

# MINUTES

OF THE

## PHILADELPHIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

# METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

Held at Smyrna, Delaware, March 26th, 1851.

Quest. 1. *What preachers have been received on trial?*

James N. King,	Joseph Gregg,	Henry A. Hobbs,
Geo. W. MacLaughlin,	D. Titlow,	Samuel W. Thomas,
J. McHenry Caldwell,	James W. Hammersly,	S. C. Palmeter,
John F. Meredith,	Thomas W. Simpser,	T. Snowden Thomas.
Wm. C. Robinson,	Joseph S. Cook,	

Quest. 2. *Who remain on trial?*

John F. Boon,	John B. Quigg,	Lewis C. Petit,
Reuben Owen,	James Hubbard,	James H. Lightburn,
Frederick Illman,	James Colder,	Wm. B. Wood,
John H. Alday,	George W. Brindle,	John J. Jones.

Benjamin L. Thomas and David Price discontinued, at their own request, on account of ill-health.

Quest. 3. *Who are admitted into full connexion?*

Wm. L. Boswell,	William Merrill,	John Thompson,
Wm. H. Burrell,	Charles L. Steinman.	

Quest. 4. *Who are the deacons?*

Wm. H. Brisbane,	A. Wallace,	J. Pasterfield,
Alfred Cookman,	Wm. B. Walton,	*Wm. L. Boswell,
Henry F. Hurn,	William Major,	*Wm. Merrill,
C. J. Thompson,	John Hough,	*John Thompson,
J. Dickerson,	C. F. Turner,	*Wm. H. Burrell,
George Maddux,	S. R. Gillingham,	*Charles L. Steinman.

Quest. 5. *Who have been elected and ordained elders this year?* None.

Quest. 6. *Who have been located this year?*

Edward Kennard, at his own request.	Robert McNamee.
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Quest. 7. *Who are the supernumeraries?*

John Talley,	J. Neill,	A. Atwood,
George Barton,	John D. Long,	H. G. King,
William Quinn,	W. H. Gilder,	George Lacey,
S. Higgins,	James Mitchel,	R. W. Thomas,
	Samuel Grace.	

\*Ordained this year.





## RECAPITULATION.

	White		Colored	
	Members.	Probationers.	Members.	Probationers.
North Philadelphia District,	6,884	992	14	1
South " "	6,575	958	12	3
Reading District,	4,342	856	22	0
Wilmington District,	5,112	1,334	584	5
Easton District,	7,037	861	3,574	251
Snow Hill District,	7,637	628	4,061	196
	<u>37,487</u>	<u>5,629</u>	<u>8,267</u>	<u>456</u>
Probationers,	5,629		456	
Local Preachers,	308			
	<u>43,424</u>		<u>8,723</u>	
Total last year,	<u>41,973</u>		<u>8,983</u>	
White increase,	1,451			
Decrease of colored,			260	

Quest. 14. Where have the preachers been stationed?

## NORTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT, R. Gerry, P. E.

St. George's	Wm M B Ryan.
Trinity,	G R Crooks.
Eighth Street,	J Castle.
Fifth Street,	To be supplied.
St. John's,	J W Mecaskey,
Kensington,	H R Callaway, R W Thomas.
Sanctuary,	James Sewell.
New Market Street,	J W Arthur.
Twelfth Street,	J Mason.
Cohocksink Mission,	H S Atmore.
Bethlehem Mission,	W Mullin.
N. City H Miss,	George Quigley.
Zoar,	
Summerfield Mission,	L M Prettyman.
Port Richmond,	W W McMichael.
Milestown,	J L Houston.
Lehman's Chapel & Fairview,	J Henry.
Frankford,	W Cooper.
Bridesburg,	W B Walton.
Bustleton,	C J Crouch.
Bristol,	Wm. McCoombs.
Attleborough,	A K Freed.
Newtown,	M H Sisty, R Owen.
Allentown Mission,	W H Brisbane.
Quakertown Mission,	T W Siphers.
Easton,	T L Taft.
Richmond,	V Gray.
Stroudsburg,	J A Watson, W B Wood.

