00	47	47 00
117	34	68	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	100 00	.....	.....
133	3	38	.....	3	1	1	8	63	225	28 75	.....	2,000	.....	400	400 00	250	250 00
12	35	57	40	2	1	1	71	300	40	13 00	1,340	300	257 63	300	257 63
228	140	15	93	52	3	2	11	300	40	2,500	435	435 00	305	131 00
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915	287	507	257	17	7	47	274	1115	77	\$124 75	\$10,500	475	475 00	400	633 77

Gonzales District.

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113	14	6	1	600	495	400 0	395	72 00
95	17	20	3	3	10	70	300	12	1,000	495	400 0	395	72 00
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250	18	45	45	8	2,500	150	150 00
201	30	63	2	1	4	32	50	4	14 00	400	307 00	35
117	66	7	2	1	1	35	100	13	3 10	150	150 00
133	44	6	1	4	2	2	7	35	100	150	150 00
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Victoria District.

41	6	51	23	1	1	8	65	250	25	\$15 00	\$8 75	150	150 00	250	250 00
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.....	12	12	3	1	230	230 00	300	300 00
200	50	5	2	10	80	400	40	600	150	150 00	120	120 00
.....	25	50	2,000	350	350 00	300	300 00
42	13	16	9	.....	1	1	3	16	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
180	60	20	4	5	2	12	50	200	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	350	286 00	150	.....
461	122	155	84	11	6	30	195	930	65	\$25 00	\$8 75	\$7,100	.....	390	390 00	275	140 00

German District.

15	2	.....	.....	1	1	1	3	35	50	.....	.....	\$2,000	.....	325	325 00	420	150 00
51	6	.....	.....	1	1	2	1	105	.....	.....	.....	2,500	.....	310	250 00	175	.....
21	6	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	419	300 00	300	.....
71	28	.....	.....	1	1	6	30	50	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	305	331 00	200	.....
60	4	.....	.....	1	2	1	6	25	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	348	193 00	130	.....
41	11	.....	.....	1	2	2	4	34	32	.....	.....	1,200	.....	150	139 00	140	110 00
275	67	.....	.....	1	5	6	21	134	202	.....	.....	\$6,700	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Conference:

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each Presiding Elder to inquire at every quarterly conference what has been done, and what can be done, in his circuit or station, to extend the circulation of the Advocate, and to urge upon the members of the quarterly conference the necessity for an enlarged circulation of the same.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of every preacher having a pastoral charge, to bring the interest of the Advocate, at least twice a year, before every congregation in his charge, making direct application for subscription, and to use increased diligence to advance all the interests of the Advocate.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of every preacher in charge, to report, at our next session, the number of adult white males in his charge who do not take the Advocate.

Resolved, That, by the foregoing and all other lawful means, we make a telling effort to double and treble the subscription list of the Advocate, until it is taken in every Methodist family in the bounds of the Texas Conferences.

R. S. FINLEY, E. T. Confer.

J. W. FIELDS, ..

J. SHOOK, ..

R. ALEXANDER, T. Confer.

J. E. FERGUSON, ..

J. W. WHIPPLE, ..

J. BORING, R. G. Confer.

J. W. DEVELBISS, ..

I. H. COX, ..

PUBLISHING HOUSE AT NASHVILLE, TENN.

From the report of the Southern Methodist Publishing House at Nashville, it appears that the Agent has realized some measure of success in administering the important trust committed to him. In this we rejoice, for the time has come when we must look to our own Publishing House for the books that we are to circulate and read.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the financial prosperity and success of the Southern Methodist Publishing House, and that we pledge ourselves to render it all the

aid in our power, by recommending its publications to our people, in preference to those of Northern establishments.

TEXAS BOOK DEPOSITORY.

The Depository, at Galveston, under the able management of an indefatigable Agent, promises to become a power among us. Your committee are well satisfied that if this enterprise be properly sustained, and the efforts of the Agent be promptly seconded, it will tell with the happiest result upon the future of Methodism in Texas.

Resolved, That we continue to have the utmost confidence in the fitness and efficiency of Rev. James W. Shipman, under whose superintendance the Texas Book Depository has prospered so well during the past year, and that we pledge our hearty concurrence with him, and recommend the same to our people.

