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DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Philadelphia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church commenced its 82d session in the Union M. E. Church, Philadelphia, on Wednesday morning, March 17th, 1869, Bishop E. Thomson presiding.

The Conference was called to order at 9 o'clock.

Religious services were conducted by Bishop Thomson, A. Atwood and C. Cooke. The roll was called. 132 members were present.

R. H. Pattison was elected Secretary. G. W. Lybrand, A. M. Wiggins and W. J. Paxson were elected Assistants.

Nine o'clock A. M. was fixed as the hour for convening, and twelve o'clock M. as the hour for adjourning.

The names of the usual Standing Committees were announced. [See Standing Committees.]

The Rules of the last session were adopted for the government of this session. [See Rules.]

Bishop Thomson stated that the Conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for \$30. The draft was ordered.

A communication on Lay Delegation was presented, read and referred to a special committee on that subject.

Communications were received from the Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, and from the Sunday School Union, which were appropriately referred.

A report of a joint meeting of the Stewards of the Philadelphia and the Wilmington Conferences was presented, read and adopted. [See Reports.]

The report of the Visiting Committee to Drew Theological Seminary was presented and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Second Question of the Minutes, (Who remain on trial?) was taken up.— [See Disciplinary Questions.]

The Seventh Question, (Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?) was taken up. [See Disciplinary Questions.]

The Bishop announced the transfer of G. W. Brindle to the Upper Iowa Conference.

The following resolution was offered, and made the order of the day for Thursday morning, after the Stewards' call:

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop be, and he is hereby, respectfully requested not to divide the territory of this Conference into more than four Presiding Elders' districts.

The death of Daniel George was announced, and the Conference invited to at-

tend his funeral. Resolutions of respect and condolence were adopted. [See Resolutions.]

An old Conference trunk, which had been found in the loft of Union M. E. Church, was presented to the Conference, and placed in the custody of the Historical Society.

The Eighth Question of the Minutes (Who are the Superannuated Preachers?) was taken up. [See Disciplinary Questions.]

The Conference adjourned. Notices were given. The Doxology was sung. The Benediction was pronounced by J. Ruth.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY MORNING.

Religious services by I. R. Merrill.

The Journal was read and approved.

The Committee on Lay Delegation was announced. [See committees.]

A circular from the Church Extension Society was presented, read and referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

The Third Question of the Minutes (Who are admitted to full connection?) was taken up. [See Disciplinary Questions.]

The Steward's call was made at 10½ o'clock.

The resolution presented yesterday, relating to the number of districts, was adopted.

The Bishop announced that J. Cunningham, whose district was partly in the Wilmington Conference, and partly in the Philadelphia Conference; and W. Bishop and J. Edwards, both of whom resided out of the bounds of both Conferences, are to be recognized as members of this Conference.

The Bishop announced the transfer to this Conference of R. W. Humphriss, C. H. Payne, S. H. C. Smith and F. E. Church.

R. H. Pattison presented resolutions relating to the incorporate interests of this Conference. They were adopted. [See resolutions.]

The following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, to convey the fraternal salutations of this body to the brethren of the Wilmington Conference.

The report of the Philadelphia Conference Church Extension Society was presented, and referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

The report of the Visiting Committee of Irving Female College, was presented and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Conference adjourned. Notices were given. The Doxology was sung. The Benediction was pronounced by W. McCombs.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY MORNING.

Religious services by P. Coombe.

The Journal was read and approved.

The committee to convey fraternal salutations to the Wilmington Conference was announced, also the committee called for in the resolutions referring to incorporate interests. [See committees.]

The Fourth Question of the Minutes (Who are the Deacons?) was taken up. [See Disciplinary Questions.]

The Fifth Question of the Minutes [Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?] was taken up. [See Disciplinary Questions.]

The Seventh Question of the Minutes (Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?) was resumed. [See Disciplinary Questions.]

The Eighth Question of the Minutes (Who are the Superannuated Preachers?) was resumed. [See Disciplinary Questions.]

J. Mason announced the death of R. M. Greenbank—which occurred in this city, August 25th, 1868.

The Eleventh Question of the Minutes (Are all the Preachers blameless in life and conversation?) was taken up.

The Presiding Elders represented their respective districts.

The Effective Elders reported their respective Missionary and Church Extension collections, and their characters passed.

J. Mason announced the death of Seth Sites Groves—which occurred in Bristol, Bucks county, Pa., December 10th, 1868. Also, the death of Daniel George, which occurred at St. James, Olney, March 14, 1868.

Wm. L. Gray announced the death of Henry F. Hurn—which occurred at Lancaster, July 17, 1868; also, the death of Allen John, which occurred at Middletown, Pa., December 28th, 1868; also, the death of H. M. Johnson, President of Dickinson College, which occurred at Carlisle, April 5th 1868.

The annual report of the Book Committee, and the exhibit of the Methodist Book Concern, were presented, read and ordered to be filed.

A Committee on Freedmen's Cause was appointed. [See Committees.]

J. Holdich, Secretary of American Bible Society, addressed the Conference in reference to the work of said society.

The report of the Agent of the State Temperance Union, and a communication from the State Temperance Union, were presented and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The time of the morning session was extended.

The report of the President of Wilmington Female College was presented, and referred to the Committee on Education.

A committee of six was appointed to form a Conference Education Society. [See committees.]

Dr. Kynett addressed the Conference on the interests of the Church Extension Society.

The report of the Education Fund was read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Dr. R. L. Dashiell, President of Dickinson College, addressed the Conference on behalf of said institution.

Resolutions complimentary to Dr. Dashiell were adopted. [See resolutions.]

The Conference adjourned. Notices were given. The Doxology was sung. The Benediction was pronounced by J. Cunningham.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY MORNING.

Religious services by B. H. Nadal. The Journal was read and approved.

The Seventh Question of the Minutes (Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?) was resumed. [See Disciplinary Questions.]

The Fourth Question of the Minutes (Who are the Deacons?) was resumed. [See Disciplinary Questions.]

The First Question of the Minutes (Who are admitted on trial?) was taken up. [See Disciplinary Questions.]

The Sixteenth Question of the Minutes (Where shall our next Conference be held?) was taken up. Reading, Pottsville and Easton were nominated. Pottsville was chosen. [See Disciplinary Questions.]

The Fifth Question of the Minutes (Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?) was taken up. [See Disciplinary Questions.]

The report of the Treasurer of the Centenary Fund of this Conference, was presented and read.

A draft for the balance on hand, \$325.22, was ordered in favor of the Stewards.

The time was extended.

The report of the Committee on Freedmen's Cause was presented, read and adopted. [See reports.]

Dr. Rust of Cincinnati Conference, addressed the Conference on behalf of the Freedmen's Aid Society.

The hour of 10½ o'clock A. M. on Monday, was fixed as the time for the Annual Missionary Sermon.

It was resolved to hold an afternoon session on Monday, and that 3½ o'clock P. M. on that day, be the hour for the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Preacher's Aid Society.

E. J. Hamill of the Mississippi Conference of the M. E. Church south, was introduced.

The Conference adjourned. Notices were given.

The Doxology was sung. The Benediction was pronounced by E. J. Hamill.

FIFTH DAY—MONDAY MORNING.

Religious services by T. C. Murphy.

The Journal was read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Missions was presented and read. [See reports.]

A draft was ordered in favor of M. E. Church at Paschalville, on the Treasurer of Union M. E. Church, for \$114, being the interest on the "Kelley legacy."

A resolution requesting Dr. C. Cooke to preach a semi-centennial sermon, was adopted. [See resolutions.]

S. Pancoast was appointed to assist the clerk of the Book Concern, in collecting his accounts.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was presented, read and adopted. [See reports.]

P. Coombe offered resolutions to be added to the report on Temperance. Adopted. [See reports.]

J. F. Swindells was appointed to solicit subscribers to the Quarterly Review.

The report of the Treasurer of the Freedmen's Aid Society was presented and read. The balance on hand, \$290.38, was ordered to be paid to the Treasurer of the General Society at Cincinnati.

The Committee on Memoirs reported in part. [See Memoirs.]

A resolution was adopted requesting "the Stewards to consider the propriety of adopting a plan by which the public distribution of the funds may be avoided."

Resolutions referring to the German work in this city were adopted. [See Resolutions.]

The report of the Committee on Sunday-schools was presented, read and adopted. [See reports.]

The Report of the Committee on the Bible Cause was presented, read and adopted. [See reports.]

The hour of 10½ o'clock having arrived, the order of the day was taken up.

Hymn 995 was sung. C. Cooke led in prayer.

B. H. Nadal read part of the 11th chapter of Isaiah.

Hymn 973 was sung.

The Annual Missionary Sermon was preached by B. H. Nadal, from Isaiah 11th chapter, a part of the 9th verse: "For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

The following resolution was adopted:

That with our thanks for the able and eloquent discourse to which we have listened, we request of Dr. Nadal a copy for immediate publication, and that a committee be appointed to receive it and superintend its publication.

J. W. Jackson, T. C. Murphy and J. E. Meredith were appointed said committee.

The Report of the Committee on Church Extension, and the report of the Committee on the Tract Cause were presented, read and adopted. [See reports.]

J. T. Gracey of the India Mission Conference, briefly addressed the Conference.

An evening session was agreed upon for 7½ o'clock.

The Conference adjourned. Notices were given. The Doxology was sung. The Benediction was pronounced by J. T. Gracey.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Religious services by J. Ruth. The Journal was read and approved.

The Committee on Memoirs presented the balance of their report. The report was adopted. [See Memoirs.]

The report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted.

R. H. Pattison and J. F. Chaplain were elected Trustees of Wesleyan Female College.

T. C. Murphy, from the Committee on Fraternal Relations with the Wilmington Conference, made a verbal report, which was accepted.

I. H. Torrence addressed the Conference in regard to the Williamsport Dickinson Seminary.

The order of the day was taken up.

The report of the Committee on Preachers' Aid Society was presented by J. B. McCullough. The report was adopted. [See reports.]

C. Cooke in the chair.

The thanks of the Conference were tendered to J. B. McCullough for his services in preparing the report referred to, and for his manly and noble speech in defence of the claims of worn-out Preachers, and the widows of deceased Preachers.

The Conference adjourned. The Benediction was pronounced by J. S. Lane.

MONDAY EVENING.

Religious services by R. Given, of the New Jersey Conference.

The Journal was read and approved.

A resolution relating to the appointment of an agent for the Church Extension Society of the Delaware Annual Conference was adopted. [See resolutions.]

A resolution relating to the transfer of J. F. McClellan was adopted. [See resolutions.]

A vote of thanks was tendered to Bishop Thomson. [See Resolutions.]

A resolution requesting a copy of the sermon preached by Bishop Thomson, on March 21st, 1869, was adopted. [See resolutions.]

R. H. Pattison was elected a member of the Education Board.

Permission was granted to the Trustees of Fisherville Church, Halifax Circuit, to sell said church.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education Society was presented, read and adopted. [See reports.]

The statistics were reported. [See statistics.]

The report of the Committee on Lay Delegation was presented, read and adopted. [See reports.]

The report of the Finance Committee was presented, read and the following disposal of the money ordered:

Freedmen's Aid collections	to be paid to J. H. Thornley, Treasurer.
Bible collection	" I. H. Torrence.
Sunday-school Union collection	" S. W. Thomas, to be forwarded to S. Goodenough, Treasurer of Sunday-school Union.
Church Extension collection	to be paid to James Long, Treasurer.

Trustees of the Preacher's Aid Society were elected.

A collection for the Sexton was taken up.

A resolution respecting the "Episcopal Plan" was adopted. [See Resolutions.]

The report of the Stewards was presented, read and adopted. [See reports.]

The claimants were requested to call at 1018 Arch st., to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M., and receive their money.

121 Preachers signified their desire to join the Preachers' Aid Society.

The thanks of the Conference were tendered to the Trustees of Union M. E. Church, the families who have entertained us, the Conference Stewards, and the Secretaries. The Journal was read and approved.

The Seventeenth Question of the Minutes (Where are the Preachers stationed this year?) was taken up. [See Disciplinary Questions.]

On motion the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

The Doxology was sung. The Benediction was pronounced by A. Atwood.

R U L E S

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILADELPHIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

I. OF THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

1. The President shall see that all the business appertaining to the Conference shall be brought forward and conducted in a proper manner, according to the provisions of the discipline, and the rules of the Conference.
2. He shall preserve order in all the proceedings—and in debate shall keep the speakers to the question, and call them to order when they wander from the point, or from the rules of order, or use any improper language.
3. He shall decide all questions of order; nevertheless any two members may appeal from his decision to the Conference, and in such case the appeal shall be decided without debate.
4. He shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise directed by the Conference, in which case the appointment shall be made by ballot or nomination, at the discretion of the Conference; no member thereof being permitted to nominate more than one person for the same committee.
5. Where two or more members arise and address the President at the same time, he shall decide which of them is entitled to the floor.

II. THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

1. The Secretary shall keep a fair and correct record of the proceedings of the Conference, to be read at the commencement of each session thereof, subject to correction by the Conference.
2. He shall carefully preserve the journals and papers of the Conference placed in his custody, and shall not permit any person but a member to examine the same, nor shall he allow a member to make a transcript from either without the permission of the Conference, and he shall also produce the journals and papers at the next annual session of the Conference.
3. He shall also after the close of the Conference make an appendix at the end of the journal, in which he shall record all documents which shall be ordered by the Conference to be so recorded, (the motion on which shall be taken without debate,) and the documents so recorded shall be referred to on the Journal of Conference.

III. THE DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

1. Every member who would speak shall rise in his place and respectfully address the President, refraining from all personalities or indecorous language, but no member shall speak more than once to the same question (except to explain) until every member choosing shall have spoken, nor longer than fifteen minutes, without permission of the Conference.
2. When a member shall be called to order by the President or any member, he shall take his seat until the question be decided by the President; nevertheless he shall be allowed an appeal to the Conference, which shall decide without debate.
3. Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be granted when in the judg-

ment of the President the seuse will admit of it, and every member present shall vote on all questions unless excused by the Conference.

IV. QUESTIONS TO BE TAKEN WITHOUT DEBATE.

1. A motion simply to adjourn.
2. A motion to lie on the table.

V. PROMISCUOUS RULES.

1. A motion to adjourn shall be always in order.
2. When a question has been decided, any member who may have voted in the majority on said question may move for a reconsideration thereof.
3. When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by a member, the question shall be determined by a vote of the Conference.
4. When a motion is made and seconded, and entertained by the President, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Conference, but may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, with the consent of the seconder, before a decision had thereon, or an amendment thereto be entertained by the President.
5. It shall be in order any time during the discussion of a proposition before the Conference (except during the examination of character) to move that the question shall be taken without further debate, and, if sustained by a majority of the members present, it shall be immediately put and decided.
6. No motion shall be entertained unless seconded, and all motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the President or Secretary, or any member of Conference.
7. No matter of business, other than that which pertains to the ordinary business of the Conference, shall be read by the Secretary, until the subject of it is stated by the introducer.
8. In discussion upon a report of a committee, the Chairman of the committee whose report is under consideration or such member of the committee as the committee may agree upon, shall be entitled to the last speech upon the question.

COMMITTEES.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. ON PUBLIC WORSHIP—R. J. Carson, M. D. Kurtz, J. B. Maddux, Wm. J. Paxson, G. Oram, J. F. Chaplain, P. J. Cox.
2. TO PREPARE MINUTES FOR PUBLICATION.—R. H. Pattison, S. W. Thomas, G. W. Lybrand, J. S. J. McConnell, S. Lucas.
3. TO COLLECT GENERAL STATISTICS—J. S. Cook, C. P. Masden, J. S. Hughes, D. W. Gordon, Wm. J. Mills.
4. TO COLLECT AND ARRANGE MISSIONARY STATISTICS—L. B. Hughes, G. G. Rakestraw, B. T. String, F. E. Church, W. Coffman.
5. TO COLLECT NAMES AND ADDRESS OF LOCAL PREACHERS.—G. L. Schaffer, G. W. F. Graff, J. F. Swindells, L. B. Hoffman.
6. ON EDUCATION—J. F. Chaplain, G. D. Carrow, J. Dickerson, T. M. Griffiths, J. O'Niell, S. N. Chew, I. Mast.
7. ON BIBLE CAUSE—Wm. McCombs, J. F. Meredith, H. R. Calloway, H. E. Gilroy, G. Heacock.
8. ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS—C. F. Turner, C. H. Payne, J. E. Meredith, G. W. MacLaughlin, Wm. Rink.
9. ON TRACT CAUSE—Wm. Mullen, M. A. Day, J. Aspril, T. Stevens, J. Lindamuth.
10. ON TEMPERANCE—C. Cooke, Wm. B. Wood, J. F. Crouch, R. Owen, S. Pancoast.
11. ON FINANCE—G. Cummins, J. M. Wheeler, J. S. Lane, Wm. S. Pugh, E. T. Kenney.
12. ON CHURCH EXTENSION—C. I. Thompson, Wm. Major, J. W. Jackson, J. H. Alday, N. Frame.
13. ON POST OFFICES—Wm. Swindells, G. W. F. Graff, Wm. P. Howell, H. F. Isett, J. J. Timanus.
14. ON MISSIONS—The Presiding Elders.
15. ON NECESSITOUS CASES—The Board of Stewards.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1. ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS WITH THE WILMINGTON CONFERENCE.—T. C. Murphy, A. Atwood, J. F. Meredith, Wm. McCombs, H. R. Calloway.
2. COMMISSION TO ADJUST QUESTIONS PENDING BETWEEN THE TWO CONFERENCES.—Hon. T. M. Greenbank, J. Hunter, Benj. Schofield, J. B. McCullough, J. Mason and M. D. Kurtz.
3. ON LAY DELEGATION.—G. D. Carrow, J. Dickerson, I. Mast, P. J. Cox, Wm. M. Ridgway.
4. FREEDMEN'S CAUSE.—G. Oram, H. R. Calloway, G. Heacock, S. Pancoast.
5. CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.—G. D. Carrow, J. F. Chaplain, J. W. Jackson, W. J. Paxson, W. J. Stevenson, J. Todd.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

- FIRST YEAR.—M. D. Kurtz, T. M. Griffith, G. Cummins, J. E. Smith, W. W. McMichael.
- SECOND YEAR.—J. F. Chaplain, J. F. Meredith, H. E. Gilroy, W. C. Best, H. A. Cleaveland.
- THIRD YEAR.—Wm. Major, M. H. Sisty, G. T. Hurlock, J. E. Meredith, C. H. McDermond.
- FOURTH YEAR.—Wm. J. Paxson, T. A. Fernley, H. R. Calloway, I. Mast, S. W. Kurtz.
- TO EXAMINE CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.—W. H. Elliott, J. M. Hinson, T. Montgomery.
- TO EXAMINE LOCAL PREACHERS FOR DEACON'S ORDERS.—Wm. C. Robinson, Wm. E. Dalrymple, J. H. McLaughlin.
- TO EXAMINE LOCAL DEACONS FOR ELDER'S ORDERS.—T. C. Murphy, J. Flannery, T. B. Miller.
- TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON.—J. F. Chaplain. J. Todd, alternate.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

- DICKINSON COLLEGE—Joseph Mason, J. H. Alday, Ministers. Benj. Schofield Jr., Samuel S. Dreher, Esq., Laymen.
- WESLEYAN FEMALE COLLEGE—P. J. Cox, Wm. J. Paxson.
- WILLIAMSPORT SEMINARY—J. Dickerson, R. J. Carson.
- DREW THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—Joseph Castle.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who are admitted on Trial?*
L. B. Brown, P. P. Reese, Eli Pickersgill, Thomas Harrison, William W. Barlow, E. W. Hoffman, Robert C. Wood, John W. Sayers.
2. *Who remain on Trial?*
Edwin C. Griffiths, Hiram W. Sebring, John W. Knapp, Robert C. Wood, John W. Wright.
3. *Who are admitted into Full Connection?*
William J. Mills, Thos. C. Pearson, Sylvester G. Grove, John J. Timanus, George S. Broadbent.

