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*Sixty-First Annual Session,*  
*Orlando, Florida,*  
*December 8 - 12, 1904.*

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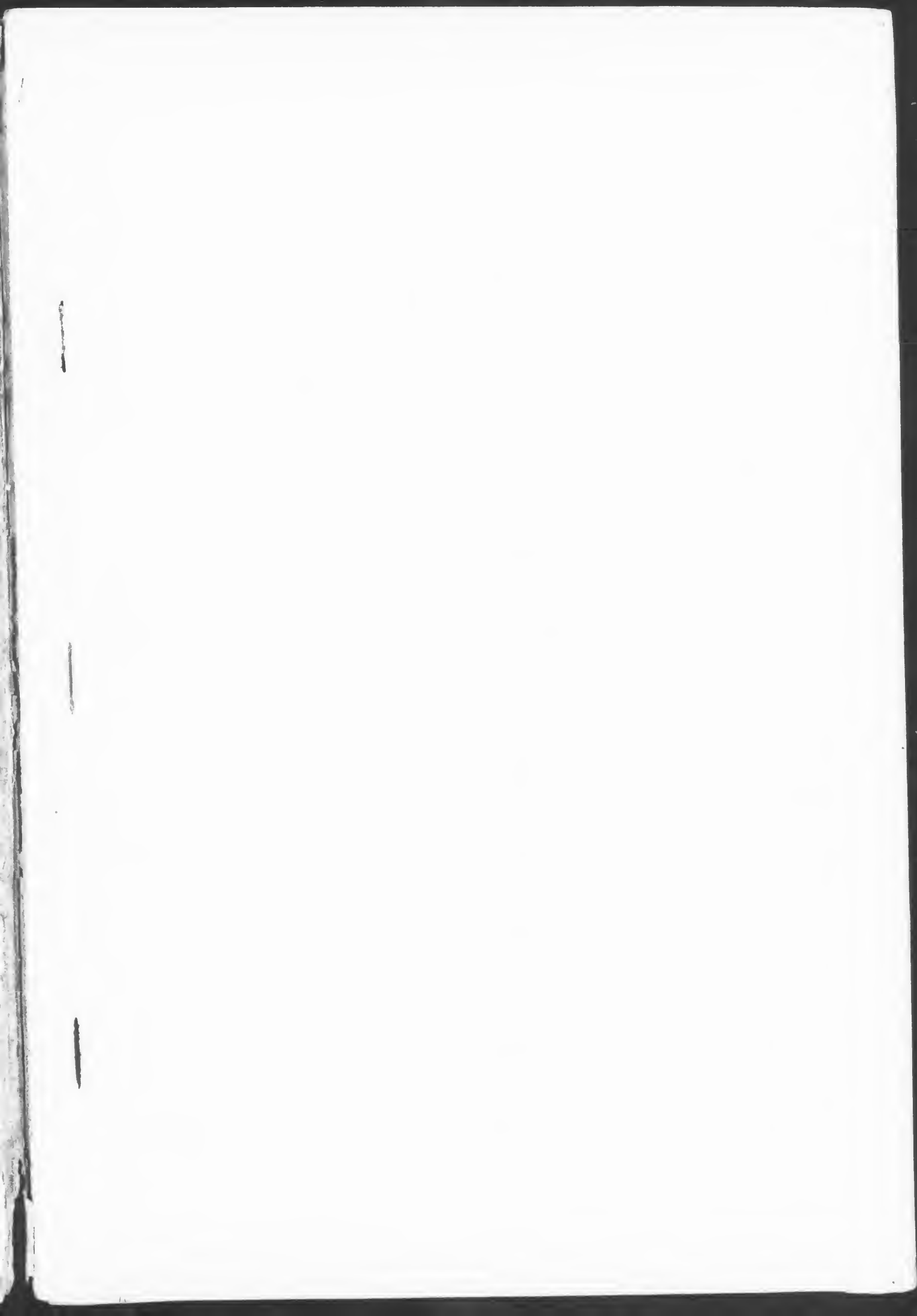
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No.	Place.	Convened.	President.	Secretary.
1	Tallahassee Fla..	Feb. .... 1845	Bishop J. Soule.....	T. C. Benning
2	Monticello, Fla....	" 9, 1846	Bishop J. O. Andrew....	P. P. Smith
3	Quincy, Fla.....	" 10, 1847	Bishop W. Capers.....	"
4	Waynesville, Ga.	" ... 1848	Bishop J. O. Andrew....	"
5	Albany, Ga.....	Jan. 3, 1849	Bishop W. Capers.....	"
6	Madison, Fla.....	Feb. .... 1850	Ira L. Potter.....	"
7	Thomasville, Ga.	Jan. 22, 1851	Bishop R. Paine.....	"
8	Tallahassee, Fla.	" 28, 1852	Bishop J. O. Andrew....	"
9	Quincy, Fla.....	" ... 1853	Bishop W. Capers.....	"
10	Monticello, Fla...	Dec. ... 1853	R. H. Howren.....	"
11	Madison, Fla.....	" ... 1854	Bishop W. Capers.....	"
12	Bainbridge, Ga...	" .. { 1855	S. P. Richardson.....	T. N. Gardner
			Bishop J. O. Andrew....	"
13	Alligator, Fla.....	" 24 1856	Bishop J. O. Andrew....	P. P. Smith
14	Thomasville, Ga.	" ... 1857	Bishop J. Early.....	"
15	Jacksonville, Fla.	" 15 1858	Bishop J. O. Andrew....	J. C. Ley
16	Micanopy, Fla....	" 28 1859	Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh	P. P. Smith
17	Monticello, Fla...	" 12 1860	Bishop G. F. Pierce....	"
18	Quincy, Fla.....	" 12 1861	Bishop G. F. Pierce....	"
19	Tallahassee, Fla.	" 12 1862	Bishop J. O. Andrew....	"
20	Thomasville, Ga.	" 16 1863	Bishop J. O. Andrew....	F. A. Branch
21	Monticello, Fla...	" 14, 1864	S. P. Richardson.....	"
22	Madison, Fla.....	Nov. 29, 1865	Bishop G. F. Pierce....	"
23	Quincy, Fla.....	Dec. 13, 1866	Bishop H. N. McTyeire..	"
24	Monticello, Fla....	" 6, 1867	Bishop G. F. Pierce.....	"
25	Jacksonville, Fla.	Jan. 13, 1869	Bishop W. M. Wightman	"
26	Lake City Fla.....	Dec. 20, 1869	Bishop D. S. Doggett....	J. P. DePass
27	Tallahassee, Fla.	Jan. 4, 1871	Bishop W. M. Wightman	U. S. Bird
28	Madison, Fla.....	" ... 1872	Bishop W. M. Wightman	"
29	Fernandina, Fla.	" ... 1873	Bishop E. M. Marvin.....	"
30	Jacksonville, Fla.	" 7 1874	Bishop G. F. Pierce.....	Frederick Pasco
31	Live Oak, Fla.....	Dec. 16, 1875	Bishop W. M. Wightman	"
32	Quincy, Fla.....	Jan. 5, 1876	Bishop W. M. Wightman	"
33	Monticello, Fla...	" 11, 1877	Bishop G. F. Pierce....	"
34	Tampa, Fla.....	Nov. 15, 1877	Bishop G. F. Pierce.....	"
35	Gainesville, Fla..	" 13, 1878	Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh	"
36	Tallahassee, Fla.	Dec. 17, 1879	Bishop D. S. Doggett....	"
37	Ocala, Fla.....	" 16, 1880	Bishop G. F. Pierce.....	"
38	Monticello, Fla...	Jan. 13, 1882	Bishop H. N. McTyeire..	"
39	Jacksonville, Fla.	" 3, 1883	Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh	"
40	Madison, Fla.....	" 8, 1884	Bishop J. C. Keener.....	"
41	Gainesville, Fla..	" 7, 1885	Bishop Linns Parker....	"
42	Orlando, Fla.....	" 6, 1886	Bishop R. K. Hargrove..	"
43	Tallahassee, Fla.	Dec. 16, 1886	Bishop E. R. Hendrix....	"
44	Leesburg, Fla...	" 14, 1887	Bishop J. S. Key.....	"
45	Bartow, Fla.....	Jan. 9, 1889	Bishop C. B. Galloway....	"
46	Gainesville, Fla..	" 8, 1890	Bishop J. C. Keener.....	"
47	Monticello, Fla...	" 7, 1891	Bishop W. W. Duncan....	"
48	Tampa, Fla.....	" 6, 1892	Bishop J. C. Granbery..	"
49	Ocala, Fla.....	" 4, 1893	Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald..	"
50	Palatka, Fla.....	" 3, 1894	Bishop A. G. Laygood....	"
51	Jacksonville, Fla.	" 9, 1895	Bishop W. W. Duncan....	"
52	Orlando, Fla.....	Dec. 18, 1895	Bishop J. C. Granbery..	"
53	Tallahassee, Fla.	" 9, 1896	Bishop C. B. Galloway....	"
54	Tampa, Fla.....	" 17, 1897	Bishop W. W. Duncan....	"
55	Gainesville, Fla..	" 14, 1898	Bishop W. A. Candler....	"
56	Monticello, Fla....	" 13, 1899	Bishop W. A. Candler....	"
57	Bartow, Fla.....	" 13, 1900	Bishop W. A. Candler....	"
58	Live Oak, Fla.....	" 12, 1901	Bishop Jno. C. Granbery	"
59	Quincy, Fla.....	Jan. 8, 1903	Bishop A. Coke Smith....	"
60	Lake City, Fla....	Dec. 10, 1903	Bishop A. W. Wilson....	"
61	Orlando, Fla.....	Dec. 8, 1903	Bishop W. A. Candler....	"

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 B. H. Freeman, Bristol

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 J. D. Watkins, Micanopy  
 T. J. Norsworthy ———

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J. L. McCrory, Deland.

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 A. O. McDonell, Jacksonville.

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 D. C. Crum, ———  
 M. F. Giddens, Tampa.

## ORLANDO DISTRICT—

D. B. Sweat, Fort Meade.  
 J. M. Lee, ———

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## JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

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### FIRST DAY.

The sixty-first session of the Florida Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in Orlando, Fla., at 9 a. m., December 8, 1904, Bishop W. A. Chandler, D. D., in the chair.

Opened with religious services conducted by the Bishop.

Eighty-nine preachers and eight lay delegates answered to roll call.

Frederick Pasco was recalled was re-elected Secretary with J. E. Mickler, C. F. Blackburn and S. W. Lawler assistants.

Hours of meeting and adjournment fixed at 9 a. m. and 12 m..

An address of welcome was made by the Hon. W. L. Palmer, of Orlando, to which the Bishop responded.

Bar of Conference fixed to include the first six row of seats.

On motion the presiding elders nominated the Standing Committees and filled vacancies in Boards. (See Boards and Committees.)

Sundry communications were read and referred to appropriate Boards and Committees.

The Secretary read his report as Editor of Conference Minutes for 1904, and nominated J. B. Ley and J. E. Mickler as editors for 1905.

A substitute was offered by T. R. Bridges that hereafter the editing and publishing the Minutes be part of the duty of the Conference Secretary.

On motion he was authorized to draw on Joint Board of Finance for amount for publication and distribution.

Question 20 was taken up, the presiding elders were called, represented their districts, and their characters passed, viz:

- H. C. Christian, Tallahassee District;
- J. P. Hillburn, Gainesville District;
- T. J. Nixon, Jacksonville District;
- Frederick Posco, East Coast District;
- A. E. Householder, Orlando District;
- I. S. Patterson, Tampa District.

