

MEMBERS

OF THE

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE,

WITH THE DATE OF ADMISSION INTO THE TRAVELING CONNECTION.

JAMES T. AINSWORTH, admitted into the	Ga.	Conf.	Dec.	1854
SAMUEL ANTHONY,	"	"	"	1832
JAMES M. AUSTIN,	"	"	Jan.	1849
WM. S. BAKER,	"	"	Dec.	1854
BENJ. J. BALDWIN,	"	"	Nov.	1862
DAVID BLALOCK,	"	"	"	1844
JOHN M. BONNELL,	"	"	"	1846
WM. M. D. BOND,	"	"	Dec.	1853
FRANKLIN A. BRANCH,	"	Fla.	"	1854
JAMES O. BRANCH,	"	"	"	1854
WM. C. BASS,	"	So. Ga.	"	1867
BENJ. F. BREEDLOVE,	"	Ga.	"	1855
WYATT BROOKS,	"	"	Jan.	1846
JOHN W. BURKE,	"	"	Dec.	1854
ROBERT J. CORLEY,	"	"	"	1865
THOS. T. CHRISTIAN,	"	"	"	1854
JAMES O. A. CLARK,	"	"	"	1854
SEABORN G. CHILDS,	"	"	Jan.	1841
WM. F. CONLEY,	"	"	"	1851
WM. M. C. CONLEY,	"	"	Dec.	1866
JAMES O. A. COOK,	"	"	"	1863
THOMAS C. COLEMAN,	"	"	"	1838
GEORGE C. CLARKE,	"	"	Jan.	1845
STEPHEN D. CLEMENTS,	"	So. Ga.	Dec.	1867
DAVID CRENSHAW, re-admitted	"	"	"	1868
CHURCHWELL A. CROWELL,	"	Ga.	"	1867
ALVIN J. DEAN, admitted	"	"	"	1854
ROBERT W. DIXON,	"	"	"	1856
JAMES DUNWODY,	"	S. C.	"	1818

F. R. C. ELLIS,	admitted into the	Fla. Conf,	Dec.	1860
JAMES E. EVANS,	"	Ga. "		1833
ROBERT F. EVANS,	"	Fla. "	Dec.	1859
GEO. T. EMBRY,	"	Ga. "	"	1865
JOHN S. FORD,	re-admitted	" So. Ga. "		1851
R. W. FLOURNOY,	admitted	" Fla. "	Dec.	1859
MATTHEW H. FIELDING,	re-adm'd	" " "	"	1863
CHARLES A. FULWOOD,	admitted	" Ga. "	Jan.	1846
JESSE J. GILES,	"	" Fla. "	Dec.	1858
WM. W. GRIFFIN,	"	" Ga. "	"	1839
JAMES HARRIS,	re-admitted	" " "	"	1856
PHILEMON C. HARRIS,	admitted	" " "	"	1851
CHAS. L. HAYES,	"	" " "	"	1835
W. M. HAYS,	"	" So. Ga. "	"	1867
ROBERT H. HOWREN,	"	" Ga. "	"	1839
ISAAC S. HOPKINS,	"	" " "	"	1861
JAMES W. HINTON,	"	" " "	"	1847
CHARLES R. JEWETT,	"	" " "	Jan.	1844
JAMES JONES,	"	" " "	"	1835
GEORGE S. JOHNSON,	re-admitted	" So. Ga. "	Dec.	1868
WM. M. KENNEDY,	"	" Fla. "	"	1848
JOSEPH S. KEY,	"	" Ga. "	Jan.	1849
WALTER KNOX,	adm'd 1841, re-adm'd	" " "	Dec.	1851
THOS. B. LANIER,	admitted	" " "	"	1858
WESLEY LANG,	"	" " "	"	1860
ROBERT B. LESTER,	"	" " "	"	1851
JESSE R. LITTLEJOHN,	"	" " "	Jan.	1850
J. M. N. LOWE,	"	" " "	"	1845
REUBEN H. LUCKEY,	"	" " "	"	1842
GEO. G. N. MACDONELL,	"	" " "	Dec.	1854
JOHN M. MARSHALL,	"	" " "	Jan.	1845
JAMES D. MAULDIN,	"	" Fla. "	Dec.	1859
WM. B. McHAN,	"	" Ga. "	Jan.	1849
JOHN B. McGEHEE,	"	" " "	Dec.	1852
ED. A. H. McGEHEE,	"	" " "	"	1858
MARCUS A. McKIBBEN,	"	" S. C. "	Jan.	1836
WM. T. McMICHAEL,	"	" Ga. "	Dec.	1856
DAVID R. McWILLIAMS,	"	" " "	"	1857
JOHN W. MILLS,	"	" " "	Jan.	1842
HENRY D. MOORE,	received by transfer	Fla. "	"	1864
CHARLES A. MOORE,	admitted into the	Ga. "	Dec.	1858
JOHN J. MORGAN,	"	" " "	"	1858

NORMAN D. MOREHOUSE,	admit'd into the Ga. Conf.,	Dec.	1860
EDWARD H. MYERS,	" " " "	Jan.	1841
DENNIS O'DRISCOLL,	" " " "	"	1851
JACOB R. OWEN,	" " " "	"	1851
NEWDEGATE B. OUSLEY,	" " " "	"	1857
LEWIS B. PAYNE,	" " " "	Dec.	1851
LEONARD C. PEEK,	re-admitted " So. Ga.	"	1869
HENRY P. PITCHFORD,	admitted " Ga.	"	1835
LOVICK PIERCE,	" " S. C.	"	1805
JOHN M. POTTER,	" " So. Ga.	"	1868
FREEMAN F. REYNOLDS,	" " Ga.	Jan.	1845
JOHN H. ROBINSON,	" " S. C.	"	1821
EDWARD J. RENTZ,	re-admitted " So. Ga.	Dec.	1867
CAPEL RAIFORD,	admitted " Ga.	"	1831
WM. F. ROBISON,	" " " "	"	1866
WM. F. ROBERTS,	re-admitted " So. Ga.	"	1869
JOHN E. SENTELL,	admitted " Ga.	Jan.	1850
JOHN W. SIMMONS,	re-admitted " " "	Nov.	1865
J. BLAKELY SMITH,	admitted " " "	Dec.	1847
OSBORNE L. SMITH,	" " " "		1846
COSBY W. SMITH,	" " So. Ga.	Dec.	1867
STEPHEN S. SWEET,	re-admitted " Ga.	"	1867
WM. W. STEWART,	" " So. Ga.	"	1867
WM. W. TIDWELL,	admitted " " "	"	1854
YOUNG F. TIGNOR,	re-admitted " " "	Jan.	1849
JOHN W. TALLEY,	admitted " S. C.	"	1828
BENSON E. L. TIMMONS,	" " Ga.	Dec.	1865
WM. H. THOMAS,	" " " "		1849
JOHN B. WARDLAW,	" " " "		1843
WM. M. WATTS,	" " " "	Dec.	1851
ROBT. F. WILLIAMSON,	" " " "	"	1859
JAMES G. WORLEY,	re-admitted " Fla.	"	1862
JOHN L. WILLIAMS,	" " " "	Jan.	1855
ALEX. M. WYNN,	" " Ga.	"	1849
SHELTON R. WEAVER,	" " Fla.	Dec.	1858

MINUTES

OF THE

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE

OF THE

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

HELD IN OUTHBERT, GEORGIA,

BEGINNING DECEMBER 1ST--ENDING DECEMBER 7TH.

BISHOP H. H. KAVANAUGH.....*President.*
J. BLAKELY SMITH.....*Secretary.*
HENRY D. MOORE }
R. H. LEONARD..... } *Assistants.*
S. D. CLEMENTS..... }

QUESTION 1. *Who are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER. James K. Armstrong, William G. Boothe, Edwin J. Burch, George E. Gardner, Julian S. Jordan, Francis M. Russell, James Skipper, Epps Tucker.

Q. 2. *Who remain on trial?*

A. Charles J. Toole, Charles E. Brown, Herbert P. Myers, James Spence, Hastings Puckett, Alexander P. Wright, Daniel G. Pope, Lowndes A. Darsey, Henry C. Fentress, Carolin C. Hines (these were all ordained deacons), James T. Johnson.

Q. 3. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

A. Cosby W. Smith, W. C. Bass, W. M. Hays, Stephen D. Clements.

Q. 4. *Who are re-admitted?*

A. W. F. Roberts, Leonard C. Peck.

Q. 4. *Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?*

A. Frederick R. C. Ellis, W. H. Thomas, George H. Pattillo, Franklin A. Branch, James O. Branch.

Q. 6. *Who are the deacons for one year?*

A. Benson E. L. Timmons, Wm. M. C. Conley, John M. Potter.

Q. 7. *What travelling preachers are elected and ordained deacons?*

A. Charles J. Toole, Charles E. Brown, Herbert P. Myers, James Spence, Hastings Puckett, Alex. P. Wright, Daniel G. Pope, Lowndes A. Darsey, Henry C. Fentress, Carolin C. Hines (all continued on trial), Wm. M. Hays.