J. P. Durbin, Cor. Sec. of the Missionary Society.

## SOUTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT, T. J. Thompson, P. E.

Union,	To be supplied. J Mitchel, Sup.
Nazareth,	I T Cooper, S Higgins, Sup.
Mariner's Bethel,	J Humphreys.
Ebenezer,	J Ruth.
Wharton Street,	ER Williams.
St. Paul's,	R M Greenbank.
Salem,	D Shields. <i>Died in July - Supplied from September by</i>
Western Church Mission,	J Cunningham. <i>Rev. W. MacLaughlin</i>
John Wesley,	To be supplied.
Kelly South City Mission,	To be supplied.
Asbury,	T S Johnston.
Haddington & Monroeville Miss.,	J Shields.
Radnor,	J Edwards, T H Hobbs.
West Chester Mission,	A Cookman.
Springfield,	E Reed, P Hallowell.
Lancaster, 1st Church,	P Coombe.
" 2d Church,	J Dickerson.
Columbia,	W Bishop.
Marietta,	M D Kurtz, W H Burrell.
	W. A. Gilder, Principal of Flushing Female Institute.
	L. Scott, Assistant Book Agent, New York.

## READING DISTRICT, E. Miller, P. E.

Reading Ebenezer,	W H. Elliott.
" St. Peter's Mission,	G D Bowen.
Pottstown,	A Johns, J H Turner.
Phoenixville Mission,	S Patterson.
Norristown,	P J Cox.
Bethel and Evansburg,	W L Boswell.
Manayunk, Mount Zion,	W Barnes.
" Ebenezer,	H F Hurn.
Germantown,	G Oram.
Chestnut Hill,	To be supplied.
Chester Circuit,	J Carlisle, D R Thomas, J Tally, Sup.
Mount Hope Circuit,	J B Maddux, H G King, Sup.
Lebanon Circuit,	J Hand.
Harrisburg,	W Urie.
Dauphin,	H Sutton.
Halifax,	J Cummins, G W MacLaughlin.
Tremont and Pine Grove Miss.,	J F Meredith.
Minersville,	J B McCollough.
Pottsville, 1st Church & St. Clair,	H Colclazer, J Neill, Sup.
" 2d Church,	J Y Ashton.
Schuylkill Haven and Port	
Clinton Mission,	H B Mauger.
Port Carbon,	J McCarter.
Tamaqua & Summit Hill Miss.	J E Meredith.
Mauch Chunk,	T C Murphy.
Stoddartsville,	F Illman.
	J. F. Johnson, Professor Dickinson College.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT, J. Smith, P. E.

Wilmington, Asbury. J A Roche.  
 " St. Paul's, F Hodgson.  
 " Union Miss., A Manship.  
 Mount Salem, N Heston.  
 E. Zion, To be supplied.  
 Delaware City, E J Way, G W Brindle, J D Longsup.  
 Newark, S Townsend, J H Lightburn.  
 Cecil, L Storks.  
 Elkton, T A Fernley, T L Thomas.  
 Oxford, J Bissey, J Thompson.  
 Zion, J Bane.  
 North East, J F Boone, J N King.  
 Port Deposit, J D Curtis.  
 Fulton, J S Cook. One to be supplied.  
 Strasburg, Charles Karsner, W C Robinson.  
 Cochranville, W L Gray, J J Jones.  
 Brandywine, H Sanderson. One to be supplied.  
 Grove, J H Wythes, J H Boyd.  
 Old Chester, S G Hare.  
 J. C. Thomas, Agent, Dickinson College.

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

Middlet'n & Cantwell's Bridge, J R Anderson.  
 Smyrna, H E Gilroy.  
 " Circuit, T Newman, Joseph Gregg.  
 Dover, J T Hazzard, C I Thompson.  
 Frederica, J Flannary, S R Gillingham.  
 Vernon, S C Palmeter.  
 Milford, J Asprill, J Hough.  
 Denton, S M Cooper. One to be supplied. G Lacy, Sup.  
 Greensborough, J Bell, Wm Major.  
 Talbot, J A Massey, S Grace, Sup.  
 Easton, G D Carrow, J McH Caldwell.  
 Centreville, J B Ayres, J H Alday.  
 Church Hill, D Lambdin, S W Thomas, G Barton, Sup.  
 Kent, T Sumption, J C Pettit.  
 Millington, G W Lybrand, C L Steinman.