4. *Who are the Deacons?*

PREVIOUSLY ORDAINED—G. W. F. Graff, A. L. Wilson, F. M. Brady, Levi B. Hoffman, Henry White, George S. Broadbent.

ORDAINED THIS YEAR—William J. Mills, Thos. C. Pearson, Sylvester G. Grove, John J. Timanus.

LOCAL PREACHERS ORDAINED—Lemuel C. Simon, James Carr, Jr., William Gallager, John P. Farrant, Joseph Fairbridge.

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

ITINERANT PREACHERS—J. P. Miller, J. W. Harkins, Wm. L. McDowell, Wesley C. Johnson, Thomas B. Neely, Samuel A. Heilner, J. A. Cooper.

LOCAL PREACHERS—T. K. Peterson, John Field.

6. *Who have Located this year?* None.7. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

WITH WORK—W. L. Boswell, James Neill, W. H. Formosa, A. Wallace, S. Powers.

WITHOUT WORK—J. Turner, C. Shock, C. Karsner, James Hand, J. B. Ayars, C. Walters, C. J. Crouch, J. Edwards, F. Moore, D. L. Patterson, W. Bishop.

8. *Who are the Superannuated or worn-out Preachers.*

P. Hallowell, S. M. Cooper, J. D. Long, J. Cummins, J. Carlisle, T. S. Childs, S. Patterson, J. W. Arthur.

9. *Who have been Expelled this year?* None.10. *Who have withdrawn this year?*

J. D. Ayars.

11. *Are all the Preachers blameless in life and conversation?* They were so found.12. *Who have died this year?*

Daniel George, March 14, 1869; R. M. Greenbank, August 25, 1868; Seth S. Grove, December 10, 1868; H. F. Hurn, July 17, 1868; Allen Johns, Dec. 28, 1868; H. M. Johnson, April 5, 1868.

13. *What is the number of Church members?* [See Statistical Tables.]14. *What amounts are necessary for Superannuated Preachers, and widows and orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the Circuits?* [See Stewards' report.]15. *What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?* [See Stewards' report.]16. *When and where shall our next Conference be held?*

Pottsville, Pa.

17. *Where have the Preachers been stationed?* [See List of Appointments.]

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERS.			Deaths.	Prob'ners.	BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						OTHER OBJECTS.			MINISTER'S SUPPORT.	
	Members.	Adults.	Children.			Ch'rch's	Prob'le	Tr'n's	Tract.	Dible.	Ch.	S.S.	Union	Church	Fr Aid	New Churches, Docks and Repairs.	New Parsonages, Bells & Repairs.	Exal. m'ates	Receipts.		
Presiding Elder.....	348	13	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Union.....	520	13	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Nazareth.....	221	3	15	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Arch Street.....	533	15	102	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Elveworth.....	570	9	90	1	13	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
St. Paul's.....	579	16	55	6	8	83	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Wharton Street.....	600	7	52	10	6	51	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
West Front Street.....	773	5	71	21	56	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Mariner's Bethel.....	800	7	51	9	96	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Central.....	858	5	60	5	20,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Pitman's Chapel.....	95	30	2	36	1	6,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Fitzwater.....	113	3	54	3	6,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Second Street.....	222	7	24	2	15,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Eleventh Street.....	233	6	13	5	18,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Abney.....	253	6	13	5	18,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Elm Street.....	253	6	13	5	18,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Fourth Street.....	270	4	25	6	15,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Contenary.....	171	44	16	32	1	5,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Haddington.....	84	1	17	12	8	5,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Hestonville.....	146	1	110	3	6	5,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Radnor and Bethesda.....	70	4	1	20	1	7,500	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Darby and Mount Pleasant.....	159	3	15	1	2	4,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Scott.....	325	4	12	4	11	8,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Laurel Street Church.....	327	1	69	1	19	20,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Laurel Street Church.....	327	1	69	1	19	20,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
St. Paul's.....	185	2	20	1	31	10,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Safe Harbor and Manor.....	270	4	19	3	22	4	5	6,500	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Columbia.....	314	4	19	3	15	12,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Marietta and Maytown.....	150	1	59	1	3	31	2	7,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Mc. Joy.....	72	2	3	1	1	10,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Rainbridge and Falmonth.....	355	6	72	12	2	5,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Harrisburg, Locust Street.....	500	3	40	3	25	31	1	5,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
St. Paul's.....	200	2	3	5	25	1	1	5,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
St. Paul's.....	200	2	3	5	25	1	1	5,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Ridge Avenue.....	50	2	50	3	6	2,500	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Dauphin.....	50	2	50	3	6	2,500	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Hammocktown.....	50	2	50	3	6	2,500	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Middletown.....	87	2	5	1	1	6,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Halfax.....	177	2	1	19	4	8,500	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Millersburg.....	169	2	1	3	28	8,500	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Wicomico and Lykens.....	110	1	6	2	38	7,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			

* Estimate for Junior Preacher, \$150. Received, \$150.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

RECAPITULATION, BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERS.		Deaths.	PROBATIONERS.		Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						OTHER OBJECTS.				MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.	
	Members.	Deaths.		Probationers.	Children.		Churches.	Probable value.	Parsonages.	Probable value.	MISSIONS.						Church Building and Improving.	Building Improving Parsonages.	Estimates.	Receipts.				
											Tract.	Bible.	Chap. School.	S. S. Union.	Church Extension.	Freedmen.					Sr.	Jr.	Sr.	Jr.
North Philadelphia	12,334	159	1,667	88	903	77	784,880	19	104,700	1,097 07	970 77	14,125 09	4,702 46	346 33	3,784 85	38 50	46,896 89	4,617 03	48,230	300	47,479 68	170 50		
South Philadelphia	9,474	164	1,764	85	276	61	588,000	16	66,300	1,375 85	1,022 07	13,278 75	3,993 89	335 48	2,127 34	32 00	47,200 37	8,045 46	39,250	150	34,631 33	150 00		
Leading	6,954	68	1,708	61	801	71	465,000	19	68,740	619 91	332 81	4,905 48	1,869 99	222 46	696 16	7 80	41,075 03	8,998 23	37,300	700	37,361 96	700 00		
Wilmington	2,775	32	698	18	242	51	127,430	8	16,300	84 42	80 30	1,027 95	372 50	67 95	79 70	1 15	11,920 00	1,834 00	11,400	1,000	8,732 80	860 00		
Total this year	31,537	423	5,747	252	2,950	269	1,968,230	62	256,040	3,177 25	2,405 95	33,337 27	10,938 84	972 22	6,688 05	79 45	147,201 29	23,524 72	136,280	2,150	128,308 17	1,880 50		
Total last year	31,415	413	5,776	247	3,235	259	1,890,376	56	223,105	4,107 69	2,424 18	40,756 05	10,998 73	4,897 60	618 59	125,161 20	16,297 23	133,766	3,250	118,671 18	2,708 55			
Increase	122	10	6	5	117	10	167,854	6	32,935	930 44	18 23	3,520 96	1,790 45	126 51	539 14	22,040 09	7,227 49	2,624	1,100	9,636 99	828 05			
Decrease	103	29	29	29	285	10	167,854	6	32,935	930 44	18 23	3,520 96	1,790 45	126 51	539 14	22,040 09	7,227 49	2,624	1,100	9,636 99	828 05			

	INCREASE.
1. Benevolent Contributions	\$ 47,604 03
2. Conference Claimants	\$ 3,701 19
3. Church Improvement and Parsonages	7,320 28
4. Sabbath School Purposes	29,268 10
5. Ministerial Support	170,795 01
6. Aggregates	33,317 30
	8,808 94
	130,188 67
	\$369,156 29
Value of Church Property—Churches and Parsonages	\$2,231,270 62
Increase	200,769 00

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M E M O I R S .

REV. RICHARD MASON GREENBANK,

Was born in Yorkshire, England, August 12, 1793, and died in Philadelphia, August 24, 1868, in the 75th year of his age. He was the oldest son of Thomas and Agnes Greenbank, who were among the earliest members of the societies formed by Mr. Wesley, in the North of England. Richard was brought up under the strict religious and domestic training which Mr. Wesley had inculcated in his preaching and publications. He received his education at "Wodencroft Lodge," Westmoreland, England. He emigrated to this country in 1817, landing in Philadelphia, whence he soon removed to, or near Winchester, Va., where he was engaged as a tutor in private families, and gave himself up to much gayety and irregularity of life. But early religious culture, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, which still continued to strive with him, prevailed, and in the year 1823, at a camp meeting at "Rattlesnake Springs," near Baltimore, Md., amid deep penitence and bitter tears, he found pardon, and became a child of God, by faith in Christ. He immediately abandoned his worldly associations, and having removed to Philadelphia, connected himself with the Old St. John's M. E. Church. He here married and opened a school for boys and young men. Thus settled, his zeal for the Master soon called him into the active service of the church, and he was licensed to preach as a local preacher. While thus engaged, one of his co-laborers in the church, and one of the most useful Sabbath school men of his day, the Rev. C. F. Stienman, who still survives, had gathered into the Sunday school a number of neglected children, among them a small lad named Abel Stevens, the son of a widow. Mr. Stienman brought the lad's early promise of piety and usefulness, into notice, and Mr. Greenbank received him into his school without charge, where he remained until his preceptor entered the itinerancy. He was accustomed to take the lad with him to his preaching appointments, where, from a table or chair, young Abel would exhort the people with power and effect. The lad waxed in wisdom and strength, and in mature years gave to the church its noblest history of Methodism.

Brother Greenbank joined the Philadelphia Conference in 1829, of which he remained a member until his decease. His first appointment was Gloucester Circuit, New Jersey, having for his colleague Rev. Jacob Gruber, of singular character and blessed memory. He was ordained Deacon in 1831, and Elder in 1833. His appointments were as follows: In 1829-'30, Gloucester Circuit; 1831-'32, Smyrna Circuit, Delaware; 1833-'34, Queen Anns Circuit, Maryland; 1835-'36, Easton, Maryland; 1837-'38, Port Deposit, Maryland; 1839-'40, St. John's, Philadelphia; 1841, Harmony and Elizabeth St., Philadelphia; 1842, Western Church, Philadelphia; 1843-'44, Dauphin Circuit; 1845-'46, Springfield Circuit; 1847-'48, Radnor Circuit, 1849-'50, Marietta; 1851-'52, St. Paul's, Philadelphia; 1853-'54, Bustleton; 1855-'56, Mt. Zion, Manayunk; 1857-'58, Minersville. In 1859, on account of failing health, he took a Supernumerary relation, laboring to the extent of his ability. In 1863 he was placed on the Superannuated list, which honorary relation he sustained to the Conference until the Master called him from labor to reward.

He was a man of considerable literary attainments. In 1838 he was honored with the degree of Master of Arts, from Union College, Schenectady, New York.

In 1842 he graduated at the University of Pennsylvania, to the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and to the close of his life he was a diligent student of Science and Divinity. As a Preacher, he was clear, scriptural, earnest and practical. His

ministrations were ofttimes attended with an unction and power which made sinners tremble, and the people of God rejoice.

He was remarkable for the kindness of his spirit and the guilelessness of his conversation. At his funeral it was said by one of his brethren in the Ministry: "I have known brother Greenbank intimately for thirty-five years, and I never heard him speak an unkind word of any one."

During the last few years of his life the asthma, which had clung to him from early manhood, began to make sad inroads upon his health, causing him much distress, so much so that for the last three or four years he scarce ever enjoyed a night's repose. In the Spring of the past year his health commenced to fail rapidly, until August 15th, when he took to his chamber. He was cheered in his last hours by the presence of his family—three sons and three daughters, all of whom he had lived to see gathered into the church. He delighted to listen to the precious promises of God's word, and rejoiced in victory over the last enemy—frequently exclaiming: "O! death where is thy sting? O! grave where is thy victory? Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

To his Presiding Elder, who visited him a few days before he died, he replied, in answer to an inquiry as to his prospect for the future, with the deepest emotion:

"He will not live in glory and leave me behind."

A half hour previous to his death, one of the family read to him a portion of the eighth of Romans, and prayed with him, he responding, "glory, glory," and waving his hands in triumph. His last words were in response to the closing petition, "amen, amen, amen!"

He had apprehended strangulation in his closing moments, owing to the nature of his disease, but the Lord mercifully answered the prayers of his family and ministerial brethren, and saved him from this dreaded suffering.

On Monday, August 24th, about 4 o'clock P. M., after several hours of comparative ease, he leaned forward in his chair, (a position which he was compelled to occupy) resting his head upon his right hand, as he was wont, and fell, apparently, into a gentle slumber. Remaining in this position, his family supposed he was still asleep, but his spirit had quietly departed, joining the innumerable company of angels, and the spirits of the just men made perfect—his countenance beaming with light, and the place was felt to be sacred—"quite on the verge of Heaven."

The funeral services, which were of a deeply interesting character, were held in the Hedding M. E. Church, where he was accustomed to worship, August 27, 1868, and were participated in by a number of his more intimate brethren in the ministry. His mortal remains were interred in Mt. Moriah Cemetery. "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

REV. H. M. JOHNSON, D.D., L.L.D.

Herman Merrill Johnson, the fourth of the seven sons of Miles and Chloe Dunning Johnson, both natives of Connecticut, was born in Otsego county, New York, November 25, 1815, and died in Carlisle, Pa., April 5, 1868, in the fifty-third year of his age.

In early life he exhibited remarkable aptitude for learning. Being of a delicate make, no hardship was required of him on his father's farm, and the less as all his tastes inclined him to books. At fourteen he taught school in a neighboring town, where some of the scholars were men six feet tall, and he below the size of boys of his age. No little consternation was felt among the parents, if not among the scholars, when the boy-teacher made his appearance; but his management of the school proved every way satisfactory.

He was one of the fruits of a memorable revival in the then village of Auburn, N. Y., in 1832, under the ministry of Rev. George Peck, D.D. Dr. Wentworth

found him a youth of seventeen, then the eldest son of his widowed mother, a clerk in Seymour & Cherry's furniture store, one of a band of young men just converted, burning with zeal for Christ, sanguine, ardent and full of work. One morning Wentworth said abruptly, "Well, Johnson, what are you going to do in this world?" He turned away and burst into tears. A tender chord had been touched. From nine till twelve that night they walked the streets of that beautiful village, talking over their future prospects and plans. The resolution seemed then formed for him to go to school and prepare for college.

President Allen, then teacher at Oneida Conference Seminary in Cazenovia, remembers him as one of his students. The acuteness and activity of his mind and his facility in acquiring knowledge, distinguished themselves in the seminary. He began "Cicero de Oratore," says President Allen, with the usual lesson of three or four pages, but soon, outstripping his fellows, he increased the daily lesson to ten, fifteen and twenty pages, and closed with a recitation of fifty pages, in addition to other studies.

He graduated in Wesleyan University with the first honors of his class in 1839. That same year he was called to the Chair of Languages in an institution at St. Charles, Missouri. Remaining there three years he was elected to the same chair in Augusta College, Kentucky, where he remained two years. He was then elected Professor of Ancient Languages and Literature in Ohio Wesleyan University, and acted as President *pro tem* till Doctor, now Bishop Thomson could take charge of the institution. Here he remained six years loved and honored by all his co-laborers. The estimate of Bishop Thomson, after many years of scholastic intimacy, he sums up in these not too eulogistic words: "Dr. Johnson's mind was remarkable, both for accuracy and strength, and equally fitted for linguistic, metaphysical and mathematical studies. His scholarship was extensive and thorough. He was so familiar with every part of the college curriculum that he could occupy with ease any academical chair. In a knowledge of the ancient languages and literature it was difficult to find in our church his equal, impossible, I think, to meet with his superior." He was elected to the Chair of English Literature and Belles Lettres in Dickinson College in 1850, and to the Presidency of the college in 1860, which position he held till the close of life. As student and educator, his life was eminently a scholastic one. And the same remarkable facility in acquiring knowledge characterized him in communicating it.

But his life was no less eminently that of a devoted and successful Minister of Christ. Dr. Holdich gave him licence as an exhorter Sept. 9, 1839 in Middletown, Connecticut. Rev. J. C. Hamson licensed him to preach July 8, 1843 in Augusta, Kentucky. Bishop Janes ordained him deacon August, 1847, and elder August, 1850, while a member of the North Ohio Conference. And during the period of his connexion with Dickinson College he was a member of the Philadelphia Conference.

Giving himself conscientiously to the work for which he was so well fitted, and to which he was providentially called, the results of his life in the scholastic department of the church were great. Believing that no church in the land would after a few years so need, or could so profitably employ educated men as the Methodist Church, he gave himself to the great work of education with a devotion and self-sacrifice rarely equaled. Connected with the Ohio Wesleyan University in the dark and laborious years of its early struggle for existence, his influence was marked, and he made himself felt as a sagacious, far-seeing counsellor, on whom his colleagues relied. Prof. Williams says: "To no other man do we owe more for the ultimate success of the university, and I believe he was the first to suggest and most influential in securing the adoption of a system of cheap scholarships which at once greatly increased our endowment and gave us a larger patronage.

This same work he was chiefly instrumental in doing for Dickinson. His devotion to the interest of the college was unremitting, earnest and effective. He drafted the plan of endowment by the sale of scholarships, which was so far a success as to put the college through the crisis of our civil war and the years' preceding the Centenary movement, and this was its salvation as a Methodist institution. The education of the sentiment of the church towards a proper appreciation of liberal culture and such an endowment of the college as would put it on a

permanent and proper basis, were practical ideas to which he gave some of the best years of his life. Bravely did he labor towards this end. It cost him severe suffering. With an inadequate salary he had to draw ruinously on his private means. But God spared him long enough for him to see that his labor was not in vain. A chief share in the establishment of these noble institutions are his monument, but they are the dear-bought treasure of an over-taxed spirit which sank in the battle when the victory was won.

The results of his life as a Minister of the word of reconciliation, are no less great. As a Divine, he was profound, settled and thoroughly Methodistic. As a Minister of Christ, he was deeply imbued with the spirit of the gospel. Dr. McCabe says: "Rarely has a college officer been more interested in revivals of religion or more deeply concerned in the conversion and sanctification of souls."

His occasional articles show his capacity for successful authorship. In Biblical Exegesis he was peculiarly gifted. The Bible was the centre of his studies, and he enriched his expositions with gems of rare wealth. His intellectual processes were clear, logical and profoundly impressive.

In domestic and social life the beauty and value of his character shone forth with special lustre. He was married September 20, 1843 to Mrs. General Miller, of Florida, at the residence of her father, Arvine Clarke, Esq., in Elmira, N. Y. She and six children survive him. Charley, a bright lad, had preceded his father by a few years, to the better land. His family thus linked to heaven was a sanctuary for the display of the gentler and lovelier graces of his gentle, refined and lovely nature. Often would he refresh himself with music at the melodeon accompanied by the voice. The words he most delighted in and which he sang with great feeling were—

"Forever with the Lord."