Q. 8. *What local preachers are elected and ordained deacons?*

A. Henry J. Harvey.

Elected, but not ordained—Richard S. Scruggs, Charles H. R. Hays, James D. Russ, Travis Pittman, John Striplin.

Q. 9. *What travelling preachers are elected and ordained elders?*

A. George T. Embry, Stephen D. Clements.

Q. 10. *What local preachers are elected and ordained elders?*

A. Wm. P. Jordan, John M. Bolton, John W. Jordan, Francis A. Wheelless.

Elected but not ordained—John W. Boland, Philip J. Dell, Isaac A. Towers, Abram J. Bessent.

Q. 11. *Who have located this year?*

A. John M. Hendry, George L. W. Anthony, Andrew R. Byrd.

Q. 12. *Who are supernumerary?*

A. Young F. Tignor, Wm. H. Thomas, Wm. F. Conley, Jas. G. Worley.

Q. 13. *Who are superannuated?*

A. Wm. B. McHan, Chas. A. Moore, Wyatt Brooks, J. M. N. Lowe, John B. Wardlaw, John S. Ford, Chas. L. Hayes, John H. Robinson, David Blalock, Jacob R. Owen, Henry P. Pitchford, W. W. Griffin, Capel Raiford, Thos. C. Coleman, F. R. C. Ellis.

Q. 14. *What preachers have died during the past year?*

A. Not one.

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

A. Their names were called one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

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

A. (See Statistical Table.)

Q. 17. *How many infants and adults have been baptized during the year?*

A. Infants—Whites.....	860
“ Colored.....	26
Adults—Whites.....	1,533
“ Colored.....	148

Q. 18. *What is the number of Sunday-schools, teachers, and scholars?*

A. Whites—Sunday-schools.....	289
“ Officers and teachers.....	1,965
“ Scholars.....	12,210
Colored—Sunday-schools.....	3
“ Officers and teachers.....	20
“ Scholars.....	234

Q. 19. *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 in their respective districts, circuits, and stations?*

A. \$9,644 10.

Q. 20. *What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?*

A. \$5,319 55—paid to claimants, at 53 per cent.

Q. 21. *What has been contributed for the Missionary and Tract Societies?*

A. Domestic Missions.....	\$5 995 06
Foreign “.....	1,569 88
Missionary Debt.....	1,433 10
Total.....	\$8,998 04

Q. 22. *Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?*

A. Fort Valley, Georgia.

Q. 23. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

SAVANNAH DISTRICT.....	JAMES W HINTON, P.E.
Savannah, Trinity and Isle of Hope.....	James E. Evans.
“ Wesley Church and City Mission, G. G. N. MacDonnell.	
Springfield.....	Thomas B Lanier.
Sylvania Circuit and Beaver Dam Mission...	W. T. McMichael and Charles J Toole
Bethel.....	W. F. Robison.

Alexander..... *W. S. Baker.*
 Waynesboro..... *N. B. Ousley.*
 Swainsboro Mission..... *Robert F. Evans.*
 Louisville..... *S. S. Sweet and Julian S. Jordan.*
 Davisboro..... *Robert H. Howren.*
 Sandersville..... *N. D. Morehouse.*
 Washington Circuit and Gibson Mission... *S. G. Childs and F. M. Russell.*
 Professors in Emory College... *J. O. A. Clark and Isaac S. Hopkins.*

MACON DISTRICT..... *CHAS. R. JEWETT, P. E.*
 Macon, Mulberry Street, Vineville, and East Macon... *R. B. Lester, one to be supplied.*
 " City Mission..... *James Jones.*
 " First Street..... *J. Blakely Smith.*
 Macon Circuit..... *W. C. Bass.*
 Gordon Circuit..... *John W. Burke.*
 Irwinton..... *B. E. L. Timmons.*
 Jeffersonville..... *Robert W. Flournoy.*
 { Hawkinsville Station..... *Franklin A. Branch.*
 { Pulaski and Wilcox Mission... *To be supplied by W. H. Cordell.*
 { Fort Valley and Marshallville..... *Benj. F. Breedlove.*
 { Houston Circuit..... *Cosby W. Smith.*
 Knoxville Mission... *To be supplied by L. G. Evans and E. Bassett.*
 Perry Station..... *Walter Knox.*
 Haynesville Circuit..... *W. W. Stewart.*
 { Montezuma and Vienna Circuit... *J. Harris and J. Dunwoody.*
 { Swift Creek Mission..... *James Spence.*
 Wesleyan Female College..... *John M. Bonnell, President, W. C. Bass and C. W. Smith, Professors.*
 Editor S. C. Advocate *E. H. Myers.*
 Agent for Emory College..... *Joseph S. Key.*

COLUMBUS DISTRICT..... *THOMAS T. CHRISTIAN, P. E.*
 Columbus, St. Luke..... *O. L. Smith.*
 " St. Paul..... *Alex. M. Wynn.*
 Girard, Wesley Chapel and Factory Mission..... *J. R. Littlejohn.*
 Muscogee Circuit..... *Stephen D. Clements.*
 Hamilton Circuit..... *Churchwell A. Crowell.*
 Talbotton Station..... *James O. A. Cook.*
 Talbot Circuit..... *Robert J. Corley, H. P. Myers.*
 Pleasant Grove..... *Henry D. Moore.*
 Butler..... *Robert F. Williamson.*
 Buena Vista..... *James O. Branch.*
 Juniper Mission..... *W. G. Boothe.*
 Cusseta..... *W. M. D. Bond, Y. F. Tignor, sup.*
 Upatoi Circuit and Pine Knot Mission..... *To be supplied by J. E. Tooke.*
 President Levert Female College..... *Henry D. Moore.*
 Agent for Sunday-school Society..... *L. Pierce.*

AMERICUS DISTRICT.....JOHN B. MCGEHEE, P E.
 Americus.....*Robert W Dixon, S. Anthony.*
 Bethel.....*John E. Sentell, James T. Johnson.*
 Oglethorpe and Ellaville Circuit.....*J. W. Mills, J. Skipper.*
 Magnolia Springs.....*Ed. J. Rentz.*
 Starkville Mission.....To be supplied by T. L. Speight.
 Cuthbert and Georgetown.....*Ed. A. H. McGehee.*
 Spring Vale.....*Geo. S. Johnson.*
 Dawson.....*John M. Marshall.*
 Terrell Circuit and County Line Mission.....*Geo. T. Embry.*
 Weston.....*James K. Armstrong.*
 Lumpkin.....*David R. McWilliams.*
 Florence.....*Shelton R. Weaver, one to be supplied by N Athon.*
 Agent Andrew Female College.....*F. F. Reynolds.*

BAINBRIDGE DISTRICT.....GEORGE C. CLARKE, P E.
 Bainbridge.....*Alvin J. Dean.*
 Decatur Circuit.....*W M. Hays.*
 Spring Creek Mission.....To be supplied by W M. Russell.
 Colquitt.....*Epps Tucker and John M. Potter.*
 Blakely and Trinity.....*Dennis O'Driscoll.*
 Fort Gaines.....*Benj. J Baldwin.*
 Morgan.....*Charles E. Brown.*
 Camilla.....*James T Ainsworth.*
 { Cairo.....*Philemon C. Harris.*
 { Spring Hill and Thomas County Mission.....*Wesley Lane.*
 Grooverville.....*W F Roberts.*
 Thomasville.....*James M. Austin.*
 { Albany.....*Geo. H. Pattillo.*
 { Flint River Mission.....*Hastings Puckett.*
 Agent A. B. Society.....*R. H. Luckey.*

BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.....JOHN W SIMMONS, P E.
 Brunswick Station and City Mission.....*Charles A. Fulwood.*
 St. Mary's.....*E. J. Burch.*
 Centre-village Mission.....*Alex. P Wright.*
 Waynesville.....*John L. Williams.*
 Waresboro.....*James D. Mauldin, W. H. Thomas, sup.*
 Arlington Mission.....*W. M. Kennedy.*
 Holmesville.....To be supplied by E. D. Finley.
 Oekmulgee.....*David Crenshaw.*
 Coffee and Irwinville Mission...To be supplied by James Ware.
 Stockton.....*Leonard C. Peek.*
 Valdosta.....*M. A. McKibben.*
 Quitman.....*John W Talley.*
 Morven.....*Jesse J. Giles.*
 Moultrie Mission.....*Matthew H. Fielding.*

ALTAHAMA DISTRICT.....LEWIS B. PAYNE, P E.
 Hinesville.....*W M. Watts.*

Darien and Reynolds Chapel.....G. E. Gardner.
 Statesboro and Bryan Circuit.....W. M. C. Conley
 Dublin.....*John J. Morgan.*
 County Line Mission.....To be supplied.
 Rocky Creek Mission.....Henry C. Fentress.
 Oconee.....Carolyn C. Hines.
 Jacksonville.....Lowndes A. Darsey and *J. G. Worley, sup.*
 Altamaha Mission.Daniel G. Pope.
 Reidsville Circuit and Tatnall Mission... *W. W. Tidwell and W. F. Conley, sup.*

D. D. Cox and *W. A. Parks*—Transferred to North Georgia Conference.
 Marshall J. Jenkins—Transferred to West Texas Conference.