SNOW HILL DISTRICT, David Dailey, P. E.

Seaford, J R Merrill, J Pasterfield.  
 Dorchester, V Smith, J Allen, G Maddux.  
 Cambridge, J D Onins, A Wallace.  
 Church Creek, James Hargis. One to be supplied.  
 Salisbury, S Pancoast. One to be supplied.  
 Quantico, R H Pattison.  
 Princess Ann, B F Price, W E England.  
 Annessex, D L Patterson, W Merrill.  
 Accomac, J A Brindle, D Pitlow.  
 Northampton, W. Rink.  
 Snowhill, C Hill, J Hubbard, W Quin, Sup.  
 Berlin, J Turner, J B Quigg.  
 Worcester Mission, C Shock.  
 Georgetown, R E Kemp, C F Turner.  
 Laurel, A W Milby, J Hammersly.  
 J. Prisal, transferred to Baltimore Conference.  
 J. B. Hagany, " New York "  
 J. H. McFarland, " New Jersey "  
 J. Calder, Missionary to China.  
 D. D. Lore, Missionary to Buenos Ayres, S. A.

Quest. 15. When and where shall the next Conferences be held?  
 Union, Philadelphia, March 24th, 1852.

Quest. 16. What has been collected for superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers.

North Philadelphia District.			Reading District.		
	Ten Cent.	Confer.			
	Coll.	Coll.	"	Ebenezer,	11 20 11 35
St. George's,	60 55	27 00	"	St. Peters,	6 00 8 00
Trinity,	96 25	41 00	"	Pottsville, 1st Church,	13 00 20 00
Eighth Street,	92 00	54 00	"	" 2d Church,	5 25 5 35
Fifth Street,	30 00	21 50		Port Carbon,	21 00 20 00
St. John's,	24 00	18 64		Tamaqua,	5 35 8 25
Kensington and } Port Richmond, }	36 62	30 78		Schuylkill Haven and } Port Clinton Miss- }	2 45 2 70
Sanctuary,	2 00	5 35		Minersville,	7 72 4 00
New Market St.	11 75	11 30		Tremont Miss.	1 50 2 00
Cohocksink,	7 17	9 50		Mauch Chunk,	5 55 12 70
Twelfth Street,	15 75	14 25		Stoddartsville,	0 00 0 00
Bethlehem Miss.,	11 50	9 00		Allentown,	3 12 3 62
N. City Home Mission,	3 05	3 00		Harrisburg,	24 42 28 80
Zoar,				Dauphin,	10 75 8 85
Milestown,	15 50	10 50		Halifax,	15 70 13 00
Lehman's Chapel } and Fairview, }	3 57	3 70		Lebanon,	14 37 10 51
Frankford,	25 78	17 14		Pottstown,	6 25 5 25
Bustleton,	19 50	13 36		Phoenixville,	8 50 3 50
Bristol,	3 10	5 02		Norristown,	15 00 7 32
Attleborough,	5 05	6 00		Bethel and Evansburg,	11 37 5 10
Newtown,	15 56	14 91		Germanstown,	23 80 16 30
Quakertown,	2 25	2 15		Manayunk and Mt Zion	14 82 18 36
Easton,	15 50	13 20		" Ebenezer.	14 55 2 07
Richmond,	14 35	10 37		<i>Wilmington District.</i>	
Stroudsburg,	11 47	17 30		Wilmington, Asbury	27 52 32 50
	522 27	358 97		" St. Paul's,	27 65 18 17
<i>South Philadelphia District.</i>				" Union,	15 00 12 50
Union,	170 50	62 10		" E. Zion,	0 00 0 00
Nazareth,	100 90	40 54		Mount Salem,	6 00 3 12 1/2
Mariners' Bethel,	18 60	20 30		Delaware City,	14 00 15 00
Ebenezer,	42 22	16 22		New Castle,	1 00 2 20
Wharton Street,	24 16	9 15		Elkton,	18 25 17 02
St. Paul's,	27 37	17 80		Cecil,	16 00 19 97
Salem,	56 00	26 60		Nottingham,	6 50 14 50
Western Church,	14 01	9 33		North East,	8 43 14 34 1/2
John Wesley,	00 00	0 00		Port Deposit,	16 00 28 12 1/2
Kelly S. City Mission,	00 00	00 00		Fulton,	13 50 12 00
Asbury,	6 10	5 89 1/2		Strasburg,	11 05 10 75
Haddington and } Monroeville, }	5 00	5 00		Cochranville,	12 00 8 16
Radnor,	20 00	9 05		Brandywine,	11 41 12 25
West Chester,	6 76	7 70		Grove,	11 75 11 00
Springfield,	26 68	22 29		Old Chester,	10 00 5 50
Lancaster,	10 50	15 25			226 06 236 11 1/2
Columbia,	12 00	6 80		<i>Easton District.</i>	
Marietta,	0 00	13 00		Middletown and }	12 67 9 48
Susquehanna Miss.,	0 00	2 50		Cantwell's Bridge, }	
				Smyrna,	11 05 10 00
				Smyrna Circuit,	12 32 9 89
				Dover,	27 62 14 02
				Frederica,	18 00 15 00
				Milford,	22 37 18 67
	540 80	289 82 1/2			

