

MINUTES

OF THE

PHILADELPHIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Held at St. Pauls Church, Wilmington,

APRIL 1-7, 1847.

Quest. 1. What Preachers have been admitted on trial?—None.

Quest. 2. Who remain on trial?

Edward G. Asay,
J. A. Whitaker,
John Cummins,
James E. Meredith,†

Thomas Numbers,
H. Pattison,
Jonathan Turner,

John B. McCullough,
Thomas J. Burrows,
Wm. Robb,

Quest. 3. Who are admitted into full connection?

Thomas A. Fernley,
Joshua H. Turner,
Wm. E. England,

Peter Hallowell,
Charles Hill,
D. R. Thomas,

Henry Sanderson,
William Rink,
John Maddox,

Quest. 4. Who are the Deacons?

Newton Heston,
Samuel Pancoast,
George W. Lyband,
R. R. Richardson,
James R. Anderson,
*John Maddox,
Francis Rutter,

George D. Bowen,
J. W. Mecaskey,
John Shields,
Solomon M. Cooper,
*Thomas A. Fernley,
*William Rink,

*Joshua H. Turner,
*William E. England,
*Peter Hallowell,
*Charles Hill,
*D. R. Thomas,
*Henry Sanderson,

Quest. 5. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

James A. Brindle,
William Campbell,
Goldsmith G. Carrow,
Andrew Manship,
Henry R. Calloway,

Thomas C. Murphy,
Henry B. Mauger,
John C. Thomas,
George R. Crooks,
Abraham Freed,

Thomas Newman,
S. G. Hare,
John Walsh,
James Y. Ashton,

Quest. 6. Who have located this year?

T. B. Tibbles,

S. H. Higgins.

Quest. 7. Who are the Supernumerary preachers?

James Mitchell,
John Tally,
James Nichols,
William H. Gilder,
Edward Kennard,
James Niell,
Wm. Ryder,

William Quinn,
John Woolson,
J. Carlisle,
Solomon Higgins,
J. A. Thomas,
George Barton,
J. A. Boyle,

Matthew Sorin,
James Hand,
L. K. Berridge,
I. T. Cooper,
Stearns Patterson,
J. A. Watson,
Jonas Bissey.

Quest. 8. Who are the Superannuated or worn out Preachers?

George Wiltshire,

H. White,

Wm. C. Thomas.

Quest. 9. Who have been expelled from the connection this year?—None.

Quest. 10. Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?—None

† J. E. M. was continued on trial on account of ill health.

Those marked (*) were ordained this year.

Quest. 11. Were all the Preachers' characters examined?
This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the Conference.

Quest. 12. Who have died this year?
David E. Gardiner,* Ezekiel Cooper,* Asa Smith,†

Quest. 13. What numbers are in Society?