LAY DELEGATES PRESENT.

SAVANNAH DISTRICT—Rev. R. W. Lovett, Joseph H. Hines, John J. Jones, C. D. Rogers.

MACON DISTRICT—Rev. S. H. J. Sistrunk, Wm. I. Green, James Jackson, H. S. Wimberly.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT—Rev. M. Woodruff, W. S. Wallace, N. D. Guerry, R. H. Leonard.

AMERICUS DISTRICT—Rev. J. T. Turner, A. H. Flewellen, John S. Moorman.

BAINBRIDGE DISTRICT—Rev. L. C. Peek, A. H. Colquitt.

BRUNSWICK DISTRICT—Rev. J. T. Webb, M. H. McRca, Z. W. Little.

ALTAMAHA DISTRICT—J. B. R. Sykes, A. Curry, W. A. Hodges.

MISSIONARY.

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF MANAGERS OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

James E. Evans, President ; John J. Jones, Samuel Anthony, Vice Presidents ; Geo. G. N. MacDonell, Treasurer ; James W. Hinton, Secretary.

MANAGERS.—John W. Talley, Lewis B. Payne, N. B. Ousley, Geo. C. Clarke, R. H. Howren, S. S. Sweet, J. O. A. Clark, M. Rylander, W. M. Sessions, Dr. Henry Wimberly, George A. B. Dozier.

REPORT

OF THE SECRETARY OF BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS, SOUTH
GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

Assembled once more to report and plan as to the extension of Christianity the Domestic Mission Board ought to be profoundly thankful that a merciful Father has spared all our lives for this Annual convocation, and the lives of every representative of the Board. God's good Providence has not only been over us, but his precious grace has blessed the labors of the devout men who have toiled and endured for his honor and glory in the land. The statistical reports clearly attest abundant labors—with progress in all directions. We glance at the various Mission fields in order to enable the Board and the friends of religion to clearly understand the true posture of affairs. It will be seen that even in Georgia, there is yet very much land to be possessed, and the inquiry will arise, shall we go up and take it?

Wesley Church and Savannah City Mission, Savannah, was the theatre of Wesley's earliest ministerial labors, and it is very meet to revere his sacred memory, and therefore this new church is called by his immortal name. Organized into a pastoral charge two years ago, it has been during this time under the ministerial direction of Rev. D. D. Cox, a most worthy member of our Conference, but we regret to say a member no longer, he having been transferred to another Conference. He has had considerable success in advancing this young establishment, and its prospects are bright and brightening. Wesley Church is composed of 143 members, generally poor, but pious and thoroughly organized. Thirty have been added during the year. Congregations are good, and the present building, (an octagonal structure of 300 capacity,) is already inadequate, as the building is most eligibly located in view of the wave of population in that quarter of a rapidly growing city. It is an exceedingly liberal church, having paid its pastor \$600, and the Presiding Elder \$100, besides about as much more towards improvements. It will not be long before it will be self-sustaining, but as yet it needs the aid of the Missionary Board, and a suitable man must be kept there at any reasonable cost.

The Millen Mission was served by Rev. L. A. Darsey. It consisted of four appointments, located in Burke county. The labors of the Missionary have been blessed, and the membership perhaps doubled. As it is necessary to economize in the use of our funds, the Board advise the discontinuance of the Mission, recommending (on the advice of the Presiding Elder) that the churches be attached to the adjacent circuits, which can be easily done.

The Gibson Mission is located in Glascock county—truly Missionary ground. It was successfully worked by Rev. W

M. C. Conley, who being a single man, was enabled to do so without any expense to the Society—it paid him \$160 for his labors.

Beaver Dam Mission lies in Screven county, was served without much success, by Rev. C. V. Neidlinger, a local preacher. The people are poor, generally ignorant, and owing to proselyting efforts of intermeddlers the feeble churches have been somewhat disturbed and do not seem to prosper. They paid pastor and Presiding Elder \$62. Its continuance is advised.

Swainsboro' Mission was served by Rev. N. D. Morehouse. It embraces Emanuel county, a vast reach of country not yet deemed self-sustaining, unless served by a single man. There are eight appointments, 210 members, 40 accessions during the year. It has raised \$312 for the Pastor, and \$30 for the Presiding Elder.

Macon City Mission has seven appointments, and has been faithfully served by Brothers J. Jones and J. W. Burke. It has one church of 72 members; 2 Sunday-schools doing well. It is reported as in a good condition, and in the opinion of the Board it should be continued.

Spring Creek Mission embraces a territory lying in the fork of the Flint and Chattahoochee rivers—has four charges and six appointments. There are 89 members, 47 of whom were added during the present year—31 adults baptized, 30 children—there is but one Sunday-school. Work generally prosperous. Paid pastor \$141 75, and \$5 70 to assistants. Served by Rev. W. M. Russell.

Flint River Mission reported as having had fine revivals at three points. It has 83 members, two local preachers, 51 persons added to church during the year, 18 by letter. It has paid pastor \$130, Presiding Elder \$1 50, It has one Sunday-school of 42 pupils. The Board advise its continuance.

Swift Creek Mission was served by Rev. James Spence, has four appointments, 106 members; received during the year 32. It ought to be continued. Oclocknee Mission, served by Rev. P. C. Harris, has three appointments, three Sabbath-schools, 60 pupils—27 adults have been received into the church during the year. Paid Missionary \$55. Let it be continued.

Moultrie Mission has six appointments, with a membership of 158, an addition of 16 to the church. It is said to be in a prosperous condition. Paid \$81 45 to the pastor, Rev. M. H. Fielding.

The Hawkinsville Mission has prospered so much under the pastoral direction of Rev. W. F. Robison during two years, that it now is self-sustaining, and asks to be elevated to the character of a Station, which the Board advise

Doctor Town Mission is in Wayne and Appling counties—has nine preaching places—162 white members, 55 colored—26 new members added during this year. It has three Sunday-

schools, 60 pupils. This Mission is deemed an important field, and the Board wish it continued. Served by Rev. W. M. Kennedy.

Juniper Mission was served the year past by Rev. W. G. Booth, a local preacher of great zeal, and fully consecrated to the work. It has 12 appointments, four of them churches, 135 members, 60 of them accessions during the year. Baptized 45 adults and 17 infants. There are five Sunday-schools and 200 pupils. Paid pastor \$65 00. It is prosperous and ought to be continued, which the Board advise.

Knoxville Mission was served by the venerable James Dunwoody, a patriarch in Georgia Methodism—a man of apostolic zeal and simplicity. It has 380 members, five local preachers. Father Dunwoody says it ought to be sustained as a Mission, and so the Board think and recommend.

Rev. J. R. Littlejohn reports the Girard and Wesley Chapel Mission as follows: It has two churches, one in Girard, which is feeble and unsteady, having a migratory membership. Wesley Chapel is in Columbus, and is a highly prosperous organization. Church-meetings, class-meetings, prayer-meetings, love feasts are regularly held. Its membership is composed chiefly of factory operatives. The membership of the Mission is 230—two flourishing Sabbath-schools. Raised for its pastor \$118 87, for its Sunday-schools \$90. Wesley Chapel enjoyed a gracious revival and had an increase of 58 new members. By all, its importance is admitted as a Mission field, and the Board advise its retention.

Besides these large fields, there are others worked, from whose pastors the Board have received no reports.

Ocmulgee Mission should be discontinued, and the Board so recommend.

No report from Bryan Mission. The Pulaski and Wilcox Mission is in a prosperous condition, and ought to be still maintained—has paid pastor, Rev. W. H. Cordell, \$162. Its name is changed by the Board to "Abbeville Mission."

No report from Starkville Mission, but it is said to be important to continue it, and so the Board request.

Berrien and Irwin Mission—no report, name changed to "Irwinville Mission."

The Board advise the formation of a new Mission to be called "Fosterville Mission," and another called "Blackshear Mission."

Now can any Christian, any patriot, any philanthropist, read these facts and figures (by no means full,) and fail to rejoice in the great enterprise of Christian Missions. We ought to be glad that we have the self-denying men fired with holy zeal, willing to labor in these desolate fields—to sow the seed, till the soil, hoping mainly for their reward in the world to come. Is it not a splendid spectacle of moral purity, a heroism that

is here presented that should elicit admiration for the men, and cause the very purses of the people to explode, with anxiety to relieve their wants. They do not demand nor expect much, but even a minimum support is denied them. The Board appropriated \$7,200 at its last meeting to pay the entire Missionary host in the vast fields cultivated. This is not more than enough to pay six moderate salaries, and yet the Treasurer's report just read shows that only 70 per cent. of this meagre claim has been met. "Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon." What is the matter?

Is the country poor, resources scant, when our great staple is now bringing nearly three times its usual value? Perhaps there is a defect in our plans of raising supplies, and yet the Board know of none better than the one provided in the Discipline.