The following were called, their characters passed, and on motion they were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for a superannuated relation: J. Anderson, W. F. Norton, J. C. Ley, J. D. Rogers. (Letters were received from the last two brethren.)

J. T. Coleman was called, his character passed, and he was left effective.

R. H. Barnett announced that he was requested to collect amounts due on Superannuated Endowment Fund.

G. S. Roberts was appointed Conference postmaster

Adjourned after announcements, with doxology and benediction by Dr. T. W. Moore.

## SECOND DAY.

Conference convened at 9 a. m., Bishop in the chair. Opened with religious service conducted by W. P. Turner, missionary to Japan.

Roll was called and seven additional preachers and five lay delegates responded present.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

On motion further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The vote to adjourn at 12 m. was on motion reconsidered, and the hour of adjournment fixed at 12:30 p. m.

Communication from A. O. MacDonnell, Passenger Agent of the S. A. L., concerning clergymen's permits, was read, and on motion the Secretary was requested to furnish the clergy bureau at Atlanta with the Conference roll.

Communication from D. Guerry, President of the Wesleyan Female College, was read.

Question 20 was resumed and on motion the Conference went into executive session. J. S. Collier and J. S. Barnett were called, their characters passed, and on motion they were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for a superannuated relation.

E. H. Giles was called, his character passed and he was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

S. Scott was called, his character passed.

W. H. Barker, E. F. Gates, E. J. Holmes, E. Wilson, R. L. Sumner, I. A. Vernon, W. F. Shoemaker and W. F. Alexander were called, characters passed and on motion they were referred to Committee on Conference Relations for superannuated relation.

W. E. H. Mabry's character passed.

J. L. Jones and R. M. Evans were called, their character passed, and on motion they were referred to Committee on Conference Relations for a supernumerary relation.

Question 6 was called. C. W. Mathison, from North Alabama Conference; J. B. Mitchell, Indian Mission Conference; J. M. Major, Missouri Conference; Ed. A. Gray, North Georgia Conference, were announced.

Question 1 was called. John L. Moon, Jacksonville District; W. F. Allen, Oxford District of North Georgia Conference; Daniel R. Sweat, Jacksonville District Conference; Reuben N. Sanders, Mangum District of Indian Mission Conference; Louis Oser, Tampa District Conference; Manuel Dominguez, Tampa District. Examining Committee and Committee on Missions reporting favorably, they were admitted on trial.

Question 8 was called. John A. Morrow, Geo. F. Austin, character passed. Examining Committee reporting favorably, they were elected deacons.

W. A. Myres, H. J. Haeflinger, Marvin H. Norton, John W. Austin were advanced to the class of the third year, the Examining Committee reporting favorably, their characters passing.

Question 2 was taken up, and T. L. Z. Barr not having been before the Examining Committee his character passed and he was left in class of second year.

Question 4 was called. Japheth N. Weatherford, M. Le Do Feu, characters passed, and they were left in class of third year, not having been before the Examining Committee.

Austin H. Cole, Wm. H. Funk, G. S. Roberts, characters passed, and the Examining Committee reporting favorably, they were advanced to class of fourth year.

Question 12 was called. Charnelle H. Summers' character passed, and the Examining Committee reporting favorably, he was elected elder.

A contract for the publication of the Florida Christian Advocate was read, the former publisher having failed in health and being unable to carry out his contract. During the discussion on the report time for adjournment arrived and on motion time was extended until the report was disposed of.

An amendment was offered and upon call of the previous question the amendment was adopted and the report as a whole adopted.



After announcements, Conference adjourned with doxology and benediction by J. T. Coleman.

### THIRD DAY.

Conference convened at 9 a. m., Bishop in the chair. Opened with religious exercises by T. J. Phillips.

Report of Dupont Guerry referred to Board of Education.

W. P. Turner and Go Forward.

The name of Hubert W. Baker was called, his character passed and he was continued in class of fourth year.

Howard Dutil having come to us from the Evangelical Church as an ordained minister, he conformed to the requirements of the Discipline and was before the Committee of the Fourth Year, passing a satisfactory examination.

Question 10: Andrew Sledd, Greensboro District, Alabama Conference; William Fletcher Allen, Oxford District, North Georgia Conference; Thos. E. York, Orlando District, Florida Conference; Lyman W. Higgs, Tampa District, were elected to deacon's orders.

Under Question 14, Howard E. Hooks. was elected to local elder's orders.

5th Question, Who are readmitted? A. M. Kenney.

Dr. Law, Agent of the American Bible Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

R. L. Sumner's character passed and he was left in class of the fourth year.

Question 20 was called and the following reported and their characters passed:

Tallahassee District—J. W. Bigham, H. E. Partridge, F. E. Steinmeyer, J. A. Howland, A. M. Mann, W. S. McMannen, W. J. Gray, J. S. Crandell, T. C. Bradford, (referred for superannuate relation), J. R. Crandell, D. A. Cole, J. C. Pace, (located at his own request), J. B. Ley.

A resolution of sympathy was passed on behalf of Bro. T. C. Bradford in his present affliction. (See resolution).

Gainesville District—W. J. Carpenter, F. Pixton, M. H. Outland, G. J. Kennelly, C. W. White, L. D. Hanes, T. S. Armistead, F. M. C. Eads, L. W. Moore, W. A. Weir, T. W. Moore, W. H. Steinmeyer, A. M. Daiger, H. B. Frazee, J. H. D. McRae, B. T. Rape, M. T. Bell, T. H. Sistrunk.

The names of W. A. Myres, Henry J. Haeflinger, Marvin H. Norton, John Austin, Geo. Austin, and John A. Morrow, candidates for admission into full connection, were called by the Secretary and addressed by the Bishop, after which they answered the disciplinary questions. They were duly admitted.

Dr. W. R. Lambuth was introduced.

The Publishing Committee reported the following as the nominees of that committee for the editorship: J. B. Ley, Jas. P. DePass and H. C. Christian. H. Duttill, F. E. Shipp and Harry Penny were appointed tellers, and the Conference proceeded to ballot. This session was extended through the counting of the first ballot. The ballot resulted in the election of J. B. Ley, he receiving 93 out of 112 votes. J. P. DePass received 4 and H. C. Christian received 15.

After notices Conference adjourned.

#### FOURTH DAY.

Conference was called to order by the Bishop at 9 o'clock. Devotions were conducted by H. Hice.

Minutes of previous session read and adopted.

John A. Morrow, Geo. Austin and Jno. W. Austin were announced as having been ordained deacons and admitted into the traveling connection.

Under Question 11, Charnelle H. Summers was announced as ordained traveling elder.

Under question 13, William Fletcher Allen, Geo. E. York, L. W. Higgs were ordained local deacons.

Under question 15, Homer E. Hooks was announced as local elder.

Question 2 was taken up. W. G. Fletcher was called, his character passed, and not being before the committee for examination on account of his work in Cuba, he was left in the class of the first year.

H. P. Blocker and R. Ira Barnett were called, their characters passed, and the examining committee reporting favorably, they were advanced to the class of the second year.

Under Question 20 the following names were called and characters passed: R. J. Wells, W. M. Poage, J. E. Wilson, E. F. Ley, C. F. Blackburn, F. E. Shipp, Thos. Williams, R. M. Williams, J. P. DePass, E. A. Harrison, W. C. Norton, J. Beers, C. A. Fulwood, H. Hice, T. W. Tomkies, T. M. White, H. S. Miller, J. E.

Mickler, R. V. Atkinson, J. T. Mitchell, E. J. Gates, A. H. Cole, F. A. Taylor, G. H. York, J. F. Bell, F. R. Bridges, E. J. Hardee, B. F. Mason, W. H. Funk, S. W. Lawler, D. L. Switzer, R. L. Honiker, B. K. Thrower, C. C. Cecil, H. Dutill, R. H. Barnett, H. W. Penny, J. R. Taylor, G. W. Mitchell, C. W. Inman, W. R. Waggoner, N. H. Williams, J. S. Brookes, U. S. Tabor, W. H. F. Robarts, T. J. Phillips, W. B. Tresca, S. Harding, J. L. Yeats, S. W. Walker, J. A. Hendry, H. W. Joiner, J. P. Durrance.

Report of Committee on Conference Relations was submitted. The report was amended by striking the name of J. S. Collier from the list of superannuates.

J. L. Jones was placed on the list of supernumeraries.

For superannuates see General Minutes.

Report of Committee on Memoirs was read, containing memoirs of Sisters Barr, Anderson, Joiner and Walker, (See report).

Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Tallahassee and Ocala were placed in nomination. Ocala was chosen.

A bill presented by E. F. Ley, Treasurer, was ordered submitted to the Joint Board of Finance for payment.

A memorial from Tampa District Conference was ruled out of order.

Report on books and periodicals was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Temperance was read and adopted.

Pending a statement by J. B. Ley, editor of the Florida Christian Advocate, touching his work and the publication of the paper, the the time was extended.

Conference adjourned to meet again at 3:30 o'clock. Benediction by L. W. Mooye.

#### FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON.

Conference was called to order at 3:30, Dr. C. A. Fulwood in the chair. W. F. Alexander conducted religious exercises.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Committee on American Bible Society reported. Report was adopted.

F. Pasco resigned from Conference Board of Epworth Leagues, and R. L. Honiker was put on said Board in his stead.

Report on Epworth Leagues was read, and with slight change was adopted.

Report of Board of Church Extension was read and adopted.

District records were reported. Reports were adopted.

Bishop took the chair.

Report of the Sunday School Board was read and adopted.

The election of a Publishing Committee was ordered. T. H. Sistrunk, J. F. Bell and B. T. Rape were appointed tellers. They were requested to withdraw to count the vote.

Statistical report was called under Questions 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43.

Report on Sabbath Observance was read and adopted.

Report of Joint Board of Finance was read and adopted.

Motion prevailed fixing the time for next session at 7:30 this evening.

It was announced to the consternation of all that Bro. J. A. Howland had dropped dead on the street. The Conference was immediately called to prayer, led by Dr. Fulwood.

A committee was appointed, consisting of J. P. Hilburn, H. C. Christian, C. A. Fulwood, W. M. Poage, to act in view of this sad event.

Conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

#### FOURTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was called to order by the Bishop, who gave out hymn 625, after singing which the congregation was led in prayer by the Bishop. Hymn 644 followed.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The returns of the ballot for Publishing Committee were read. J. P. Hillburn, W. J. Carpenter, T. J. Nixon, I. S. Patterson, W. N. Sheats, L. E. Robertson and C. W. White were declared elected.

Report on Florida Seminary was read and ordered spread upon the Conference Journal and published in the Minutes.

The Trustees of the Preachers' Relief Fund reported, through Treasurer Long, and his statement ordered spread upon Journal and printed in the Minutes of the Conference.

E. F. Ley, Conference Treasurer, offered his report, which was by motion referred to Bros. Sheats and Poage as an auditing committee.

Resolutions were read touching the death of Rev. J. A. Howland and passed. A committee consisting of H. E. Partridge, J. R. Crandell and W. J. Gray was appointed to attend the remains of the deceased to its resting place.

Report of the Board of Education was read and in connection with this that of the Treasurer of said Board. The report of the Board was adopted after certain amendments.

Question 44. "What are the educational statistics?" was answered.

J. A. Hendry's report as Agent of the Florida Seminary, was ordered spread upon the Journal and printed in the Minutes.

Resolutions of thanks were read and adopted.

The auditing committee asked the privilege to act and report through the Minutes after adjournment.

Hymn 571 was by request sung.

The Minutes of this evening were read and approved.

The appointments were read by the Bishop, after which Conference adjourned sine die.