	White Members.	Col'd. Members.	Elders.	Deacons.	Local Preachers.	Col. Preachers.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Books.	Miss. Money.	Bible Money.	Education.	Sunday School Collection.
<i>North Philad'a. Dist.</i>														
St. Georges,	913		4	2	2	53	293	1232	185	50	30	00	21	12
Nazareth,	880		1	5	2	78	606	2089	230	55	30	00	17	37
Eighth street,	740		1		2	62	404	1335	17	50	12	37	6	50
St. Johns,	682			3	2	57	650	1175	43	53	8	37	4	37
Fifth street,	670			2	3	91	516	1351	81	38	16	33	10	00
Kensington,	512		1	3	2	67	426	640	11	40	11	24	3	12
Sanctuary,	194			2	1	45	522	950						19
Zoar and J. Wesley,		233			2	29	131	550						25
New Market street,	277		1		4	1	48	400	900	8	75	4	18	2
Twelfth street,	220				2	59	465	570						5
Bethlehem,	160		1						8	00				2
Cohocksink,	92			1	1	26	160	300	10	00	10	50	2	00
Manayunk,	297			2	1	50	475	906	50	50	17	35	7	83
Germantown,	505		3	2	4	65	377	726	43	26	6	53	11	48
Milestown,	166		1		2	37	210	360	6	65	10	45	5	00
Lehman's Chapel,	80			2	1	6	30	66	7	50	7	11	1	50
Frankford,	306				2	35	222	564	31	00	8	25	7	75
Philada. City Mission,	75				1	14	80	200	6	50	1	17	1	26
Holmesburgh,	75			1		22	180	430	6	16	4	12	3	37
Bustletown,	170			2										4
<i>South Philad'a. Dist.</i>	7013	238												
Union,	1050				2	7	171	999	2600					
German Mission,	40			1	1	30	70	200			102	71	50	00
Trinity,	300		1		1	49	305	800	470	85	82	50	40	75
Mariner's Bethel,	330			4	2	45	383	1193			8	63	2	42
Ebenezer,	900			6	3	66	491	735	173	37	21	50	10	00
Wharton street,	438		2	3	5	62	400	617	70	15	5	00	6	90
St. Paul's,	633			1	1	47	418	1023	209	37	9	50	13	07
Salem,	805			3	4	43	413	638	94	50	15	50	5	20
Western Church,	250			1	2	46	245	597	6	00	2	88	5	00
Asbury,	205			1		25	114	950	25	00	9	00	5	50
Haddington,	55				1	9	60	195	15	78	5	56	2	17
Radnor,	375		3		7	66	325	676	19	70	9	67	7	10
Phoenixville,	167			1	2	25	127	175	27	00	9	50	4	25
Springfield,	670		6		10	106	639	1492	15	55	4	42	7	70
Lancaster,	143			3	1	27	200	268	17	50	20	00	4	25
Columbia,	216		2		2	37	204	1250	8	26	58	81	4	00
Marietta,	925			1	3	60	360	1150	5	47	3	00	2	75
	6905	12												2

† A. S. having died during the session of Conference, no memoir will appear next Conference.

* See Memoirs at the end of Minutes.

	White Members.	Col'd. Members.	Elders.	Deacons.	Local Preachers.	Col. Preachers.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Books.	Miss. Money.	Bible Money.	Education.	Sunday School Collection.
<i>Reading District.</i>														
Reading,	250				1			2	40	180	652	22	51	5
Pottsville,	110		1		2			2	40	240	700	50	00	11
Port Carbon,	114				3			3	56	382	700	25	06	14
Port Clinton,	57		6		2			2	14	105	125			5
Pottsville, 2d church,	112			1	1	1		1	45	320	450			3
Minersville,	150		2		1			1	25	200	200	12	25	2
Mauch Chunk,	158				3			3	33	195	375	25	05	20
Easton,	332				1			2	59	257	510	32	53	12
Allentown,	102		2		3			3	31	195	150	5	33	6
Richmond,	150				2			2	22	140	120	7	37	7
Stroudsburg,	275				1	3		6	56	320	65	17	19	50
Stoddartsville,	140				2			2	16	86	100	4	50	4
Harrisburgh,	378			1	1	2		1	31	254	766	80	50	
Dauphin,	188		7		2			5	49	266	410	15	40	13
Halifax,	256				1			3	43	190	550	26	59	9
Lebanon,	160		10		1			3	57	228	936	27	36	10
Pine Grove,	83				1			3	28	120	200	9	36	7
Pottstown,	366				3			8	71	142	755	17	78	19
Bristol,	225		3		2			23	200	600	13	00	7	
Attleborough,	384		2		3			8	67	369	798	39	66	29
Norristown,	115				1			1	20	101	381	10	50	8
Bethel & Evansburgh,	90			2				3	28	125	387	4	20	5
	1215	35												
<i>Wilmington District.</i>														
Wilmington, Asbury,*	693	256			3	2		3	66	406	300	101	31	15
" St. Pauls,	270				2	2		1	24	212	375	100	00	17
Cecil,	500		1		4			6	66	335	500	30	60	20
Nottingham,	539				1	3		6	67	105	585	12	15	14
Strasburg,	566				5			11	137	693	849	36	29	7
Soudersburg,	470				2			8	73	614	513	11	67	9
Brandywine,	375		1		1	2		7	38	275	586	9	00	11
Westchester, no report														
Port Deposit,	190	140			1	1		23	120	300	40	60	20	37
North East,	249	48			2	3		5	46	249	500	25	00	5
Elkton,	108	9			1			1	12	150	150	28	60	6
Chester,	964	2			3	2		8	107	751	1745	57	53	16
Chester Station,	94				1			1	23	90	265	3	25	
Grove,	325	5	1		3			8	80	452	1138	28	80	8
Delaware city,	450	130			2	1		7	70	375	800	15	15	9
New Castle,	82	11			1			5	42	366	6	35	2	
	5865	627												