There ought to be a searching inquiry on this subject. Let it be presented in an earnest speech to every church, and in a solemn talk at every fireside.

Begin early and continue late. Tell the people they received the gospel first by the labors of Missionaries, for it never goes only as it is sent or carried. Tell them Jesus, the great Missionary of Heaven, himself, "went about doing good," and preaching his eternal truth to "a disobedient and gainsaying nation." Tell them the Apostles received the command to "Go into all the world," etc., and "not at their own charges," and in obedience to this behest they went forth everywhere, disregarding ease, pleasure and profit, "the love of Christ constraining them." Tell them, the best way to get good is "to do good and to communicate," and a religion not expansive, not aggressive, must dwarf, decay and die at home. Tell them that this gross materializing utilitarian age needs the invisible, intangible world to antagonize its erring philosophy and to check its dreadful bane. Tell them angels rejoice at the repentance of even one sinner, an infallible proof of the incalculable worth of the soul. Tell them if good government and happy society are ever attained, it is only by the laws of God, and the conservative power of the Gospel of Jesus. Gather inspiration from the woes of earth, and let the joys of heaven kindle it into a flame of impassionate oratory that shall burn and blaze until avarice is melted and earth's dark places are radiant with celestial brightness. "Work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

J. W. HINTON, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GEO. G. N. MACDONELL, *Treasurer, In account with*
Board of Domestic Missions, South Georgia Conference.

1869. Dec. 1. To Collections as follows,	DR.
SAVANNAH DISTRICT.	
Savannah, Trinity, Geo. G. N. MacDonell, General Col- lection, \$241 63; S. S. Miss. So., \$358 37.....	\$600 00
Springfield Circuit, W. M. Watts.....	77 00
Sylvania Circuit, R. H. Howren.....	58 50
Alexander Circuit, S. S. Sweet.....	50 00
Waynesboro Circuit, N. B. Ousley.....	51 25
Louisville Circuit, R. F. Evans.....	172 35
Washington Circuit, C. J. Toole.....	10 00
Davisboro Circuit, S. B. Childs.....	45 00
Sandersville Station, T. B. Lanier.....	31 00
Total.....	\$1095 10

MACON DISTRICT.	
Macon, Mulberry Street, J. S. Key.....	\$400 00
" First Street, J. Blakely Smith.....	59 75
Jeffersonville Circuit, R. W. Flournoy.....	240 90
Irwinton Circuit, W. S. Baker.....	20 00
Gordon Circuit, C. W. Smith.....	20 00
Pulaski and Wilcox Circuit, W. H. Cordell.....	10 05
Fort Valley Circuit, E. A. H. McGehee.....	240 55
Perry Station, W. Knox.....	31 00
Hayneville Circuit, W. W. Stewart.....	152 60
Montezuma and Vienna, James Harris.....	32 00
Macon Circuit, W. C. Bass.....	70 00
Knoxville Mission, James Dunwody.....	50
Total.....	\$1277 35

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.	
Columbus, St. Luke, J. E. Evans.....	\$155 00
" St. Paul, A. M. Wynn.....	243 00
Muscogee Circuit, H. P. Pitchford.....	40 80
Pleasant Grove Circuit, B. E. L. Timmons.....	15 05
Butler Circuit, R. F. Williamson.....	70 00
Cedar Creek Circuit, W. W. Tidwell.....	22 50
Talbot Circuit, R. J. Corley.....	142 00
Hamilton Circuit, S. G. Jones.....	54 65
Lumpkin, D. R. McWilliams.....	61 25
Buena Vista Circuit, George T. Embry.....	51 00
Talbotton Station, T. T. Christian.....	85 00
Casseta Circuit, D. O'Driscoll.....	70 00
Florence Circuit, S. R. Weaver.....	39 80
Total.....	\$1050 90

AMERICUS DISTRICT.

Americus, R. W. Dixon.....	\$190.00
Bethel Circuit, M. A. McKibben	77 50
Magnolia Spring, J. M. Marshall.....	92 50
Starkville Mission, T. L. Speight.....	25 00
Cuthbert and Georgetown, J. O. A. Cook.....	20 00
Dawson, B. F. Breedlove.....	50 00
Terrell Circuit, C. A. Crowell.....	40 00
Weston Circuit, J. W. Mills.....	47 75
Oglethorpe and Ellaville, E. J. Rentz...	111 00
Albany, S. D. Clements.....	28 75
Total.....	\$682 50

BAINBRIDGE DISTRICT.

Bainbrldge, H. J. Dean.....	\$51 25
Decatur Circuit, W. M. D. Bond.....	30 00
Thomasville, J. M. Austin.....	10 00
Camilla Circuit, J. T. Ainsworth.....	70 00
Cairo Circuit, P. C. Harris.....	92 50
Morgan Circuit, Charles E. Brown.....	50 00
Fort Gaines, B. J. Baldwin.....	5 00
Grooverville, John W. Talley.....	16 50
Total.....	\$355 25

BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

Brunswick and St. Mary's, C. A. Fullwood.....	\$7 00
Waynesboro, W. T. McMichel.....	8 50
Doctor Town Mission, W. McKennedy.....	30 00
Holmesville, A. R. Byrd.....	4 00
Ocmulgee Circuit, A. P. Wright.....	1 35
Coffee Circuit, E. B. Finley.....	3 00
Stockton Circuit, J. D. Maulden.....	20 00
Valdosta, F. R. C. Ellis.....	39 00
Quitman, O. L. Smith.....	36 00
Morven Circuit, J. J. Giles.....	37 00
Moultrie, M. H. Fielding.....	5 50
Berrien and Irwin Mission, J. T. Johnson.....	2 75
Total.....	\$194 10

ALTAMAHA DISTRICT.

Hinesville Circuit, John E. Sentell.....	\$89 85
Darien and McIntosh, W. M. Hayes.....	62 20
Bryan Mission, H. McCall.....	2 55
Statesboro, D. Roberts.....	8 00
Dublin Circuit, John J. Morgan.....	30 00
Oconee Circuit, Carolin C. Hines.....	60 90
Jacksonville Circuit, J. G. Worley.....	95 40
Reidsville Circuit, D. Crenshaw.....	22 50
Altamaha Circuit, D. G. Pope.....	7 00
Total.....	\$378 60

AGGREGATE COLLECTIONS.

Savannah District	\$1095 10
Macon "	1277 35
Columbus "	1050 90
Americus "	682 50
Bainbridge "	355 25
Brunswick "	194 10
Altamaha "	378 50
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	\$5033 70
To amount Anniversary Collection, 1868.....	946 50
" Balance on hand at last Report	14 86
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Total.....	\$5995 06

CREDITS.

By amount paid F. Mission, from Annual Collection...	\$239 00
By amount paid J. W. Burke & Co., for Printing Minutes.....	196 50
By amount paid A. P. McFerrin, Treasurer, Parent Board Domestic Missions.....	574 12
By amount paid to Missionaries, 1869.....	4985 00
Balance on hand.....	44
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Total.....	\$5995 06

RECEIVED FOR CHINA MISSION.

FROM SAVANNAH DISTRICT.

Savannah—Trinity General Collection	\$178 52
" Mrs. R. D. Walker's Bible Class in Sabbath-schools.....	21 63—\$200 15
" Wesley Church.....	25 00
Alexander circuit.....	7 50
Waynesboro circuit	135 60
Louisville circuit.....	53 65
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Total.....	\$421 90

FROM MACON DISTRICT.

Macon—Mulberry Street General Collection...	\$100 85
" W. F. College Mary Allen Society.....	31 25—\$132 10
First Street Sunday-school.....	33 00
Jeffersonville, Long Street Sunday-school.....	5 50
Fort Valley.....	61 50
Perry Sunday-school.....	20 15
Hanyeville.....	37 00
Montezuma and Viena.....	8 00
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Total	\$297 25

FROM COLUMBUS DISTRICT.

Columbus—St. Luke.....	\$ 81 75
St. Paul's Sunday-school	30 00
Pleasant Grove circuit.....	9 75
Butler circuit.....	1 00
Talbotton General Collection.....	\$10 00
" Sunday-school.....	21 25— 31 25
Hamilton circuit.....	19 50
Buena Vista circuit.....	15 40
Cusseta circuit.....	\$26 50
Trinity Hill, Mary Allen Secretary	50— 30 00
Lumpkin.....	40 00
Total.....	\$258 65

FROM AMERICUS DISTRICT.

Americus Sunday-school.....	\$105 35
Magnolia Springs.....	23 10
Cuthbert and Georgetown.....	24 50
Spring Vale.....	40 00
Dawson Sunday-school.....	22 00
Weston (private donation)	2 00
Total.....	\$216 95

FROM BAINBRIDGE DISTRICT.

Bainbridge Sunday-school.....	\$ 23 45
Thomasville	30 00
Camilla.....	6 50
Ocklocknee Mission.....	10 75
Morgan Sunday-school.....	5 00
Grooversville.....	21 50
Fort Gaines.....	5 00
Total.....	102 20

FROM BRUNSWICK DISTRICT—"SHINING STAR MISSIONARY SOCIETY."