President Merriek speaks for many when he says: "I remember him as the polished gentleman, the accomplished scholar, the sincere Christian, the wise counsellor; and yet it is his friendship which I recall with the greatest pleasure. He was intelligent, genial, communicative. With great purity was combined transparent honesty. Affectionate and sympathizing, his love was like that of Jonathan. And around all was diffused the subtle aroma of genius and the sweet fragrance of a sanctified spirit."

Death came at an unlooked-for moment. Returning from the Conference, he entered upon his college work with more than usual buoyancy. Up to Saturday he was at the post of duty. On Palm Sunday, as the college bell was calling worshippers to the house of God, his freed spirit sped to the innumerable company, "to be forever with the Lord."

Cardialgia, coupled with nervous exhaustion, was the fatal disease. His physician inquired after one of his spells of exhaustion—"How did you feel in your extremity? Were you alarmed?" He replied earnestly "Not at all!" Perfect love had cast out fear. He composed himself for sleep; his wife heard a groan, and was instantly by him, but he was gone.

Retiring, unobtrusive, artless, diligent, he worked in the domain of the Eternal as well as toward it, with a faith which realized that the Kingdoms are but one. He had always strong confidence in the sure mercies of God. Never, he said, could he bring himself to do anything for his worldly advancement as a motive, but preferred, without putting forth his hand to the ark of Providence, to trust in God and be doing good. Moses-like he had respect unto the eternal recompense of reward.

Those who knew him feel that the church has lost one of its best minds.

REV. SETH SITES GROVE,

Was born in York County, Pa., March 24th, 1842, and died in Bristol, Pa., December 10th, 1868, aged 26 years, 8 months and 16 days. He was converted to God in the fifteenth year of his age, soon after which he united with the Eutaw Street Methodist E. Church, Baltimore, then under the pastoral care of Rev. R.

L. Dashiell, where he continued a member until 1860, when he entered the Concord Biblical Institute, in order more fully to prepare himself for the gospel ministry, which he had now determined should be his life work. Having spent some time at this institution, he returned to his home more than ever resolved to live and work for God.

In January, 1862, he was married to Miss Julia A. McComas, who now lives to mourn his loss. Being on a visit with his wife to Canada, he became acquainted with Bishops Richardson and Smith, of the Canada Methodist Episcopal Church, who persuaded him to locate himself within the bounds of their work. He soon after joined the Ontario Conference, of the aforesaid Church, and was appointed to "Bellville," one of the most important charges belonging to the Conference, the Conference Seminary, "Albert College," being located there. Here he labored for two years, acceptably and efficiently, and was favored with a gracious revival of religion, during which many of the students of the College were brought to Christ, some of whom are now Ministers of the gospel. He very soon became a favorite with all connected with the College and was urgently solicited to take the Professorship of Languages. This he declined—his mission was to preach the gospel. Owing to the severity of the climate and the delicacy of his wife's health, he was compelled to leave Canada, and return to his home in the United States.

In the Spring of 1865, he was employed by the Presiding Elder of the North Philadelphia District of the Philadelphia Conference, Rev. Joseph Mason, and appointed to Naglesville. In the spring of 1866, he was admitted into the last named Conference and re-appointed to Naglesville. In the Spring of 1867 he was ordained Elder by Bishop Scott, at the Conference held in Harrisburg, and appointed to Bristol, Pa., where having labored with the greatest acceptability, he was suddenly attacked by hemorrhage of the lungs, which rendered it necessary for him to discontinue preaching for the remainder of the Conference year, during which time he traveled extensively in the West, and spent the winter in Cheyene, Dacotah Territory. Returning East in last March, with greatly improved health, and being deeply anxious to resume his work, at the last session of the Philadelphia Conference he was re-appointed to Bristol. Here he resumed his labors under the most encouraging circumstances. He never looked more like living, nor felt more like laboring in his Master's cause. The church and community at Bristol were gratified that they were to be favored again with his able ministrations and pastoral care. He entered upon and continued his labors with burning zeal and efficiency, until August last, when he took a severe cold, which, together with general physical prostration, induced by too great exertion, rendered it necessary for him to suspend his labors, that he might recruit his exhausted energies. He went to Baltimore and visited among his relations and friends in that city and the county for several weeks, but without any permanent benefit. The following month, September, he returned to Bristol, but too feeble to resume his labors. He continued in this condition until Oct. 21st, when he had another hemorrhage, rendering him still more feeble. This was followed by repeated hemorrhages, until November 30th, when he had another, more violent and painful than any that had preceded it. Recovering somewhat from the shock and prostration of the last terrible attack, supposing himself to be dying, he said, "Jesus, sweet Jesus—good-bye, meet me in heaven." A number of the members of his church being present, he bade them all farewell, with a smile on his countenance, which indicated the peace within, and told them to meet him above.

At different times during his last illness he gave utterance to such expressions as the following: "The fear of death is gone;" "How sweet to die;" "I will soon be in Paradise;" "Glory to the Lamb;" "I am not worthy, but Jesus is worthy;" "I am ready to depart and be with Christ, which is far better;" "I am praying that my sickness and death may do more good in this place, than if I were to live and preach to them;" "I am resting on the Rock." While some of his Christian friends sang some choruses, his countenance was lighted up with joy and smiles. He said, "I hang by faith upon the promises;" "I realize more fully that faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not

seen." After a painful, sleepless night, he said, "Heaven seems nearer to me this morning;" "Soon be home." To his beloved wife he said, "The Lord bless you. I leave you in the hands of the Lord. Get all the religion you can. We part only for a little while. I am going above to watch over you and my darling child. Be faithful. I feel more than ever the vanity of life, and the reality of heaven."

To his Presiding Elder, a few days before he died, he said: "I feel like a summer cloud, just ready to float away." "Tell the brethren to be faithful; all is right with me."

A few minutes before he died, his brother-in-law, Rev. N. D. McComas, asked him how he felt. He said, "I am very weak." In answer to the remark that he would soon be in the world of spirits, he replied: "Blessed be Jesus, if it is so." "Is Jesus with you?" was asked. "Always," was his emphatic reply. "I believe in Christ only;" (repeating) "Christ only," "Christ only." Opening his eyes, which had been closed for a moment, he said, "Jesus, sweet Jesus, come, come, come! quick, quick, quickly! I am ready." In answer to the question, if he knew his friends around him? he said, "yes," and he was gone without a struggle to the rest of the skies.

"O change! O wondrous change!
Burst are the prison bars!
This moment there—so low,
And now, beyond the stars!

"O change! stupendous change!
Here lies the senseless clod—
The soul from bondage breaks,
The new immortal wakes,
Wakes with his God."

Thus has passed from the sorrows of earth to the joys of heaven, in the morning of his days, one of the purest and best of men, and one of the most promising of Ministers. As a husband, as a father, as a son, as a brother, and as a friend, he was all that could be desired. As a Preacher, his talents were of the highest order, attracting many to the house and worship of God. As a Pastor, he was beloved by all who knew him. His interest, especially in the youth of his charge, was worthy of universal imitation.

The bereaved flock from whose midst he passed from the church below to the church above, has been thus called in the mysterious providence of God, to mourn the loss by death of three successive Pastors; first, the eloquent, lamented, Rev. Wm. Barns, then the pious, devoted, Rev. J. H. Turner, now the young and talented, Rev. S. S. Grove. Surely we may say with the Psalmist: "Clouds and darkness are around about Him, but justice and judgment are the habitation of His throne."

The funeral services were held in the Eutaw Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Baltimore, December 16, 1868, when a funeral sermon was preached, in compliance with the request of the deceased, by his Presiding Elder. They were participated in by a number of the Ministers of the Baltimore Conference, among whom he was held in high estimation. His remains were committed to the tomb in the Greenmount Cemetery, Baltimore, there to sleep until the Lord shall come to make up his jewels.

REV. ALLEN JOHN.

The subject of the following memoir, Rev. Allen John, was born in Chester co., Pa., December 9th, 1805, and died in Middletown, Pa., December 28th, 1868, in the 64th year of his age, and the 36th of his Ministry.

He was converted to God, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in the 18th year of his age, from which time to that of his happy exit from earth to Heaven, his life was a most beautiful illustration of the saving power of Grace

Divine. He had a well ordered and cultivated intellect, and a heart full of love and tender sympathy. He was a good Preacher and a most affectionate and faithful Pastor. His smiles were as sunbeams. His words like balm. The seals to his ministry were many. Though dead, he still lives in the grateful remembrance of the churches he served.

He was admitted on trial in the Philadelphia Conference in the Spring of 1833, and received into full connection in 1835. His various fields of labor were as follows: Harrisburg Circuit, Woodbridge, Waynesburg Circuit, Springfield, Reading, Pa., Asbury (West Philadelphia), New Holland Mission, Brandywine Circuit, (Delaware,) Strausburg Circuit, Soudersburg, Sanctuary (Philadelphia), Pottstown, Mariners' Bethel (Philadelphia), Tamaqua, Frankford (Philadelphia), Chester, Phenixville, Milestown, Bristol, Phenixville, (2d time,) Port Carbon, Middletown, Pa., where he closed his labors and his useful life.

Brother John was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith, and much people were added to the Lord. His character was a beautiful moral transparency. The goodness within beamed out in beauteous rays of light. One felt in his presence that he was with a true and good man. He was most genial and reliable as a friend. Who that has grasped his hand and shared in his friendship, can ever forget him? He was one of the most strictly conscientious. The Bible was his companion and guide. He was governed in public and private life by his convictions of right. As a husband and father he was tenderly affectionate, and untiringly devoted to the interests of those who are now left to mourn his loss. His last sermon was preached December 6th, 1868, from the text, "But it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light." (Zech. 14, 7.) The evening time of his day of life was most beauteously and gloriously light.

Sure the last end of the good man is peace. How calm his exit! Night dews fall not more calmly on the ground, nor weary, worn-out winds expire so soft. He died as those who know him would have expected, not only in peace, but in glorious triumph. For some time before his death he felt anxious to provide for his family a place which, after a weary itinerant life, they might fondly call *home*, and for a time during his last illness he held fondly to life and loved ones, and looked forward to the present Conference with peculiar interest, desiring to ask a change of his relation that he might rest a little while from labors of which his heart was fond, but in which his physical nature was weary. Grace enabled him, however, to say "Thy will be done." Conference has come! But he has entered his heavenly rest.

To some of his brethren in the Ministry he said: "The Gospel I have preached to others, sustains me in the last conflict. I have not left the work of preparation till this late hour." His physician inquired of him, near his closing hour, if "all was peace?" His face lighted with heavenly brightness, and he exclaimed, with all the strength of voice he had, "Triumph." When he said to him, "All is over!" he said "Amen." He kissed each member of his family, saying "God bless you." When he could no longer speak, he breathed upon them his parting benediction, and as they left his bedside one by one, his eye followed them for the last time, as they walked away. When he had thus blessed them, with the blessed assurance of a re-union in Heaven, he lingered a little while and then sweetly fell asleep in Jesus.

"Oh! may we triumph so,
When all our warfare's past,
And dying, find our latest foe
Under our feet at last."

REV. HENRY FRANCIS HURN,

Was born in Queen Anne's County, Md., on the 8th day of September, A. D. 1822, and "died at his post" in Lancaster, Pa., July 17th, 1868, in the 46th year of his age. His parents were pious members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, his father a local preacher. In his youth, with a fine manly voice, and somewhat

precocious in ability to make public addresses, and, withal, a fine singer, his society was courted, and more than one expressed the opinion, that, should he ever become a subject of grace, his appropriate place would be the pulpit. This, however, may have been a mere echo of his own facetious and playful prediction—that some day he would excel his father as a Preacher. The great initial step towards what subsequently became the business of his life was taken in his conversion, which occurred at a Camp Meeting near Middletown, in the State of Delaware, on the 16th of August, 1846. This important change he ever after believed was in answer to the prayers of his mother, whom in childhood he had heard agonizing in prayer in his behalf. He united with the church immediately after his conversion, in Odessa, then in charge of the late Rev. John Bishop Hagany. Though but 24 years of age he ever regretted the loss of much precious time in not earlier giving his heart to God, and availing himself of the privileges of church membership.

In the Autumn of this year he consulted the Rev. David Shields, then on the Millington Circuit, with reference to his call to the Ministry, and was duly recommended in the Spring of 1847 to the Philadelphia Conference as a suitable person to be received into the "Traveling Connexion." But, as none were that year received, he was employed by the Presiding Elder on Milford Circuit. In 1848 he was recommended, received, and appointed to Seaford, Del. In 1849 he was sent to Dorchester Circuit, Md., and 1850 to assist Rev. Anthony Atwood at Twelfth street in this city, but was removed before the close of the year to fill a vacancy at Ebenezer, caused by the death of the Rev. James Allen. His appointments since have been as follows: In 1851 at Ebenezer, Manayunk; 1852, Elkton, Maryland; 1853, Centerville Circuit, Maryland; 1854, Port Deposit, Maryland; 1855 and 1856, Western M. E. Church, Philadelphia; 1857 and 1858, Elkton; 1859 and 1860, Port Deposit; 1861 and 1862, Easton, Pennsylvania; 1863, 1864 and 1865, Green street, Philadelphia; 1866 and 1867, Media, Pennsylvania; and in 1868 to the First M. E. Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he "ceased at once to work and live."

The subject of this Memoir was thrice married—in 1851 to Miss Sallie Mitchell, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Mitchell, of this city; a respectable and interesting lady, who was permitted to share the vicissitudes of an itinerant Minister's life but a few months. In 1853 he was married to Miss Maria Torbert, of Elkton, Md., a lady every way suited to sooth him amidst the cares of his calling, and who failed not to cheer him when the desponding tendencies of his mind required such aid. In less than ten years this happy union was dissolved by the death of his excellent wife, leaving him a prey to morbid sensibilities only relieved by the pressing demands of a large and important charge assigned him in the Spring of 1863. During his pastorate of the Green Street Church he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Eveland, of this city, who survives him to mourn her early widowhood, but who "sorrow not as those who have no hope."

Brother Hurn was a man of more than ordinary mental vigor, and was, moreover, a diligent student. His library contained many valuable books which were not placed on shelves as ornaments, but were read and studied. Indeed, though of a genial spirit, and pleasant in the social circle, he was so wedded to the study, and labored so diligently to be a workman who needed not to be ashamed, that he was probably not as much with the people as would have been both to his advantage and theirs. He was not an impromptu speaker, either in the pulpit or on the platform; but when he had time to prepare he used it diligently, and his compositions sparkled with brilliant thoughts as "apples of gold in pictures of silver." During the last two years of his life his heart was under the promptings of a warmer baptism than it had experienced for many years previously, and his "preaching was in the demonstration of the Spirit and with power."

His brain was the great organ of his physical nature, and as it was taxed most, so did it suffer most. His last illness affected it so seriously that the joys of a living faith had less development than was desirable on the part of his friends. On the day of his death his mind seemed to be drawn out in constant prayer. Early in the day he seemed dissatisfied with himself, and requested his weeping wife and her sister to pray for him. He continued to wrestle for some time, and

finally obtained the desire of his heart, and spoke of "the brightness all around him." Though suffering much in body, and in mind occasionally wandering, one who was with him says: "We trust to these indications as proof that the brightness of the Father's glory was then revealed to him."

He leaves a widow and two children, one the son of his second wife, and an infant in the arms of its widowed mother. His work is done. He has fallen in his prime! Let us hear the voice of Him, in whose hands are the issues of life and death, saying to us all: "Be ye also ready."

REV. DANIEL GEORGE.

Was born in Kent County, Del., October 23d, 1836, and died on Sabbath, March 14th, 1869, in Olney, Pa., in the 33d year of his age and the 12th of his Ministry.

He was converted to God October 21st, 1851, in the 15th year of his age. He entered the Philadelphia Annual Conference in the Spring of 1858, and served the following appointments: Wye, Md.; Suddlersville, Md.; Easton Circuit, Md.; Mount Salem, Del.; Media, Pa.; New Castle, Del., and St. James, Pa., where he ceased to work and live. He died in the prime of his manhood, and in the midst of his usefulness, and is embalmed in the hearts of many who knew his excellence, and now mourn his loss.

Brother George, from the time of his early conversion to that of his death, was an exemplary Christian—the highest style of man.

As a friend, he was devoted and true—as a husband and father, most affectionate and fond.

As a Minister of Christ, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. As a Pastor, true and devoted to all the responsible duties of the pastorate. He was a rising man. Whatever of difficulty he met in his way he energetically and perseveringly struggled with till it was overcome. He was a close student, and the result of his application was apparent in his efficient pulpit ministrations. He seemed destined to occupy a high position as a member of our Conference.

His last days were days ever memorable! Days of physical prostration and pain. Days of great anxiety to his family and flock; but days of wondrous manifestations of Divine presence, and sanctifying and saving grace. His Christian experience was not only clear, but truly glorious. In the early part of his illness he said: "I have committed my body, soul, family, charge, and my all into the hands of my God. All is safe. I feel no concern." His most frequent expression was "Jesus is precious! Precious Jesus." To one of his brethren, who was about leaving his room, he said: "My faith is unwavering—my hope is full. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth me from all sin. I feel confident that provision has been fully made in the atonement of Christ to meet the necessities of fallen humanity. Whatever may be the result of this sickness, glory will be mine in the end. Bless the Lord. This is my testimony!" At another time he bade his family and friends farewell, and closed his eyes, expecting to fall asleep in Jesus, but after awhile he awoke, and said: "How near I have been to the river! I thought I was over! My faith wavers not." To another of his brethren in the Ministry, he whispered, when very near his end: "Brother, the blood of Jesus cleanseth me from all personal sin. I wanted to bear my testimony to you once more. Tell others this is my testimony." Soon after he exchanged earth for Heaven. The cross for a bright crown of glory. Thus has passed from the labors of earth to the rest of Heaven, one of the purest and most promising members of the Philadelphia Conference.

"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past,
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1869.

The Board of Stewards, in making their annual report to the Conference and to the church within its bounds, are pleased to be able to say that the gradual increase in the collections, which has been without interruption for the last seven years, is continued the present year.

The amount collected in the several charges falling within the bounds of our part of the old Philadelphia Conference, is \$7,320 28, an increase over last year in the same territory, of \$679 66. But while the collections have increased, the claimants have also increased in a much greater ratio, for disease and death have been busy in our midst since our last session.

In addition to the 38 old claimants falling to us in the division of the Conference, we have been obliged to admit to our lists 10 new ones, whose aggregate claims amount to some \$3,400, making a total claim of \$12,875: to meet which we have \$7,685 50, or about 60 per cent. of the claim.

This amount the Stewards have distributed among the several claimants as equitably as they were able to do with the information in their possession. That their awards will be satisfactory either to the claimants or their respective friends, is hardly to be anticipated. But it is to be hoped that the Stewards will receive the credit of honesty of purpose, even when their conclusions are regarded with disfavor.

The too-prevalent habit, both among Preachers and people, of inferring that because a disabled Minister has a house of his own, to protect himself and family, or has a small income from careful savings of former years, or has a family who, by frugality, are enabled to keep up (as they have been wont to do) a respectable appearance, he is not, therefore, a proper claimant upon the funds of the Conference, is highly detrimental to the success of our collections for Conference claimants. In other words, too many look upon this collection as a mere charity rather than as a just compensation due to men who have spent their strength and vigor in serving the church for a bare support—whilst others, of no greater ability or business tact, have been gaining wealth and a competence for their families.

The Board have assessed, for the coming year, an aggregate of \$7,445, a slight increase at some points where the Board thought they had ability, and would regard it as a privilege to respond.