## GENERAL MINUTES.

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Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Wm. F. Allen, J. Marion Glazier, Louis Oser, R. N. Sanders, M. Dominguez, J. Lawton Moon, D. B. Sweat.

Question 2. Who remain on trial? Class of First Year—W. F. Fletcher, W. G. Fletcher, C. W. Matheson. Class of Second Year—H. P. Blocker, R. Ira Barnett, T. L. Z. Barr.

Question 3. Who are discontinued? J. O. Baker.

Question 4. Who are admitted into full connection? John A. Morrow, Geo. F. Austin, John H. Austin, W. A. Myers, M. H. Norton, H. J. Haeflinger, J. N. Weatherford, E. De Lofeu, Wm. A. Myers.

Question 5. Who are readmitted? A. M. Kenny.

Question 6. Who were received by transfer from other Conferences? C. W. Matheson, from the North Alabama Conference; J. B. Mitchell, from Indian Mission Conference; J. M. Major, from the Missouri Conference; Edward A. Gray from the North Georgia Conference.

Question 7. Who are deacons of one year? Austin H. Cole, Wm. H. Funk, Gladstone S. Roberts.

Question 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? John A. Morrow, Geo. F. Austin.

Question 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? John A. Morrow, Geo. F. Austin.

Question 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Andrew Sledd, Wm. F. Allen, Thos. E. York, Lyman Higgs.

Question 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Wm. F. Allen, Thos. E. York, Lyman Higgs.

Question 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Charnelle H. Summers.

Question 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Charnelle H. Summers.

Question 14. What local preachers are elected elders? Homer E. Hooks.

Question 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? Homer E. Hooks.

Question 16. Who are located this year? J. C. Pace.

Question 17. J. L. Jones.

Question 18. Who are superannuated? J. Anderson, J. C. Ley, W. F. Norton, J. D. Rogers, E. J. Holmes, E. Wilson, E. F. Gates, J. S. Barnett, E. H. Giles, W. H. Parker, J. T. Waters, R. L. Sumner, I. A. Vernon, W. F. Alexander, T. C. Bradford, W. F. Shoemaker.

Question 19. What preachers have died? James A. Howland.

Question 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? The names of all the preachers were called and their characters passed.

Question 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 101; members, 23,827.

Question 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 596.

Question 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1,046.

Question 24. What is the number of Epworth Leagues?

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Question 25. What is the number of Epworth League members? 3,303.

Question 26. What is the number of Sunday schools? 306.

Question 27. What is the number of Sunday school teachers? 2,058.

Question 28. What is the number of Sunday school scholars? 16,721.

Question 29. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$4,500.

Question 30. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$4,415.39.

Question 31. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign, \$4,502.75; Domestic, \$5,002.75.

Question 32. What has been contributed for church extension? \$1,740.

Question 33. What has been done for the American Bible Society? \$303.

Question 34. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Pre-

siding elders, \$8,431.32; Preachers in charge, \$65,208.23.

Question 35. What has been contributed for the support of bishops? \$840.

Question 36. What is the number of societies, and of the houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 366; number of houses of worship, 323.

Question 37. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$446,032; indebtedness, \$143.33.

Question 38. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 121; number of parsonages, 105.

Question 39. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$120,440.71; indebtedness, \$6,693.00.

Question 40. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 6; number of district parsonages, 5.

Question 41. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$8,000. indebtedness, —.

Question 42. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged, 3; amount of damage, \$1,103.

Question 43. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$116,626; premiums paid, \$1,204.44; losses sustained, —; collections on losses, \$115.80.

## APPOINEMENTS FOR 1905.

Figures show the number of years the incumbent has been on the work.

TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT—J. E. WILSON, P. E. 1.	
Tallahassee	J. W. Bigham 2
Monticello	H. E. Partridge 3
Leon Circuit	F. E. Steinmeyer 2
Quincy	J. A. Hendry 1
Gadsden Circuit	A. M. Mann 3
Waukeenah Circuit	C. W. Mathison 1
Midway Circuit,	To be supplied by T. J. Patterson 1



Concord Circuit	- - - -	G. S. Roberts	1
Liberty Mission	- To be supplied by	B. H. Freeman	4
Aucilla Circuit	- - - -	W. S. McMannen	1
Mayo Circuit	- - - -	J. N. Weatherford	1
Perry Circuit	- - - -	U. S. Tabor	1
Madison	- - - -	D. A. Cole	1
Madison Circuit	- - - -	W. J. Gray	1
Carrabelle	- - - -	J. R. Crandall	1
Apalachicola	- - - -	J. S. Crandall	1
Woodville Mission	- - - -	J. T. Coleman	1
Conference Missionary Secretary	-	H. E. Partridge	2

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT—J. P. HILBURN, P. E. 1

Jacksonville, McTyeire Memorial	-	W. M. Poage	3
Jacksonville, Riverside	- - - -	H. Dutill	1
Jacksonville, Central City Mission	- -	J. L. Moon	2
Jacksonville, St. Matthews	- -	Edward F. Ley	2
Panama Park Mission	- Supplied by	J. H. McDowell	4
Fernandina	- - - -	C. F. Blackburn	2
King's Ferry	- - - -	To be supplied.	
Callahan	- - - -	J. R. Taylor	1
Green Cove and Middleburg	- - - -	J. N. Sanders	1
McClenny Mission	- - - -	J. H. D. McRae	1
Lake Butler Circuit	- - - -	Thos. Williams	2
White Springs Circuit	- - - -	W. C. Norton	4
Wellborn Circuit	- - - -	T. L. Z. Barr	1
Fort White Circuit	- - - -	F. M. C. Eads	1
Live Oak	- - - -	A. E. Householder	1
Pine Mount Mission	- - - -	H. S. Miller	1
Jasper and Jennings	- - - -	S. W. Lawler	1
Hamilton Circuit	- To be supplied by	A. P. Johntry	1
Bayard and St. John	- To be supplied by	O. Faus	1
Editor Florida Christian Advocate	- -	J. B. Ley	2

EAST COAST DISTRICT—F. PASCO, P. E. 2.

Key West 1st Charge	- - - -	E. A. Harrison	2
Spark's Chapel	- - - -	S. Scott	4
Memorial Church	- - - -	R. J. Wells	1
La Trinidad	- - - -	M. Dominguez	1
Key Largo Mission	- - - -	To be supplied.	
Biscayne Bay Mission	- - - -	J. M. Glazier	1
Lemon City	- - - -	To be supplied.	
Delray Mission	- - - -	L. Oser	1
Miami Mission	- - - -	C. A. Fulwood	2
West Palm Beach Mission	- - - -	H. Hice	2

Fort Pierce and Stewart Mission	-	T. W. Tomkies	3
Indian River Mission	- - -	W. A. Myres	1
Titusville Circuit	- - -	W. F. Allen	1
New Smyrna and Port Orange	-	To be supplied.	
Daytona Mission	- - -	J. E. Mickler	1
DeLand	- - -	R. L. Honniker	1
Fruitland	- - -	To be supplied.	
Volusia	- - -	To be supplied.	
Palatka	- - -	E. J. Gates	1
Missionary to Cuba	- - -	H. W. Baker.	

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—F. R. BRIDGES, P. E. 1

Gainesville	- - -	T. J. Nixon	1
Alachua and Spring Hill	- - -	B. F. Mason	1
LaCrosse Mission	- - -	To be supplied.	
High Springs and Newberry	- -	M. H. Outland	2
Starke and Waldo	- - -	C. W. White	2
Melrose Circuit	- - -	T. H. Sistrunk	1
Interlachen Mission	-	To be supplied by J. T. Duncan	1
Bushnell Circuit	- - -	J. M. Major	1
Wildwood	- - -	J. S. Collier	1
Ocala	- - -	L. W. Moore	2
Umatilla Circuit	- - -	A. H. Cole	2
Altoona Mission	- -	To be supplied by Lyman Higgs.	
Lady Lake Mission	- - -	T. M. White	1
Leesburg	- - -	T. W. Moore	2
Cotton Plant Circuit	- - -	W. A. Weir	1
Dunnellon and Port English	- -	G. F. Austin	2
Crystal River Mission	- - -	J. A. Morrow	1
Reddick Circuit	- - -	M. T. Bell	1
Citra Circuit	- - -	G. S. York	1
Micanopy Circuit	- - -	E. A. Gray	1
Inverness	- - -	H. B. Frazee	1
Williston Circuit	- - -	A. M. Daiger	1
Bronson Circuit	- - -	W. H. Steinmeyer	1
Rochelle Circuit	- - -	L. D. Haynes	1
Leroy Mission	-	To be supplied by T. L. Cooper	1
Anthony Circuit	- - -	A. M. Kenney	1
Missionary to Cuba	- - -	W. G. Fletcher	1

ORLANDO DISTRICT—H. C. CHRISTIAN, P. E. 1

Orlando	- - -	R. V. Atkinson	1
Oviedo	- - -	J. T. Mitchell	1
Sanford	- - -	F. Pixton	1
Maitland Mission	- - -	F. A. Taylor	2

Apopka	- - - - -	T. S. Armistead	1
Kissimmee	- - - - -	J. L. Moon	1
Oakland Circuit	- To be supplied by	T. E. York	1
Bartow	- - - - -	J. B. Mitchell	1
Lakeland	- - - - -	Smith Hardin	2
Mulberry Circuit	- To be supplied by	T. J. Fink	1
Fort Meade and Homeland	- - - - -	D. B. Sweat	1
Bowling Green	- - - - -	J. W. Austin	2
Wauchula Mission	- - - - -	E. J. Hardee	1
Arcadia	- - - - -	J. P. DePass	1
Nocatee Circuit-	- - - - -	W. H. Funk	2
Fort Myers	- - - - -	J. F. Bell	1
Alva Circuit	- - - - -	D. L. Switzer	2
DeSoto Circuit	- - - - -	To be supplied.	
Fort Bassinger Mission	- - - - -	To be supplied.	
Punta Gorda and Charlotte Harbor	- - - - -	T. J. Phillips	1
Everglade Mission	- To be supplied by	J. H. Owens	3
Student to Emory College	- - - - -	W. F. Fletcher.	

## TAMPA DISTRICT—I. S. PATTERSON, P. E. 3.

Tampa 1st Charge	- - - - -	B. K. Thrower	4
Hyde Park	- - - - -	W. J. Carpenter	1
City Mission	- - - - -	C. C. Cecil	2
Tampa Heights	- - - - -	R. H. Barnett	3
Tampa Mission	- - - - -	M. H. Norton	2
Ybor City and West Tampa	- - - - -	H. W. Penny	3
Little Italy	- - - - -	To be supplied.	
Seffner Circuit	- - - - -	G. J. Kennelly	1
Alafia Circuit	- - - - -	W. H. F. Roberts	1
Parrish	- - - - -	R. M. Evans	1
Palmetto	- - - - -	G. W. Mitchell	2
Braidentown	- - - - -	John Beers	1
Manatee	- - - - -	C. H. Summers	2
Oneco Circuit	- - - - -	H. J. Haeflinger	1
Sarasota	- - - - -	W. R. Wagoner	2
St. Petersburg	- - - - -	N. H. Williams	2
Largo Circuit	- - - - -	B. T. Rape	1
Sutherland	- - - - -	R. I. Barnett	1
Tarpon Springs Mission	- - - - -	To be supplied.	
Brooksville and Webster	- - - - -	J. S. Brooke	1
Dade City	- - - - -	W. B. Tresca	2
Plant City	- - - - -	C. W. Inman	1
Galloway Mission	- To be supplied by	D. M. Gardener	1
Clearwater Circuit	- - - - -	J. L. Yeats	2
Missionary to Cuba	- - - - -	M. DeLofeu.	