Brunswick and St. Mary's.....	\$ 14 58
Centre Village.....	5 25
Waynesville.....	4 55
Waresboro	17 30
Doctor Town Mission.....	4 35
Holmesville.....	6 20
Ocmulgee.....	11 45
Coffee.....	2 75
Stockton.....	13 35
Valdosta.....	11 50
Quitman.....	15 00
Morven... ..	14 58

Berrien and Irvin.....	4 00
A little girl in Florence.....	10
Moultrie Mission.....	2 00
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Total.....	\$116 96

FROM ALTAMAHA DISTRICT.

Hinesville.....	\$ 9 00
Darien and McIntosh.....	5 00
Statesboro.....	10 00
Oconee, (specie).....	7 62
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Total.....	\$ 31 62

SUMMARY.

From Savannah District.....	\$ 421 90
Macon District	297 25
Columbus District.....	258 65
Americus District.....	216 95
Bainbridge District	102 20
Brunswick District.....	116 96
Altamaha District.....	31 62
Miscellaneous	51 00
For Y. J. Allen's paper.....	7 00
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Total for the year	\$1,503 53
Balance of Collection at Anniversary at Conference...	69 35
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Total in cash.....	\$1,572 88
Paid to General Treasurer during the year.....	391 20
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Forwarded since Conference.....	\$1,131 68

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Gospel of the ever-blessed Son of God was designed for all. None have a right to monopolize its privileges and blessings. If we are the partakers of its benefits, we ought to extend those benefits. The commission to "preach the gospel to every creature," belongs to the church; for while it is the duty of the ministers to preach, yet how can they preach except they be sent. In the economy of salvation, when the faith of the church is increased, the ministry is to be "enlarged" by the church "to preach the gospel in the regions beyond." The obligations to extend the knowledge of the Redeemer are fastened upon all, and from them there is absolutely no escape. How few of us, alas, feel them as we should! How few, even when we feel and acknowledge them, practically meet and discharge them!

A year ago, as a Conference, we pledged ourselves to make an effort to raise \$2,000 for our Mission in China. Of this amount, there will be forthcoming about three-fourths. Is there a fault in this? If so, against whom is it to be charged? Have we done all we could? Would not the remaining \$500, if not more, be now found in your Treasurer's hands, if we had put forth a little more effort? These are questions to be settled by our own consciences in the sight of God.

Among the means employed for the support of our Mission in China, your committee would call attention to that of Sunday-schools in the formation of Mary Allen, or other, Missionary societies; thus practically impressing upon the minds of of children the duty of contributing to the cause of religion, while teaching them to pray, "Thy kingdom come."

Your Committee would not overlook the claims upon our sympathy and support of our own loved missionaries to China, especially the Rev. Young J. Allen, who by his self-denials, and sacrifices, and labors, has displayed a Christian heroism well-nigh unexampled in the history of the times. He deserves, and he has, our sympathies and our prayers. He is one of us. He went out from us. We love him because of the great devotion he has manifested to the cause of Christ. His name is written—not on the cold and finely sculptured marble—but on the fleshly tablets of our hearts; and when we meet in these annual convocations, in our churches and Sunday-schools, we will think of, and pray for, our missionaries in labors more abundant on the opposite side of our globe.

But we ought to do more than this. In a communication to this Conference, the Rev. Young J. Allen informs us that, during his ten years' missionary life, he has received but two years' support from the Board. Of course, he has mainly supported himself, and this has but increased the difficulties under which he has labored. Shall we endure this reproach any longer? Shall not our sympathies, dear as they may be to him, be accompanied with something more tangible and solid? We hope so.

Your Committee submit the following resolution :

Resolved, That while as a Conference we regret our failure to get all we promised for the support of our Missionaries in China, and that while in view of this, we are almost ashamed and afraid to re-pledge ourselves to any definite amount, yet we are convinced that we ought to do more than to express our sympathies and prayers; and we venture to pledge ourselves to endeavor to raise \$2,500 this present Conference year.

RECEIVED FOR MISSIONARY DEBT.

Savannah District.....	\$ 202 25
Macon "	240 40
Columbus "	40 00
Americus "	93 95
Bainbridge "	10 00
Brunswick "	24 00
Altamaha "	17 85
Miscellaneous.....	6 00
Collected at Anniversary.....	798 65
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	\$1,433 10
Collected formerly.....	766 90
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Total amount assessed to this Conference.....	\$2,200 00

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SOCIETY.

Alexander M. Wynn, President; W. A. Parks, 1st Vice President; T. T. Christian, 2d Vice President; J. Blakely Smith, Treasurer; Isaac S. Hopkins, Secretary.

MANAGERS—B. F. Breedlove, James M. Austin, A. J. Dean, J. M. Hendry, Wm. S. Baker, E. A. H. McGehee, John W. Simmons, C. A. Crowell, C. D. Rogers, W. I. Green, W. S. Wallace.

REPORT

OF BOARD OF MANAGERS OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL SOCIETY.

Resolutions Respecting Sunday-Schools.

Resolved, 1. That the Presiding Bishop be requested to appoint Dr. Lovick Pierce, as Sunday-school Agent for next year. And recognizing as we do, his pre-eminent worth, faithfulness, and great efficiency as a father in the church, and belonging, as we feel he does, to the whole Church, especially to the Church in Georgia, we do hereby declare it to be the sense of this Conference, that the amount and kind of labor he may perform as to time and place, be left entirely to his own discretion.

Resolved, 2. That it be recommended to the Sunday-schools throughout the Conference to adopt the best practical plan to raise missionary money to aid in the support of our Missionary in China, Young J. Allen, and that each preacher be requested

to assist in carrying out the spirit of this resolution in every Sunday-school in his charge.

Resolved, That all applications for donations of books, to destitute Sabbath-schools from this Society must be made to the Treasurer, (Rev. J. Blakely Smith) and that the recommendation must be endorsed by the preacher in charge of the circuit or mission, with an assurance that he has reason to believe that the school is permanent.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

FINANCIAL BOARD.—Joseph S. Key, D. R. McWilliams, T. T. Christian, Charles A. Fulwood, H. D. Moore, J. O. Branch, John J. Morgan, Wm. H. Hollinshead, A. H. Flewellen, A. C. Flewellen, A. H. Colquitt, C. D. Rogers, A. Curry, and Z. W. Little.

TO THE PREACHERS AND MEMBERS OF THE

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren: Our Conference at session of 1867 adopted the following resolutions

“1. The Board of Missions shall estimate from year to year the amounts necessary for the support of Missions, and furnish the same to the Joint Board of Finance.

“2. The Joint Board of Finance shall estimate from year to year the amounts necessary to meet the claims upon them.

“The Joint Board of Finance shall divide these amounts, together with the Bishops' claim upon this Conference, equitably between the Presiding Elders' Districts, and furnish each Presiding Elder with his assessment.”

The Conference also passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That we try to collect 2,500 for the support of Young J. Allen, Missionary to China, and to raise a fund for the education of young men.

To facilitate the collection of these sums, they, too, have been divided out, in the same proportion with the Conference collection.

The following are

THE ASSESSMENTS FOR 1869.

DISTRICTS.	Conference.	Missionary.	Bishops'.
Savannah District.....	\$2,000 00	\$2,200 00	\$200 00
Macon “	2,000 00	2,200 00	200 00
Columbus “	2,000 00	2,200 00	200 00
Americus “	2,000 00	2,200 00	200 00
Bainbridge “	1,000 00	1,000 00	100 00
Brunswick “	700 00	900 00	70 00
Altamaha “	300 00	300 00	30 00

The Missionary assessment above is for both Domestic and Foreign Missions.

It will be seen that the total assessments for three important collections are stated here. The whole sum will be paid, if \$1.25—or 2½ cents a week—be obtained from each member of the Church. Of course, many can give more; but the effort should be to get at least *this little* from *every* member. At least, let this average be aimed at. Here is a *point to which* each one may work. The spirit of Christianity requires that every one, however poor, give “*a mite*,” while those more able should “give according to their several abilities.”

To give proper direction in this matter, the Conference has passed the following resolutions:

“The Presiding Elders shall subdivide these amounts between the Circuits, Stations and Missions of their Districts, and at the earliest practicable moment furnish the same to the preacher in charge.

“Preachers in charge at the beginning of the year shall procure books and take the name of every member, together with the friends of the church in their charge, and seek by personal appeal to lay on each one the obligation to contribute—taking subscriptions and cash.

“Preachers in charge shall also take up a public collection for missions, and also a Conference collection, at each Church in their charge, on which occasions sermons shall always be preached on the subject of the collection, and such information furnished as shall stimulate and increase the liberality of the Church.”

JOS. S. KEY,

Chairman Financial Board.