In conclusion, they recommend the passage of the following

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolved, 1. That we recommend the collections for our necessitous Conference claimants as one having the strongest claims upon the sympathy and benevolence of our people, and that we will use our utmost efforts to raise the amounts apportioned to our respective charges.

Resolved, 2. That Preachers in charge of circuits and stations shall be required to report their collections for Conference claimants on the second day of the next session of the Conference, stating at the time both the amount apportioned and the amount collected; said collections to be in checks or in United States notes, of as large a denomination as possible.

Resolved, 3. That, inasmuch as it is important to the Board of Stewards that they be notified at an early period in the session of all the claims likely to come before them, it shall be the duty of all recognized Conference claimants, as well as of those about to change their relation and needing assistance, to give notice of the fact in writing, or through their Presiding Elder, on the second day of the next session, immediately after the call of the Stewards shall have been made.

Resolved, 4. That it is still the sense of this Conference, that, in the distribution of the work from time to time, no appointments should be made that do not promise to be self-sustaining at an early period; and that, where it is found necessary to keep up those that are otherwise, the proper authorities should see that suitable

provision be made to assist in the support of said appointments out of the Missionary funds of the church, rather than from those placed in the hands of the Stewards for the special benefit of necessitous claimants.

Resolved, 5. That the collection for Conference claimants, whenever practicable, shall be taken up in the months of October and November.

All of which is respectfully submitted by the Board of Stewards, viz:

Clerical Stewards,
 WM. COOPER,
 J. B. MADDUX,
 WM. RINK,
 J. B. McCULLOUGH,
 H. E. GILROY.

Lay Stewards.
 T. T. TASKER
 AMOS PHILLIPS,
 BENJ. SCHOFIELD, JR.,
 JAMES BLACK,
 C. ALBRIGHT.

DISTRIBUTION OF CONFERENCE FUNDS, MARCH, 1869.

Date of Claim.	CLAIMANTS.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Estimates of Quarterly Conferences.	DISTRIBUTION.		Total received by each claimant.
				Necess. Charter Fund.	Centenary Fund.	
1861	Thos. S. Childs.....	Bloomsburg, Pa.....	\$300 00	\$145 00	\$5 00	\$150 00
1863	Charles Schock	7th and Thompson sts.....	100 00	50 00	.....	50 00
1865	Joseph Carlisle	Media, Del. co., Pa.....	600 00	330 00	20 00	350 00
1865	Peter Hallowell.....	Raymond, Blackhawk co. Io.	400 00	165 00	10 00	175 00
1866	Stearns Patterson.....	Stroudsburg, Pa.....	600 00	280 00	20 00	300 00
1866	Christian Walters.....	Harrisburg, Pa.....	400 00	235 00	15 00	250 00
1867	Solomon Cooper.....	321 south Front st.....	300 00	240 00	10 00	250 00
1867	Daniel L. Patterson.....	1330 Columbia av., Pa.....	250 00	145 00	5 00	150 00
1868	J. B. Ayars.....	Germantown, Pa.....	400 00	145 00	5 00	150 00
1869	John Edwards.....	Strasburg, Pa.....	300 00	190 00	10 00	200 00
1869	S. Powers.....	Bridesburg, Pa.....	100 00	50 00	.....	50 00
1869	Franklin Moore.....	West Philadelphia.....	500 00	235 00	15 00	250 00
1869	John W. Arthur.....	19th below Carpenter.....	600 00	380 00	20 00	400 00
1869	John Cummings.....	Chicago Ill.....	450 00	75 00	.....	75 00
1819	Mrs. Vanschoick.....	Mount Holly, N. J.....	175 00	135 00	5 00	140 00
1838	Mrs. R. Potts.....	" " ".....	150 00	135 00	5 00	140 00
1838	Mrs. J. Rusling.....	Marshall ab. Poplar, Phild..	150 00	95 00	5 00	100 00
1842	Mrs. Lydia Best.....	Harrisburg, Pa.....	200 00	135 00	5 00	140 00
1845	Mrs. E. S. Folks.....	7th ab. Washington av.....	150 00	135 00	5 00	140 00
1848	Mrs. Esther Gardner.....	Chambersburg, Pa.....	150 00	135 00	5 00	140 00
1848	Mrs. E. L. Wiggins.....	West Philadelphia.....	250 00	135 00	5 00	140 00
1851	Mrs. J. Harmer.....	Germantown, Pa.....	150 00	135 00	5 00	140 00
1852	Mrs. Harriet Shields.....	1511 Spring Garden st.....	200 00	135 00	5 00	140 00
1852	Mrs. A. W. Allen.....	54 north Seventh st.....	300 00	135 00	5 00	140 00
1856	Mrs. Cornelia Gerry.....	Matuchan, N. J.....	100 00	50 00	.....	50 00
1856	Mrs. H. Williams.....	1135 south 11th st.....	400 00	215 00	10 00	225 00
1857	Mrs. Jane Henry.....	1152 south 6th st.....	100 00	75 00	.....	75 00
1859	Mrs. H. G. King.....	Chester City, Pa.....	150 00	135 00	5 00	140 00
1863	Mrs. E. Reed.....	Mount Joy, Pa.....	200 00	130 00	5 00	135 00
1863	Mrs. L. C. Pettit.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	175 00	75 00	.....	75 00
1864	Mrs. J. H. McFarland.....	St. Paul's, Minn.....	300 00	190 00	10 00	200 00
1864	Mrs. Maria Lednum.....	Broad bel. Washington av.....	150 00	100 00	.....	100 00
1864	Mrs. Elmira Bowen.....	Germantown, Pa.....	300 00	170 00	5 00	175 00
1865	Mrs. J. W. Mecaskey.....	13th ab. Race.....	100 00	75 00	.....	75 00
1865	Mrs. Mary Freed.....	Halifax, Pa.....	400 00	280 00	20 00	300 00
1865	Mrs. Anna C. Smith.....	Springfield, Pa.....	100 00	25 00	.....	25 00
1866	Mrs. Jane Brisbane.....	238 north 20th st.....	100 00	75 00	.....	75 00
1866	Mrs. Rachel Barnes.....	West Philadelphia.....	300 00	235 00	15 00	250 00
1867	Mrs. Sarah Quigley.....	Frankford, Pa.....	600 00	285 50	20 00	305 50
1867	Mrs. Martha Turner.....	Bristol, Pa.....	350 00	285 65	20 00	305 65
1867	Mrs. H. C. Anderson.....	717 north Broad st.....	300 00	75 00	.....	75 00
1868	Mrs. G. T. Barr.....	Enterprise.....	150 00	95 00	5 00	100 00
1869	Mrs. Emma V. Hurn.....	Franklin and Buttonwood.....	150 00	100 00	.....	100 00
1869	Mrs. D. George.....	Olney, Phila., Pa.....	200 00	200 00	.....	200 00
1869	Mrs. Mary Greenbank.....	1524 Wallace st.....	300 00	190 00	10 00	200 00
1869	Mrs. Julia A. Grove.....	Whitehall, Balt. co., Pa.....	300 00	95 00	5 00	100 00
1869	Mrs. Mary A. Johns.....	Sunbury, Pa.....	500 00	189 78	10 22	200 00
1865	Mrs. Fannie B. Thomas.....	Spring Garden st.....	75 00	25 00	.....	25 00
1869	Expenses.....	.....	.....	14 37	.....	14 37
1869	Contingent Fund.....	.....	.....	200 00	.....	200 00
Totals.....			\$12,876 00	\$7560 30	\$325 22	\$7885 52

COLLECTIONS.

NORTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Apportionment last year.	Amount collected this year.	Apportionment for next year.
St. George's.....	120 00	110 00	120 00
Green Street.....	200 00	200 00	200 00
Fifth St.....	140 00	140 00	150 00
St. John's.....	140 00	151 15	150 00
Kensington.....	150 00	150 00	150 00
Siloam.....	25 00	26 00	25 00
Hancock St.....	50 00	50 00	50 00
Sanctuary.....	40 00	56 25	50 00
Front St.....	65 00	65 00	65 00
Twelfth St.....	150 00	150 00	150 00
Tabernacle.....	150 00	150 00	150 00
Colocksink.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Summerfield.....	60 00	61 50	60 00
Port Richmond.....	35 00	35 20	35 00
City Mission.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Oak Dale.....	.....	.....	5 00
Lehman's C. & Fairview.....	15 00	15 25	15 00
Doylestown.....	20 00	22 50	20 00
Perkiomen.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Montgomery Square.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Frankford.....	90 00	96 00	100 00
Bridesburg.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Holmesburg.....	10 00	7 00	10 00
Bristol.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Attleboro'.....	25 00	20 00	25 00
Morrisville & Fallsington.....	20 00	3 50	20 00
Bensalem & Neshamony.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Newtown.....	25 00	24 00	25 00
Lumberville and Lahaska.....	10 00	10 00	15 00
New Hope.....	10 00	10 00	15 00
Easton.....	40 00	40 60	50 00
South Easton.....	15 00	15 00	20 00
Richmond.....	25 00	26 00	30 00
Mt. Bethel.....	10 00	7 50	10 00
Stroudsburg.....	45 00	45 50	50 00
Cherry Valley.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Monroe.....	15 00	18 00	15 00
Tannersville.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Tobyhanna Mills.....	10 00	11 00	10 00
Durham.....	5 00	1 25	5 00

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Apportionment last year.	Amount collected this year.	Apportionment for next year.
Union.....	175 00	180 00	175 00
Arch Street.....	175 00	200 00	200 00
Ebenezer.....	140 00	140 00	150 00
Salem.....	140 00	140 00	150 00
St. Paul's.....	140 00	130 00	150 00
Wharton St.....	225 00	225 00	225 00
Mariner's Bethel.....	55 00	58 00	75 00
Western.....	75 00	80 00	85 00
Broad St.....	85 00	85 00	90 00
Second St.....	25 00	11 00	20 00
Eleventh St.....	50 00	81 50	60 00
Scott.....	40 00	40 00	50 00
Pitman Chapel.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Fitzwater St.....	10 00	.....	10 00
Asbury.....	55 00	55 00	60 00
Fortieth Street.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Centenary.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Thirty-Eighth St.....	50 00	78 25	60 00
Haddington.....	20 00	20 50	20 00
Hestonville.....	50 00	60 00	50 00
Radnor and Bethesda.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Paschalville.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Darby and Mt. Pleasant.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Chester.....	60 00	60 00	65 00
" Trinity.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Marcus Hook.....	15 00	12 60	15 00
Village Green.....	25 00	25 00	30 00
Media.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Crozierville.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Siloam.....	15 00	30 00	20 00
West Chester.....	45 00	69 50	50 00
Grove.....	20 00	18 00	25 00
Marshallton.....	10 00	9 15	10 00
Chatham and Kennet.....	15 00	2 29	15 00
New London.....	25 00	22 00	25 00
Oxford.....	20 00	8 25	20 00
Avondale.....	.....	.....	5 00
Fulton.....	30 00	21 00	30 00
Mt. Nebo.....	20 00	20 00	25 00
Safe Harbor and Manor.....	40 00	36 00	40 00

COLLECTIONS—CONTINUED.

CENTRAL PHILADA. DISTRICT.				HARRISBURG DISTRICT.			
CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Apportionment last year.	Amount received this year.	Apportionment for next year.	CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Apportionment last year.	Amount received this year.	Apportionment for next year.
Trinity.....	250 00	260 00	250 00	Harrisburg, Locust St.....	100 00	105 05	100 00
Nazareth.....	140 00	140 00	150 00	" St. Paul's.....	30 00	30 10	30 00
Central.....	100 00	110 00	100 00	" Ridge Av.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Spring Garden Street.....	275 00	500 00	275 00	" Lochiel & Baldwins			15 00
Emory.....	80 00	80 00	70 00	Dauphin.....	25 00	36 00	30 00
Hedding.....	40 00	30 00	40 00	Halifax.....	30 00	31 00	35 00
Nineteenth St.....	40 00	40 00	50 00	Millersburg.....	30 00	50 00	35 00
Twentieth St.....	10 00	10 00	15 00	Wiconisco and Lykens.....	15 00	15 15	20 00
Mt. Carmel.....	30 00	30 00	30 00	Hummelstown.....	10 00	7 00	10 00
Milestown.....	25 00	25 62	30 00	Lebanon.....	35 00	35 00	40 00
Harm'r's H. & Jar'town.....	10 00	10 00	15 00	Cornwall.....	15 00	12 00	15 00
St. James.....	25 00	30 00	25 00	Middletown.....	10 00	11 00	10 00
Cheltenham.....	60 00	65 00	60 00	Bainbridge & Falm'th.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Bustleton.....	20 00	33 00	25 00	Marietta and Maytown.....	15 00	15 50	15 00
Somerton.....	15 00	5 15	15 00	Columbia.....	75 00	100 00	85 00
Germanatown, Haines st.....	85 00	75 00	85 00	Lancaster, 1st Church.....	85 00	67 85	85 00
" St. Stephens.....	50 00	52 00	50 00	" St. Paul's.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Chestnut Hill.....	15 00	15 00	15 00	Mt. Joy.....	10 00	5 90	10 00
Roxborough.....	20 00	12 00	20 00	Reading, Ebenezer.....	60 00	60 00	65 00
Manayunk, Mt. Zion.....	60 00	61 00	65 00	" St. Peter's.....	60 00	60 00	65 00
" Ebenezer.....	40 00	46 00	45 00	" Covenant Chapel.....			15 00
Falls of Schuylkill.....	10 00	19 00	15 00	Hamburg.....	5 00	5 00	5 00
Merion Square.....	15 00	7 75	10 00	Cressona.....	20 00	20 00	25 00
Conshohocken.....	15 00	20 00	20 00	Pottsville.....	100 00	85 55	100 00
Norristown, DeKalb St.....	30 00	30 00	35 00	Minersville.....	50 00	50 00	55 00
" Oak St.....	30 00	30 00	35 00	Tremont.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Phoenixville.....	40 00	45 00	45 00	Port Carbon.....	40 00	43 00	40 00
Springville and Bethel.....	10 00	13 00	15 00	St. Clair & Wadesville.....	30 00	30 00	40 00
Pottstown.....	15 00	15 00	20 00	New Philadelphia.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Coventryville.....	20 00	25 00	25 00	Tamaqua.....	40 00	35 00	40 00
Birdsboro.....	40 00	36 40	40 00	Mahanoy City.....	25 00	25 00	30 00
Springfield.....	50 00	50 00	50 00	Preston Mission.....			10 00
Waynesburg.....	30 00	25 00	35 00	Shenandoah.....			10 00
Salem.....	15 00	16 31	15 00	Nesquehoning & Sum't.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Downingtown.....	20 00	12 00	20 00	Mauch Chunk.....	50 00	50 00	50 00
Guthrieville.....	20 00	20 00	25 00	East Mauch Chunk.....			10 00
Coatesville.....	20 00	20 00	25 00	Parryville.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Cochranville.....	25 00	25 00	30 00	Slatington Mission.....			10 00
Enterprise & Conestoga.....	35 00	50 00	40 00	Catasauqua.....	15 00	16 50	15 00
Strasburg.....	20 00	20 00	25 00	Allentown.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
				Freibensville and Quakert'n		6 35	10 00
				Bethlehem.....	15 00	20 00	15 00
				Chapmansville.....		7 00	10 00

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICT.	Estimate last year.	Total rec'ed this year.	Apportion't for next year.
North Philadelphia.....	\$1895 00	\$1898 20	\$1975 00
South Philadelphia.....	2065 00	2133 04	2220 00
Central Philadelphia.....	1850 00	2109 24	1955 10
Harrisburg.....	1140 00	1179 80	1295 00
Total.....	6950 00	7320 28	7445 00
Interest of Centenary Fund.....		325 22	
Interest of Chartered Fund.....		30 00	
Donation by a friend.....		10 00	
Bequest by Dr. Hellner.....		200 00	
Total receipts.....		7885 50	

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

NORTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.		Number of Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Number of Bible Classes.	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of the Schools this year.	S. S. Advocates taken.	S. S. Jour. taken.	Conversions.
St. George's.....	2	31	300	890	24	120	\$ 250 00	150			5
Trinity.....	2	51	290	1500	4	65	1150 00	250		22	9
Green Street.....	1	69	500	1200	3	200	400 00	150		40	70
Spring Garden Street.....	2	66	504	900	3	125	250 00	150			20
Fifth Street.....	2	71	417	1400	6	125	700 00	425		15	17
St John's.....	1	56	331	1180	7	325	886 00	350		45	39
Kensington.....	1	71	600	1050	1	150	800 00	450		90	21
Siloam.....	1	75	612	836	20	150	880 00				18
Hancock Street.....	1	44	356	700	4	100	200 00	300			12
Sanctuary.....	1	30	400	900	3	150	175 00	2 0		1	15
Front Street.....	1	51	540	1000	3	240	435 55	300			5
Twelfth Street.....	3	79	687	1243	62	340	381 43	400		100	25
Hedding.....	1	31	149	677	1	60	213 47	150		30	26
Nineteenth Street.....	1	52	408	900	9	128	228 13	225			18
Tabernacle.....	1	45	550	1100	5	180	300 00	33			15
Cohocksink.....	1	40	820	961	6	300	550 00	425			40
Emory.....	1	47	325	675	6	54	659 69				9
Summerfield.....	2	54	800	1000	6	300	867 50	350		50	6
Port Richmond.....	1	25	229	640	3	60	191 95	200			4
Calvary.....	1	32	262	326	4	27	30 00	100			1
City Mission.....	9	97	807	1400			250 00	100			9
Mt. Carmel.....	1	31	285	250	6	45	211 00	160			7
Milestown.....	2	22	132	817	4	4	360 00	125			18
Harmer's Hill & Jarretst'n	2	32	150	650	6	90	90 00				2
St. James.....	1	22	125	300	4	35	104 43	100			
Lehm. Chapel & Fairview.	2	16	82	810	3	10	90 05	30			3
Cheltenham.....	1	24	125	865	15	23	307 50	80		46	8
Doylestown.....	1	18	150	550	3	40	120 00	50			
Frankford.....	3	112	735	3700	15	241	700 00	118			20
Bridesburg.....	1	25	174	2000	4	58	100 00	41		7	15
Bustleton.....	1	21	128	400	5	15	300 00	13		5	5
Holmesburg.....	1	15	105	366	2	16		50			22
Somerton.....	2	24	112	600	3	25	58 00	30			
Bristol.....	2	52	427	1500	6	60	69 52	33		20	10
Attleboro & Emillie.....	4	61	310	1310	8		210 00	12		5	7
Morrisville & Fallsington	2	28	125	600	6	50	15 00	16		1	4
Bensalem & Neshamony..											
Newtown.....	6	52	271	1572	13	66	5 00	51		2	
Lumberville & Lahaska..	2	85	180	600	3	90	75 00	40			12
New Hope.....	1	22	174	550	5	40	288 00	6			10
Easton.....	1	41	150	1000	8	80	65 00	120		21	5
South Easton.....	3	39	315	703	1	60	65 75	82		45	2
Richmond.....	5	46	206	1052	1		157 36	40			
Williamsburg.....	2	34	168	700	5	25	121 00	20		1	4
Stroudsburg.....	1	35	242	600	3	40	134 87	60		16	25
Cherry Valley.....	6	65	325	1600	3	55	75 00	10			3
Monroe.....	3	32	168	975	1		60 00	60		12	3
Tannersville.....	6	50	200	700	1	130	20 00				2
Tobyhanna Mills.....	1	10	60	400			22 70			1	1
Durham.....	1	9	90	200					7		