Conference Colporteur - - - J. P. Durrance.  
 President Florida Seminary - - - S. W. Walker 4

TRANSFERRED.

To North Georgia Conference, H. W. Joiner.

To North Alabama Conference, W. E. H. Mbarry and  
 appointed to the agency of the North Alabama Conference  
 College.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

Emory College—L. W. Moore, R. V. Atkinson, E.  
 J. Gates.

Wesleyan Female College—A. E. Householder, W.  
 M. Poage, J. F. Bell.

Florida Seminary—F. R. Bridges, J. W. Bigham, C.  
 A. Fulwood.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That we express our hearty thanks to the  
 citizens of Orlando, to Rev. Dr. R. V. Atkinson and his  
 Committee on Entertainment, to the Baptist and Presby-  
 terian Churches, and to the good women of this fair city,  
 for their cordial hospitality and real success in making  
 our stay in Orlando pleasant. Also we wish to extend  
 to the railroads our thanks for reduced rates over their  
 lines.

N. H. WILLIAMS,  
 W. M. POAGE.

ASSESSMENTS FOR MISSIONS 1905.

	Foreign.	Domestic.
Tallahassee.....	\$ 767	\$ 853
Jacksonville.....	851	946
Gainesville.....	950	1,056
Orlando.....	852	946
Tampa.....	1,005	1,116
East Coast.....	525	583
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	\$4,959	\$5,500

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY FOR BRO. T. C. BRADFORD.

Resolved, That our tender sympathies are extended  
 to our beloved brother T. C. Bradford in his sore bereav-  
 ment, and our earnest prayers shall ascend to our Heav-  
 enly Father for abounding grace to him.

H. C. CHRISTIAN,  
 H. E. PARTRIDGE.

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## REPORTS.

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### Board of Education.

The Correspondence School with its two distinct departments, the Correspondence Work and the Institute Work, has already, in the two years since its organization, achieved a splendid success. In the report of the director, issued in April of this year, 524 is given as the number of students enrolled in the several courses, 375 of whom are undergraduates, and eight of whom are probationers in the Florida Conference. Four Preachers' Institutes have now come into regular co-operation with the school—viz, the Vanderbilt Biblical Institute, Nashville, Tenn.; The Summer School of Theology, Georgetown, Texas; the Missouri and Southwest Mission Institute, Fayette, Mo., and the Louisville Conference Institute, Beaver Dam, Ky.

We heartily endorse the work of the Correspondence School and cordially commend it to the members of our conference, especially the under graduates. We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

That the Board of Education be requested to provide for the holding of a Preachers' Institute under the direction of the Correspondence School.

The report of Emory College is in hand and we note with pleasure the continued growth and prosperity of this institution. The enrollment is large, the work of the student body is gratifying and the moral and religious tone and conditions are excellent.

Twelve thousand dollars have been expended in better equipping the Department of Science. Four thousand dollars have been raised towards the building and furnishing of a gymnasium.

The third series of Quillian Lectures will be delivered by Dr. J. M. Buckley of New York.

We are glad to have with us Dr. Dickey, Emory's honored president. The success of his past labors for this institution bespeak prosperity for it in the future. We urge our people who send their boys out of the State to be educated to send them to Emory College.

We learn with sincere pleasure of the continued and increasing prosperity of our oldest institution for the higher education of women, Wesleyan Female College.

The present enrollment for this scholastic year has already reached the high figure of 413, which is 56 more than were enrolled at this time last year and by far the largest number ever enrolled in the history of the college. Approximately \$10,000 has been expended the past year in repairs and improvements on buildings and in adding to the scientific and other equipment. We note with special gratitude the gracious revival of religion in the college during the last session. We commend this institution to the confidence of our people.

The success of our Seminary at Sutherland is nothing less than marvelous. Since our last conference a magnificent brick building of recitation and office rooms and auditorium has been begun and almost brought to completion. The two dormitories have been thoroughly renovated and repaired. Water works and a gas plant have been added to the furnishing of the boys' dormitory. Several new pianos have been purchased, and the equipment of the scientific department largely increased. While the enrollment of last year reached the splendid and gratifying number of 227 already during the present fall term there have been enrolled 251, and several boys have been turned away because of the lack of dormitory room. Surely God's guiding hand is to be seen in the wonderful progress of our work at Sutherland. The sympathy of our people has been with President Walker in his deep sorrow the past year, but we rejoice in the abundant evidence of God's sustaining help and continued favor in our brother's life and work. Let us be grateful for what we have received of divine beneficence, and pledge ourselves, as a conference of preachers and laymen representing Florida Methodism, that we will reconsecrate our thought and means, our lives, to the great cause of Christian education in our State, and that we will prove ourselves fully and cheerfully obedient to the earnest call of duty, and give to our institution at Sutherland all the enlargement of buildings and equipments of departments that she needs.

The enrollment of Ruth Hargrove Seminary, our missionary school in Key West, was 263 in all departments the past year. The new department—that of kindergarten—was one of the most successful, the enrollment reaching 28. This department is in charge of a teacher who is well trained, especially for the mission field. Last year ten children were received into the home

which is a part of the school—eight of them Cubans. This year we have seven of the same children. There are many others who wish to come to us but we have no more room for them. The present session opened with unusually bright prospects. The attendance is very good, the enrollment being 210. This is the largest number that have ever been reported at the end of the first quarter. The school has recently received a valuable gift, the library of the late Dr. R. D. Murray, of Key West, donated by the children of the deceased doctor, in memory of their two sisters, who died in the island city, a library of several hundred volumes, many of which are very valuable. The school is in favor with the people, especially with the Cubans. More than 25 per cent of the pupils are Cubans. The teachers are well suited to their work and already the grades are crowded. The course of study has been added to so that it now covers a period of nine years. There is a hope that the demand for a session of ten months will soon be met. The need for more room is more urgent than it was a year ago. The limit has been reached, and the school can grow no larger until its capacity is increased. The great need is a building which will contain not only a chapel and kindergarten, but also a dormitory for boys. The prospect of the school is bright, and we pray that it may continue to stand for the highest ideals of Christian education.

We recommend the appointment of S. W. Walker, to the presidency of the Florida Seminary. W. F. Fletcher, Student at Emory College.

The assessments for education on the several districts the coming year are as follows:

Tallahassee District,	- - - - -	\$465
Jacksonville,	" - - - - -	516
Gainesville	" - - - - -	576
Orlando	" - - - - -	516
Tampa	" - - - - -	609
East Coast	" - - - - -	318

W. J. CARPENTER, President.

R. H. BARRETT, Secretary.

### Books and Periodicals.

TO THE BISHOP AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE :

Your committee notes with deep gratitude the con-

tinued increase in the business of our publishing house, as indicated by the exhibit before us, the net gain in sales the past year reaching the sum of \$13,918.16.

The movement to establish a large publishing house in China is in keeping with the progressive spirit of Methodism and means much for that empire. Of the \$50,000 ordered by the General Conference for this purpose \$32,000 have been paid, \$13,000 of which was paid during the fiscal year ending March 21, 1904.

At every period in the history of Methodism God has raised up gifted men who have contributed fresh, attractive and wholesome books to our literature, and true to past history our literature is to-day being enriched by the addition of many excellent books from the pen of our leading men. This is a healthy indication and speaks volumes for our great church.

The periodicals issued from our publishing house were never better than at the present time. The Methodist Quarterly Review, the Epworth Era and the general organ of our church, the Nashville Christian Advocate, as well as all our Sunday-school and missionary publications are filling their mission admirably and are proving to be mighty forces in the promulgation of our Methodism. We urge the wide circulation of these periodicals and also the good books issued from our publishing house as an important part of the work of our preachers.

In this connection we mention the faithful work of our conference colporteur, Brother J. P. Durrance, and respectfully request his reappointment. We call the attention of our preachers and laymen to this important part of our conference work and urge that all orders be sent to the colporteur whenever practicable.

The standard of excellence being maintained by our conference organ, the Florida Christian Advocate, under the efficient editorship of Rev. J. B. Ley, is a source of gratification to all our people. We hereby express our confidence in him and our hearty appreciation of his work; and will endeavor to increase the circulation of the paper, thus bringing our people into closer touch with the work of our church through this important medium. Respectfully submitted,

C. A. FULLWOOD, Chairman.

D. B. SWEAT, Secretary.



### Report of Temperance Committee.

The well known attitude of our church of opposition to all forms of vice, and the frequent deliverances of our conferences, pastoral addresses of our bishops, and the uncompromising warfare of our ministry upon the evils of intemperance, and the legalized liquor traffic for beverage purposes, renders it unnecessary to enlarge upon these questions further than to say we adhere uncompromisingly to our stongest deliverances, hitherto made, as we believe that the traffic in intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes cannot be legalized without sin, and we reiterate the declarations of Our Book of Discipline, page 93, paragraphs 214, 215 and 216 and urge our pastors and people to stand loyally by them.

We rejoice in the fact that in the State of Florida now 29 counties, by the peaceable processes of law and the sovereignty of the ballot, enjoy deliverance from the evils of legalized saloons, while an increasing Christian sentiment throughout the commonweath promises the complete and early overthrow of the traffic in the entire state.

We are likewise opposed to a dispensary system or any measures looking to a compromise with the saloon or the liquor traffic, and shall be satisfied with nothing short of the abolition of the legalized saloon and our pastors and people, in every place, are hereby urged to make unceasing warfare upon the legalized liquor traffic.

We heartily endorse the Anti-Saloon league and request our Bishop to appoint a committee of three to memorialize the Florida legislature to provide by suitable enactments, for the submission to the qualified voters of the state, the question of "license" or "no license" of saloons.

We hereby assure the W. C. T. U. of our sympathy and co-operation in their efforts to promote the cause of temperance. We urge our pastors to use only unfermented wine for sacramental purposes.

J. W. BIGHAM, Chairman.

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### Report of the American Bible Society.

We deem it unnecessary to remind you of the importance of the work being done by the American Bible Society, feeling confident that every member of this

conference has kept himself fully informed in regard to it. The increased interest manifested in this great work on the part of our preachers and people during the past year is gratifying to the society and to your board as well.

Like every other missionary enterprise of our holy Christianity the work of the American Bible Society is continually expanding; under the inspiring leadership of the Holy Spirit it must be always seeking the lost ones for whom Christ died or grieve that Spirit, That this expansion idea may materialize in the best results it must be a living principle in the minds of all who appreciate the magnificent work that this great organization is doing.

Our attention has been called to the fact that there has been a large falling off in legacies for several years. Had it not been that the Christian people had largely increased their annual contributions to the society the work of circulating the Holy Scriptures would have been seriously retarded. It gives us more pleasure than can be expressed in this report that our people within the bounds of the Florida Conference have kept themselves in close proximity to the foremost in the increased contributions to this great cause. In view of the forgoing your board would emphasize the importance of our pastors soliciting contributions from all our people, and that a strong effort be made to secure at least two cents from every member of our church for the American Bible Society. For the board,

FRANCES R. BRIDGES.

Orlando, Fla., December 9, 1904.

### Florida Seminary.

FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, METHODIST EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH SOUTH.

Florida Seminary, located at Sutherland, on the Gulf coast, in the western part of Hillsborough county, was constituted by the purchase, in the spring of 1902, of a tract of 490 acres of high rolling pine land bordering upon and in full view of the Gulf. The Atlantic Coast Line Railway from Jacksonville to St. Petersburg passes through this land near the college buildings, affording daily mails and ready transit in either direction several times a day. There is not a more healthful section in all Florida than Sutherland and its immediate

vicinity, with its resinous atmosphere from the adjacent pine forests and salt breezes from the nearby Gulf. The health record of the school is produced in substantiation of the assertion.