* Sunday School Anniversary collection, April 6, 1847—\$40 38.

	White Members	Col'd. Members	Elders	Deacons	Local Preachers	Scholars & Teachers	Schools	Books	Miss. Money	Bible Money	Education	Sundry School Collections
<i>Easton District.</i>												
Middletown and Cantwell's Bridge,	186	60			3	1	2	20 150	500 22 87	18 25	2 97	
Smyrna,	650	150				2	2	22 135	210 26 05	7 10	3 60	
Smyrna Station,	208	58	2			1	1	23 201	1000 20 00	9 42	3 45	
Dover,	638	325				1	6	70 370	725 210 00	11 20	7 00	
Frederica,	681	301	1	2	1	7	7	93 385	1008 83 53	8 15	4 35	
Millford,	1022	354	1	1	3	6	6	10 498	617 51 30	1 80	2 04	
Denton,	684	322			1	1	1	76 439	959 100 00	17 04	2 00	
Caroline,	688	436			4	3	4	27 115	65 30 00	17 15	3 32	
Talbot,	600	360			1	5	5	56 241	925 238 05	30 00	6 30	
Easton,	447	330			2	2	1	17 100	135 81 81	14 80	4 35	
Centreville,	391	567			3	2	2	8 40	100 100 00	9 25	2 33	
Church Hill,	650	450	1	3	2	2	3	23 130	200 68 25	22 10	1 16	
Kent,	370	490			4	6	3	17 184	500 30 06	18 00	6 54	
Millington,	160	400	1		1	5	5	25 255	500 30 00	16 81	6 50	
	7273	4603										
<i>Snow Hill District.</i>												
Seaford,	343	125	1	1		6	5	51 290	500 31 00	3 04	2 87	
Dorchester,	755	665	1	2		1	6	40 260	80 135 00	15 00	8 00	
Cambridge,	435	450	1	2		5	2	30 131	100 240 60	15 18	3 87	
Church Creek,	697	442			1	2	3	23 134	280 260 00	17 00	5 34	
Salisbury,	682	457	1	1	1	6	4	46 189	96 81 55	20 90	5 80	9 69
Princess Ann,	504	408	1	1	3	2	8	72 215	125 187 97	18 37	7 00	
Annamessex,	555	256	1	1	1	9	7	70 373	392 70 00	15 00	4 25	10 00
Newton,*	192	213			1	1	1	11 60	20 17 56	7 11	4 73	
Accomac,	542	270	1	1	2	2	2	22 70	20 56 14	16 34	6 80	
Northampton,	350	260			3	3	3	44 140	110 91 00	14 25	3 00	
Snow Hill,	455	342	1	1	1	3	4	16 90	50 39 33	5 66	2 55	
Berlin,	510	258			2	3	2	25 150	200 18 00	6 62	1 57	
Milton,	535	84			1	7	7	52 380	447 75 00	10 00	1 57	
Georgetown,	804	70	1		1	11	9	93 525	480 44 12	5 25	2 00	
Laurel,	875	176			1	1	5	39 254	385 135 14	0 51	2 62	
	8234	4476										

*Missionary Money \$10 85; Bible do. \$3 33; Education do. \$5 46—collected last year.