EDUCATION

STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.—E. H. Myers, J. O. A. Cook, R. W. Dixon, Robert J. Corley, James Jackson, W. H. Robinson, A. H. Colquitt, Joseph S. Key, John W. Burke.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education do not deem it necessary to enlarge upon the subject of education, or to use arguments to prove the value of our own Methodist schools to the Church. This value has been proved, by the experience of many years and the growing interest of our people in them attests that our past labors have not been in vain. We rejoice to believe that the time is coming when the Church will be fully aroused to its whole duty, and when it will carry to the people the torch of learning in one hand and the cross of Christ in the other. We propose the passage of the following resolutions:

1 That this Conference heard with profound interest and

deep emotion the able report of President Smith ; and here record our satisfaction in the increasing prosperity of Emory College.

2. That we rejoice in the gracious revival of religion with which the Institution has been visited the past year, and will offer prayer to Almighty God that He will raise up from among these precious young men, laborers for the fields whitening for the harvest.

3. That we recommend our people generally to foster the Institution and to give aid to the Endowment Association of Emory College.

4. That we again commend to public patronage the Wesleyan Female College, as an Institution of Methodism worthy of the highest confidence—and ask for its Association the liberal contributions of the friends of a sound and religious education, under the auspices of our Church.

5. That the Conference recommends Andrew Female College, at Cuthbert, to the favorable consideration of the Church and friends of education generally, as an Institution of our Church, holding a highly important place among its educational facilities.

The Board of Education for Young Men for the ministry have given aid to four young men this year, and have other applications. We desire all the preachers to pledge aid to this good cause—and to leave it to the Executive Committee to divide out the sum needed for 1870—about \$1,000—to the preachers thus pledging themselves, after they have received their appointments, according to the best light the committee can obtain—the payments to be made in January and June, and the sums to be raised by private application. Adopted.

CONFERENCE COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

CANDIDATES.—The Bible; Wesley's Sermon on Justification by Faith and on the Witness of the Spirit; Rules concerning the Duty of a Preacher, as laid down in the Discipline; Written Essay or Sermon.

FIRST YEAR.—The Bible; Historical and Biographical parts with reference to Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary enlarged, with New Biblical Atlas, and Preachers' Text Book. Wesley's Sermons—Volume I. Discipline, Hymn Book, Clarke's Preachers' Manual. Watson's Institutes, Part III. Theological Compend, English Grammar, Composition.

SECOND YEAR.—The Bible: as to the Institutions of Christianity, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above. Wesley's Sermons, Volume II. Discipline, with reference to Hen-

ble's Analysis. Hymn Book. Smith's Elements of Divinity. Watson's Institutes, Part IV. Watson's Life of Wesley, and Observations on Southey. Essay or Sermon, with reference to Quackenbos' Advanced Course of Composition or Rhetoric.

THIRD YEAR.—The Bible: as to Doctrines, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above. Wesley's Sermons, Vol. III. Discipline. Hymn Book, Watson's Institutes, Part II. Whateley's Rhetoric. Essay or Sermon, with reference to Vinet's Pastoral Theology.

FOURTH YEAR.—The Bible, generally, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above. Wesley's Sermons, Vol. IV. Discipline. Hymn Book. Rivers' Elements of Moral Philosophy. Watson's Institutes, Part I. Powell on Succession. Ruter's Church History. Whateley's Logic. Essay or Sermon.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

CANDIDATES.—J. E. Evans, H. D. Moore, John M. Marshall.

FIRST YEAR.—James M. Austin, I. S. Hopkins, James T. Ainsworth.

SECOND YEAR.—R. W. Dixon, B. F. Breedlove, L. B. Payne.

THIRD YEAR.—R. H. Howren, T. T. Christian, N. B. Ousley,

FOURTH YEAR.—J. O. A. Clark, W. A. Parks, Charles A. Fulwood.

REPORT ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals beg leave to report:

They are gratified to learn from the Annual Exhibit that the Southern Methodist Publishing House is in successful operation. When we consider its condition at the close of the war, without resources, without credit, without trade, and with nothing to rely upon for success but the patronage it might receive from a wasted and an impoverished country, and then turn to the actual results that have been reached, we can but feel, as expressed in the report of the agent, that there is reason to thank God and take courage. Too much credit cannot be given to Dr. Redford, the agent, to his financial skill and untiring energy the success of this enterprise is mainly attributable. He will still have our aid and sympathy.

The *Sunday School Visitor* has largely increased in circulation and we hope to find it soon in every Methodist Sabbath-school. We trust the publishers will be able to convert it into a weekly paper.

We commend the *Nashville Christian Advocate* to the brethren

of our Conference as worthy of support and patronage. Being the central church organ it imparts valuable information to any who feel interested in the progress and development of Southern Methodism.

The *Christian Index* is a paper published at Memphis for circulation among the colored members of the M. E. Church, South. The Bishops at their annual meeting approved of the measure. The object is to furnish an organ for the colored Conferences, to promote the moral and physical well-being of the colored people, and to aid in the policy of the last General Conference with respect to them. We recommend that the members of this Conference call the attention of the colored members of the church to this project, and aid in giving circulation to the paper.

We regard the *Home Monthly* as a valuable contribution to the general and religious literature of the church and we recommend it to favor and patronage.

We are delighted to learn from the Report of the Publishers of the *Southern Christian Advocate*, that the last, has been its most prosperous, year since its revival after the war. The report is encouraging. Many of the preachers have labored with fidelity to produce this result. Let us not relax our efforts. There is not a good Methodist who does not love the *Southern Christian Advocate*, and who is not made better by it. Let us work to extend its circulation.

We hail with pleasure the proposition of Brother J. B. McGehee, to publish the reminiscences and sermons of Rev. James Dunwody. The early life and experience of this remarkable patriarch of Georgia Methodism are worthy of preservation. Nothing should be lost to history which chronicles the toils, the privations, the Christian courage and abiding faith of a race of men now fast disappearing. From them we may learn how to fight, how to endure, how to hope, and that, after all, the loftiest annals of heroism are to be found in the history of the church of God.

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

“Of making many books there is no end,” but of the “many books” only one has divine endorsement. “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” The divinely inspired character of the Bible is not only thus specifically and authoratively affirmed, but this affirmation is signally attested by the work it has wrought in the world. Its influence on civil government, on the social relations of life, in the elevation of woman, in the civilization of the savage, and the enlightenment of the Pagan, is seen and read of all men.

As neither private enterprise nor associated effort had published a Bible on this continent ninety-three years ago, the Congress of the United States was petitioned to assume the publication of the word of life. The great want of the country, however, was never met, nor was there hopeful promise of meeting it, until the year 1816, when the Protestant Christians of the country united in the organization of the American Bible Society. This Society then began and has continued uninterruptedly to publish and circulate the authorized version of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment. This Society, feeble in its earlier days and very limited in the measure of the work which it was able to accomplish—now manufacture and sends forth annually from one and a fourth to one and a half million of Bibles.

It now circulates the Scriptures in nearly a hundred different dialects, and among the various "nations, and kindreds, and tongues, and people," of Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America.

It has, since the war, donated to the Southern States more than one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars worth of books. Through her agents, R. H. Luckey and Rev. Wm. A. Parks, it has organized auxiliary societies in nearly all the counties of Georgia, and many counties have been supplied and others are now being supplied. There is a growing interest manifested throughout the State among all Protestant Christians in the circulation of the word of God. The American Bible Society very generously aids us in meeting this growing demand, not only by granting liberal donations of books, but by cancelling most of the old debts made before the war, allowing auxiliary societies at the same time the benefit of most of the old credits. By virtue of these favors, aided by the contributions of Protestant Christians of our own State, many of the auxiliary societies are now able to supply the destitute around them, and wish to employ, on good salaries, efficient colporteurs. Many of our preachers might find it profitable to themselves and beneficial to others to engage in this work, in connection with their pastoral labors—a work strictly in keeping with ministerial obligations. This work would enlarge rather than restrict their usefulness.

As the destitution in our State is now as great as ever in the past—perhaps greater, and the money raised among us is appropriated to the supply of home destitution, the agents who are appointed to this work should have the hearty co-operation of our ministers and should receive liberal contributions from our people.

Resolved, That our devotion to the Bible cause and the American Bible Society and confidence in its agents, Rev. R. H. Luckey and Rev. Wm. A. Parks, are unabated.

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the American Bible Society for the generous aid that it has

extended to us in our efforts to supply the destitution in our State.

Resolved, That we renew to the Society and its agents our pledge of cordial co-operation in their work of publishing and circulating the Holy Scriptures:

Resolved, That we request the Bishop to appoint Rev. R. H. Luckey Agent for the American Bible Society for the ensuing year.

REPORT RESPECTING PEOPLE OF COLOR.

The Committee appointed to consider the interests of the Colored People, beg leave to report:

The command to go, preach the gospel to all nations, makes no distinction as to color or race.

We thank God, that Methodism, from the first moment of its existence, has gloried in preaching the gospel to all people—not only in the towns and cities, but in the country, by the highways, to the poor, as well as rich, to the black man, as well as the white man—to all alike, does it carry the blessed gospel of Christ.

In the long past no church was so devoted to the spiritual interests of the colored man, as the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church.