Denton,	6 37	12 81	Salisbury,	2 80
Greensborough,	9 55	9 03	Quantico,	9 50
Talbot,	38 00	22 51	Princess Ann,	34 00
Easton,	30 00	22 00	Annamesssex,	23 76
Centreville,	13 15	8 80	Accomac,	26 75
Church Hill,	14 66	8 05	Northampton,	10 00
Kent,	16 00	18 00	Snow Hill,	12 60
Willington,	22 48	15 37	Berlin,	8 50
			Worcester,	7 25
	254 24	193 63	Georgetown,	13 31
<i>Snow Hill District,</i>			Laurel,	8 75
Seaford,	40 00	8 50	Salisbury Mite Society,	10 50
Dorchester,	13 20	16 50		
Cambridge,	11 12	16 31		258 54
Church Creek,	26 50	11 20		193 98

RECAPITULATION.

North Philadelphia District,	522 27	358 97
South Philadelphia District,	540 83	289 52
Reading District,	275 94	428 28
Wilmington District,	226 06	236 11
Easton District,	253 24	193 63
Snow Hill District,	258 54	193 99
Ten cent collections,	2,077 85	
Conference collection,	1,510 51	
Book Concern,	800 00	
Chartered Fund,	90 00	

4,478 36

Centenary Fund, 412 50

Sum Total, 4,890 86

Report of the Distribution of Conference Funds—March, 1851.

Bishop Hedding,	\$11 21	Sister Leonard	100 00
“ Waugh,	11 21	“ Drain,	135 00
“ Norris,	11 21	“ Spry,	148 00
“ Hamline,	11 21	“ Gardner,	180 00
“ Janes,	13 21	“ Willett,	46 63
“ Roberts' Widow,	3 45	“ Henderson,	46 63
Henry White,	37 61	“ Williams,	37 61
George Wiltshire,	100 00	“ Warfield,	100 00
John Lednum,	84 24	“ McElwee,	100 00
John Talley,	37 61	“ Taylor,	100 00
Geo. Barton,	102 29	Brother Allen's Children,	42 00
Levi Storks,	216 00	J. H. Hythes,	113 60
S. Higgins,	75 22	M. Sorin,	195 84
J. D. Long,	248 00	John Allen,	157 76
Sister Woolson,	100 00	Edward Kennard,	152 33
“ Ryder,	124 00	Sister Quimby,	68 00
“ Sharp,	25 00	“ Lybrand,	84 33
“ Collins,	91 66	“ Potts,	68 00
“ McLenehan,	100 00	“ Best,	84 33
“ Fisher,	100 00	“ Rusling,	68 00
“ Finley,	100 00	“ Nicholson,	100 64
“ Smith,	67 00	“ Connelly,	84 33

Sister Wiggins,	68 00	Charles Shock,	67 32
“ Foulks,	100 64		
“ Campbell,	89 76	Surplus	4,474 24
“ Ridgley,	89 76		4 12
“ Hill,	68 00		
“ Vanschoick,	68 00		4,478 36
“ Harmer,	39 44		

Distribution of Centenary Fund.