RECAPITULATION.

	White.	Colored:
North Philadelphia District,	7013	238
South " "	6805	12
Reading " "	4195	35
Wilmington " "	5875	627
Easton " "	7293	4603
Snow Hill " "	8234	4477
Total this year,	39,415	10,868
" last year,	39,669	9,537
Decrease,	254	1,331 increase.

Quest. 14. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

NORTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT, James A. Massey, P. E.	
{ St. Georges,	A. Atwood, I. T. Cooper, sup.
{ Zoar,	To be supplied.
{ Nazareth,	G. Lacy, R. R. Richardson, sup.
{ Eighth street,	P. Combe, Solomon Higgins, sup.
{ St. Johns,	Josh. Humphries,
{ Fifth street,	R. Gerry, M. Sorin, sup.
{ Kensington,	J. L. Houston,
{ North Philada. Mission,	To be supplied;
{ Sanctuary,	John L. Taft
{ New Market street,	H. E. Gilroy,
{ Cohocksink,	S. Pancoast
{ Twelfth street,	J. D. Curtis
{ Bethlehem,	A. Manship
{ Manayunk,	James Smith
{ Germantown,	M. H. Sisty, J. A. Merideth }
{ Milestown,	C. J. Grouch
{ Lehman's Chapel,	J. Flanary, Jonas Bissy, sup.
{ Frankford,	H. G. King
{ Holmesburg,	Peter Halloway
{ Bustleton,	Wm. McCombs
SOUTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT, Levi Scott, P. E.	
{ Union,	John Kennaday, J. Mitchell, sup.
{ German Mission,	J. C. Lyon,
{ Trinity,	J. P. Durbin,
{ Mariner's Bethel,	J. S. Taylor,
{ Ebenezer,	Charles Karsner, J. Woolson, sup.
{ Wharton street,	Gasaway Orum,
{ St. Pauls,	J. A. Roache,
{ John Wesley,	To be supplied,
{ Salem,	F. Hodgson,
{ Western Church,	R. W. Thomas,
{ Asbury,	David Daily,
{ Haddington,	H. R. Calloway, L. K. Berridge, sup.
{ Radnor,	R. M. Greenbank, H. B. Mauer, J. Carlisle, sup.
{ Phoenixville,	N. Ridgely,
{ Springfield,	John Edwards, John Walsh,
{ Lancaster,	Wm. Urie,
{ Columbia,	William Barnes,
{ Marietta,	John Ruth,
{ South Philada. Mission,	To be supplied.
W. H. Gilder, Principal of Belle-Vue Female Seminary.	
READING DISTRICT, J. H. McFarland, P. E.	
{ Reading,	Wm. A. Wiggins
{ Pottsville, 1st Ch.	John B. Hagany
{ Port Carbon,	George D. Bowen, one to be supplied, J. Niell sup.
{ Port Clinton,	John Shields
{ Pottsville, 2d Ch.	T. C. Murphy
{ Pine Grove,	Thos. A. Fernly
{ Minersville,	J. Mason
{ Mauch Chunk,	Newton Heston, J. A. Boylesup.
{ Easton,	J. Y. Ashton
{ Allentown,	W. W. McMichael
{ Richmond,	Jos. A. Wythes
{ Stroudsburg,	John W. Mecaskey, one to be supplied
{ Stoddardsville,	A. Freed
{ Harrisburg,	Wm. Cooper
{ Dauphin,	John C. Thomas
{ Halifax,	Eliphalet Read, one to be supplied
{ Lebanon,	Thomas S. Johnston,
{ Pottstown,	J. W. Arthur, Wm. Bishop, J. A. Watson, sup.