Resolved, That Bishop Andrew be and he is hereby requested to appoint A. M. Box to the agency of the Texas Book Depository, to solicit donations for the same in the bounds of this Conference, according to the provisions of the Constitution of said Depository.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Conference, the Editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, and the Preacher in charge of Galveston Station, be and they are hereby requested to prepare for the press, and have published in pamphlet form, five thousand copies of the Minutes of the present session, embracing the reports of the Missionary Secretary and Treasurer; and that a cash collection be taken up in the Conference room to defray the expense of publication; each contributor to be entitled to receive the value of his or her subscription in copies of the minutes, when published; and that the publisher (if he shall deem it expedient) be authorized to insert a few select paying advertisements.

J. M. WESSON, *Chairman*.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Resolved, That we approve the appointment of the second session of the Sabbath School Convention to assemble in the town of Washington, on the first of May next, and that we request the several Quarterly Conferences to send

delegates, and the traveling and local preachers to attend as members of the Convention.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate our Sunday School Visitor, and that in order to an increase of its circulation among us, we should, as far as we are concerned as a Conference, heartily approve of an arrangement, if it can be made between the book agents at Nashville and Galveston, by which a sufficient number of copies can be published at Galveston for the supply of the Texas Conferences.

Resolved, That it is matter of regret, that the collections to increase the fund of the publishing house, for the publication of Sabbath School books, ordered by the last Conference, has been so generally neglected, and further, that this lack of service be supplied, in those charges in which no collections were raised the past year, by a collection to be taken up in our several congregations during the month of April or May next, and forwarded to Dr. McFerrin, for the above object.

Resolved, That we renew the recommendation of the last Conference, for the holding of the Sabbath School prayer-meeting on the first Sabbath in every month.

Resolved, That we would urge the formation of Sabbath School Missionary Societies, and the collection of funds for missions, wherever practicable.

Resolved, That the first Friday in the month of April be appointed as a day of fasting and prayer, for the blessing of God upon our efforts to train the young, and for their conversion to God.

W. H. SEAT, *Chairman*.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Resolved, That the American Bible Society has our cordial sympathies, and that we will continue to co-operate with the same.

Resolved, That we request Bishop Andrew to re-appoint Rev. I. G. John as the Agent of the American Bible Society in this conference for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That we have no sympathy with the so-called "New Version" move-

ment, but adhere to the Bible as we received it from our fathers.

JOHN W. PHILLIPS, *Chairman*.

SOULE UNIVERSITY.

Resolved, That the conference unanimously endorse and ratify the action of the Board of Trustees in the election of Rev. G. W. Carter, D. D., that we congratulate them and the friends of the university in their success in so opportune and fortunate a selection.

Resolved, That the election of Professor Halsey to the chair of natural sciences, the continuation of Prof. Follansbee in the chair of languages, the election of Prof. Cowles to the mathematical chair, together with their adjuncts and the tutors in the preparatory department, are not only endorsed, but also highly satisfactory to the conference, and we recommend the Bishop to continue these appointments, so far as they are filled by members of this conference.

Resolved, That the trustees and faculty be respectfully requested to organize, immediately, a normal school in connection with the university, for the purpose of furnishing teachers for our common schools.

Resolved, That the conference highly approve the regular employment of the students while not at their studies in such military or gymnastic exercises as may be conducive to that physical training which is essential to complete education in the youth of our country, and which we learn has been introduced into the university.

Resolved, That in the judgment of the conference it is highly important that President Carter should, as far as may be consistent with his other duties, visit us in our respective fields of labor, and that we will cordially receive and co-operate with him or the professors or any authorized representative of the institution in advancing the interests of the same among our people.

Resolved, That as the charter of the Soule University does not specify at what time the trustees shall be re-elected, but only says "from time to time," that they shall be re-elected annually at the sitting of the conference.

Resolved, That the present board of trustees shall be and they are hereby re-elected.

BASTROP MILITARY INSTITUTE.

From this institute we have received no report, owing as we hear to illness in the family of Bro. Allen; but from the catalogue and other sources of information, we learn that the institution is in a prosperous state. Its finances are easy, its buildings are comfortable and capacious, and its faculty full, faithful, and equal to the task imposed upon them.

Bastrop Military Institute has a well earned reputation for good order in discipline and thoroughness in instruction; moreover a most gracious revival of religion has ensued during the past year, in which most of the cadets were converted to God.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Bastrop Military Institute is to Texas Methodism a necessity, and that we are highly gratified to hear of its increasing prosperity and growth, and that we heartily recommend the same to our people, as every way worthy of confidence and support.

WACO FEMALE COLLEGE.