READING DISTRICT.		Number of Sundry Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Number of Bible Classes.	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of the Schools this year.	Sundry School Advocates taken.	S. S. Journals taken.	Conversions.
Reading, Ebenezer.....	1	45	300	1300	9	150	122 58	150	35	10	
" St. Peter's.....	1	52	470	809	9	210	329 61	225	32	41	
Manayunk, Mt. Zion.....	1	26	302	1200	17	108	160 00	65	60	18	
" Ebenezer.....	1	32	325	570	10	80	385 87	32	33	25	
Falls of Schuylkill.....	1	25	148	500	3	30	223 75	65	1	.....
Roxborough.....	1	18	85	450	1	25	35 00	45	.....	.....
Germantown, Haines St.....	1	41	303	700	3	140	250 00	200	.....	35
" St. Stephen's.	1	36	256	800	5	78	403 50	175	20	15	
Chestnut Hill.....	1	15	64	300	12	37	135 00	50	.....	.....
Conshohocken.....	1	30	160	900	12	40	120 00	65	19	1	
Merion Square.....	1	29	201	400	18	18	164 88	37	1	.....
Norristown, De Kalb.....	1	34	273	900	11	110	12 30	61	.....	.....
" Oak Street.....	1	31	250	550	8	40	51 54	36	.....	.....
Perkiomen.....	4	40	223	1000	5	180	40 00	15	.....	.....
Montgomery Square.....	2	20	120	.....	12	20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Phoenixville.....	2	25	313	650	3	116	120 00	100	.....	.....
Salem.....	2	26	129	800	12	.....	40 00	30	.....	.....
West Chester.....	1	34	333	990	6	135	284 00	44	24	4	
Grove.....	1	30	125	700	7	30	75 00	30	.....	.....
Downingtown.....	1	23	190	500	8	40	30 00	40	1	3	
Pottstown.....	1	41	225	300	8	60	84 00	80	44	43	
Coventryville.....	3	25	250	500	3	.....	200 00	.....	.....	.....
Springville and Bethel.....	1	45	234	726	3	37	80 00	80	13	20	
Springfield.....	5	67	462	1320	.....	.....	77 74	132	10	.....
Waynesburg.....	3	20	200	1000	3	30	200 00	40	10	15	
Birdsboro.....	6	71	478	650	12	127	124 52	117	28	17	
Hamburg.....	1	27	160	600	7	40	60 00	140	8	1	
Lebanon.....	1	30	140	600	10	40	100 00	38	7	3	
Cornwall.....	1	23	110	300	4	43	8 62	31	9	27	
Cressona.....	1	22	285	449	3	100	145 15	30	11	30	
Pottsville.....	1	63	250	1000	27	90	200 00	62	.....	.....
Minersville.....	1	44	368	900	4	135	232 60	66	14	12	
Tremont.....	3	38	180	600	7	50	.....	1	.....	.....
Port Carbon.....	1	44	250	600	6	44	250 00	40	6	12	
New Philadelphia.....	1	15	90	375	.....	.....	25 00	20	9	10
St. Clair and Wadsworth.....	1	59	350	1000	4	72	210 00	65	33	.....
Tamqua.....	1	24	150	300	3	35	75 00	55	15	5	
Mahanoy City.....	1	52	390	1050	6	16	260 00	100	23	16	
Shenandoah City.....	1	23	114	86	16	170	42 00	.....	14	6
Mauch Chunk.....	1	56	460	825	16	170	641 70	290	.....	27
Parryville and Slatington.....	2	42	275	1150	12	75	280 00	.....	28	16
Nesquehoning and Summit.....	3	49	318	556	14	45	71 03	17	33	58	
Allentown.....	1	24	170	220	4	45	60 00	150	.....	10
Bethlehem.....	1	29	117	600	11	44	31 60	40	13	3	
Catasauqua.....	1	21	124	350	1	30	47 00	10	5	2	
Allent'n Fur. & Friedensv.....	3	31	255	420	10	.....	90 00	.....	.....	.....
Chapmansville.....	1	20	70	225	.....	.....	26 00	8	22	1
East Mauch Chunk.....	1	28	160	250	4	80	200 00	150	.....	9

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	Number of Sundry Sch's.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Number of Bible Classes.	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of the Schools this yr.	S. S. Advocates taken.	S. S. Journals taken.	Conversions.
North Philadelphia.....	100	2040	15791	43970	490	4373	15,137 06	6502	574	550
South Philadelphia.....	63	1573	11542	35258	249	3939	8,862 72	3609	406	521
Reading.....	87	1645	11905	30971	298	3108	6,904 99	3212	573	547
Wilmington.....	59	826	4731	14480	82	634	2,412 53	1069	103	100
Total this year.....	309	6084	43969	124679	1119	11154	33,317 30	14392	1656	1808
Total last year.....	318	6268	42612	129621	1036	11157	30,220 60	14459	.....	1734
Increase.....	.....	.....	1377	.....	83	.....	3,096 70	.....	.....	74
Decrease.....	9	184	.....	4942	.....	3	.....	69	.....	.....

REPORTS.

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education, having examined the several documents referred to them touching the interests of the Literary Institutions under the patronage of the Conference, and being favored with the presence of Rev. R. L. Dashiell, D.D., President of Dickinson College, Rev. B. H. Nadal, D.D., of Drew Theological Seminary, and Professor C. J. Little, of Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, respectfully present the following summary of facts:

Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., while enjoying an average degree of prosperity in its scholastic work during the year, has been blessed of God with a good share of religious interest among the students, and has recently been greatly cheered by the liberality of a friend of another denomination, in endowing a College Chair by the donation of \$25,000. The President feels the importance of such a renovation and refitting of the College buildings as will secure their more attractive exterior, and the increased comfort of the students. He is authorized to raise \$30,000 for this purpose. Some wealthy friends have taken part in this work, and it is expected speedily to be pressed to a successful completion. A system of securing cheap board for such students as desire it, has been initiated by the "Simpson Club," which puts good board, furnishing meat once a day, at the low rate of \$2 per week.

Wesleyan Female College, Wilmington, Del., is enjoying an encouraging degree of prosperity. The number of students—both boarding and day—is about the same as last year. A large number of the young ladies have been converted, and have become consistent members of the Church. The religious tone of the school is better than for years past. The income is somewhat beyond the expenses, but the institution is yet embarrassed by a debt, which ought, by all means, to be removed.

Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey, has nearly tripled its number of students. Last year it had eighteen—this year, fifty. Quite a number of the students have preaching places. Some have been favored with extensive revivals. Some have families. Some are studying with a view to the Missionary work. Half the students pay their own way. The New York Education Society has been aiding many. A good work might be done, it is believed, by a similar society in Philadelphia.

Irving Female College, Mechanicsburg, Pa., has been having a fair measure of prosperity. Twenty-five have been converted. Mrs. H. M. Johnson the widow of the late President of Dickinson College, and her daughters, are in the faculty.

Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, an institution for the education of young ladies and gentlemen, is in quite a prosperous condition. Nearly two hundred students are now in attendance. A number

of its recent graduates have become members of the Central Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Conferences.

The Committee respectfully present for your adoption the following resolutions:

I. *Concerning Dickinson College.*—1. That in the death of Rev. H. M. Johnson, D.D., L.L.D., the late President of the College, the Church has lost one of its best scholars and educators, and the College one of its most devoted officers.

2. That we are happy to recognize in Rev. R. L. Dashiell, D.D., the present President, those qualities of personal and pulpit popularity and effectiveness, which give ample promise of large success in the responsible work to which he has been called, and while we mourn the loss of his able predecessor, we rejoice that the interests of the College are entrusted to one so eminently fitted to manage them with such wisdom as is suited to the demands of the hour.

3. That the thanks of this Conference are hereby extended to our dear friend, whose modesty refuses a public mention of his name, who has recently thrilled us with joy by the munificent endowment of a College Chair, and as this is the first donation of such magnitude which the College has received, we venture to hope that this liberality outside of our denomination, will call forth similar acts within it, and from other directions, till the endowment of Dickinson, to which the Centenary effort gave such good impulse, will reach a figure, to which, as a first class institution, it must aspire.

4. That we heartily endorse the effort of President Dashiell to refit and repair the College edifices, believing, as we do, that the appearance of the institution, and the fitness of its architectural appointments have much to do with aiding its effectiveness, and we earnestly commend the work to the liberal co-operation of the friends of the College within our territorial bounds.

5. That as College education ought to be brought as far as possible within the grasp of young men of small means, we congratulate the College on the success of the enterprise of giving cheap board to the students, and we call the attention of parents and young men to this feature of the case, as worthy of inquiry.

6. That we hail with joy the light of a day of prosperity to the College, brighter than any of the past, and we bespeak for the College such a faith on the part of the church as will go very far towards claiming its full meridian.

7. That we direct the notice of young men who wish to combine a Theological with a Collegiate Course, to the fact of the Biblical Department, which the College embraces in its curriculum.

II. *Concerning Wesleyan Female College.*—1. That the division of the Conference, by which the College is put beyond our Conference limits, does not abate our interest in the College, but it will be our happiness to do what we can to promote its welfare.

2. That we rejoice in the measure of prosperity which it has enjoyed during the past year, and commend it to the patronage and fostering care of our members and friends, as one of the best female Colleges of the land.

3. That we again appeal to the generosity of the people for such aid as

will free this noble institution from all embarrassment; and we trust that the officers of the College will give to the public such a financial exhibit as will show what ought to be done to effect this.

4. That the Conference proceed to the election of two Trustees, to serve in the place of Rev. R. H. Pattison, D.D., and Rev. John F. Chaplain, whose terms of service just expire.

III. *Concerning Drew Theological Seminary.*—1. That as the time has fully come when the culture of the people is such as to demand a cultivated Ministry, we endorse most earnestly the propriety of the Theological training of young men about entering our Ministry, whenever it is practicable.

2. That we commend Drew Seminary to the favorable attention of the church, as a Theological Institution whose able faculty gives the amplest guarantee of the best results.

3. That we respectfully suggest to our wealthy laymen the propriety of furnishing aid to young men who are struggling for a Theological education, according to the plan of the Philadelphia Education Aid Society, which has been proposed to the Conference.

IV. *Concerning Irving Female College.*—That while we feel specially committed to Wesleyan Female College, we do not hesitate to endorse this College as one of the forces for good, whose geographical location need not interfere with the Wesleyan, as there is more than ample room for both of them.

V. *Concerning Williamsport Dickinson Seminary.*—That we heartily commend this Seminary to the attention of our people.

VI. *Concerning General Matters.*—1. That the usual Visiting Committees be appointed.

2. That Peter W. Schaefer, Esq., J. D. Patterson, Esq., B. F. Shenk, Esq., and D. M. Karcher, Esq., laymen, be appointed as members of the Committee on Education, to serve at the next Session of the Conference.

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

The Committee appointed on the Freedmen's Aid Society, submit the following report:

Whereas, The Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has supplemented the work of the Missionary and Church Extension Societies, by meeting a pressing demand, for which no other provision was made, and is contributing to the spread of intelligence and religion, and especially to the signal progress of Methodism in the South. And whereas, Through the overthrow of slavery, God, in his providence, has opened before our church an unparalleled field of usefulness in the South, to the cultivation of which we are impelled by the strongest convictions of duty, and by every humane, patriotic, and Christian sentiment, and a field where the school and the church must be planted together, and the teacher and Minister must labor side by side.

Therefore, *Resolved*, That we approve of the organization of this Society, and the noble work in which it is engaged, and in accordance with the recommendation of the late General Conference, will lift an annual collection, wherever practicable, for its support.

TRACT CAUSE.

The Committee have examined all the papers laid before them by the Board of Managers and Executive Committee, and the financial exhibit by the Conference Corresponding Secretary, and are gratified with the evidence these papers furnish, of the stability and growing success of the Book and Tract Depository of the Philadelphia Conference during the past year.

Amount of sales for the year.....	\$50,154 87	
Increase of sales over last year.....		7,348 42
Profits on sales this year.....	\$12,284 17	
Expenses this year.....	4,384 80	
		<u>7,899 37</u>
Received from agent at Conference.....		1,630 44

RESOURCES.

Property, 1018 Arch street.....	35,393 94	
Subscriptions due.....		2,060 00
Ledger accounts receivable.....	\$16,518 17	
Stock on hand.....	10,602 25	
Cash on hand.....	1,141 32	
Cash in treasury.....	3,000 00	
		<u>31,262 28</u>
Real estate, North Penn Church.....		5,000 00
Furniture of agent's residence.....		1,000 00
		<u>\$74,716 22</u>

LIABILITIES.

Mortgage.....	\$6,000 00	
Ledger accounts payable.....	2,676 35	
		<u>\$8,676 35</u>
Net worth.....	\$66,039 87	
“ last year.....		56,510 06
Gain.....		<u>\$9,529 81</u>

BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT.

Donations of Tracts and Good News.....	\$2,281 72	
Expenses.....	1,328 96	
		<u>\$3,610 68</u>
Received from collections.....	\$3,336 06	
		<u>\$284 13</u>

The Committee recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

1. We recognize the importance of Tract distribution, as a quiet, but powerful instrumentality in the hands of the Pastors and churches in saving souls.
2. We are gratified with the success of the plans adopted for Tract distribution, by which 2,300,000 pages of Tracts have been distributed this year, and earnestly recommend the hearty co-operation of all our Ministers and people in this work.
3. That a Tract collection be taken in all our churches.
4. That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby extended to Rev. S. W. Thomas, for the efficient manner in which he has discharged

the duties of his office; and to the Board of Managers and Executive Committee for the faithful and efficient management of the trust confided to them.

5. That we commend the Methodist Book Room, No. 1018 Arch street, Philadelphia, to our members and friends, as worthy of their confidence and patronage.

6. We recommend the re-appointment of Rev. S. W. Thomas, as Agent and Corresponding Secretary of the Philadelphia Conference Tract Society.

7. That we recommend the Board to pay expenses of Agent out of the profits arising from the sale of books, except the Agent's traveling expenses.

8. That the Philadelphia Conference Tract Society be instructed to publish the Minutes next year.

TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance regard the subject submitted to them for consideration, and to be reported back to the Conference, as inferior to none that can claim the attention of Christian Ministers. There is no evil more widespread in this country than intemperance; none the advocates of which are so bold and untiring; none the victims of which are more numerous, more helpless, more degraded, and who inflict upon themselves and others more physical, mental and moral ruin.

The position of the Methodist Episcopal Church on the subject of temperance is well known, yet in view of the vast amount of suffering caused by the traffic in intoxicating liquors—its corrupting influences and demoralizing effects, and the tendency upon the part of so many of our people to inactivity; it is becoming that we should continue to remind them of the danger that must inevitably follow if the efforts of Christians should relax. Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That in view of the fact that the sworn returns of the retail dealers of these soul-destroying liquors reaches the enormous sum of one thousand four hundred and eighty-three millions of dollars, and of the vast amount of suffering and distress consequent upon the traffic therein, so vast and extensive as to have no money value, it is the bounden duty of every man engaged in the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth, to use all the talents with which his Creator has endowed him, and all the time that can be spared from other duties as a Christian Minister, in endeavoring to elevate public sentiment to a point that shall regard this traffic in its true light, and those engaged therein as enemies not only of their race but of God.

2. *Resolved*, That while we hail with delight the success which has attended the various organizations independent of the Church of Christ, in this glorious work, we are more than ever convinced that these associations cannot do the work that is ours; hence as lovers of the souls of men, every believer in Christ should be actively engaged in this reform.

3. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Conference every member in full fellowship in the Methodist Episcopal Church in submitting to our "General Rules" is thereby pledged to total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

4. *Resolved*, That the only safe and Scriptural ground for Christian people to occupy, is total abstinence from all that intoxicates.

5. *Resolved*, That the highest medical and scientific authorities of the world have demonstrated that alcohol is never a "nutriment," but always a poison, and the moderate use of intoxicating drinks is never beneficial, but always injurious to health.

6. *Resolved*, That the sin of moderate drinking is shown in the fact that there could be no drunkards if there were no moderate drinkers, and that all our license laws are kept in force by moderate drinkers alone. We have no law allowing liquor to be sold to a drunkard, hence if all moderate drinkers would cease to drink, there could be no intoxicating liquor sold by law in Pennsylvania.

7. *Resolved*, That we hold the legal protection of the liquor traffic by the State in licensing the same, to be the great obstacle in the way of the temperance reform, because it makes both the sale and use of intoxicating drinks respectable by law, and thus destroys the power of moral suasion.

8. *Resolved*, That we hold Temperance to be a legitimate pulpit theme, and believe it to be the duty of every Christian Minister to preach directly and frequently on the duty of total abstinence.

9. *Resolved*, That as the Rev. Pennel Coombe has been successfully laboring in this cause under the authority of the State Temperance Union, and by appointment from this Conference, to the following extent, viz: visiting 146 different churches, embracing all the leading denominations of the State, except those which do not allow any but their own Ministers in their pulpits, having preached 152 sermons, made 146 speeches, and traveled over 35,000 miles. And as there has been before the Committee an official request from the Pennsylvania State Temperance Union for his re-appointment as a General Agent for the whole State, we cordially recommend his appointment by the Presiding Bishop to this work, and commend the State Temperance Union to the support of our people.

10. *Resolved*, That we recommend the wide diffusion of Temperance literature, that all may be enlightened to know, and influenced to do their duty.

11. *Resolved*, That we hail with great pleasure the fact that the National and State Temperance Societies now recognize the Christian Church as God's special agency for the *reformation* as well as the salvation of men. And we therefore commend the Pennsylvania State Temperance Union to the confidence and support of our people, it having been organized by the joint action of the religious and temperance organizations of this State for the special purpose of securing the more active co-operation of the churches in the temperance work, and of combining the influence of all the friends of this reform.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Resolved, 1. That we are as much as ever convinced of the importance of a thoroughly and efficiently organized Church Extension Society, to co-operate with the Missionary Society, in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom, by the erection of church edifices in destitute portions of the country.

Resolved, 2. That we cordially endorse our existing organization, and

pledge ourselves to co-operate with its officers in their endeavors to accomplish this great work.

Resolved, 3. That while we are devoutly thankful to God for the disposition which he has given to our people, to contribute of their substance in aid of this Society, and for the success attending its efforts in the past, yet we do earnestly exhort all our churches to increased liberality in the future.

Resolved, 4. That we cordially endorse and commend the loan scheme of the Society; the design of which is to raise a fund, amounting to \$500,000, and to make temporary loans to feeble churches. Whilst we gratefully acknowledge the beneficence of those brethren who have so nobly contributed to this fund, we hope that there are many others who will go and do likewise.

Resolved, 5. That we hereby recommend, and will urge upon our people, in our respective charges, the importance and necessity of devising liberal things in their annual contributions to this cause.

Resolved, 6. That we advise the Conference Board, that while it gives due consideration to applications for aid from abroad, it should not overlook the claims of weak points within the bounds of our own Conference.

Resolved, 7. That the following brethren be nominated to fill the Conference Board for the ensuing year: Rev. Joseph Castle, Rev. W. C. Robinson, Rev. J. Dickerson, Rev. J. F. Chaplain, Rev. T. W. Simpers, Rev. J. F. Meredith, Rev. J. Thompson, Rev. W. J. Paxson, Rev. M. D. Kurtz, Thos. Sappington, J. H. Thornley, Robert Thomas, W. H. West, L. C. Simons, and Robert England.