#### THE BUILDINGS.

On this tract of land when purchased were located two large buildings, formerly used as hotels. The larger of these contains 159 large, well-constructed rooms, gas-lighted steam heated, and possessing all the conveniences of modern buildings erected for the comfort of the rich. This building is used as a Girls' Dormitory.

The second building contains 50 rooms, and is used as a Boys' Dormitory.

In March, 1904, there was begun a third building. This is a solid brick structure, 95 by 137 feet, two stories high besides the basement, and will cost completed upwards of \$15,000. Ten thousand dollars have already been expended upon it, the walls are up and the roof upon it. It is to be completed by next March, and the annual commencement in next May is purposed to be held therein. On the first floor there are to be ten rooms to be used for recitation purposes; on the second floor there is to be a chapel 70 by 95 feet, with a seating capacity of 700, a study hall 40 by 50 feet, seating 200, and a library room. In the erection of this building a debt of \$9,000 has been contracted, which is drawing 8 per cent. interest.

#### FAVORABLE BEGINNING.

The school was first opened for the reception of pupils September 24, 1902, with an enrollment of 107, though but one family lived upon the college lands. The year closed with an enrollment of 208 pupils.

The second school year began in September, 1903, with 126 pupils, and closed with an enrollment of 226.

At its third opening in September, 1904, there were 205 pupils, which had increased to 252 to this writing, December 8th, against 168 to the same date the past year.

#### FACULTY.

The faculty, of which Rev. S. W. Walker, A. M., is president, consists of fourteen teachers. Each of these is chosen on the grounds of special fitness for the work of the department over which he or she presides. The departments embrace Music, Art, Elocution, and several

Business Departments, in addition to the regular academic courses of the college.

#### CLASSES.

The Sub-Freshman courses embrace three years, then the regular Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes.

About one-third of all the pupils are in the Sub-Freshman classes; there are 75 in the Freshman class, 35 in the Sophomore, 20 in the Junior, and three in the Senior class.

There was graduated the first year one each in Music and the Literary course; two in Music the second year.

#### CURRICULUM.

The curriculum is one year below that of Emory College, and is the one prescribed by the General Education Board of the Church. It includes ancient languages, science, literature, and mathematics with B. S. and A. B. courses.

#### BOARDING DEPARTMENT.

The boarding department is conducted by the college, male and female students eating in the same room in the Girls' Dormitory, and is as homelike as it is possible to be made. The cost is \$50 in advance for a term of 18 weeks, or 4 1-2 months. The food is ample and wholesome, and recently pronounced by a prominent physician to be the best he ever knew in similar institutions.

#### EQUIPMENT.

Well's patent desks are supplied in the study hall and recitation-rooms. Necessary chemical and physical apparatus is used in the instruction in those departments. Twelve pianos, some paid for and others being paid for on the installment plan, are in use in the Music Department.

#### RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT.

The religious influence of the school is of the very highest character. There is preaching in the college chapel every Sunday to the students and the people of the community. There is each a well-organized and well-conducted Sunday school, Epworth League, and prayer meeting held weekly in the same chapel.

The religious training of the pupils is as carefully

looked after as their intellectual development. As a consequence of this religious influence and oversight, many pupils who come to the school unconverted are returned to their homes converted and members of the church, some preparing for the ministry.

#### FINANCIAL.

As has been stated a debt of \$8,000 has been contracted in the erection of the main college building. Added to this, there is still a debt of \$1,180 on the original purchase of the property, which, notes in hand for lots sold and the proceeds of lots yet to be sold, will more than cover.

The receipts from board and tuition since the establishment of the school would have more than met all the current expenses had it not been necessary to draw heavily upon this fund for repairs and equipment.

#### FINANCIAL AGENT.

Rev. J. A. Hendry, the Financial Agent, appointed by the conference for the past year, has done a good work considering that he followed the Rev. J. P. Hillburn, who so thoroughly gleaned the church by collections of cash and subscriptions for the college the year previous.

Bro. Hendry reports as follows:

Received in subscriptions during year.....	\$4,500.00
Collected and paid Mr. D. C. McMullen, Treasurer.....	3,503.08
Collected and applied to expenses.....	344.10
Collected by J. P. Hillburn.....	1,000.00
Cash in hand ...	528.95
Total.....	\$5,076.13

The total unpaid subscriptions to the college amounts now approximately to \$20,000.

#### INCORPORATION.

The college has been incorporated under the laws of the state, and has full authority to confer graduate and honorary degrees, ranging from Bachelor of Science to Doctor of Laws. The articles of incorporation give the further authority to create departments of law and medicine and to confer the degrees appertaining.

#### SPORTING INFLUENCE.

It is the determination of the management of this institution to keep down the sporting influence taking possession of the student body of nearly all schools for

higher education. No teams for inter-collegiate baseball and football have been organized nor will they be tolerated. There are no bar-rooms or dens of vice in the college town, and they will be prohibited by any further act of incorporation of the town.

#### REPORTS FILED AND AUDITED.

The reports of the Treasurer, Financial Agent, Land Agent, President of the College, and the President of the Board of Trustees have each been filed with the Board of Trustees, audited, approved, and is open for the inspection of any who may have cause to investigate.

#### CREDIT DUE.

The fact that such an institution has been built up within three years without a dollar's worth of property or a cent of endowment to begin with, bespeak volumes for Rev. S. W. Walker, the president, who has been at the helm, as well as for the church and its agents contributing to the phenomenal success of this enterprise.

#### CONCLUSION.

President Walker and this college are endorsed and commended to the confidence and patronage of Methodists everywhere, and as well to all persons seeking the very best education under Christian auspices for their sons and daughters. In true education the mental and moral development receive like care and consideration.

J. P. HILLBURN.

Chairman Board of Trustees.

B. F. MASON, Secretary.

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### Sunday School Report, 1904.

Always regarding the Sunday school as the nursery of the church, and as one of the chief factors in the extension of God's kingdom on earth, we note with rising joy the continued growth and usefulness of this important part of the church. It is evidenced every year that the cause of Missions is receiving increasing notice and aid from our Sunday schools. Contributions to the cause of Missions have grown annually to liberal proportions. Within the schools there is better organization and increased efficiency in teachers. The modern Sunday school is approaching the form of the model school.

Every Sunday school wishing to keep abreast of this progress should organize as an aid to this end the B. T. S. C., and not forget to report these circles to the secretary and chairman of the conference board.

There are also two special services that should be observed by every school—Children's Day and Rally Day, in May and October. These days not only help the school, but enable the school to help others.

Owing to Dr. Hamill's numerous engagements in other conferences, we have had no institutes this year, but expect to provide for two this ensuing year. We also request that all the presiding elders report to the chairman, J. C. Carter, Dade City, the Sunday schools and superintendents of them within the bounds of their district.

The following statistics are appended from the general minutes:

Number of Sunday schools	14,218	loss	207
Officers and teachers	108,841	gain	4,181
Scholars enrolled	979,935	gain	95,825
Total attendance			1,088,976
Net increase			50,016

Minutes of the Conference:

Number of Sunday schools	306	gain	9
Number of officers and teachers	2,058	gain	37
Pupils enrolled	16,721	gain	1,496

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. CARTER, Chairman.

E. J. GATES, Secretary.

### Financial Report of the Sunday School Board, 1904.

Balance from last year	\$173	13
Reported by Conference Treasurer, 1904	211	49

Total	\$384	62
Expended in aiding needy Sunday schools	93	07
Twenty per cent. of Coll. to General Boards	42	29

Total	\$135	36
Balance on hand	249	26

J. C. CARTER, Chairman.

E. J. GATES, Sec. and Treas.

## Report of Treasurer of Board of Missions Florida Annual Conference, M. E. Church South.

Orlando, Dec. 12th., 1904.

Amount brought forward from last year.....	\$2,000.01
“ received from all sources to Nov. 12th., 1904...	3,372.38
“ collected for Japan special at conference.....	55.01
“ “ “ Domestic Missions at Conference	75.70
“ “ “ Foreign “ “ “	65.75
“ received of E. F. Ley, Dec. 12., F. Missions	1,971.15
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“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 17 “	22.80
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	23.04
Total receipts.....	\$9,196.24
Expended to the several P. Es., during the year.....	\$5,381.01
“ to H. E. Partridge for expenses.....	28.00
Total expended.....	\$5,409.01
Balance on hand.....	\$3,787.23

J. A. HENDRY, Treasurer

Board of Missions Florida Annual Conference.

## Report of Joint Board of Finance, No. 2.

Orlando, Fla., Dec. 12th, 1904.

Balance on hand from last year.....	\$ 169.83
Received from E. F. Ley during the year.....	2,271.25
Received from E. F. Ley at Conference.....	1,964.22
Total.....	\$4,405.30
Apportioned to claimants as follows:	
Mrs. Mary A. Blake.....	\$165 00
Rev. J. D. Rogers.....	75.00
Mrs. Rosetta Scott.....	30.00
“ L. B. Robinson.....	60 00
“ A. E. Munden.....	100.00
“ C. E. Pelot.....	70.00
“ Mary A. Taylor.....	90.00
“ Caroline L. Stokes.....	75 00
“ G. C. Level.....	95.00
“ S. A. Eady.....	85.00
“ Kate Davies.....	95.00
“ W. J. Morris.....	35.00
“ L. B. Tidings.....	100.00
“ L. C. McCook.....	225.00
Rev. J. C. Ley.....	200 00
Rev. E. J. Holmes.....	100.00
Mrs. A. A. Barnett.....	100 00
“ Anna C. Sales.....	125 00



Mrs. Jessie Bishop.....	35.00
Miss Belle Bishop.....	50.00
Frank Bishop.....	30.00
Harvey Bishop.....	30.00
Mrs. Martha Williams.....	35.00
Rev. J. T. Waters.....	35.00
Rev. E. Wilson.....	155.00
Mrs. Laura E. Booth.....	45.00
" Mary C. Bird.....	45.00
" E. F. Taylor.....	90.00
Rev. J. S. Barnett.....	140.00
Children of R. Stork.....	75.00
Rev. E. F. Gates.....	25.00
Mrs. W. C. Collins.....	85.00
Rev. W. F. Norton.....	125.00
Rev. J. S. Collier.....	125.00
Rev. J. T. Coleman.....	100.00
Rev. E. H. Giles.....	80.00
Rev. W. H. Parker.....	150.00
Mrs. T. H. Capers.....	150.00
Rev. W. H. E. Mabry.....	200.00
Rev. J. Anderson.....	200.00
Rev. R. L. Sumner.....	150.00
Mrs. E. Diaz.....	75.00

Total.....\$4,055.00  
 Balance on hand.....\$ 350.30

**Conference Expense Fund.**

Balance from last year in Minute Fund.....	\$ 8.80
Amount refunded from last year conference expenses.....	23.63
Amount received from E. F. Ley, treasurer.....	229.57

Total.....262.00

Paid balance due on last year's Minutes.....	27.37
Paid for this year's Minutes.....	135.00
Paid Bill of E. F. Ley, Conference Treasurer for sundry expenses.....	39.50
Paid R. V. Atkinson conference entertainments....	56.43
Paid treasurer bill for postage etc.....	3.70

Total...\$262.00

**Assessments for 1905:**

	Conf. Claimants	Bishop's Fund	Conf. Ent. Minst. Fund	Del. to Gen. Conf.
Tallahassee.....	697.00	146.00	47.00	22.00
East Coast.....	477.00	100.00	30.00	22.00
Jacksonville....	774.00	162.00	52.00	22.00
Gainesville.....	865.00	181.00	58.00	22.00
Orlando.....	774.00	162.00	52.00	22.00
Tampa.....	913.00	190.00	61.00	22.00
Total.....	\$4,500 00	941.00	300.00	132.00

Chairman.