Bristol, G. D. Carrow
 Attleborough, G. Quigley, Jonathan Turner, J. Hand sup.
 Morrilstown, J. J. Elsegood
 Bethel and Evans, G. W. Lybrand.
 G. R. Crooks, Principal of Grammar School, Dickinson College.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT, Daniel Lambden, P. E.

Wilmington, Asbury, Thos. J. Thompson
 " St. Paul's, Joseph Castle
 Cecil, James B. Ayars, Wm. Robb, S. Patterson sup.
 Nottingham, J. D. Long, J. A. Whitaker
 Strasburg, W. K. Gentner, J. B. McCullugh
 Soudersburg, Allen John, one to be supplied
 Brandywine, John Bayne
 West Chester, David Shields
 Port Deposit, W. H. Elliott
 North East, P. J. Cox
 Elkton, A. W. Milby, E. Kennard, sup.
 Chester, S. Townsend, John Henry, J. Tally sup.
 Chester Station, Levi Storks
 Chatham, H. S. Atmore
 Grove, John Lednum, one to be supplied
 Delaware City, R. McNamee, one to be supplied
 New Castle, Thos. Miller.

EASTON DISTRICT, J. T. Hazzard, P. E.

Middletown and Cantwell's
 Bridge, J. S. Cunningham
 Smyrna, Thos. Sumption, John Cummins
 Smyrna Station, James McCarter
 Dover, Henry Sutton, S. G. Hare
 Frederica, L. M. Prettyman, Thos. Newman
 Milford, E. J. Way, one to be supplied
 Denton, John Bell, Thos. Numbers
 Caroline, Samuel Grace, J. Nichols, sup.
 Talbot, Joseph Asprill, D. R. Thomas
 Easton, T. J. Quigley, E. G. Asay
 Centreville, B. F. Price, James R. Anderson
 Church Hill, James Harmer, one to be supplied, G. Barton sup.
 Kent, E. R. Williams, H. Sanders
 Millington, W. L. Grey

SNOW HILL DISTRICT, J. D. Onins, P. E.

Seaford, R. E. Kemp, R. H. Pattison
 Dorchester, M. D. Kurtz, I. R. Merrill,
 Cambridge, Elijah Miller, Wm. Rink,
 Church Creek, Vaughn Smith, Wm. E. England,
 Salisbury, James Allen, (one to be supplied),
 Princess Ann, Wm. Campbell, (one to be supplied),
 Annessex, James Hargis, John Maddux,
 Newtown, Charles Schock, T. J. Burrows, Wm. Quin, sup.
 Accomac, Wm. Spry, Charles Hill,
 Northampton, James A. Brindle,
 Snow Hill, John Allen,
 Berlin, Franc's Rutter,
 Pocomoke, J. H. Turner,
 Milton, D. L. Patterson, (one to be supplied)
 Georgetown, Wm. Mullen
 Laurel, Valentine Gray, Sol. M. Cooper
 Buenos Ayres, D. D. Lore, Missionary.

Quest. 15. When and where shall the next conference be held?
 At Easton, Maryland, March 29th, 1848.

Quest. 16. What has been collected for the Superannuated Preachers,
 and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers?

North Philadelphia District:

	Conference Coll.	Ten Cent Coll.
St. Georges	28 05	66 90
Nazareth	35 00	83 80
Eighth Street	33 00	47 65
St. Johns	19 26	25 12
Fifth Street	36 00	55 00
Kensington	24 07	21 75
Sanctuary	6 00	5 00
Zoar	2 40	2 00
Wesley	3 42	3 50
New Market St.	14 00	13 81
Twelfth St.	7 50	12 50
Bethlehem	9 50	8 00
Cohoeksink	5 56	6 06
Manayunk	18 37	26 60
Germantown	20 00	28 21
Milestown	10 94	14 65
Lehman's Chapel	5 13	5 50
Frankford	13 00	14 00
Philada. City Miss.	5 96	4 86
Holmesburg	2 47	4 12
Bustleton	8 37	9 38
	308 00	458 41

Reading District.