In addition to the above report the Committee offer the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and hereby tendered to Henry Crouse, Esq., of Reading, Pa., for his generous donation of a lot and church building, deeded to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The committee present the following paper as embodying their convictions and suggestions in reference to Sunday-school work:

As a body of Christian Ministers, we recognize the Sunday-school as an agency of pre-eminent utility. The two great ends to be continually kept in mind in all our labors in this department, are the spiritual regeneration of all the members of our Sunday-schools, and their thorough indoctrination in Bible truth. Anything short of this is lamentable and fatal failure.

To secure these ends the Sunday-school demands the best and most untiring energies of Ministers and private Christians. The best talent of the church, the most cultured minds and purest hearts should be enlisted in this holy work, and as Pastors, we should endeavor to secure the best workers for this highest service.

The church ought also to provide all possible facilities for successfully prosecuting this work. Attractive apartments, books, maps, pictures, black-boards—whatever will help illustrate the truth taught, or make an impression for good—all these are essential to the highest success.

The publications of our Sunday-school Union are invaluable aids. The Sunday-School Journal ought to be in the hands of every teacher and adult scholar in our schools, while the Sunday-School Advocate and other instructive papers should be freely distributed among the children, if possible, every Sabbath.

We would recommend to all our schools the adoption of a uniform lesson for the entire school. The advantages are numerous and apparent. The serial lessons prepared by Rev. J. H. Vincent, Corresponding Secretary of our Sunday-School Union, are valuable, and may be introduced into any school with profit.

We hail with joy the introduction of the normal department of instruction into our Sunday-school work. No class of persons need special instruction for their work more than Sunday-school teachers. As a body, they are a noble, faithful, self-sacrificing corps of laborers, but none feel more deeply than themselves their need of a more thorough preparation for the responsible work imposed upon them. And now that we have the system, it should be thoroughly and universally applied. This normal and training department should be made accessible to every teacher in all our schools. Training classes should be established; institutes should be held so generally and frequently that every teacher may enjoy their advantages. We therefore recommend that all the members of this Conference make special efforts to establish and maintain such normal classes, either in their schools individually, or in conjunction with other schools.

We also recommend that the Presiding Elders, together with the Conference Vice President of the Sunday-School Union and the Sunday-School Committee, make arrangements for holding conventions during the year in each of the Conference districts.

The committee are apprehensive that too many of the members of our Sunday-schools are rarely or never found in attendance at the public preaching service, and we suggest that this is a most serious evil that demands the attention of Ministers and all Sunday-school workers.

We would suggest also that the Temperance cause has a most appropriate field of labor in the Sunday-school, and the duty of total abstinence from intoxicating beverages, should be enforced upon all the children and youth under our instruction.

The Sunday-School Union of our church is deserving of our most liberal support, and we are grieved to learn from the General Minutes of 1868, that out of 6,782 charges in the Methodist Episcopal Church, 2,965 are reported as having taken no Sunday-School Union collection, and of these 26 are in our own Conference. We fear that the comparative merits and demands of this department of Christian benevolence, are not fully understood.

Your committee recommend that an anniversary of the Sunday-school be held at each session of our Conference, and that the Conference Vice President of the Union be a committee to make arrangements for such an anniversary meeting at the next session of this Conference.

The committee would respectfully nominate Rev. C. F. Turner for the Conference Vice President of the Sunday-School Union.

Believing the sentiments expressed in this report to be deserving of our unanimous and hearty support, therefore,

Resolved, That, as a Conference and as individual Ministers, we will endeavor as far as possible, to make a practical application of them in the prosecution of our Sunday-school work.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Whereas, The Bible is the only full and complete revelation given to man as a rule of life, faith and practice; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we sincerely and thankfully recognize the hand of God dealing in tender mercy with sinful men, in the origin, progress and success so marked in the history of the American Bible Society.

Resolved, 2. That we have undiminished and increasing confidence in its officers and their management thereof.

Resolved, 3. That we will preach in behalf thereof, and take up at each of our appointments a collection in aid of the cause.

Resolved, 4. That we will pray the Great Head of the church to give to it increasing success, until the world shall be filled with the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MISSION REPORT.

<i>North Philadelphia District.</i>	<i>Central Philadelphia District.</i>
City Mission.....\$1000 00	Twentieth Street..... \$250 00
Holmesburg..... 75 00	Harmer Hill and Jarretstown... 75 00
Attleboro..... 100 00	Conshohocken 150 00
Newtown..... 100 00	Pottstown..... 75 00
Lehman's Chapel & Fairview... 75 00	Merion Square 75 00
Perkiomen 100 00	Enterprize..... 75 00
New Hope..... 150 00	Coatesville..... 75 00
Doylestown..... 50 00	Downingtown..... 50 00
Richmond..... 50 00	
Cherry Valley..... 100 00	
Tannersville..... 100 00	
	\$825 00
	<i>Harrisburg District.</i>
	Lochiel and Baldwin's..... \$100 00
	Dauphin..... 100 00
	Hummelstown..... 150 00
	Lebanon..... 100 00
	Catasauqua 100 00
	Bainbridge..... 100 00
	Mt. Joy and Manheim..... 150 00
	Hamburg..... 125 00
	Tremont..... 125 00
	New Philadelphia 75 00
	Slatington 100 00
	Friedensville and Quakertown. 100 00
	Bethlehem..... 100 00
	Chapmansville..... 75 00
	\$1,500 00
\$1,900 00	
<i>South Philadelphia District.</i>	
Second Street..... \$175 00	
Pitman's Chapel..... 100 00	
Radnor and Bethesda..... 75 00	
Darby and Mt. Pleasant..... 100 00	
Chatham and Kennet..... 100 00	
Mt. Nebo..... 50 00	
White Rock..... 75 00	
Marshallton and Hamorton..... 100 00	
\$775 00	

RECAPITULATION :

North Philadelphia.....	\$1,900 00
South Philadelphia.....	775 00
Central Philadelphia.....	825 00
Harrisburg.....	1,500 00
Total.....	\$5,000 00

Approved.

E. THOMSON.

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

The committee appointed by this Conference at its last session, to prepare a suitable plan for the organization of a Preachers' Aid Society, would respectfully report—

That they have had frequent conferences during the year, in which they have carefully examined and discussed the whole subject in all its bearings, and, as the result of their labors, they present to the Conference, and recommend the adoption by it, of the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME AND OBJECT.

SEC. 1st. This association shall be known by the name, style and title of "The Ministers' Aid Society of the Philadelphia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

SEC. 2d. *The object of the association shall be three-fold:*

1st. To assist the supernumerary and superannuated members of said Conference, and the widows and orphan children of its deceased members in obtaining a comfortable support from year to year.

2d. To assist Ministers and their families in the regular work, when through failure of health in the intervals of Conference, long-continued domestic affliction, or other causes beyond their control, they are reduced to a state of want, making such assistance necessary.

3d. To provide by annual contributions from the itinerant Ministers themselves, and such donations as may be added from time to time by laymen or others, a *special fund* to be known as "the Preachers' Mutual Relief Fund," from which may be paid, on the decease of an itinerant Minister of the above named Philadelphia Conference, the *sum of one thousand dollars*, for the immediate and special benefit of his family, if he have one, and if not, subject to the disposal of his executors, administrators or assignus.

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1st. All itinerant Ministers who may now be, or shall hereafter become associated with the said Philadelphia Conference, shall be recognized as members of this association so long as they maintain their ministerial standing in the Conference; and with their respective families shall be entitled to all the advantages of a general character contemplated in the *first* and *second* items named in section two of the first article of this constitution. *Any layman* contributing to the fund of this association, the sum of *five dollars annually*, shall be recognized as an *honorary member*, and shall be eligible to serve in the board of Trustees, as hereinafter provided for.

SEC. 2. Any member of the above named Philadelphia Conference, contributing annually through life, or until released from the same by the action of the Conference, the sum of twenty dollars, to the "Preachers' Mutual Relief Fund" shall be recognized as a *special beneficiary member*, and in addition to the general advantages referred to in the above section, shall also be entitled, through his executors or his family, to the further advantage contemplated in the *third item* in the above declared object of the association.

SEC. 3d. Any member of the Philadelphia Conference paying at one time, either in person or by the hand of a friend, the sum of *three hundred dollars* to the special fund of this association above provided for, shall be recognized as a *Life Member* of the association, and in virtue of the same shall be entitled to all the advantages of the organization, without any further payments.

And any layman, church or society, contributing the sum of four hundred dollars to this special fund, shall be an *Honorary Life Member* of the Association, and shall be entitled to the privilege of designating from time to time, the Minister whose annual dues shall be met from the income derived from said amount.

ARTICLE III.—TRUSTEESHIP.

SEC. 1st. The funds and other property of this association, shall be held and managed by a board of eleven Trustees—five Ministers and six laymen—all of whom shall be citizens of the United States, and of the State of Pennsylvania. *Provided*, That no Minister shall be eligible to an election as Trustee, who has not been a member of the Conference, and in good standing for five years; and no layman shall be eligible to the Trusteeship who is not twenty-five years of age, and who has not been a member of good standing in the church for at least five years.

The following Ministers and laymen shall constitute the first board of Trustees, namely: Revs. James Cunningham, Joseph Mason, William McCombs, J. B. McCullough, William J. Paxson and Messrs. Amos Phillips, T. T. Tasker, Sr., John Hunter, James Long, James Black, Charles Albright.

SEC. 2d. At the first meeting of the board, after the adoption of this constitution, the clerical members shall divide themselves by lot into five classes—the first class to serve one year, the second two years, the third three years, the fourth four years, and the fifth five years.

The lay members shall also in like manner divide themselves into three classes, consisting each of two members—the first class to serve one year, the second two years, and the third three years. Thus making it necessary, in order that the original number of eleven Trustees may be kept up perpetually, that the Conference elect annually one clerical and two lay members of the Board.

SEC. 3d. The election of Trustees shall be by ballot, the members of the Conference alone being entitled to vote.

The Presiding Elders of the several Districts shall constitute a Committee on Ministerial nominations, and shall, immediately preceding the holding of the annual election, designate two ministerial members of the Conference for each vacancy to be supplied in the Ministerial department of the Board.

The lay Trustees shall be elected out of nominations made by the District Stewards meetings—each of said meetings being allowed to nominate annually one of its members, or some other suitable member of the church on the district, for the position. The two nominees receiving the highest number of votes in the Conference to be declared elected, and to receive certificates of said election, signed by the President and Secretary of said Conference.

Sec. 4th. All vacancies in the Board, occurring in the intervals of the sessions of the Conference, may be filled temporarily by the Board itself, until the ensuing session of the Conference, when they shall be filled permanently by vote of the Conference, out of nominations made as before provided for. The persons thus elected, however, shall only serve out the terms of the Trustees whose places they are respectively appointed to fill.

Sec. 5. The Board of Trustees, at their first meeting after the adoption of this Constitution, and thence forward annually, at the first meeting held by them after their election, shall organize for the transaction of business by the appointment out of their own number, of a President, Vice President, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Treasurer and an Executive Committee of three to advise with the other officers in the intervals of the sessions of the Conference—each officer thus appointed, to enter upon his duties at once, and to serve until his successor shall have been duly appointed.

ARTICLE IV.—GENERAL POWERS OF THE TRUSTEES.

Sec. 1st. The said Trustees and their successors in office, by the name, style and title aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law to take, receive, have, hold, possess and enjoy all and all manner of lands, tenements, rents, annuities, franchises and hereditaments, and any sum or sums of money, and any manner and portion of goods and chattels, given, granted or devised to them, or their successors, by any person or persons, bodies corporate or politic, agreeably to the intentions of the donors respectively, and according to the objects and conditions in this instrument mentioned and declared. And by the name, style and title aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court or courts, before any judge or judges, justice and justices, in all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands, whatsoever, and all and every matter and thing therein to do, in as full and effectual a manner as any person or persons, bodies corporate or politic, within this Commonwealth, may or can do. Provided always, that the clear yearly income of such estates shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars.

Sec. 2d. In pursuance of the general powers granted in the foregoing section, the said Trustees shall receive and hold for distribution among the claimants prescribed by the Discipline, and recognized by the Conference from time to time, all collections from churches, and donations from individuals made for distribution to those who are now, or who may become legitimate claimants upon the funds so contributed, thus taking the place of what are now known as Conference Stewards, exercising the same powers and performing the same duties.

Sec. 3d. The said Trustees shall be, and hereby are also empowered by donation, bequest, devise or otherwise, to create, to hold and to use, under the general direction of said Philadelphia Conference, a fund, to be known as "the Contingent Fund," the proceeds of which, after deducting what is necessary to meet the actual expenses involved in an economical management of said funds, shall be applied from time to time, to the relief of the special necessities of Ministers and Ministers' families in the defective ranks, and also in adding to the provision made by the church through its collections for its disabled Ministers, and the widows and orphans of its deceased Ministers.

Sec. 4th. The said Trustees may also, by annual contributions from the itinerant Ministers in full connection with the said Philadelphia Conference, as well as donations, bequests and devises from individuals, churches or other associations, create and hold, subject to the general direction of said Conference, a special fund to be known as the Preachers' Mutual Relief Fund, the proceeds of which shall be applied from time to time for the payment of the funeral expenses of deceased beneficiary members, and in granting special relief to their families or their legal representatives.

Provided, That no Preacher shall be recognized as a beneficiary of this fund, who does not pay in person or by the hand of another, through life, or for at least twenty-five years, the sum of *twenty dollars* annually.

Provided also, that the clear yearly income of said fund shall not exceed *ten thousand dollars*, any surplus beyond this constituting a *Dividend Fund*, to be placed from year to year, to the credit of the several beneficiary members, in amounts proportioned to the aggregate sum each has paid into the fund, and used at the option of the contributor himself, either in lessening the amount of his future annual payments, or in augmenting the amount to be received by his family in the event of his death; and

Provided further, That if *seventy-five* of the beneficiary members, or any larger number wish to increase the amount of relief to be granted to their respective families on their decease, it shall be lawful for them to do so to the amount of *three thousand dollars* each, by paying annually an additional sum of *twenty dollars* for each thousand dollars insured.

But in this case the clear yearly income of the fund must be *fifteen thousand dollars*, if two thousand is insured, and *twenty thousand* if three thousand is taken, before any dividends can be made to the beneficiary contributors.

Sec. 5th. It shall be lawful for said Trustees, or a majority of them, at any time when they may deem it expedient, to sell and convey all or any real estate which now is or hereafter may become vested in the said corporation, and to sell and transfer any personal estate of which the said corporation is or hereafter may become possessed; and that they invest the moneys arising from any such sale or sales, in such manner and in such way as they shall consider most for the interest of said corporation.

Provided, That the said Trustees shall not at any time invest the funds of this society, in what are known as "fancy" or speculative stocks, or in property that does not furnish a sufficient guarantee against future loss.

Sec. 6th. It shall be lawful also for the said Trustees, in the event of any future division of the said Philadelphia Conference, to divide the funds of this association between the Conferences constituted by such division on the following basis: "The Contingent Fund," in proportion to the number of Ministers in full connection with the Conference at the time when said division is made, and falling within the limits of the respective Conferences formed; and the Preachers' Mutual Relief Fund in proportion to the number of beneficiary members falling into the respective Conferences, and the aggregate amounts they have severally paid into the fund.

ARTICLE IV.—SPECIAL DUTIES AND RESTRICTIONS OF TRUSTEES.

Sec. 1st. It shall be the duty of the said Trustees by the sending out of circulars, the dissemination of information through the religious press, and in the use of other suitable means to secure bequests and donations to the funds of this society, and liberal collections in all our churches for our necessitous Conference claimants.

Sec. 2d. The said Trustees shall also provide themselves with suitable books, and keep in them a correct record of all the doings of the Association and the Board, as also, a plain and faithful account of all bequests and donations of whatever kind made to the funds of the society, of all receipts and expenditures, and of the amounts distributed from year to year, by direction of the Conference among the several claimants. They shall also prepare and present to the Conference annually, a detailed statement or exhibit of the exact state of the several funds, the character of the investments, the increase during the year by bequests or otherwise, the net income of the society, the amount on hand for distribution, and the manner in which they propose to make that distribution, the latter item being subject to the approval of the Conference and to revision by its direction, if not approved.

Sec. 3d. The said Trustees shall pay out and distribute the annual proceeds of the funds, and the collections and contributions placed at their disposal for immediate use, under the following restrictions:

1st. The collections and other contributions made for general purposes shall be distributed among all the recognized claimants upon the Conference funds, whether Ministers from the effective ranks who have not received their allowance, disabled Ministers who are necessitous, or the families of deceased Ministers. The amount given to each to be determined by his real and relative necessities, together with the amount of service he has rendered the church in connection with the said Conference.

Provided, that no Minister or Minister's family, whose clear income from year to year, exclusive of house rent, exceeds *six hundred dollars*, or Minister's child whose income has been more than *two hundred dollars*, shall be recognized as a claimant at all; and

Provided further, That the children of deceased Ministers shall cease to be claimants on the Conference funds, when they reach the age of 16 years, unless providentially incapacitated mentally or physically, to obtain a livelihood for themselves.

2d. The proceeds of the Centenary Fund, and those of any other outside organizations that may come into the hands of this Board for the benefit of its recognized beneficiaries, shall be distributed among the same in accordance with the provisions of the respective charters of said organizations.

3d. Any portion of the proceeds of "The Contingent Fund" that may be thought necessary, may be distributed during the intervals of the sessions of the Conference, under the direction of the Executive Committee and the other officers of the Board.

Provided That each application for aid must come with the endorsement of the Presiding Elder of the District in which said applicant lives, and shall meet the approval of the said Executive Committee before it can be responded to by the Treasurer.

The balance of the annual proceeds of said Contingent Fund, after deducting what may be supposed to be necessary to meet special contingencies that may occur previous to the ensuing session of the Conference, shall be distributed with the other funds for the relief of the more necessitous among the recognized Conference claimants.

4th. "The Preachers' Mutual Relief Fund" shall be distributed by the Board under the following conditions and restrictions:

1st. On the decease of a beneficiary member, the Trustees shall pay over, within thirty days after receiving notice of the same, to his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, the sum of *one thousand dollars*, with the addition of any unexpended dividends that may have been placed to his credit.

Provided, That the annual payments of said member had been kept up till death, or at least for twenty-five years, by himself or friends, unless assumed by the Conference on account of his acknowledged inability to pay. The amount, however, of such assumption being transferred from year to year, either from the contingent or from the general fund, so as to keep up perpetually this special fund to the amount required to meet its liabilities.

2d. When a beneficiary member finds himself temporarily unable to meet his annual payments, the Trustees shall be authorized on the receipt of the interest in advance, to accept of his note for the amount due, payable at his earliest convenience, said note to be renewed from year to year till paid.

Provided always, that the interest on the same shall be paid in cash, in advance; and *provided* also, that no one shall be allowed to have more than three unpaid notes in the hands of the Trustees at any one time; and *provided* further, that in the event of his death, the amount of all unpaid notes, with any interest due on the same, shall be deducted from the amount due to his family from this special fund, before said amount is paid over by the Treasurer.

3d. Any Minister whose annual dues have not been assumed by the Conference, voluntarily neglecting to meet said dues by note or otherwise, before he shall have paid five annual instalments, shall forfeit for himself and his family, all claim upon this special fund. But in case of such voluntary neglect, after he shall have made five or more annual payments, his family shall receive, in the event of his death, the amount actually paid into the fund, without the addition of interest.

4th. Where an aged Minister whose annual payments have been kept up by himself or friends, for twenty years or more, becomes necessitous, and has no family dependant upon him that really needs his claim at death, if he so desire it, a portion of his thousand dollars may be paid for his support from year to year, the Trustees taking care to reserve one hundred and fifty dollars to meet his funeral expenses.