C. E. EARNEST, Secretary and Treasurer.

### Report of Conference Board of Church Extension.

To the Bishop and members of the Florida Conference, M. E. Church, South, in session at Orlando, Florida, Dec. 8th. to 12th.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: The report that comes to us from the parent board of Church Extension, is very gratifying indeed. During the fiscal year which closed March 31st, 1904, there was collected \$92,192.82, being the highest figure attained since the organization of the Board, and yet \$32,807.18, short of the full assessment.

In the 22 years of the history of the organization, our Conference has contributed to the above fund \$15,269.6, and to the loan fund \$3,756, and to specials \$438.88. And we have received during the same period in donations \$34,487.00, and in loans, \$24,600.00. And yet according to our last minutes we still have fifty-seven societies without houses of worship. We are glad to be enabled to report to this body that the receipts for this year in our own Conference is several hundred dollars in excess of the receipts for last year, and yet with this increase we were not able to meet all the demands that were made upon us, however no application has been turned down—but some had to be scaled in order that we might help all to some extent. We trust that the Pastors in charge, and the Presiding Elders will place the same stress, and make as great an effort to raise the Church Extension assessment in full as they do for Missions. The assessment is made on a basis fixed by the General Conference over which we have no control. The assessment for this year is the same as for last year and is distributed as follows:

Tallahassee District.....	\$ 340.00
Jacksonville District.....	355.00
Gainesville District.....	396.00
Orlando District.....	355.00
Tampa District.....	418.00
East Coast District.....	218.00

We have made the following appropriations:

Cutler.....	\$ 100
Hampton.....	150
Lemon City.....	200
Mascot.....	100
Hernando.....	75.00
Bristol.....	75.00

Sopchoppy.....	75.00
Pine Mount, conditional.....	45.00
Brownsville ".....	50.00

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. W. TOMKIES, Chairman

B. F. MASON, Secretary.

## Educational Statistics.

### EMORY COLLEGE.

Value of property.....	\$180,000
Endowment.....	222,000
Professors.....	16
Pupils.....	258

### WESLEYAN FEMALE COLLEGE

Value of property.....	\$285,000
Professors.....	27
Pupils.....	413

### FLORIDA SEMINARY.

Value of property.....	\$135,000
Professors.....	15
Pupils.....	251

Total value of property.....	\$600,000
Total Endowment.....	222,000
Total numbers of pupils.....	922
Total number of professors.....	58

## The Preachers' Relief Association.

To the Florida Annual Conference M. E. Church South:

BRETHREN: The trustees of the Preachers' Relief Fund have assets in hand as follows, to wit: Two Madison county bonds, \$100 each, drawing interest at 6 per cent per annum; \$1,350 secured by approved security, at interest at 8 per cent. per annum and \$285 in personal notes given by friends without security, with interest at 8 per cent per annum, aggregating the sum of \$1,885. Of that amount the sum of \$55.00 may or may not be solvent. We await developments. Of the

\$1,350 the late Hon. John F. White of Live Oak, Fla., donated \$1,100 in annual donations of \$100 per annum.	
Interest in hand	\$124.10
Amt. in hand for incidental expenses Dec. 12, 1903	9.34
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	\$134.44
January 12, 1904, by amount of taxes on 20 acres of land near Tampa, 1902-'03	3.50
January 12, 1904, Express M. O. and postage	.10
The following distribution of assets were made, to wit:	
Rev. J. C. Ley	\$31.00
“ J. Anderson, D. D.,	31.00
“ Robt. L. Summers	31.00
“ I. A. Vernon	31.00
Amount for incidental expenses	5.84
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To amounts balanced	\$133.44
To amount in hand for incidental expenses	\$5.84

Respectfully submitted,  
H. W. LONG, Treasurer.

### Epworth Leagues.

TO THE BISHOP AND MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: We, your committee submit this their annual report for your consideration: We are glad to note that this has been a prosperous year in the history of the Epworth League. After years of strenuous struggle for recognition and support, the Epworth League now enters a field of wider usefulness and development. The work of the League is as vital in its relation to the church as the work of the Sunday school, therefore, we ask that it receive at the hands of our ministers and church officials the same support as the Sunday School. Not only has this been a year of gratifying progress in our own conference but also in the whole church. The meetings have been marked by spirituality and intelligent zeal. Our League conferences have done much to enhance this interest, bringing together the best talent and so stimulating the whole church by the ardor of our young people. Especially has the work of the League benefitted the students in

our institutions of learning, both religious and secular. The League Reading Course continues to secure a wide and well-merited interest. We especially commend to our Leagues the "Epworth League Culture Courses." We invite a careful investigation of the "Bible Circle" studies. The General Board hopes by this plan to bring all our young people to take up a systematic study of the Bible. We call attention to the fact that the Epworth League Board authorizes the 4th Department and urge its adoption and work upon the Leagues. The claims of the Epworth Era are laid upon our pastors and people. The Magazine Era, issued once a month, is a pledge of what the editors hope to make the weekly Era in the near future. Our people must be furnished by our own church with the very best literature of this class or surrender the field to alien teachers.

While the Era is now on a basis of self-support, we need and must have the "Ten Cent Assessment" to enable the Board to do its work, as all its income is barely sufficient for a most economical administration.

We respectfully call attention to a resolution passed by the Epworth League Board at its meeting last May: Resolved that it is the sense of this Board that all Epworth League Conference organizations shall be subject to their respective Annual Conference League Boards, and shall make annual report to them," In accordance with this resolution the Secretary of the State League Conference reports as follows: No. of Senior Leagues, 81; Members, 2,400; No. Junior Leagues, 30; Members, 893; Total, 3,293. Total last year 2,924; Increase, 369.

Endeavoring to bring about a closer relation between State Epworth League conference and the Conference Epworth League Board, Rev. F. Pasco, resigned from the presidency of the Conference Epworth League Board, and Rev. J. E. Mickler, president of the State Epworth League Conference was elected in his stead. Respectfully submitted,

J. E. MICKLER, Pres.

N. H. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

### Report of Committee on District Conference Records.

We, your committee beg leave to submit the following:

We find the Records of the East Coast, Tallahassee

and Orlando Districts neat and correctly kept. Also Jacksonville Record correctly kept. The Gainesville Record shows some inaccuracies in spelling and punctuation, some words stricken with pencil. Tampa Record shows two rejected amendments recorded.

C. H. SUMMERS, Chairman.

THOS. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

### Report of Central City Mission.

JAN. 1, 1904 TO DEC. 1, 1904.

Visitors to Free Reading Room.....	12,422
Meals given away.....	332
Lodgings given away.....	129
Transportation (in whole or in part) to Seattle,.....	
Wash., New York, St. Louis, Tampa, et al.....	38
No. applying for work.....	150
Temporary positions secured for.....	24
Permanent positions secured for.....	47
Baskets groceries given to poor families.....	60
No. of garments given away.....	800
Papers, magazines, tracts given out.....	1,676
Bibles given away (2 Gospels).....	18
No. of religious services held.....	446
No. of visits by missionaries (Exclusive of Supts.).....	780
Amount of money expended for all purposes.....	\$1,233.76

### Report on Sabbath Observance.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your committee beg leave to report:

The Sabbath is a divine institution, established in the very beginning of man's history.

We read in Genesis 2:3. And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it. And in Exodus 20:11: Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. This is the teaching of the law and the prophets. This is reiterated in the New Testament. Christ and his disciples observed the Sabbath day. The Master himself said: The Sabbath was made for man. The early Christians observed it. The Christian church in all ages has required the proper observance of the Sabbath day. In all Christian lands, the civil law, based upon the divine law, has recognized the Sabbath day and provided for its observance. And yet in our own Christian country, in our own fair Florida, God's law is disregarded and the civil law is violated with impunity. Public sentiment, in many places, is not sufficiently strong to secure the strict enforcement of the law of God and man.

As a conference of ministers and laymen, representing a membership of 22,000 Methodists, we ought to feel our share of responsibility and do our part to provide a remedy for this wide spread desecration of the holy Sabbath day.

First of all let us examine ourselves to see if our skirts are clear of blame in this matter. Have we taught our people by precept and example what God's law teaches, and the civil law requires, as to the proper observance of the Sabbath day? Or have failed to do our whole duty in this respect, and thus become "blind leaders of the blind." Let us clear our own skirts first and then cry aloud and spare not. We have already reached the danger line. The church is injured, society is damaged, and the very foundations of the state are undermined by this insidious evil.

In conclusion we desire to make a few practical suggestions for the benefit of our preachers and people.

(1) Spend part of Saturday in making the necessary preparations for a proper observance of the Sabbath day.

(2) Rise early enough to prepare for Sunday school and church.

(3) Avoid Sunday work, Sunday travel, Sunday amusements, Sunday mails and secular reading, Sunday social visiting, and "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." F. A. TAYLOR, For the Committee.

#### CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

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To amounts received from pastoral charges, \$19,910 41

By Districts as follows:

Tallahassee,	- - - - -	3134 30	
Jacksonville,	- - - - -	3774 27	
Gainesville,	- - - - -	3927 85	
Orlando,	- - - - -	3315 16	
East Coast,	- - - - -	1719 69	
Tampa,	- - - - -	4039 14	19,910 41

Distributed as follows:

Bishops,	- - - - -	842 01
Conference Claimants,	- - - - -	4235 47
Foreign Missions,	- - - - -	4395 01
Domestic Missions,	- - - - -	4942 84
Church Extension,	- - - - -	1736 92
Education,	- - - - -	2313 39
P. and L. Institute,	- - - - -	204 23
Expenses Annual Conference,	- - - - -	229 57

Delegates General Conference, - - - -	335 94	
Bible Cause. - - - -	304 68	
Children's Day, - - - -	185 28	
Orphanage, - - - -	75 52	
Cuba Special, - - - -	21 46	
Florida Seminary, - - - -	17 50	
Superannuate Endowment Fund, - - - -	67 59	
Tampa District Parsonage, - - - -	3 00	19,910 41

## CREDITS.

By cash, Smith & Lamar, Bishop's Fund,	\$842 01	
By cash, C. E. Earnest, Treas., acct. Conf. Clmts	4235 47	
By cash, J. D. Hamilton, Treas., For. Missions,	2398 90*	
By cash, J. A. Hendry, Treas., For. Missions,	1996 11	
By cash, J. A. Hendry, Treas., Dom. Missions,	4942 84	
By cash, D. A. Cole, acct. Bd. Church Ex.	1736 92**	
By cash, R. H. Barnett, Treas., Bd. Edu'cn	2313 39	
By cash, C. E. Earnest, P. & L. Institute	204 23	
By cash, C. E. Earnest, Treas., An. Conf. Ex.	229 57	
By cash, Smith & Lamar, Del. Gen. Conf.	335 94	
By cash, Wm. Folk, A. B. Society, - -	150 66	
By cash, T. L. Law, A. B. Society, - -	154 02	
By cash, E. J. Gates, acct. Children's Day,	185 28	
By Cash, W. A. Huckabee, acct Ga. Orph. Home	75 52	
By cash, J. A. Hendry, acct. Fletcher Special	21 46***	
By cash, S. W. Walker, Florida Seminary, -	12 50	
By cash, J. A. Hendry, Florida Seminary, - -	5 00	
By cash, D. C. Scales, Sup. Endowm't Fund,	67 59	
By cash, I. S. Patterson, Tampa Dist. Par.	3 00	19,910 41

EDWARD F. LEY.