G. Wiltshire,	10 00	M. Sorin,	20 00
Levi Storks,	20 00	J. Allen,	10 00
J. D. Long,	20 00	Sister Quimly,	15 00
Sister Woolson,	10 00	“ Lybrand;	15 00
“ Ryder,	10 00	“ Potts,	15 00
“ McLenehan,	10 00	“ Best,	10 00
“ Fisher,	12 50	“ Rusling,	15 00
“ Finley,	20 00	“ Nicholson,	15 00
“ Leonard,	15 00	“ Wiggins,	15 00
“ Drain,	10 00	“ Foulks,	10 00
“ Spry,	10 00	“ Campbell,	10 00
“ Gardner,	10 00	“ Ridgely,	10 00
“ Willett,	5 00	“ Hill,	10 09
“ Henderson,	5 00	“ Vonschoick,	10 00
“ Williams,	5 00	“ Harmer,	16 00
“ Warfield,	10 00		
“ McElwee,	10 00		412 50
“ Taylor,	10 00		

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the managers of the Missionary Society of the Philadelphia Annual Conference, beg leave to report the following resolutions for adoption.

1. *Resolved*, That whenever it is practicable we will establish a monthly missionary prayer meeting or lecture in each church, at which we will disseminate missionary intelligence and receive missionary contributions.
2. *Resolved*, That we will heartily recommend the circulation of our Missionary Advocate and that we will endeavor to extend the same, as the best means of furnishing the Church with missionary intelligence.
3. *Resolved*, That the annual missionary collections and subscriptions shall be taken in each church and congregation in the month of November or December, and that we advise each pastor to preach a sermon on the occasion.
4. *Resolved*, That with the advice of the committee, provided for in the discipline to aid us as pastor, or the managers of any existing efficient missionary society, we will appoint missionary collectors in each charge.
5. *Resolved*, That we will improve our missionary reports by inserting a list of the officers and life members of our society, and the names of missionary collectors and the names of the contributors during the year and the amount contributed by each.
6. *Resolved*, That the President of the Conference appoint a member to preach a missionary sermon at some suitable hour during each succeeding annual session, and that the managers of the society make timely arrangements for the anniversary at each annual session of the Conference.
7. *Resolved*, That the Sunday School is a powerful auxiliary to the Missionary cause.
8. *Resolved*, That we request the superintendants and teachers of our Sunday Schools to organize them into auxiliary Missionary Societies wherever practicable, and under such rules and regulations as they may judge suitable.
9. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the Board of Managers of the Parent Society the propriety of preparing a certificate of life membership in Sunday School Missionary Societies.

A. ATWOOD,  
WILLIAM BARNES,  
J. HUMPHRIES,  
JAS. H. McFARLAND,  
WILLIAM URIE.

## COURSE OF STUDY AND COMMITTEE OF EXAMINATION.

### First Year.

1. Bible Doctrines. 2. Watson's Institutes, first part. 3. Wesley's plain account of Christian perfection. 4. English Grammar and Mitchell's Geography. 5. Essay or Sermon. *Committee*—William Barnes, J. W. McCaskey, C. J. Cronch.

### Second Year.

1. Bible Sacraments. 2. Watson's Institutes, second part. 3. Peck's Christian Perfection (12mo. ed.) and Fletcher's Appeal. 4. Methodist Discipline. 5. Dymond's Moral Science. Essay or Sermon. *Committee*—Francis Hodgson, D.D., Wm. H. Elliot, Allen John.

### Third Year.

1. Bible, History and Chronology. 2. Watson's Institute, third part, and Butler's Analogy. 3. History, Rhetoric and Logic. 4. Essay or Sermon. *Committee*—J. A. Roach, A. W. Milby, C. Karsner.