5th. When a beneficiary member of this association becomes separated from the Conference by transfer, he may continue his claim on behalf of his family, by continuing to make his annual payments; or if he prefer it, he may receive in lieu of that claim, the sum he has actually paid into the fund, with the addition of interest on the same at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

6th. Where a Minister who has made five or more payments into this fund, voluntarily locates, or for some cause is expelled from the Conference, he shall receive, if he asks it within a year, the sum that he has paid into the fund, without the addition of interest. But if not asked for within the limited time, the claim of himself and family upon this fund shall be canceled.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS, ELECTIONS, &c.

Sec. 1st. The annual meeting of the association shall be held near the close of each session of the Conference, the President of the Conference for the time, being recognized also as the ex-officio President of this association. At this meeting the Trustees shall present their annual report, and submit their nominations, together with those of the District Stewards' meetings, to fill vacancies in the Board. And the Conference, after acting on the general report, shall proceed to elect by ballot, as herein before provided for, the requisite number of lay and clerical Trustees.

Sec. 2d. The regular stated meetings of the Board of Trustees, shall be held from day to day during the session of the Conference, at such hour and in such place as the Board itself may select.

SEC. 3d. Special meetings of the Board may be held at any time the President and any two additional members of said Board shall deem such meeting necessary; provided, that the Secretary shall in all cases give due notice to each member of the Board of the time and place of holding such special meeting.

Six members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI.—ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be altered or amended by a two-third vote of the Conference, with the concurrence of the Board of Trustees, at any annual meeting of the association.

Provided, That such alteration or amendment does not conflict with the Constitution and laws of the United States or of this commonwealth, nor with the general provisions of this charter, nor with the interests of those sought to be benefited by the association; and,

Provided further, That such proposed alteration or amendment shall have been submitted in writing to the Conference for examination by its members, at least three days before the annual meeting in which it is proposed to act upon the same.

Believing that the plans embraced in this constitution are feasible, and if adopted would tend greatly to the advancement of the interests of the Ministry generally, and especially the disabled Ministers, and the families of those that have fallen in the work, the committee would respectfully recommend the passage of the following

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1st. That we, the members of the Philadelphia Conference of the M. E. Church, in conference assembled in the Union M. E. Church in the city of Philadelphia, on this twenty-second day of March, A.D. 1869, do accept and endorse the foregoing constitution, and under it will, and hereby do organize ourselves into a Preachers' Aid Society, to be henceforth known as the "Preachers' Aid Society of the Philadelphia Conference of the M. E. Church."

Resolved, 2d. That in order to complete the organization, we hereby request the Presiding Elders to place in nomination *ten* suitable Ministers and *eight* suitable laymen from the several districts, and that the Conference proceed at once to elect out of said nominations, *five* Ministers and *six* laymen, who shall constitute the first Board of Trustees of said "Preacher's Aid Society."

Resolved, 3d. That the Board of Trustees thus elected shall be, and hereby are authorized by and on behalf of this Conference, to petition the Legislature of the state of Pennsylvania, or in case of a failure there, the Honorable Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the city and county of Philadelphia, to grant the above-named Preachers' Aid Society a charter, and erect the same into a body politic, with all the rights and privileges of any other corporate body in this commonwealth, within the prescribed limits, mentioned and declared in the foregoing constitution.

Resolved, 4th. That in order to give complete success to this organization, and to secure hereafter to each Minister's family, in the event of his death, the aid contemplated, and often so greatly needed, it shall be expected of all Preachers in future on being admitted to full membership in the Conference, or on entering it by transfer, that they at once become contributing members of this society.

Resolved, 5th. That on the consummation of the organization by the election of Trustees, as before provided for, a call of the Conference shall be made to ascertain who and what number of the Ministers present will become at once contributors to the "Preachers' Mutual Relief Fund." And that, in the event that *seventy* or more will unite in the establishment of this fund, each subscriber shall pay over to the Treasurer, within twenty days, the sum of five dollars as the first instalment for the year; with the addition of one dollar for interest and expenses, and to give his note for the remaining fifteen dollars. Said note to be made payable in three instalments, namely: July 1st, October 1st and January 1st, 1870, the stipulations being, that in case any one of the contributing members shall die within the first quarter of the Conference year, his family or legal representatives shall receive the sum of *two hundred and fifty dollars*; if the second, *five hundred dollars*; if the third, *seven hundred and fifty dollars*; and if the fourth, *one thousand dollars*. *Provided* the several payments have been promptly made.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed on behalf of the "Committee on Preachers' Aid Society."

C. COOKE, Chairman.

J. B. McCULLOUGH, Secretary.

LAY DELEGATION.

The committee to whom was referred all communications touching the subject of Lay Delegation, beg leave to express their views to the Conference, in the following resolutions:

1. That we heartily approve the action of the last General Conference, on the subject of lay delegation.

2. That the Pastors in charge, and the lay brethren appointed to assist them, are hereby requested to take such measures as will secure a strict conformity to the regulations prescribed by the General Conference for taking the vote.

3. That it should be remembered by all our people, that the act of the

General Conference secures to the female as well as male membership of the church, the right to vote.

4. That in view of the great importance of this matter, we earnestly request our brethren and sisters to give it their careful and prayerful consideration, and to exercise their right to vote upon it, that there may be thus given, so far as they are concerned, such an expression of opinion as will be authoritative upon the question.

5. That we venture to express the hope that the proposed plan will so far secure the sanction of our laity and ministry, as to authorize the next General Conference to incorporate it as a part of the economy of the church.

RESOLUTIONS.

ADJUSTMENT OF INCORPORATED INTERESTS BELONGING TO PHILADELPHIA & WILMINGTON CONFERENCES.

Whereas, the last General Conference divided the Philadelphia Annual Conference into the Philadelphia and Wilmington Conferences, and

Whereas, there are incorporated interests belonging to these two Conferences, requiring careful and earnest attention; therefore

Resolved, 1st. That the Philadelphia Annual Conference appoint a commission, consisting of three Ministers and three laymen, to meet a like commission from the Wilmington Conference.

Resolved, 2d. That this commission meet during the interval of the Conferences, and consider the interests of the Education Fund, the Centenary Fund, the arrangement of the number of Trustees of Dickinson College and Wesleyan Female College belonging to our territory, and any other interests properly belonging to such a commission.

Resolved, 3d. That this commission report their conclusions to the next session of the Philadelphia Conference for its action.

DIVISION OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS AND CENTENARY FUND. BETWEEN PHILADELPHIA AND WILMINGTON CONFERENCES.

RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY JOINT BOARD OF STEWARDS.

Resolved, 1. That the respective Conferences be, and hereby are respectfully requested to make a division of the claimants on the late Philadelphia Conference, including also those that it is presumed will come on the lists at the approaching sessions, by the state lines separating the two Conferences, and thus placing in the Philadelphia Conference Revs. Thomas S. Childs, Charles Schock, Joseph Carlisle, Peter Hallowell, Stearns Patterson, Christian Walters, Solomon Cooper, Daniel L. Patterson and J. B. Ayars; and Mrs. Vanschoick, Potts, Rusling, Best, Folks, Gardner, Wiggins, Harmer, Shields, Allen, Gerry, Williams, Henry, King, Reed, Pettit, McFarland, Lednum, Bowen, Freed, Smith, Brisbane, Barns, Quigley, Mecaskey, Turner, Anderson, Barr, Greenbank, John, Hurn, Groves and George; and in the Wilmington Conference, Revs. George Barton, Henry Sutton, Robert

E. Kemp, James L. Houston and James A. Massey, and Mrs. Henderson, Willet, Spry, Dailey, Hazzard, Palmiter, Grace, Bell, Lacey, Magee, Dennison Quinn, Purner and Elliott, and Bro Hargis' child.

Resolved, 2. That we recommend to the respective Conferences, as soon as the necessary legislation can be secured authorizing the same, to divide the Centenary Fund on the basis of the number of Ministers and members of the Church in full connection within the bounds of the respective Conferences at the time when, by the action of the General Conference, they were constituted out of the old Philadelphia Conference.

Resolved, 3. That until said division shall be legitimately made, the interest of the said fund shall be paid to the respective Conferences on the basis of the division above recommended.

The above resolutions were unanimously adopted by both the Philadelphia and Wilmington Conferences.

REV. DR. COOKE.

Whereas, our beloved brother, Charles Cooke, D. D., will have completed his fiftieth year of itinerant ministerial labor, at the next session of this Conference; therefore

Resolved, That we respectfully request Dr. Cooke to preach a semi-centennial sermon before the Conference at its session in 1870.

GERMAN MISSION IN PHILADELPHIA.

Whereas, our city and its vicinity, contain a very large German population, (about 160,000,) and whereas, our German Mission work has never been sufficiently manned in this eastern part of our state; therefore

Resolved, That we recommend to the Bishop and East German Conference of the M. E. Church, to be held in this city April 8th 1869, that at least one more German Missionary be appointed in Philadelphia this year, and that we will give earnest encouragement to such increased missionary labor before our people.

REV. DR. DASHIELL.

Resolved, 1st. That we welcome most cordially among us, Rev. Robert L. Dashiell, D. D., the President of Dickinson College, in whom we are happy to recognize those qualities which give promise of full success in this time-honored institution.

Resolved, 2. That we pledge ourselves to cooperate with Dr. Dashiell in the effort to place the college on such a basis as will put it in the prominent place among the leading institutions, which it ought ever to occupy.

Resolved, 3d. That as one of the patronizing Conferences of the College, we earnestly invite Dr. Dashiell to fix his Conference membership with us.

AGENT FOR THE DELAWARE & WASHINGTON CONFERENCES.

Whereas, the Church Extension Society of the Delaware Annual Conference, having forwarded to the Bishop presiding at this Conference, a petition for the appointment of a white Minister, a member of this Conference, to serve as a general Missionary and church extension agent, to labor within the bounds of the Delaware and Washington Conferences; therefore

Resolved, That this Conference respectfully request the presiding Bishop, to make said appointment, it being understood that the brother so appointed, retain his membership in this Conference.

REV. J. F. McCLELLAN.

Whereas, we learn that our brother, J. F. McClellan, is about to be transferred to the Central Pennsylvania Conference, and stationed at Emory chapel, in Carlisle; therefore

Resolved, That we assure him of our kind regard and remembrance, and hereby express our readiness to receive him cordially, when he shall have filled up his constitutional term, or whenever the authorities may so order.

PRESIDING BISHOP.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks is justly due and is hereby tendered to Bishop Thomson, for the able, patient and impartial manner in which he has presided in our Conference during its present session.

BISHOP THOMSON'S SERMON.

Resolved, That we respectfully request our presiding Bishop, Rev. E. Thomson, D. D., to publish in the Quarterly Review, the able and eloquent sermon preached by him in the Union M. E. Church, Philadelphia, at the ordination of Deacons, on Sunday morning, March 21st, 1869.

EPISCOPAL VISITATION.

Resolved, That the Bishops be respectfully requested hereafter, if practical, so to arrange the Episcopal visitation to this Conference, as to allow the Bishop to be with us a longer time than has been possible at this session.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1869.

NORTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT—W. COOPER, P. E.

St. George's—M. D. Kurtz.	Perkiomen—E. Townsend.
Fifth Street—J. Todd.	Montgomery Square—P. Reese.
St. John's—G. Cummins.	Doylestown—F. E. Church.
Front Street—T. W. Simperts.	Bensalem and Neshamony—L. D. Mc- Clintock.
Green Street—J. B. McCullough.	Attleboro—B. T. String.
Twelfth Street—J. E. Smith.	Bristol—W. Rink.
Tabernacle—T. C. Murphy.	Morrisville & Falsington—W. J. Mills.
W. H. Formosa, Sup.	Newtown—S. R. Gillingham.
Hancock Street—S. N. Chew.	One to be supplied.
Sanctuary—I. Mast.	Lumberville & Lahaska—H. U. Sebring.
Kensington—J. W. Jackson.	New Hope—N. D. McComas.
Cohocksink—W. B. Wood.	Durham—To be supplied.
Siloam—C. H. McDermond.	Easton—J. S. Cook.
Summerfield—W. C. Best.	South Easton—J. M. Hinson.
Port Richmond—J. F. Meredith.	Richmond—F. Illman.
Frankford—J. Thompson.	Mt. Bethel—L. C. Brown.
Bridesburg—J. H. McLaughlin.	Stroudsburg—W. M. Ridgway.
Holmesburg—I. R. Merrill.	Cherry Valley—S. H. Reisner.
City Mission—Geo. W. Lybrand.	Tannersville—G. L. Schaffer.
S. Powers, Sup.	Monroe—W. P. Howell.
Oakdale—W. T. Magee.	Tobyhanna—C. W. Ayars.
Lehman's Chapel & Fairview—T. Kirk- patrick.	

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT—W. L. GRAY, P. E.

Union—R. J. Carson. A. Wallace, Sup.	Paschalville—J. S. Hughes.
Arch Street—C. H. Payne.	Darby and Mt. Pleasant—W. H. Fries.
Salem—J. F. Chaplain.	Media—J. J. Timanus.
Ebenezer—J. H. Alday.	Crozierville—H. White.
St. Paul's—W. J. Paxson.	Village Green—J. A. Watson, R. Wood.
Mariner's Bethel—G. W. Maclaughlin.	Marcus Hook—E. Hoffman.
Wharton Street—J. Mason.	Chester—J. Cunningham.
Second Street—T. W. McClary.	Trinity, Chester—G. W. F. Graff.
Scott—M. H. Sisty.	West Chester—W. Major.
Eleventh Street—C. Cooke.	Grove—S. Townsend.
Broad Street—S. Irwin.	Siloam—W. W. McMichael.
Fitzwater Street—To be supplied.	New London—J. C. Gregg, J. C. Wood.
Pitman Chapel—J. Y. Ashton.	Chatham and Kennett—F. B. Harvey, W. W. Barlow.
Western—T. B. Miller.	Avondale—To be supplied.
Asbury—J. S. Lame.	Oxford—A. M. Wiggins.
Thirty-Eighth St.—H. A. Cleaveland.	Fulton & White Rock—L. B. Hoffman
Fortieth Street—S. Lucas.	Mt. Nebo—Jos. Gregg.
Hestonville—C. P. Masden.	Safe Harbor—J. E. Kessler.
Haddington—D. McKee.	Marshallton and Hamonton—J. Pastor- field.
Centenary—E. I. D. Pepper.	
Radnor and Bethesda—A. L. Wilson.	

S. W. Thomas, Corresponding Sec'y Philada. Conference Tract Society, member of St. Paul's Quarterly Conference.

J. Ruth, Chaplain Eastern Penitentiary, member of Arch Street Quarterly Conference.

CENTRAL PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT—J. CASTLE, P. E.

- Trinity—R. W. Humphriss.
 J. Neill, Sup.
- Nazareth—W. C. Robinson.
 Central—T. Stevens.
 Emory—G. Oram.
 Nineteenth Street—J. J. Pearce.
 Hedding—A. Atwood.
 Spring Garden Street—W. J. Stevenson.
 W. L. Boswell, Sup.
 Twentieth Street—W. H. Burrell.
 Mt. Carmel—J. M. Wheeler.
 Germantown, Haines St.—G. D. Carrow.
 “ St. Stephen’s—M. A. Day.
 Chestnut Hill—W. H. Elliott.
 Harmer Hill & Jarrettown—J. W. Har-
 kins.
 St. James—N. B. Durell.
 Milestown—C. W. Bickley.
 Cheltenham—J. B. Maddux.
 Bustleton—G. J. Hurlock.
 Somerton—E. C. Griffiths.
 Falls of Schuylkill—T. B. Neely.
 J. P. Durbin, Corresponding Secretary
 Quarterly Conference.
 B. H. Nadal, Professor in Drew Theological Seminary, member of Trinity
 Quarterly Conference.
 P. Coombe, General Secretary State Temperance Union, member of Nazareth
 Quarterly Conference.
 C. J. Little, Professor in Dickinson Seminary, member of Spring Garden St.
 Quarterly Conference.
 A. Manship, Agent of Church Extension Society for the Delaware and Wash-
 ington Conferences, and member of Twentieth St. Quarterly Conference.

HARRISBURG DISTRICT—R. H. PATTISON, P. E.

- Harrisburg, Locust St.—C. I. Thompson.
 “ Ridge Ave.—T. M. Griffith.
 “ St. Paul’s—G. G. Rakestraw.
 “ Lochiel & Baldwin’s—
 J. Stringer.
- Dauphin—T. Montgomery.
 Halifax—S. B. Best.
 Millersburg—A. Howard.
 Lykens and Wiconisco—F. M. Brady.
 Hummelstown—To be supplied.
 Lebanon—H. E. Gilroy.
 Cornwall—T. Pearson.
 Middletown—L. B. Hughes.
 Bainbridge—W. L. McDowell.
 Marietta—J. R. T. Gray.
 Mt. Joy & Manheim—S. A. Heilner.
 Columbia—S. H. C. Smith.
 Lancaster, Duke St.—C. F. Turner.
 “ St. Paul’s—E. T. Kenney.
 Reading, Ebenezer—T. A. Fernley.
 “ St. Peter’s—H. R. Calloway.
 Covenant Chapel—S. G. Grove
- Hamburg & Pt. Clinton—J. Sayers.
 W. Trickett, Principal of Grammar School, Dickinson College, member of Lo-
 cust St. Quarterly Conference, Harrisburg, Pa.
 J. F. McClellan transferred to Central Penna Conference, and stationed at
 Emory Chapel, Carlisle, Pa.
- Roxborough—H. F. Isett.
 Manayunk, Mt. Zion—P. J. Cox.
 “ Ebenezer—S. Pancoast.
 Merion Square—To be supplied.
 Conshohocken—S. G. Hare.
 Norristown, DeKalb St.—W. McCombs.
 “ Oak St.—J. E. Meredith.
 Phoenixville—G. Heacock.
 Salem—T. Sumption.
 Springville and Bethel—J. P. Miller.
 Coventryville—J. Flannery.
 Pottstown—W. Swindells.
 Birdsboro’—J. Shields.
 One to be supplied.
 Springfield—J. Dyson. one “ “
 Waynesburg—S. W. Kurtz.
 Downingtown—D. W. Gordon.
 Guthrieville—W. Coffman.
 Coatesville—W. C. Johnson.
 Cochranville—J. Aspril, J. W. Wright.
 Enterprise—H. B. Mauger.
 Strasburg—W. S. Pugh.
- Mississippi—J. S. McConnell.
 Shenandoah City—J. A. Cooper.
 Preston Mission—D. D. Hudson.
 Nesquehoning and Summit—J. T. Swin-
 dells.
 Mauch Chunk—W. Mullen.
 East Mauch Chunk—To be supplied.
 Parryville & Lehigh—J. Lindamuth
 Slatington—W. W. Knapp.
 Catasauqua—J. J. Jones.
 Allentown—J. F. Crouch.
 Friedensburg and Quakertown—T. Har-
 rison.
 Bethlehem—S. T. Kemble.
 Chapmansville—E. Pickersgill.

ALPHABETICAL ROLL OF MEMBERS, WITH THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

[The letters designate the present relation. P, Probationers; D, Deacon; E, Elder; Sp., Supernumerary; S., Superannuated. The place mentioned is the post-office address, as far as known. The figures in the first column indicate the time of admission on trial. Those in the last column, the year of appointment.]