Resolved, That we recognize Waco Female College as in a flourishing condition, with a probable bright future, and accordingly cordially recommend it to the patronage and confidence of the church and the public.

CHAPPELL HILL FEMALE COLLEGE.

Resolved, That we recognize, as in a flourishing condition, Chappell Hill Female College; that we are pleased with the flattering prospects that rise up in the immediate as well as in the remote future; and,

Resolved, That we cordially recommend to the public patronage Chappell Hill Female College.

Resolved, That the Conference confirm the election of trustees, by the board, to fill the vacancies that have occurred since our last sitting with the names of Jacob Matthews, J. W. Lockhart, J. H. Stone, and Dr. Bartley Stanchfield.

ANDREW FEMALE COLLEGE.

Resolved, That we recommend the Board of Trustees to establish a normal

school in connection with Andrew Female College, so soon as they can prudently do so, and that the trustees be requested to appoint an agent to travel at large in the bounds of the conference for the purpose of soliciting funds to build and endow the same.

PORT SULLIVAN INSTITUTE.

WHEREAS, Port Sullivan Institute, an institution for the education of young ladies, at Port Sullivan, on the Brazos river, has sent up a report to this conference, showing on its face that it is not chartered, and yet has conformed to the resolutions of last conference, showing also a state of forwardness in their buildings, &c., &c. Therefore,

Resolved, That we sympathize with the citizens of Port Sullivan and vicinity, in their noble enterprise, and cordially recommend their institution to the patronage of the church and community.

GUADALUPE MALE AND FEMALE COLLEGE.

Resolved, That we recommend the Guadalupe High School and Female College as every way worthy of our patronage, and that the appointments of trustees asked for in the report be granted by the conference.

ASBURY INSTITUTE.

Resolved, That Asbury Institute be and is hereby recommended to the patronage and support of the church and community.

Resolved, That we especially recommend to the consideration of a liberal public the state of the finances of said institution, which, unless relieved by those who are the proper persons to foster and relieve, will embarrass the president, who in order to present the school unencumbered to the conference assumed a debt of \$1200.

SPECIAL.

Resolved, That the resolutions on the conference journal, defining the character of a conference school, so far as they are at variance with the action on yesterday, be and they are hereby repealed.

F. C. WILKES,

Chairman Com. on Education.

MISSIONARY.

Resolved, That in view of the state of our Missionary Treasury, we feel it to be the imperative duty of every member

of this Conference, (to his utmost ability,) to present the claims of the society to their respective congregations in a manner which will secure increased liberality the ensuing year, and thus enlarge our collections, to relieve our treasury from its present embarrassment.

Resolved, That those brethren who have been successful in raising liberal amounts from their circuits and stations (as seen from our Missionary report) deserve our highest commendation; while those who have made a meagre report, or "no report," cannot be regarded as having discharged their duties as traveling Methodist preachers.

WESLEY SMITH,
DANIEL MORSE,
R. Y. KING.

Resolved, By the Texas Annual Conference, That Bishop Andrew be requested to appoint two preachers, one a married and the other a single man, to the Republic of New Grenada, to labor especially in the city of Bogota, its capital, on the faith of our promise as a Conference to support them there.

Resolved, further, That should the preachers who may be thus appointed not be members of our Conference, it is our preference that they should be transferred to us, and make their annual reports to this body.

WM. H. SEAT,
R. ALEXANDER,
R. W. KENNOR.

CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of every preacher having charge of a circuit or station, to take up a Conference collection at every appointment on his charge; at which time the nature of the collection shall be explained.

J. E. FERGUSON,
J. H. ADDISON,
Conf. Stewards.

FINANCE.

Resolved, That we recommend to our Preachers renewed zeal and energy, in visiting from house to house, and the discharge of all the various disciplinary duties incumbent upon them, believing, as we do, that upon their faithfulness, in a great measure, depends the success of the Stewards in raising their allowance.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Stewards, on the various stations and circuits, greater diligence, and prompter action in the commencement of the year, believing, as we do, that the usual course of procrastination on their part often prevents them from being able to secure a support for their preachers.

Resolved, That we recommend to our people, generally, a more thorough support; for as long as men preach they must live, and to live they must eat; and to do this requires money. We would, therefore, call upon our brethren and friends to provide the means therefor, that the Gospel be not hindered; warning them, at the same time, not to withhold the Lord's money. And in this connection we would call the attention of our people to the resolution passed at a previous Conference, urging the erection of parsonages in every circuit and station within the bounds of the Texas Annual Conference.