### Fourth Year.

1. Review of the whole Course. 2. Watson's Institutes, fourth part. 3. Essay on the Composition and Delivery of a Sermon. 4. Horn's Introduction. 5. Essay or Sermon. *Committee*—J. T. Cooper, William Cooper, Joseph Mason.

## VISITING COMMITTEES.

Dickinson College—Henry Colclazer, William Urie.  
" Seminary—Elijah Miller, William H. Elliot.  
Wesleyan Female College—F. Hodgson, D.D., John A. Roche.  
Pennington Male Seminary—G. R. Crooks, R. M. Greenbank.  
" Female " —Joseph Castle, James A. Massey.  
Flushing Female Institute—J. P. Durbin, Levi Scott.

## RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That the members of this Conference who may be in charge of circuits or stations, be, and hereby are requested to bring to the next Conference, for the use of the Stewards, a written statement of the number and circumstances of all the claimants upon the Conference funds, who may reside in their several charges; and that particular attention be paid to the number and ages of all the children entitled to a share of our collections.

### TIMES OF COLLECTIONS,

*Resolved*, That the collections ordered by this Conference be taken at the following periods of the Conference year, namely:  
1. Bible collection in June. 2. Sunday School in July, August, or September. 3. Education in October. 4. The Missionary in November or December. 5. The Philadelphia Conference in February and March. 6. Ten cent collection during the year, at the discretion of each preacher. General Conference collection in January.

### OF THE CONFERENCE AND TEN CENT COLLECTIONS.

*Resolved*, That the Conference and Ten Cent Collections be handed in on the second day of Conference, and that the preachers be requested and are hereby requested to bring their money in as large notes as possible.

### CONFERENCE SERMON.

On the second day of Conference, at 10½ o'clock, A. M., by the presiding Bishop.

### FASTING AND PRAYER.

The second Friday in July.

## MEMOIR OF REV. JAMES HARMER.

JAMES HARMER, the subject of the following obituary notice, was born in Philadelphia county, on the 29th of April, 1808. He sought and obtained a change of heart while engaged in secret prayer in his father's house. He united himself to the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the autumn of the same year, and continued a consistent and useful member of the Church, at Germantown, where he resided, filling various responsible offices therein, until called to a more extended field of usefulness in the regular ministry.

He was licensed to exhort in 1835, and to preach in the year following. He was admitted on trial, in the Philadelphia Conference, in 1839, and appointed to Stroudsburg circuit; in 1840 and '41, to Pottstown; in 1842 and '43, to Lehman's Chapel; in 1844 and '45, to Brandywine; in '46 and '47, to Church Hill; in 1848, to Soudersburg; in 1849 and '50, to the Grove circuit, where, in the midst of his usefulness, and apparently in the midst of his days, he finished his work, and went to his reward.

During his brief, though painful sickness, he observed the most perfect resignation to the will of God. Being spoken to in reference to his recovery, he said, "I am in the hands of the Lord—it matters little how the disease may terminate—all is well!" The flow of his peace seemed to be uninterrupted, as he was heard to say, "Satan has not been permitted to thrust one dart at me since my illness.

"Not a cloud can arise to darken my skies,  
Or hide for a moment my Lord from mine eyes."

To one who stood by him, and spoke to him of his sufferings, he said, "The sufferings this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us." "It doth not yet appear what we shall be," &c. On another occasion, anticipating the pangs of dissolving nature, he exultingly exclaimed:

"Jesus can make a dying bed  
Feel soft as downy pillows are;  
While on his breast I lean my head,  
And breathe my life out sweetly there!"