\*Missionary anniversary collection did not come through Treasurer's hands. \*\*Anniversary collection \$21.71, forwarded to D. A. Cole to be added to above. \*\*\*Orlando forwarded to J. D. Hamilton \$50.00 for mission work in Cuba, not mentioned above.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Virginia L. Anderson.

The subject of this memoir was the daughter of Abram Z. and Emmeline T. Venable, of Farmville. Va., and for fifty-two and one-half years she was the wife of Rev. Josephus Anderson, D. D., they having been married on December 10, 1851. She was born November 17, 1831, and died, after many years of poor health and several months of great suffering, on July 4, 1904, at her home in Leesburg, Fla.

Under the ministry of him who afterwards became her husband she was brought to Christ, and early in 1851 joined the Methodist church. One who knew her



well for about sixty years writes: "What a whole-souled woman she was! No better woman has ever passed from earth." He who knew her best testifies that "she was a quiet, unobtrusive woman, loved in deeds more than in words, and was ever ready to help others. Many were her acts of kindness." We are not surprised that she "was not afraid to die." Without murmuring had she borne her extraordinary suffering and the two days of calm, quiet silence, rest and ease preceding her coveted release must have betokened to her "the rest that remaineth for the people of God."

With the four of her children who had gone on before she awaits on the other side her venerable husband and her two sons and five grandchildren, who survive her.

With the many friends who, on that day when her pastor, Dr. Moore, in Lone Oak cemetery, had proclaimed "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea saith the Spirit, that they may not rest from their labors," and had said over her mortal remains, "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust," came forward and covered the newly-made grave with beautiful flowers, we join at this time and in this way with our humble tribute to one who in great measure must have made possible the success of the itinerant and editor whose lot she shared and in whose triumphs she rejoiced.

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Mrs. S. W. Walker.

Lottie Patterson, the daughter of Rev. N. G. Patterson, the present pastor of the Baptist church at Fernandina, was born in Nova Scotia September 30, 1871, and came to the United States with her parents five years later. When fourteen years of age she came to Florida. At the tender age of ten years she was converted and joined the church of her parents. On the 6th of February, 1892, she was happily married to Rev. S. W. Walker. She was the mother of six children, all of whom are living, and the faithful and uncomplaining wife of an itinerant Methodist preacher for 12 years, and an earnest Christian from childhood. Her home-life was ideal, her gentle and patient spirit as wife and mother sanctifying all the departments. Doubtless she shall share, though she occupied a retired place, in the splendid achievements that shall crown the labors of her husband. No mean station will be held by and no un-

worthy honors conferred upon the helpful and self-sacrificing wives of Methodist preachers.

Among this elect number the subject of this appreciation stands pre-eminent. In a beautiful spirit she received the appointments of her husband without a murmur, though at one time, without any intimation beforehand, he was transferred across continent. Everywhere her Christian character shown with unfading lustre. Strong, yet tender, positive, yet the personification of meekness, of her it may be truly said, "She being dead yet speaketh." Her influence is felt by and her noble life is a stimulous to many. "Her husband also praiseth her, saying many daughters have done virtuously but thou excellest them all."

The tragical circumstances attending her departure from earth, April 14, 1904, were appalling. Expressions of profound sorrow and sympathy were heard arising from many aching hearts. In the arms of her husband, who was clinging, almost without hope, to the upturned boat, realizing that the end was near, at about the midnight hour, after offering her last prayer that the life of her husband might be spared for the sake of his precious children, she died from exhaustion. After life was extinct her body was consigned to the merciless waves that her husband might address himself to the perilous task of saving others. Her body was afterward recovered and was laid away for the first resurrection at St. Augustine, while her spirit dwells in everlasting habitations. In reference to our loved ones in Christ we may adopt the beautiful words of the Quaker poet of the Merrimac:

"I sit beside the silent sea  
And wait the muffled oar;  
From Him, no harm can come to me  
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where his islands lift  
Their fronded palms in air;  
I only know I cannot drift  
Beyond his love and care."

Or the words from one of our beautiful hymns: —

"Give joy or grief, give ease or pain,  
Take life or friends away,  
I come to find them all again  
In that eternal day."

B. K. THROWER.

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Mrs. Nannie McIntosh Joiner.

Mrs. Nannie McIntosh Joiner, wife of Rev. H. W. Joiner and youngest daughter of Prof. and Mrs. R. M. McIntosh, was born in Richmond, Va., August 26, 1866, and died at Plant City, Fla., October 20, 1904.

Attractive in person, gifted and cultured in mind, and consecrated in spirit, she was a woman of rare qualifications for usefulness. In childhood and girlhood she was most winsome, the pet of the family and the joy of a wide circle of friends. There was about her a cheerfulness which beamed upon those around her from a sweet face that seemed formed to express by its features the gladness of a heart filled with purity and peace. She was rarely endowed with the gift of song, inherited by nature and improved by careful culture. Her bird-like notes were not powerful and overwhelming, but pure, penetrating and persuasive. Her voice she consecrated to the divine service, and by it enriched the worship of the house of God, won souls to Christ, inspired the weary with fresh courage and soothed the sorrowing hearts of the bereaved.

She was married to Rev. H. W. Joiner April 11, 1893, and from that bridal hour to the day of her death was his faithful helpmeet in the work of an itinerant Methodist preacher. In this wide field of usefulness she was a willing and successful worker. In the homes of rich and poor, high and low, she was equally beloved and effective. For this noble life of a preacher's wife she lacked but one qualification—health. For several years before death she suffered from pulmonary consumption, but while this fatal malady progressed and diminished her physical strength from day to day, her spiritual life grew more and more vigorous. In all the tender offices of wife and mother she put forth the ministries of love transfigured by the beauty of a heavenly life.

Her gifted parents were the joint composers of the music to which in our southern Methodism is commonly sung the beautiful hymn of trust, "He leadeth me, O! blessed thought," and when she lay a-dying she sang that pathetic song. Then, as her feet passed further into the valley of the shadow of death in tenderest strains her soul poured forth the words, "Lead Me Gently Home, Father." Then trustfully, with prayer attuned to praise, she passed into the Father's house,

and was at last at home. Often in the old church at Oxford, Ga., her childhood home, these moving hymns were sung by her to the comfort and help of young and old. And so when she went away to the heavenly home she passed by, as it were, the earthly home of her early love, and singing as she went, passed out of sight to join the innumerable company of them whose praises make the music of the Celestial City.

W. A. CANDLER.

Mrs. Annie L. Barr.

Mrs. Annie L. Barr, wife of Rev. T. L. Z. Barr, was born September 8, 1871, and died at Mt. Tabor, Fla., June 24, 1904. Sister Barr was the daughter of Presley and Sarah Smith. She was born and reared in Gadsden county, Fla.; was married December 21, 1893; converted and joined the church under the ministry of Rev. W. C. Norton during the summer of 1894, and from that time to the day of her death she lived a consistent Christian life. Sister Barr was a devoted and affectionate wife and mother. She shared with her husband cheerfully and gladly the hardships and self-denials that are incident to an itinerant preacher's life. She was never heard to utter one word of complaint, but rejoiced that she could endure hardship and self-denial for Him who had done so much for her. Our sister was a beautiful Christian character, and eternity alone will reveal how many souls were helped and blessed by her truly consecrated life.

The funeral service was conducted in Bethel church, near Lake City, Fla., the 25th of last June, in the presence of a large congregation of sympathizing friends, after which the body was tenderly laid to rest in the quiet little cemetery near the church, there to remain until the resurrection day.

We pray that God's richest blessings may rest on our dear brother and his two sweet little children, and that in the sweet bye-and-by<sup>e</sup> they may be united up yonder in our Father's gouse. F. E. SHIPP.

## EXPLANATION.

Acting under instructions from the Editor, Rev. F. Pasco, not to wait on delayed reports, the body of the minutes was all in print when the following reports, etc., were received. Hence their insertion here.

PUBLISHERS.

### Report of Missionary Secretary.

Appropriations for Conference Missions 1905.

Tallahassee District—Liberty, \$75; Woodville, \$75; Aucilla, \$100; Carrabelle, \$150; Mayo, \$100; Perry, \$125. Total \$625.

Jacksonville District—Jacksonville City Mission, \$300; St. Matthews, \$100; Panama Park, \$100; Macclenny, \$150; Bayard and St. Johns, \$100; Lake Butler, \$75; Pinemount, \$50; Hamilton, \$50. Total \$925.

Gainesville District—LaCrosse, \$100; High Springs, \$100; Interlachen, \$100; Lady Lake, \$125; Dunnellon, \$200; Crystal River, \$200; Levy, \$100; Altoona, \$100. Total \$1,025.

Orlando District—Maitland, \$150; Apopka, \$100; Mulberry, \$100; Wauchula, \$75; Everglade, \$100. Total \$525.

Tampa District—Tampa Mission, \$200; Hernando, \$100; Tarpon Springs, \$200; St. Petersburg, \$200; Galloway, \$75; Sarasota, \$300. Total \$1,027.

East Coast District—Presiding Elder, \$200; Memorial Chapel, Key West, \$150; Biscayne Bay, \$100; Lemon City, \$125; Delray, \$50; Ft. Pierce and Stewart, \$150; Indian River, \$200; Daytona, \$250; Volusia, \$50. Total \$1,275. Total appropriated, \$5,450.

### ASSESSMENTS FOR 1905.

Tallahassee District	Foreign	\$779	Domestic.	\$ 855
Jacksonville District	Foreign	896	Domestic,	996
Gainesville District	Foreign	935	Domestic,	1,039
Orlando District	Foreign	831	Domestic,	980
Tampa District	Foreign	943	Domestic,	1,047
East Coast District	Foreign	525	Domestic,	583
		\$5,909		\$5,500

HENRY E. PARTRIDGE, Secretary.

### Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education of Florida Conference of the M. E. Church South.

Amounts received on Loan Fund:

Dec. 11, 1903—From H. W. Long	\$345 35
Dec. 12, 1903—From J. F. Bell, on note	53 87
Dec. 12, 1903—From C. W. White	25 00

Dec. 14, 1903—From E. F. Ley, Conf. Treas.....	459 00
Feb. 11, 1904—From J. H. Owens, on note.....	20 00
Feb. 25, 1904—From J. M. Glazier, on note.....	15 90
Feb. 27, 1904—From J. H. Owens, on note.....	10 00
Mar. 10, 1904—From J. M. Glazier, on note.....	20 00
Mar. 18, 1904—From J. M. Glazier, on note.....	7 00
Apr. 3, 1904—From J. H. Owens, on note.....	7 47
Dec. 8, 1904—From J. F. Bell, on note.....	42 00
	\$1,004 79

## AMOUNTS PAID OUT ON LOAN FUND:

Dec. 14, 1903—To R. Ira Barnett, a loan.....	\$450 00
Dec. 32, 1903—To W. F. Allen, a loan.....	150 00
Jan. 9, 1904—To Postage.....	87
Jan. 26, 1904—To J. M. Glazier, a loan.....	42 00
Apr. 11, 1904—To R. Ira Barnett.....	50 00
Aug. 16, 1904—To W. F. Allen.....	50 00
Aug. 16, 1904—To W. F. Fletcher.....	50 00
Nov. 11, 1904—To W. J. Carpenter, postage.....	1 00
	\$493 87

Amount of Loan Fund now in hand... 510 92

## Amount received on General Educational Fund:

Dec. 11, 1903—From H. W. Long.....	\$ 57 01
Dec. 14, 1903—From E. F. Ley, Conference Treasurer,...	1,559 00
	\$1,616 01

## Amount Paid out on General Educational Fund:

Dec. 11, 1903—For pocket memorandum book.....	\$ 10
Dec. 17, 1903—To I. S. Patterson for S. W. Walker.....	1,000 00
Dec. 22, 1903—To Dr. J. D. Hammond for Gen Bd.....	182 00
Nov. 22, 1904—To S. W. Walker for College furniture....	377 00
	\$1,559 10

Amount of General Fund now in hand... 56 91

Total of Loan and General Fund now in hand... 567 83

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Report of the Secretary of the Conference Board of Missions.