Throughout the entire South amongst the bond-men and women, on the plantations in the low country, on the islands of the coast, in the river bottoms, everywhere, was to be found our ministry proclaiming salvation to the colored race. But on account of the changed condition of things, the old system of operations amongst them has been broken up, and as a consequence we have not been able to continue colored Missions as heretofore. Nevertheless we feel, that the spiritual interests of our colored population is just as important to be considered by us and looked to, as before slavery was abolished. The colored people possess never dying souls and must embrace the gospel or be lost. But how can they receive it unless it is sent to them. We fear, from various considerations, we have as a Church lost that deep interest in their salvation that we once possessed.

Since the war the largest portion of those that were under our watch-care, have withdrawn from us, and placed themselves under other pastors and organizations. Some of them left us voluntarily, while perhaps a majority of them went with our approval and united with the A. M. E. Church, where a large majority of them still remain. There are, however, amongst them very many, and their number increases daily, who still not only remember kindly the labors of our Missionaries in

their conversion—but anxiously desire to be again placed in a position in which they can feel that they are in connection in some way with us.

Already quite a large number have accepted of the provision made for them by the General Conference to organize a colored Methodist E. Church, South. There are already four Annual Conferences organized by our Bishops in Mississippi, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee, and another in Alabama will soon be organized by Bishop McTycire.

The Bishops are authorized by the plan adopted by the General Conference not only to organize Annual Conferences for the colored people, but at a suitable time to call a General Conference, at which one or more colored Bishops may be elected.

We hesitate not to say that in our judgment the time has come, when it would be greatly to the advantage of this Colored Church, now organizing, to have a Bishop of their own color at its head, if a suitable man can be obtained.

We would most earnestly call upon the brethren of the ministry as well as membership of the South Georgia Conference to look to the spiritual well-being of the colored man. We are convinced that in a proportionate degree as we do so and give evidence to him that we are interested in his well-being temporally and spiritually, we will secure his confidence and improve his condition in every respect. Then let us encourage him in educating his children, assist him in providing a house to worship God in—administer to him the words of life and salvation, or assist in sending it to him by preachers of his own color, and encourage him in every laudable and proper undertaking. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. This Conference feels a deep interest in the temporal and religious well-being of the colored people.

Resolved, 2. That we earnestly recommend to our membership to continue to treat them with kindness, and aid them in every possible way to improve their moral and religious condition, and as far as practicable to assist them in providing for the education of their children, and houses of worship for all those who still desire to be under our watch-care, and guidance; and particularly do we recommend them to encourage and assist in every proper way the membership and preachers of the Colored M. E. Church South.

Resolved, 3. That we approve of the action of the General Conference in providing for a separate and distinct organization of the Colored People in the South into a colored M. E. Church, South, with preachers and Bishops of their own color.

Resolved, 4. That we are convinced that the time has come when this organization should be perfected, by the holding of a General Conference and the election of a colored Bishop, and

hence we highly approve of the action of our Bishops in organizing Annual Conferences, preparatory thereto.

Resolved, 5. That our Delegates to the General Conference be requested to give this subject their earnest and early attention, and if any farther legislation be necessary to carry out fully the General Conference plan of organization of a Colored Church, that they obtain it, at as early a day as possible.

Resolved, 6. That a copy of this report be furnished by the Secretary to the *Southern Christian Advocate* for publication; also a copy be furnished to the Rev S. Anthony, Superintendent Coloured work, to be presented by him to the next Colored Georgia Conference.

THE INCORPORATED CONFERENCE.

E. H. Myers was elected President, J Blakely Smith, Secretary, and T. T. Christian, Treasurer, of the Legal Conference.

BOARD OF FUND OF SPECIAL RELIEF.

L. Pierce, S. Anthony, J. E. Evans, J. B. McGehee, Geo. G. N. MacDonell, J. W Mills, Chas R. Jewett.

The object of this Fund is to give relief to widows and orphans of preachers, travelling or local, or to the preachers themselves, who are in specially destitute circumstances from sickness or other calamity. Donations solicited.

PREACHERS, AID SOCIETY.

R. B. Lester, President; J. O. A. Cook, Treasurer; T. T. Christian, Secretary; J. W Hinton, J. S. Key, A. M. Wynn, Wm. M. Kennedy.

This Society manages all invested funds, the proceeds of which are distributed to the superannuated preachers, and widows and orphans of preachers. Donations are solicited.

RESOLUTIONS.

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER.

Resolved, That the 1st Friday in May, 1870, be appointed a day of fasting and prayer, and that then special prayer may be made in the church for the blessing of God upon the deliberations of the General Conference.

EXPENSES OF DELEGATES.

Resolved, That collections be taken up in all the congregations before the middle of April, to pay expenses of delegates to the General Conference, and to transmit the money to the delegate to whom it is most convenient to pay it over.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Resolved, That our Delegates to the next General Conference be appointed a committee to act with similar committees from the other patronizing Conferences of the *Southern Christian Advocate*, to take under review the interests of that paper, and to make provision for a permanent Advocate Committee, who shall represent the interests of the Conference in its publication.

ORPHANS' HOME.

Whereas, the Rev Jesse Boring, D.D., has brought before the public, through the *Southern Christian Advocate*, the propriety of the Church taking action on the subject of providing a Home or Homes for the Orphan, and has, in the same way, invited action on the part of this Conference in reference to this important subject. Therefore,

Resolved, That our Delegates to the General Conference be constituted a committee to consult with delegates from other Conferences who may be similarly instructed, on the subject of establishing Church Homes for the Orphan, and report the result of their consultations to the next Annual Conference.

STATISTICAL TABLES

OF

Members, Sunday Schools, Real Estate, Moneys Raised, Etc.,

IN THE

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE,

FOR THE YEAR 1869.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NUMBERS.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERS.		LOCAL PREACHERS.		INFANTS BAPTIZED.		ADULTS BAPTIZED.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.		SUNDAY SCHOOL PUPILS.		SUNDAY SCHOOL RE- QUISITES.		VOLUMES IN LIBRARY.		CHURCH PERI- ODICALS.	
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SAVANNAH DISTRICT.																				
Savannah, Trinity.....	433		3	18	23		54		2			54		365		780		870	71	
" Wesley Church.....	145		1	17	4		18		1			18		80		230		416	15	
Spartanburg,.....	337	17	2	27	11		42		7			42		273		140		620	32	
Sylvania.....	300	5	5	27	18		15		4			15		75		100		75	15	
" Beaver Dam.....	7			1	1											78				
" Alexander and Bethel.....	537	1	3	5	65		36		7			36		246		252		465	25	
Waynesboro.....	317		1	40	12		16		4			16		125		250			80	
" Waynesboro.....	151		1	12	50		10		4			10		53		100			21	
" Millen Mis-sion.....	170		7	14	71		49		9			49		294		570		435	102	
Louisville.....	570		4	19	26		30		3			30		120		364			2	
Gibson.....	212	10	4	10	26		5		8			5		35		36			7	
Washington.....	286		5	5	19		9		1			9		50		200		121	14	
Sandersville.....	115		3	12	5		5		1			5		50		80			2	
Davisboro Circuit.....	314		3	8	45		12		8			12		85		80		200	29	
Total Savannah District.....	3782	33	32	175	356		296		45			296		1801		3129		3107	401	
Macon District.																				
Macon, Macon District.....	424		2	27	7		40		2			40		290		670		350	106	
" City Mission.....	72		1	1			14		2			14		100		15		100	6	
" First Street.....	280		2	8	8		30		6			30		150		315		615	17	
" Jeffersonville.....	404		2	19	76		45		4			45		300		400		500	35	
" Irwin-ton.....	230	50	2	15	12		26		4			26								
" Gordon.....	39			2	2		15		3			15		90		100		40	6	
" Gonzalez Mission.....																				
" Hawkinsville Mission.....	48		2	5	15		20		2			20		100		30		75	12	
" Pulaski and Wilcox Mission.....	127			15	69		14		8			14		463						
" Fort Valley.....	725		6	7	35		72		2			72		465				1200	100	
" Perry.....	156		3	7	2		24		1			24		115		150		200		