B. D. DASHIEL, *Chairman.*
TEMPERANCE.

The Committee deems it appropriate to its duties to call the attention of our ministry to the strict observance of the duties enjoined upon them on page 89 of the Discipline, divisions one, two and three, in which are embraced the leading principles of Temperance.

It is believed, also, that more faithful admonitions and enforcement of disciplinary teachings against the drinking of spirituous liquors, unless in cases of necessity, (see Discipline.) are demanded.

We recommend, further, in view of the increasing manufacture of wine—Mustang wine in particular—in our State, that our ministers carefully observe its bearing on the interests of Temperance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. M. FOLLANSBEE,
DANIEL CARL,
THOS. F. COOK.

CHURCH AT WASHINGTON CITY.

Resolved, That we cordially sympathize with our beloved brother, Wm. T. Smithson, in his noble efforts to build a Southern Methodist Church in Washington City, and that we will heartily cooperate with him, not only in the sale of

the Methodist Pulpit, South, and of the great Picture of our late General Conference, but also by endeavoring to raise for the enterprise as much as twenty-five cents per member in our several charges, and forward the amount collected to Wm. T. Smithson, by the first of June next.

WM. H. SEAT,
JAMES W. SHIPMAN.

Resolved, That the practice of preaching special sermons at our conference sessions be discontinued.

F. C. WILKES,
O. M. ADDISON.

BISHOP ANDREW.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to Bishop Andrew, for his courteous manner as a presiding officer, and for his fatherly counsels; and we pray that his health and life may be long preserved: and we would rejoice to see him in Texas again, if God will permit.

R. W. KENNON,
WM. H. SEAT.

DR. ABBEY.

Resolved, That we are gratified to recognize in our midst the Rev. R. Abbey, D.D., Financial Secretary of the Southern Methodist Publishing House, and that the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to Dr. Abbey, for the faithful and very efficient manner in which he has discharged the important and responsible duties imposed upon him by the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South.

THOS. F. COOK,
WESLEY SMITH,
W. G. NELMS.

CITIZENS OF CHAPPELL HILL.

Resolved, That we hereby return our hearty thanks to the citizens of Chappell Hill and vicinity, for their kind and liberal entertainment of the Texas Annual Conference.

O. M. ADDISON,
JOHN W. PHILLIPS.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the members of the Presbyterian Church in this place for the use of their house during our session.

T. F. COOK,
B. HARRIS,
W. P. READ.

RUTER CHURCH BUILDING.

Resolved, That the preachers of the Texas Conference be requested to raise the sum of Twenty Dollars apiece on their respective circuits and stations, and forward the same to brother J. M. Brown, at the town of Washington, Washington county, Texas, which money is to be appropriated to finishing the Ruter Church Building at that place—moneys to be sent as soon as collected.

U. C. SPENCER,
R. ALEXANDER,
J. W. WHIPPLE,
I. G. JOHN.

CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance, B. D. Dashiell—*Education*, F. C. Wilkes—*Sabbath Schools*, J. W. Phillips—*Books and Tracts*, R. Alexander—*Bible Cause*, Jacob Matthews.

TEXAS CONFERENCE VISITING COMMITTEES.

Soule University—Robert Alexander, J. W. Phillips, Dr. F. C. Wilkes.

Bastrop Military Institute.—I. G. John, B. F. Perry, Jno. S. McGee.

Andrew Female College.—R. W. Kennon, H. V. Philpott, C. H. Brooks.

Waco Female College.—W. McK. Lambdin, M. Yell, U. C. Spencer.

Port Sullivan Male and Female College. U. C. Spencer, M. H. Porter, L. B. Whipple.

Chappell Hill Female College.—R. W. Kennon, J. W. Kinney, T. F. Cook.

Seguin Male and Female College.—J. S. McGee, Jas. C. Wilson, Asbury Davidson.

JAMES O. ANDREW.

Chappell Hill, Dec. 22.

RECAPITULATION.

[The following Recapitulation should have appeared on page 16.]