Death with him had lost his sting; and with glorious triumph he shouted, in the language of the victorious Paul, "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith! Henceforth there is kept up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me on that day, and not to me only, but to all them that love his appearing." His confidence was unwavering, which led him to exclaim, "I cannot fall! I am on the Rock of Ages. I am on the Rock of Ages! I am safe! I know I shall never fall!" As he neared the moment of his dissolution, his raptures increased, and he appeared to be filled with all the fulness of God, saying "The kingdom of Christ is within me; the kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." And with like inspired expressions his mind was occupied to the delight and spiritual profit of all who were privileged to be with him in his last moments. At times he would break out in praises to the Redeemer, in songs deeply impressive, and when unable through weakness to praise the Lord vocally, he would desire others to do so. When very near his last his wife approached him, when he, observing her in tears, said, "My dear, it will not be long ere you follow me, and Jesus, with his own soft hand, will wipe all tears from your eyes." Then, after calling his children to him, and requesting them to meet him in heaven, without a struggle or a groan, on the 8th of September, 1850, his spirit sweetly passed away to God who gave it, in the 43d year of his age, and the eleventh of his itinerant ministry—a ministry which he so ardently loved as to lead him to say a short time before he died, "I long to be at it, but to me to live is Christ, to die is gain."

Brother Harmer was a loving husband, a tender father, a close friend, of a sweet and amiable disposition. He has left a wife and three children to mourn their bereavement, besides a large number of relatives and friends, among whom we ought to mention his aged and pious parents, whose godly example and precept in tender youth guided his feet in paths of righteousness.

His mortal remains were brought to Germantown, where, surrounded by his early associates, they were laid in their long resting place.

"Sleep sweetly till the day shall break,  
Thou herald of the upper skies,  
And then with all the saints awake,  
And in immortal flesh arise."

## MEMOIR OF REV. JAMES ALLEN.

JAMES ALLEN was born in Worcester county, Md., Dec. 22, 1811. His parents died in his early youth, and he entered as an apprentice to business. He was converted in 1832, and united with the M. E. Church. From the day of his conversion, as he has often been heard to say, he felt a desire to preach the gospel; and so much has he been impressed with this subject, that he began at once to read and study with reference to it. He entered an academy, and spent most, if not all his patrimony, in educating himself. In 1837, he was received on trial by the Philadelphia Conference, and stationed upon Cambridge circuit. He labored subsequently upon Princess Ann, Laurel, Centreville, Talbot, Salisbury, and Dover circuits, and in the Ebenezer station, in Philadelphia; where he finished his life, and his short, yet faithful, useful, and popular ministry, on the 27th of August last, in the 39th year of his age, and the 13th of his itinerancy.

Bro. Allen was one of our best Methodist ministers and pastors. He loved the Church, his work, and his brethren. The cause of religion prospered everywhere through his labors. He was an amiable and intelligent man, a kind and social friend, a faithful and affectionate husband and father, a studious and zealous preacher, a useful pastor and a spiritual and holy Christian. He was strongly devoted to the Church of his choice, and was greatly beloved by his brethren of the Conference and the Church. His death was sudden and deeply affecting. In May last, he was attacked with a rheumatic affection, which disturbed the whole system for a while, and ultimately settled in his feet and ankles; from this attack he had apparently much recovered, although it is supposed it was connected with the immediate cause of his death; which as we are informed, was typhoid fever. On Thursday, Aug. 22d, five days before his death, while meeting his class, he was taken with a chill, and it is worthy of remark that he earnestly exhorted his members to be faithful, because it was probable they would not all meet again in class; perhaps little supposing that, at the same hour on the following Thursday, his remains would be deposited in their resting place. He advised with his physician, commenced treatment, and no special anxiety was felt as to the result until Sabbath night, when he began to sink, and gradually grew worse and weaker until Tuesday morning. August 27th, at half past 8 o'clock, when he closed safely and happily, the term of his pilgrimage on earth.

His last sermon was preached on Sabbath evening, Aug. 18th, from these words, "Prepare to meet thy God." He especially and fervently urged the young men to seek religion and prepare to meet him in Heaven.

When his approaching dissolution was announced to him, he seemed agitated for a moment. It was unexpected, and he seemed not to realize its correctness, feeling better himself than his friends saw him to be; but soon calmly and firmly replied, "that, if it were God's will, he was resigned and ready." He trusted in Jesus, and his hope was strong. He felt and expressed an anxiety for his dear companion, and six little children, whom he was about to leave with very little dependence beyond their own efforts; but ultimately resigning all to the Friend of the widow and the orphan, he closed his life in peace, and entered, as we believe and trust, upon the enjoyment of the faithful minister's reward above.