By the good favor of our God, we have come to the end of another year of labor, and are called upon to report what the preachers and the Church in Florida have been doing to fulfil the Great Commission of our Lord. Never perhaps before has our M. E. Church, South, been so stirred on the subject of missions, nor shown such increased zeal in promoting the cause. The total

receipts in the church for the year ending March 31, 1904, are \$389,056; the payment on the assessment being \$310,934. and the total increase in receipts being \$22,875. The current year will doubtless show a larger increase. The General Secretary report:

“It is with gratitude that we announce advancement in all departments of our work. Gratifying progress has been made in each of the fields occupied by our workers, and the aggregate increase in our membership is the largest ever reported in a single year. Our communicants on the foreign field now number 14,243. We are especially gratified to be able to report that the war between Japan and Russia, terrible and bloody as it has been, has not seriously interrupted our work. In these days of strife and peril God has graciously cared for His own. The shock of war will still further disturb the order and open new and larger channels for the influx of Western thought and Western influences. The Church must be prepared to hold the positions already occupied, and to go boldly forward as God may open the way for her advance.”

The interest in our Florida Conference has been growing for several years; but this year larger plans have been formed and greater effort put forth in their execution, resulting in increasing interest and fuller collections. There was an increase in the assessments for both foreign and domestic missions; but both have been met in full, with \$1,100 increase over the collection of 1903. Missionary Institutes have been held in every district, and have proven sources of information and inspiration to the workers.

Tallahassee District—Every charge (18) paid foreign and domestic missions in full, with surplus for the district. Jacksonville District, 20 charges—19 paid both in full, with surplus for district. Gainesville District, 22 charges—17 paid both in full and three others paid one claim in full; surplus for district. Orlando District, 21 charges—16 paid both in full and three others one claim, with surplus for the district. Tampa District, 23 charges—19 paid both in full, two others one claim, with surplus on domestic missions for district. East Coast District, 15 pastoral charges, two of which with only partial service—7 paid both claims, one other one claim in full. Making 97 out of 119 charges paying both claims in full and 7 others full on one claim.

The Conference by a special collection during the session, and by amounts sent to General Treasurer to go on Rev. W. G. Fletcher's support, is enabled to report both foreign and domestic missionary assessment paid in full.

Your Conference Board has had under its care thirty-eight pastoral charges—one district also receiving appropriation. Some of these made fine records, showing steady advancement on most lines. In others, where there has been equally faithful services

rendered, conditions rendered the results less apparent. Others have been in hard, poor and unpromising fields, where the faithful missionary has toiled almost alone save for the presence of the Master, and the consciousness of duty done. To all alike who have been faithful the Master's "well done" will surely come. This has been a year of parsonage building and debt lifting. Daytona, Interlachen, Sarasota, Blanton and Nocatee have built or bought comfortable homes for the pastor. While a beginning in this direction has been made by MacClenny and Crystal River. St. Matthews made splendid improvements on its church property, and St. Petersburg began the enterprise of an excellent and commodious brick church, besides improving its parsonage. Twenty-eight of the missions paid missionary assessments in full. Better than all these outward signs, souls have been led to Christ and in most of our missions the work left in better condition for the next year's worker.

In the growing needs of our Conference, the Board in answer to the urgent requests of our Presiding Elders have made appropriations which called for an advance on the assessment. But what are the few hundred dollars asked of a membership of over twenty thousand to help build up the needy places in our midst and support our brethren who occupy these trying fields? What will they be to the faith and zeal of our loyal pastors who have only to faithfully present this cause to his people to raise the full amount?

Let us turn on the light of more missionary information; give free flow through our own and our people's souls to the Spirit of the Master, and turn loose all our redeemed and consecrated energies on the work of the year before us, and God will see to it that rich results shall crown our efforts.

HENRY E. PARTRIDGE, Secretary.

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#### NOTICE.

Your committee appointed to audit the accounts of Rev. E. F. Ley, Conference Treasurer, find his accounts to be correct.

W. N. SHEATS,

W. M. POAGE.



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### ADDENDUM.

The following Special Committee on Temperance, in the interest of temperance legislation, was appointed by the Bishop: J. B. Ley, W. J. Carpenter, A. W. McLeran.

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### CHANGE.

The following change was announced after appointments had gone to press:

Alafia—R. M. Evans.

Parish—W. H. F. Roberts.

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### ERRATTA.

1. R. V. Atkinson should have been credit 3rd instead of 1st year at Orlando.

2. W. H. Funk, Nocatee, should have been credited 4th year instead of 2nd.

3. In last line of Fourth Day's Proceedings, afternoon session, the closing sentence should read, "Conference adjourned out of respect to Bro. Howland, with the benediction by the Bishop."

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### EXPLANATION.

Some glaring typographical errors in First Day's Proceedings are to be found, due to rush of getting capitals unlocked for first issue of The Advocate. This the publishers deeply regret. It should be "Bishop Candler" and "Frederick Pasco." Other errors of less importance are also noted.









STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1—RECAPITULATION

NAME OF CHARGE	Local Preachers	Members	Total Members	Additions on Profession of Faith	Additions by Certificates or Otherwise	Removals by Death, Certificate or Otherwise	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Societies in Charge	HOUSES OF WORSHIP			PARSONAGES			DISTRICT PARSONAGES		Value of Other Church Property	Money Expended for Churches and Parsonages	CHURCHES DAMAGED OR DESTROY'D		INSURANCE STATISTICS		
										No of	Value of	Indebtedness on	No of	Value of	Indebtedness on	Value of	Indebtedness on			No.	Amount of Damage	Insurance Carried	Premiums Paid	Collections on Insurance
East Coast .....	8	2375	2383	79	150	156	31	195	33	29	68740 00	473 33	11	14300 00	675 00		6610 00	6042 07	1	1000 00	8726 00	191 50		
Gainesville .....	12	4281	4293	411	391	290	257	76	81	76	94081 00	500 00	23	24879 71	470 00	1500 00	525 00	5728 86			18375 00	241 33	87 80	
Jacksonville .....	20	4350	4370	368	282	350	161	124	63	51	80785 00	1470 00	17	19850 00	1200 00	1500 00	750 00	9305 48			31875 00	180 00		
Orlando .....	19	3434	3453	360	292	383	189	83	63	47	50800 00	3950 00	17	16138 00	2000 00	1500 00	1600 00	8416 83	2	103 00	25100 00	327 50	28 00	
Tallahassee .....	12	4413	4425	308	172	211	192	61	67	64	71471 00	400 00	17	15859 00	167 00	2000 00	2366 00	2349 05			13100 00	154 31		
Tampa .....	30	4873	4903	403	456	289	216	107	59	56	80155 00	1350 00	20	29414 00	2181 00	1500 00	1479 50	9020 77			19450 00	109 80		
TOTAL .....	101	23726	23827	1929	1743	1679	1046	596	366	323	446032 00	8143 33	105	120440 71	6693 00	8000 00	13330 50	40863 06	3	1103 00	116626 00	1204 44	115 80	
TOTAL LAST YEAR .....	113	22062	22174	1456	1645	1731	713	746	386	329	460545 00	5912 80	97	109574 00	7885 50	8000 00	500	13132 65	29639 47	5	1425 00	111745 00	797 30	
INCREASE .....		1664	1653	473	98		333				2230 53		8	10874 71			197 85	11223 59			4881 00	407 14		
DECREASE .....	12					52		150	20	6	14513 00				1192 50	500			2	322 00				









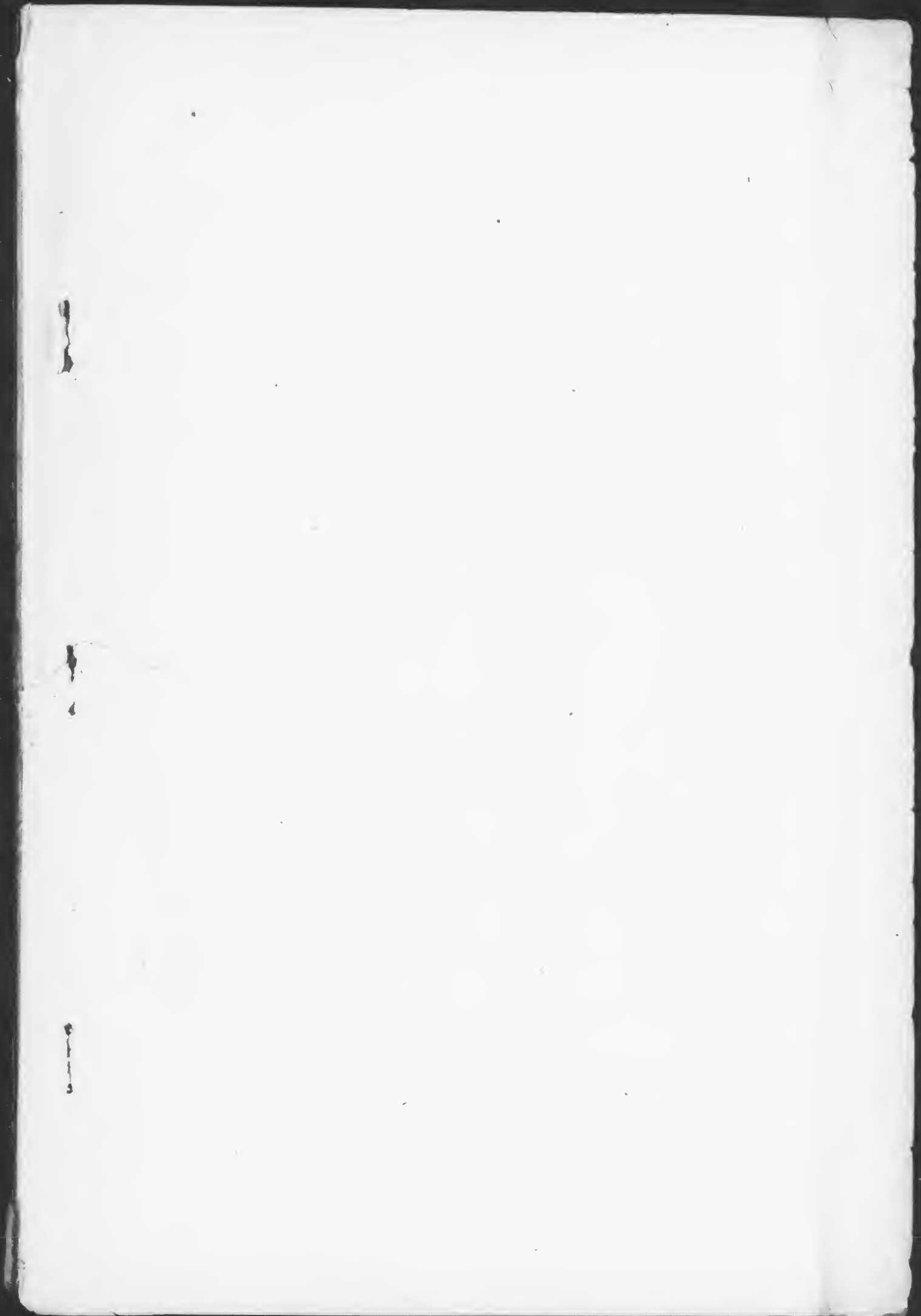
















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