	Conference Coll.	Ten Cent Coll.
Reading	20 16	18 50
Pottsville	25 80	12 53
Port Carbon	7 00	5 00
Port Clinton	2 00	3 10
Pottsville, 2d Church	6 78	6 30
Minersville	4 00	8 90
Mauch Chunk	17 60	10 00
Easton	18 00	27 22
Allentown	9 44	6 65
Richmond	6 00	8 00
Stroudsburg	6 62	6 25
Stoddartsville	6 20	4 00
Harrisburg	15 66	27 05
Dauphin	9 40	7 76
Halifax	6 28	6 10
Lebanon	17 47	10 38
Pine Grove	4 62	3 50
Pottstown	8 58	3 47
Bristol	10 00	7 00
Attleborough	8 44	15 16
Norristown	9 25	9 00
Bethel & Evansburg	5 50	4 15
	224 80	210 01

South Philadelphia District.

Union	110 00	175 00
German Mission	2 10	
Trinity	60 00	108 07
Mariners Bethel	20 00	17 56
Ebenezer	40 00	52 69
Wharton St.	9 71	27 86
St. Pauls	25 00	51 30
Salem	32 25	56 12
Western Church	14 81	10 03
Asbury	14 00	17 00
Haddington	3 70	6 55
Radnor	19 44	13 37
Phoenixville	12 30	15 00
Springfield	18 83	23 50
Lancaster	20 65	10 32
Columbia	10 30	6 75
Mount Joy	9 75	9 20
	422 83	603 32

Wilmington District.

Wilmington, Asbury	28 28	40 27
" St. Pauls	21 61	28 61
Cecil	16 87	13 02
Nottingham	10 51	9 10
Strasburg	24 34	29 00
Soudersburg	10 30	6 13
Brandywine,	8 11	6 56
West Chester	7 00	7 47
Port Deposit	18 62	6 77
North East	11 30	12 50
Elkton	5 25	7 26
Chester	31 50	26 85
Chester Station	3 85	4 00
Grove	13 05	14 93
Delaware City	10 75	11 00
New Castle	3 30	5 58
Chandlersville	3 26	2 20
	230 90	231 25

Easton District.

	Conference Coll.	Ten Cent Coll.
Middletown and Cantwell's Bridge	5 10	20 00
Smyrna	12 50	6 50
Smyrna Station	14 30	8 10
Dover	20 76	23 52
Frederica	8 00	6 00
Milford	15 07	8 04
Denton	5 75	7 50
Caroline	8 85	7 90
Talbot	12 60	37 50
Easton	15 00	16 50
Centreville	10 75	14 09
Church Hill	10 00	23 00
Kent	19 88	14 00
Millington	19 25	18 00
	<u>177 81</u>	<u>210 62</u>

Snow Hill District.

	Conference Coll.	Ten Cent Coll.
Seaford	6 12	5 75
Dorchester	23 00	17 66
Cambridge	27 76	18 65
Church Creek	30 70	14 48
Salisbury	21 76	6 70
Princess Ann	21 62	
Annamessex	27 50	
Newton	5 42	5 53
Accomac	8 27	20 32
Northampton	10 00	18 30
Snow Hill	10 04	11 26
Berlin	13 28	7 66
Milton	8 20	21 20
Georgetown	10 00	11 00
Laurel	7 18	8 90
	<u>230 85</u>	<u>167 41</u>

The following collections have been divided as follows:

Bishop Hedding,	\$14 13	Sister Van Scoyke,	95 82
Waugh,	14 13	Collins,	95 82
Morris,	14 13	Henderson,	49 55
Hamline,	14 13	Quimby,	95 82
Janes,	16 57	Willet,	71 55
Widow of Bishop Roberts,	4 35	Nicholson,	158 74
Jonas Bissey,	180 23	Connelly,	119 41
James Flannary,	114 41	Drain,	135 14
M. Sorin,	89 55	Rusling,	44 41
John Woolson,	196 64	Torbert,	35 82
John Talley,	60 82	Best,	158 74
D. E. Gardener,	65 00	Potts,	95 82
Wm. C. Thomas,	71 64	Williams,	70 82
Wm. Ryder,	248 00	McClenahan,	100 00
J. Carlisle,	171 64	Fisher,	100 00
G. Barton,	70 56	Finley,	100 00
H. Atmore,	33 61	McCoy,	95 82
G. Wiltshire,	95 82	Sharp,	95 82
A. Smith,	200 00	Foulks,	100 00
H. White,	35 82	Lybrand,	53 01
T. B. Tibbles,	191 65	Brother Allen's Child,	24 00
Thos. Miller,	14 29	Bull's "	24 00
Sister Warfield,	35 82	Hickey's "	8 59
Hill,	35 82		
Leonard,	95 82		
McElwee,	95 82		
			<u>\$4109 09</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Conference Collection,	\$1595 20
Ten Cent Collection,	1881 02
Chartered Fund,	50 00
Book Concern	500 00
Priscillian Mite Society of Annapessex.	37 00
Priscillian Mite Society of Princess Ann,	63 65
Salisbury Mite Society,	22 00
A Member at Germantown,	20 00
	<u>\$4168 87</u>

Amount of interest on Centenary fund, \$432 00, was divided as follows:—

Brother J. Woolson,	32.00	Sister Finley,	\$16.00
Wm. Ryder,	32.00	McCoy,	16.00
Asa Smith,	32.00	Sharp,	16.00
Sister Leonard,	16.00	Foulks,	16.00
Potts,	16.00	Lybrand,	16.00
Collins,	16.00	Rusling,	16.00
Vanscoyke,	16.00	Hill,	16.00
Nicholson,	16.00	Torbert,	16.00
Connelly,	16.00	Warfield,	16.00
Best,	16.00	Drain,	16.00
Williams,	16.00	McElwer,	16.00
McClenahan,	16.00		
Fisher,	16.00		
			<u>\$432.00</u>

MEMOIRS.

REV. EZEKIEL COOPER was born February 22, 1763, in Caroline County, Maryland. His father was an officer in the Revolutionary war, and when Ezekiel was about fourteen years of age, Rev. Freeborn Garretson came into that neighborhood, and proposed to preach.—The soldiers were at that time upon duty, and were drawn up in front of the house, into a hollow square, and Garretson preached to them. During the sermon, his attention was attracted by the thoughtful aspect of a boy, leaning upon a gate, and apparently absorbed in listening to the discourse: that boy became the distinguished Ezekiel Cooper.

His name first appeared in the minutes in 1785, though he was previously employed by Bishop Asbury. Thus, it will be seen, he was eighty-four years of age, and sixty-four years a minister: being longer in the ministry of the Methodist Church, than any now living in that communion, it is believed, in the world.

In 1785 he was appointed to Long Island, having its entire territory for his circuit. In 1786 he travelled East Jersey, at which time there were three ministers in the whole State, and but twelve hundred members. He lived to see New Jersey an Annual Conference, with one hundred and forty ministers, and over thirty thousand members. In 1787 he was appointed to Trenton, 1788, Baltimore; 1789-90, Annapolis; 1791, Alexandria; '92-'93, Presiding Elder of Boston District; '94, New York and Brooklyn; '95-6, Philadelphia; '97-8, Wilmington, Del. the Church then numbering 61 members; with this appointment he received that of Chairman of the Book Committee, which was to meet in Philadelphia. During the years 1799, 1800-1-2, he was stationed in Philadelphia, as Editor and general book steward. The Book Depository being removed to New York, he continued its Editor and Agent several succeeding years, and was stationed 1801, in New York; 1805, 6, Brooklyn; 1807-8 New York; 1809, Wilmington, Del.; 1810-11, he served as Conference Missionary; 1812, Baltimore. In 1813 he located, and remained in that relation until 1820, when he reentered the regular work and was appointed to St. George's Philadelphia. Soon after this he changed his relation, and was placed upon the supernumerary list, continuing however to render important service to the Church.