DISTRICT.	White Members.		Colored Members.		Sunday Schools.					Value of Buildings.		Quarterage.		Table and Exp.							
	In full	On Pro.	In full	On Pro.	Schools.	Supern.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Libr.	S. & Visi-tors taken	Collect'n's Expended.	Collect'n's Paid	Treasurer	Churches.	Pars'nage's	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Receipts.		
Gaustown	698	155	662	157	14	11	110	595	5000	245	\$727	22	15	\$35,100	\$1,000	\$183	2930	01	\$612	\$4107	
Huntsville	1207	305	928	184	13	11	77	471	2133	189	120	20	00	4,200	3630	3272	25	4316	3034	00	
Springfield	1405	511	3053	421	11	15	48	289	1030	64	14	00	00	2,400	2870	1801	25	1225	770	00	
Fort Worth	1837	491	101	72	17	15	65	500	1096	86	175	00	00	10,803	2820	2142	55	616	295	00	
Waco	1322	291	247	81	10	9	50	425	1270	95	127	00	40	11,100	3185	2747	52	2145	1655	00	
Austin	1061	163	341	91	6	5	30	240	700	42	33	00	1	10,100	2145	1988	88	2250	1490	00	
Columbus	915	287	507	257	17	7	97	274	1115	71	123	75	10	10,500	3195	2877	63	2212	1473	63	
Gonzales	1151	295	326	101	17	17	82	381	2136	94	69	45	00	12,050	2900	2015	1701	00	1390	1005	77
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE
RYLAND CHAPEL SUNDAY SCHOOL
JUVENILE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Art. 1. This Association shall be called the JUVENILE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE RYLAND CHAPEL SUNDAY SCHOOL, and shall be auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Texas Annual Conference.

Art. 2. The officers shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Board of Managers.

Art. 3. The officers shall be elected

for a term of twelve months, and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected. No person shall be eligible to any office whatever, who is not connected with the Sunday School, and a member of this society; nor shall any one continue in any office longer than his or her connection with the Sunday School, and membership in this society.

Art. 4. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society and Board; and in his absence this duty shall devolve upon the Vice President. In the absence of the President and Vice President from any regular meetings of the society, a President *pro tempore* shall be appointed.

Art. 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a faithful record of all the doings of the society—also to keep an alphabetical list of all the members, call the same at each regular meeting, and note the amount that each one pays into the treasury; also to note on the minute book the Treasurer's report, and such other reports as may be directed by the society.

Art. 6. The Treasurer shall receive all funds from the Secretary, and report the amount thereof at each regular meeting; and shall hold the same subject to the order of the society.

Art. 7. The Board of Managers shall consist of the Superintendent of the Sunday School one male and one female teacher, and five boys and five girls. Five members of the Board, and the Superintendent, together with the Presiding Officer, shall constitute a quorum.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Board to attend to all matters of business during the intervals of regular meetings, for which purpose the Superintendent of the School, or the President of the Society may call them together.

Art. 9. The Society by vote may declare the office of any officer vacant, who has been absent from two regular meetings, or has withdrawn from the society or school, and when a vacancy occurs by resignation, or otherwise, the Society shall fill it at once, by nomination and election, until the time of the annual election, which shall be on the third Sunday of May.

Art. 10. Any person may be a member of this Society, by the payment of \$1 20 annually, or 10 cents per month. The payment of \$3 00 at one time shall constitute a member for life.

Art. 11. The Superintendent of the School and the Pastor of Ryland Chapel shall not be eligible to the office of President or Vice President of this Society.

Art. 12. This Society shall hold its regular meetings in the afternoon of the third Sunday in each month, and the

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Shall be, after Reading the Scriptures, Singing and Prayer.

1. Reading minutes of preceding meeting.
2. Calling roll and receiving monthly dues.
3. Receiving new members.
4. Unfinished business.
5. Report of Treasurer.
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8. Adjournment.

Art. 13. At the regular meeting immediately preceding the annual session of the Texas Conference, the Society shall make provision for transmitting the amount of funds in hand to the Treasurer of the Missionary Society of said Conference, and give special directions for the disbursement of the same, in accordance with the express provision of the parent society of the M. E. Church South, and in case the meeting should fail, then it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to forward the amount in hand to the said Treasurer of Texas Conference Missionary Society, to pass into the General Missionary fund.

Art. 14. This Society shall hold its anniversaries at such times and places as it may determine upon, by nomination and election.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting, two-thirds of the members voting for such alteration or amendment.

[NOTE.—The above Constitution is inserted as a general form for the Constitution to be adopted in the organization of similar societies.]

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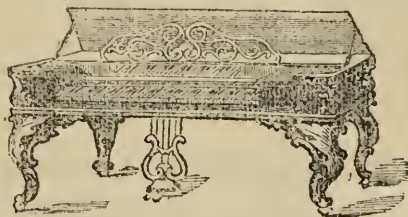
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