Hayneville.....	438	4	5	45	6	50	295	400	300	46
Montezuma and Vienna.....	475	4	10	18	5	23	185	400	526	18
Swift Creek Mission.....	106	1	6	4	1	16	130	80	80	5
Macon Circuit.....	116	5	2	16	3	12	70	110	140	12
Knoxville Mission.....	380	5	2	15	6	37	235	586	586	6
Total Macon District.....	4069	34	104	270	1	433	2524	2189	4921	361
COLUMBUS DISTRICT.										
Columbus, St. Luke.....	480	2	32	15	1	32	200	645	264	150
St. Paul.....	302	1	15	6	1	18	130	400	480	75
Girard and Wesley Chapel.....	230	1	18	38	2	27	225	400	350	120
Muscogee.....	369	1	5	35	1	37	750	57	220	32
Pleasant Grove.....	265	3	5	9	2	25	146	75	200	15
Butler.....	325	3	5	105	5	28	165	28	200	85
Cedar Creek.....	240	3	10	65	5	27	100	100	150	15
Falbotton.....	182	3	7	12	1	32	130	300	200	30
Falbot.....	465	3	31	52	5	37	910	375	400	101
Hamilton.....	280	4	3	12	1	20	89	100	180	18
Lumpkin.....	125	2	3	12	1	25	137	357	430	50
Buena Vista.....	490	6	7	40	30	25	300	1000	800	60
Juniper Mission.....	135	2	17	45	5	14	200	150	350	30
Cusseta.....	209	3	11	22	3	15	65	15	800	35
Florence.....	384	3	2	16	7	40	340	3977	800	839
Total Columbus District.....	4371	34	163	472	32	402	2722	3977	5494	839
AMERICUS DISTRICT.										
Americus.....	322	3	3	4	1	43	175	200	250	52
Bethel.....	375	6	4	25	7	37	275	300	300	50
Magnolia Springs.....	277	4	3	1	6	43	267	301	386	14
Starkville Mission.....	113	5	1	23	2	13	53	100	49	19
Cuthbert and Georgetown.....	220	3	7	12	2	35	180	183	345	45
Spring Vale.....	330	3	12	25	4	20	230	225	150	50
Dawson.....	180	1	2	6	6	12	125	150	150	25
Terrill.....	365	4	6	6	6	48	235	300	607	63
Weston.....	438	1	7	13	6	27	211	300	41	41
Oglethorpe and Ellaville.....	395	5	6	47	6	42	278	280	716	65
Albany.....	110	2	1	15	1	12	75	42	100	5
Flint River Mission.....	83	2	4	7	1	7	42	280	100	5
Total Americus District.....	3208	33	56	177	43	339	2146	2039	2903	429

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NUMBERS.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERS.		LOCAL PREACHERS.		INFANTS BAPTIZED.		ADULTS BAPTIZED.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.		SUNDAY SCHOOL PUPILS.		SUNDAY SCHOOL RE- QUISITES.		VOLUNTEERS IN LIBRARY.		CHURCH PERI- ODICALS.		
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BAINBRIDGE DISTRICT.																					
Bainbridge.....	144	7			5		14		1		21		118				500		6		
Declar.....	228		2		11		25		4		18		350								
Caro.....	200	20	1		35		40		4		30		200								
Thomasville.....	170		2		13				1		15		100		120		400		11		
Camilla.....	174		2		6				6		35		175		258		105		11		
Ockneeke Mission.....	79		1		20		12		1		12		175						1		
Morgan.....	190				15		15		5		40		225		300		500		2		
Colquitt.....	153	66			4		20	15	3		23		101		185		105				
Spring Creek Mission.....	89		1		27	3	31		1		4		27		50		110		1		
Trinity and Blakely.....	145	85	1	2																	
Fort Gaines.....	61				5				1		11		30		250		500		13		
Grooversville.....	382		3		12		15		5		21		174		595		174		4		
Total Bainbridge District.....	2013	175	13	2	138	3	186	15	31		219		1390		1728		2273		17		
BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.																					
Brunswick and St. Mary's.....	154		3		18		7		2		15		129		200		275				
Centre Village.....	98		1		6																
Waynesville.....	165	75	2		6				2		7		28		75		200		16		
Warehboro.....	300	50	3		10		50		1		30		176		250		500		2		
Doctor Town Mission.....	162	55	3		17	4	8	10	3		12		66		80				10		
Holmesville.....	228				11		5		3		12										
Gemulgee.....	113	32	1		11		3		1		2		18		80		69		1		
Coffee.....	119		1		1		27	5													
Stockton.....	228	30	3		10		16	8			7		45		50		50		1		
Valdosta.....	250		4		3		1		3		20		78		94		173		2		

Quitman.....	130	1	1	6	2	20	90	100	300	25
Morven.....	237	3	5	20	3	21	115	150	250	26
Moutrie Mission.....	158	5	9	4	2	9	50	68	.....	3
Berrien and Irvin Mission.....	186	5	8	8	1	5	27	62	.....	3
Total Brunswick District.....	2508	32	112	155	21	148	801	1259	1258	164
ALTAHAMA DISTRICT.										
Hinesville.....	317	9	11	6	5	36	164	157	340	14
Darien and McIntosh.....	65	6	5	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	250	15
Bryan Mission.....	78	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Statesboro.....	140	3	1	2	2	11	97	.....	.....	.....
Swainsboro.....	210	3	30	40	3	15	90	100	9	20
Dublin.....	407	4	22	8	9	30	210	50	50	15
Oconee.....	312	2	22	10	5	11	80	80	.....	4
Jacksonville.....	275	3	15	115	32	12	60	15	150	9
Reidsville.....	304	3	23	40	15	13	125	150	30	5
Altamaha.....	218	1	5	5	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Total Altamaha District.....	2456	32	119	217	79	128	826	422	728	86

RECAPITULATION.

Savannah District.....	3782	32	175	356	.....	296	1801	3129	3107	410
Macon.....	4069	34	104	270	1	433	2524	2189	4921	361
Columbus.....	4371	34	163	472	32	402	2722	3977	5494	839
Americus.....	3008	33	56	177	.....	339	2146	2039	2903	429
Bainbridge.....	2013	13	138	186	15	219	1390	1728	2273	179
Brunswick.....	2508	32	112	155	21	148	801	1259	1258	164
Altamaha.....	2436	32	112	217	79	128	826	422	729	86
Totals.....	23447	210	860	1833	148	1965	12210	14743	20685	2468
Last year.....										
Increase.....	20860	201	721	1230	367	1815	10363	234	13668	1970
Decrease.....	1557	9	139	603	219	150	1847	1080	3512	498
			18	61	3	3	20	234	.....	.....

STATISTICAL TABLE—(CONTINUED.)

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	CHURCHES.						REAL ESTATE.			MONEYS RAISED DURING THE CONFERENCE YEAR.									
	Number.	Value.....	Sittings.....	Number.	Value.....	Specification	Value.....	For Building, Repair's and Furnishing...	For the Pas- tor and his Assistants...	For the Pres- iding Elder..	For the Bish- ops.	For the Con- ference Col- lection.....	For Domestic Missions.....	For Foreign Missions....	For the Bible Cause.....	For Sunday Schools in the charge...	For the Con- ference S. S. Society.....	In aid of oth- er Church en- terprises.....	
																			Other Property.
BAINBRIDGE DISTRICT.																			
Bainbridge.....	1	2,500 00	400				143 75	895 00	120 00	10 00	45 25	51 25	23 45		137 25				
Deatur.....	6	5,000 00	1,000				200 00	1,575 00	50 00	10 00	40 00	30 00			30 00				
Cave.....	3	3,000 00	1,000				1,000 00	800 00	100 00	5 00	20 00	95 50			200 00				
Thomasville.....	1	27,000 00	2,570					780 77	135 68	10 00	15 00	10 60	30 00		300 00			64 30	
Canulla.....	1	15,000 00	800					33 00		10 00	70 00	70 00	5 75		18 00				
Ochlocknee Mission.....	3	2,000 00	600					500 00	60 00	10 00	35 00	56 00	5 00		10 00				
Morgan.....	4	2,250 00	1,130					300 00											
Colquitt.....	4	6,575 00	2,200				300 00	170 20											
Spring Creek Mission.....	2	450 00	130				50 00	146 85											
Trinity and Blakely.....	3	950 00	625				200 00	200 00	60 00	10 00	10 00	5 00			100 00				
Fort Gaines.....	1	15,000 00	255				25 00	700 80	125 00	10 00	65 75	44 00	21 50		27 00			10 00	
Grooversville.....	6	2,300 00	1,500																
Total Bainbridge District.....	38	231,05 00	10,800				2,118 75	4,511 62	6,50 68	75 60	306 60	382 75	86 45	5 00	698 85			74 30	
BRENSWICK DISTRICT.																			
Brunswick and St. Mary S.....	2	6,000 00	1,800				450 00	700 00	27 00	8 60	25 00	7 00	14 00	44 00	42 60				
Centre Village.....	6	2,000 00	1,000					1,550 00	16 00	2 60	3 00		5 25						
Waynesville.....	1	2,000 00	800					1,600 00	9 00	2 00	4 00		1 25		10 00				
Waresboro.....	10	1,000 00	2,800				400 00	327 00	16 50	2 00	10 00	8 36	17 30		10 00				
Doctor Town Mission.....	5	1,100 00	800					504 11	25 00	6 50	32 65	30 00	6 20						
Holmesville.....	10	600 00	700					45 00	16 75	2 00									
Ocmulgee.....	16	400 00	640					164 00	8 00		5 60	1 25	1 35		1 50			10 00	
Coffee.....	6	400 00	700					32 00	5 00	2 00	3 00								
Stockton.....	5	1,240 00	750					187 80	20 40	8 00	18 00	20 60	13 25						
Valdosta.....	6	2,500 00	800				73 00	275 50	26 50	8 00	16 10	39 00	11 50					76 50	

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