Brother Cooper was a man of superior attainments, having been always a diligent student, possessing a mind of unusual vigor and great aptitude. His ministrations placed him during the long day of his more active labors, among the brightest lights of the American pulpit.

Enfeebled by years, he gradually sunk into the repose of death. During his latter illness his patience was remarkable. In uninterrupted peace, and frequent triumph, he terminated his days on Sunday the 21st of February last, at the residence of his nephew Rev. I. T. Cooper. His funeral sermon was preached on February 25th, by his old and intimate friend, Rev. Dr. Bangs, in St. George's Church, in front of which his remains were interred.

J. KENNADAY,
FRANCIS HODGSON.

REV. DAVID E. GARDINER, the subject of this brief notice, was born in Darby, Delaware county, Pa., and was, by birthright, a member of the Society of Friends. He was converted to God in the year of our Lord, 1833, under the ministry of the Rev. J. B. Ayres, and in 1840 entered upon the labors of the itinerant ministry. His first appointment was to Brandywine mission. He was subsequently appointed to Attleborough, Stroudsburg, Columbia, and West Chester. He was popular and useful as a minister of Christ. In the early part of his second year at West Chester his health failed, and for several months he was disabled. He was anxious to be about his Master's business, and continued to entertain

hopes of being able to resume his ministerial labors, until very near the close of his life. He entered upon the labors of his last Conference year with renewed zeal, and with plans for increasing activity and usefulness, but the result is an affecting illustration of our ignorance of the future, and the frailty of the tenure by which we hold on to the things which are seen. His work was done. He died in November last. He was understood by those who were awakened from their slumbers to see him die, to utter repeatedly the word "victory," until the power of distinct articulation failed. His remains were attended by a large concourse from his residence to the M. E. Church, where a funeral sermon was preached, after which he was conveyed to the burying ground at Darby, to sleep with his relatives. A monitory voice says to us "Be ye also ready."

J. KENNADAY,
FRANCIS HODGSON.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

Resolved, That we will take up collections in all our appointments during the month of July in behalf of the Sunday School Union, in addition to the quarterly collections in our Sunday Schools.

EDUCATION.

Resolved, That in view of the deficiency of the income, in consequence of the withdrawal by the State of Pennsylvania of the appropriations to colleges, the collections in the churches, in behalf of education, be continued.

STEWARDS' ACCOUNTS.

Resolved, That each preacher who shall have charge of a circuit or station during the ensuing year, be and is hereby required on penalty of censure by the conference to be prepared to deliver to the stewards his conference and ten cent collections on the second day of the next annual session, and in current notes of as large a denomination as possible.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each preacher in charge, to organize, wherever practicable, a Tract Society within the bounds of his station or circuit, for the purpose of effecting a more general distribution of the Tracts published by the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Resolved, That we will heartily co-operate as usual with the agents of the American Bible Society and its auxiliaries, in the blessed work of circulating the Holy Scriptures, and that we will take up a collection in each of our principal congregations, in the early part of the year in behalf of the Bible cause.

BELLE-VUE SEMINARY.

Resolved, That the Belle-Vue Female Seminary, at Bordentown, N. J., fully maintains the character of a good and growing institution of learning, and consequently deserves the confidence and patronage of the Conference, and is cordially recommended to our friends and the public.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

Rev. Levi Scott was appointed to preach the Annual Sermon on the first day of the next Conference at 10 o'clock, A. M.

FAST DAY.

The 4th day of June, 1847, to be observed as a day of fasting and prayer.

Also, resolved, That we hold simultaneous prayer meetings where practicable, every evening for one week succeeding the fast day, in all our congregations, that in answer to our united supplications, God may pour upon us the saving influence of his grace.

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