Time of entering tax-paying connection.		Present relation.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Date of appointment.
1822.	Ayars, J. B.....	Sp.	Germantown, Pa.....	
1825.	Atwood, Anthony.....	E.	809 North Seventeenth st., Phila.	
1840.	Arthur, John W.....	S.	1004 South Nineteenth st., Phila.....	
1840.	Aspril, Joseph.....	E.	Penningtonville, Pa.....	1
1841.	Ashton, James Y.....	E.	Twenty-third and Lombard sts., Phila.	1
1850.	Alday, John H.....	E.	408 Catharine st., Phila.....	2
1856.	Ayars, Charles W.....	E.	Naglesville, Pa.....	3
1841.	Bishop, William.....	Sp.	Washington, D. C.....	
1849.	Burrell, Wm. H.....	E.	1516 N. Twentieth st., Phila.....	2
1849.	Boswell, Wm. L.....	Sp.	1902 Mt. Vernon st., Phila.....	
1857.	Best, Wesley C.....	E.	Dauphin st., below Tulip, Phila.....	1
1859.	Best, Silas B.....	E.	Halifax, Pa.....	1
1860.	Barnhill, Matthias.....	E.	Tremont, Pa.....	2
1864.	Bickley, Charles W.....	E.	Milestown, Philada.....	1
1866.	Brady, Frederick M.....	D.	Wiconisco, Pa.....	1
1867.	Broadbent, G. S.....	D.	Cressona, Pa.....	3
1869.	Brown, L. B.....	P.	Mt. Bethel, Northampton co., Pa.....	1
1869.	Barlow, W. W.....	P.	Kennett Square, Chester co., Pa.....	1
1820.	Cooke, Charles.....	E.	1141 S. Eleventh st., Phila.....	2
1823.	Castle, Joseph.....	E.	1153 South 15th st., Phila.....	3
1828.	Cooper, William.....	E.	1805 North Seventh st., Phila.....	1
1833.	Crouch, C. J.....	Sp.	Morrisville, Pa.....	
1834.	Cunningham, James.....	E.	Chester, Pa.....	1
1835.	Carlisle, Joseph.....	S.	Media, Pa.....	
1835.	Coombe, Pennel.....	E.	513 Arch st.....	2
1841.	Cox, Peter J.....	E.	Manayunk, Pa.....	2
1843.	Calloway, Henry R.....	E.	Reading, Pa.....	1
1843.	Carrow, Goldsmith D.....	E.	Germantown, Phila.....	2
1844.	Cooper, Sol. M.....	S.	321 South Front st., Phila.....	
1846.	Cummins, John.....	S.	Evanston, Ill.....	
1851.	Cook, Joseph S.....	E.	Easton, Penn.....	3
1852.	Chaplain, John F.....	E.	412 S. Juniper st., Phila.....	2
1853.	Childs, Thomas.....	S.	Bloomsburg, Pa.....	
1857.	Carson, Robert J.....	E.	245 N. Fifth st., Phila.....	2
1857.	Cleaveland, H. A.....	E.	37th and Story, W. Phila.....	3
1857.	Cummins, George.....	E.	876 North Sixth st., Phila.....	1
1859.	Chew, Sylvester N.....	E.	1215 Hancock st., Phila.....	2
1859.	Crouch, John F.....	E.	Allentown, Pa.....	3
1859.	Church, J. A.....	E.	Shenandoah City, Pa.....	1
1863.	Church, F. E.....	E.	Doylestown, Pa.....	1
1864.	Coffman, Wilmer.....	E.	Guthrieville, Chester co., Pa.....	1

1819.	Durbin, John P.....	E.	200 Mulberry st., New York.....	1
1848.	Dickerson, Jacob.....	E.	Pottsville, Pa.....	1
1852.	Day, Michael A.....	E.	Germantown, Phila.....	1
1853.	Dalrymple, Wm. M.....	E.	Minersville, Pa.....	1
1854.	Dyson, John.....	E.	Blue Rock, Chester co., Pa.....	2
1859.	Durell, Nathan B.....	E.	Olney, Philada. co., Pa.....	1
1831.	Edwards, John.....	Sp.	Strasburg, Pa.....	1
1839.	Elliott, William H.....	E.	Germantown, Pa.....	1
1836.	Flannery, James.....	E.	Coventryville, Chester co., Pa.....	2
1845.	Fernley, Thomas A.....	E.	Reading, Pa.....	2
1855.	Frame, Noble.....	E.	Port Carbon, Pa.....	1
1857.	Fries, Wm. H.....	E.	Morton, Del. co., Pa.....	1
1859.	Formosa, Wm. H.....	Sp.	1642 N. Twelfth st., Phil.....	1
1840.	Gilroy, Henry E.....	E.	Lebanon, Pa.....	1
1841.	Gray, Wm. L.....	E.	1442 Christian st., Phila.....	3
1848.	Gillinghom, Samuel R.....	E.	Newtown, Bucks co., Pa.....	2
1851.	Gregg, Joseph.....	E.	Mt. Nebo, Lancaster co., Pa.....	1
1855.	Gregg, John C.....	E.	New London, Chester co., Pa.....	1
1859.	Griffith, Thos. M.....	E.	Harrisburg, Pa.....	2
1862.	Gordon, David W.....	E.	Downingtown, Pa.....	3
1864.	Gray, J. R. Taylor.....	E.	Marietta, Pa.....	2
1866.	Graff, George W. F.....	D.	Chester, Pa.....	1
1867.	Grove, Seth G.....	D.	Reading, Pa.....	1
1868.	Griffiths, Edwin C.....	P.	Somerton, Phila.....	1
1837.	Hand, James.....	Sp.	Doylestown, Pa.....	1
1843.	Hare, Samuel G.....	E.	Conshohocken, Phila.....	2
1845.	Hallowell, Peter.....	S.	Raymond, Black Hawk co., Iowa.....	1
1852.	Harvey, Francis B.....	E.	Oxford, Chester co., Pa.....	1
1852.	Howard, Abel.....	E.	Millersburg, Pa.....	2
1854.	Heacock, George.....	E.	Phoenixville, Pa.....	2
1855.	Hinson, J. M.....	E.	South Easton, Pa.....	3
1855.	Hughes, Levi B.....	E.	Middletown, Pa.....	1
1855.	Hurlock, George T.....	E.	Bustleton, Philada.....	1
1857.	Humphriss, Richard W.....	E.	209 North Eighth st., Phila.....	2
1860.	Hudson, David D.....	E.	Girardsville, Pa.....	2
1863.	Howell, Wm. P.....	E.	Canadensis, Monroe co., Pa.....	2
1864.	Hughes, Jacob S.....	E.	Paschalville, Pa.....	2
1865.	Heilner, S. A.....	E.	Mt. Joy, Lancaster co., Pa.....	1
1865.	Harkins, Wesley J.....	E.	Fitzwatertown, Montgomery co., Pa.....	3
1866.	Hoffman, Levi B.....	D.	Fulton, Lancaster co., Pa.....	1
1869.	Hoffman, E. W.....	P.	Marcus Hook, Pa.....	1
1869.	Harrison, Thomas.....	P.	Friedensville, Lehigh co., Pa.....	1
1850.	Illman, Frederick.....	E.	Richmond, Northampton co., Pa.....	2
1854.	Irwin, Samuel.....	E.	1402 Christian st., Phila.....	2
1864.	Isett, Henry F.....	E.	Roxborough, Phila.....	1
1850.	Jackson, J. W.....	E.	247 Richmond st., Phila.....	1
1850.	Jones, John J.....	E.	Catasauqua, Pa.....	1
1865.	Johnson, Wesley C.....	E.	Coatesville, Pa.....	1
1836.	Karsner, Charles.....	Sp.	Germantown, Pa.....	1
1838.	Kurtz, Michael D.....	E.	324 New street, Phila.....	3
1854.	Kurtz, Samuel W.....	E.	Waynesburg, Pa.....	3
1855.	Kenney, Edward T.....	E.	Lancaster, Pa.....	1
1858.	Kessler, John E.....	E.	Millersville, Lancaster co., Pa.....	3
1858.	Kirkpatrick, Thomas.....	E.	Hatboro, Montgomery co., Pa.....	1
1859.	Kemble, Samuel T.....	E.	Bethlehem, Pa.....	3
1868.	Knapp, J. W.....	P.	Slatington, Lehigh co., Pa.....	1

1840.	Long, John D.....	S.	1158 S. Fifteenth st., Phila.....	2
1844.	Lybrand, G. W.....	E.	1932 Mervine street.....	2
1853.	Lame, Joseph S.....	E.	3449 Chestnut st., Phila.....	2
1855.	Lindamuth, Jerome.....	E.	Parryville, Carbon co., Pa.....	1
1861.	Little, Charles J.....	E.	Williamsport, Pa.....	2
1863.	Lucas, Samuel.....	E.	3635 Chestnut st., Phila.....	3
1837.	McMichael, W. W.....	E.	Booth's Corner, Del. co., Pa.....	2
1838.	Mason, Joseph.....	E.	1236 S. Fourth st., Phila.....	1
1839.	McCombs, Wm.....	E.	Norristown, Pa.....	1
1841.	Merrill, Isaac R.....	E.	1525 South Fifth st., Phila.....	1
1842.	Mullen, William.....	E.	Mauch Chunk, Pa.....	1
1843.	Manship, Andrew.....	E.	861 North Broad st., Phila.....	1
1843.	Murphy, Thomas C.....	E.	1613 North Tenth st., Phila.....	2
1843.	Mauger, Henry B.....	E.	Enterprize, Lancaster co., Pa.....	1
1845.	Maddux, John B.....	E.	Cheltenham, Montgomery co., Pa.....	1
1845.	Meredith, James E.....	B.	Norristown, Pa.....	1
1845.	Moore, Franklin.....	Sp.	West Philadelphia.....	1
1846.	McCullough, J. B.....	E.	1008 Green st., Phila.....	1
1848.	Major, Wm.....	E.	West Chester, Pa.....	1
1851.	Maclaughlin, George W.....	E.	127 Congress st., Phila.....	2
1851.	Meredith, John F.....	E.	Port Richmond, Pa.....	1
1852.	Miller, Thomas B.....	E.	2008 Sansom st., Phila.....	3
1855.	Montgomery, Thomas.....	E.	Dauphin, Pa.....	2
1856.	Magee, Wm. T.....	E.	232 North Second st., Phila.....	1
1856.	McClintock, Lorenzo D.....	E.	Newportville, Bucks co., Pa.....	1
1856.	Maclary, Thomas W.....	E.	1514 South Second St., Phila.....	1
1859.	McDermond, Chas. H.....	E.	1329 Otis st., Phila.....	1
1859.	McLaughlin, James H.....	E.	Bridesburg, Phila.....	1
1860.	Mast, Isaac.....	E.	985 North Fifth st., Phila.....	1
1860.	McKee, David.....	E.	Haddington, Phila.....	1
1862.	McComas, N. D.....	E.	New Hope, Pa.....	2
1863.	Masden, Charles P.....	E.	Hestonville, Phila.....	2
1863.	McConnell, John S. J.....	E.	Mahanoy City.....	2
1865.	Miller, J. P.....	E.	Rogersford, Chester co., Pa.....	2
1865.	McDowell, Wm. L.....	E.	Bainbridge, Lancaster co., Pa.....	1
1867.	Mills, W. J.....	D.	Morrisville, Pa.....	2
1835.	Nadal, B. H.....	E.	Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J.....	2
1836.	Neill, James.....	Sp.	Seventeenth and Wallace.....	1
1865.	Neeley, T. B.....	E.	Falls of Schuylkill, Pa.....	1
1838.	Oram, Gasway.....	E.	1823 Callowhill st., Phila.....	3
1850.	Owen, Reuben.....	E.	St. Clair, Schuylkill co., Pa.....	1
1852.	O'Neill, John.....	E.	Tamaqua, Pa.....	2
1842.	Patterson, Daniel L.....	Sp.	1330 Columbia Avenue, Phila.....	1
1844.	Pancoast, S.....	E.	Manayunk, Phila.....	1
1844.	Patterson, Stearns.....	S.	Stroudsburg, Pa.....	1
1846.	Pattison, Robert H.....	E.	1017 Race st., Phila.....	1
1848.	Pastorfield, J.....	E.	Marshallton, Pa.....	3
1855.	Powers, Samuel.....	Sp.	Bridesburg, Philada.....	1
1856.	Pepper, E. I. D.....	E.	4206 Adeline st., Phila.....	1
1857.	Payne, C. H.....	E.	1600 Arch street, Phila.....	2
1856.	Paxson, William J.....	E.	623 Catharine st., Phila.....	1
1860.	Pugh, Wm. S.....	E.	Stroudsburg, Monroe co., Pa.....	1
1866.	Pearce, J. J.....	E.	2016 Poplarst., Phila.....	3
1867.	Pearson, T. C.....	D.	Cornwall, Pa.....	1
1868.	Pickersgill, Eli.....	P.	Chapman's Quarry, N'thamp'n co. Pa.....	1
1837.	Ruth, John.....	E.	1704 N. 22d st., Phila.....	8
1845.	Rink, Wm.....	E.	Bristol, Pa.....	1

1851.	Robinson, Wm. C.....	E.	252 N. 13th st., Phila.....	2
1856.	Rakestraw, George G.....	E.	Harrisburg, Pa.....	2
1856.	Ridgway, Wm. M.....	E.	Stroudsburg, Pa.....	2
1864.	Reisner, Samuel H.....	E.	Stormsville, Monroe co., Pa.....	1
1869.	Reese, P. P.....	P.	Montgomery Square, Pa.....	1
1838.	Sumption, Thomas.....	E.	Warren Tavern, Chester co., Pa.....	2
1838.	Schock, Charles.....	Sp.	1301 N. Seventh st., Phila.....	
1839.	Sisty, Mahlon H.....	E.	1525 South Fifth st., Phila.....	1
1844.	Shields, John.....	E.	Birdsboro', Berks co., Pa.....	1
1851.	Simpers, Thomas W.....	E.	1013 N. Front st., Phila.....	2
1857.	Smith, Joseph E.....	E.	847 N. 11th st., Phila.....	2
1859.	Stevenson, Wm. J.....	E.	2023 Wallace street, Phila.....	2
1859.	Smith, S. H. C.....	E.	Columbia, Pa.....	2
1860.	Stevens, Theodore.....	E.	1333 Vine st., Phila.....	3
1860.	Schaffer, George L.....	E.	Analomink, Monroe co., Pa.....	2
1862.	Swindells, Wm.....	E.	Pottstown, Pa.....	2
1864.	String, Benjamin T.....	E.	Attleboro', Bucks co., Pa.....	1
1864.	Stringer, John.....	E.	Harrisburg, Pa.....	1
1867.	Swindells, J. F.....	D.	Nesquehoning, Pa.....	2
1868.	Sebring, H. U.....	P.	Lumberville, Pa.....	2
1869.	Sayers, John W.....	P.	Hamburg, Berks co., Pa.....	1
1835.	Townsend, Stephen.....	E.	West Whiteland, Chester co., Pa.....	1
1845.	Turner, Jonathan.....	Sp.	1528 South Fourth st., Philada.....	
1848.	Thompson, Charles I.....	E.	Harrisburg, Pa.....	2
1848.	Turner, Curtis F.....	E.	Lancaster, Pa.....	1
1849.	Thompson, John.....	E.	Frankford, Phila.....	1
1851.	Thomas, Samuel W.....	E.	1528 S. 5th st., Phila.....	4
1852.	Townsend, Edward.....	E.	Centre Square, Montgomery co., Pa.....	3
1858.	Trickett, William.....	E.	Carlisle, Pa.....	1
1862.	Todd, Jacob.....	E.	533 Chatham st., Phila.....	2
1867.	Timanus J. J.....	D.	Media, Pa.....	2
1847.	Watson, John A.....	E.	Village Green, Pa.....	1
1848.	Wallace, Adam.....	Sp.	12 N. Seventh st., Phila.....	
1850.	Wood, Wm. B.....	E.	1603 N. 5th st., Phila.....	2
1856.	Wheeler, John M.....	E.	Rising Sun, Phila.....	1
1856.	Walters, Christian.....	Sp.	Harrisburg, Pa.....	
1857.	Wiggins, Alexander M.....	E.	Oxford, Pa.....	1
1866.	Wilson, Adam L.....	D.	West Haverford, Del. co., Pa.....	1
1866.	White, Henry.....	D.	Glen Riddle, Del. co., Pa.....	1
1868.	Wright, J. W.....		Penningtonville, Pa.....	
1868.	Wood, J. C.....	P.	New London, Chester co., Pa.....	1
1869.	Wood, Robert C.....	P.	Village Green, Pa.....	1

LOCAL PREACHERS.

NORTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Date of 1st License.	Official Relation	NAMES.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		D. Bickley, George.....	Frankford, Pa.
		D. Beck, Wm. P.....	2133 Summer st., Phila.
		L. Bartine, D. W.....	Edington, Bucks co., Pa.
		L. Brockback, Jos.....	Philadelphia.
1845.		L. Bell, Abraham.....	No. 1 Beckel avenue, Philada.
1869.		L. Bache, Thomas.....	Glendon, Northampton co., Pa.
		L. Brooks, J. C.....	420 Thompson st., Philada.
		E. Barvis, Ebenezer.....	Morrisville, Pa.
1856.		D. Bickley, G. H.....	Milestown, Pa.
1851.		L. Crook, Chas.....	New Hope, Pa.
1860.		L. Craige, R. E.....	Norristown, Pa.
1850.		D. Clark, Wm.....	New Hope, Pa.
1864.		D. Coulston, Thos. E.....	2134 Green st., Philada.
1859.		D. Carr, James, Jr.....	Stroudsburg, Pa.
		L. Carter, Robert.....	2742 Frankfoard Road.
1825.		D. Childs, Isaac.....	544 Belgrade st., Philada.
1842.		L. Crocket, David.....	Frankford, Pa.
1846.		E. Carey, John J.....	Easton, Pa.
1868.		L. Detrick, Andrew J.....	Fennersville, Pa.
		L. Darr, Henry.....	619 John st., Philada.
1868.		L. Dungan, Jonathan.....	Stormsville, Pa.
		L. Deacon, John.....	237 Arch st., Philada.
1865.		L. Dyer, Chas.....	Feasterville, Pa.
		D. Evans, G. W.....	985 Arch st., Philada.
		Eisenbrey, H. E.....	Lumberville, Pa.
1860.		L. Fetter, Geo.....	Holmesburg, Pa.
1840.		L. Felton, S. K.....	828 Franklin st., Philada.
1860.		D. Goldey, James M.....	1318 Jefferson st., Philada.
1840.		E. Gladding, John.....	44 South Fourth st., Philada.
1834.		E. Holt, Richard.....	Sixth and George sts., Philada.
1844.		D. Hance, Wm.....	Easton, Pa.
1839.		D. Harding, Jesse.....	Philadelphia.
		Harding, C. H.....	Philadelphia.
1867.		L. Hyde, Jas. S.....	437 East Thompson st., Philada.
1856.		L. Hydric, W. W.....	Bridesburg, Pa.
1865.		L. Harkinson, R.....	1923 Brandywine st., Philada.
1841.		D. Hull, Thos.....	Fifteenth st., below Oxford, Philada.
1839.		E. Hagerman, Robert.....	Bustleton, Pa.
1868.		L. Horn, Geo. L.....	Frankford, Pa.
		L. Hendrickson, Wm.....	Bristol, Pa.
		D. James, David, M.D.....	1013 Green st., Philada.
		E. Jackson, C. W.....	Emilie, Pa.
1855.		L. Jackson, Robert W.....	Frankford, Pa.

1800. E. James, Isaac, M.D.....Bustleton, Pa.
 1836. D. Kingsbury, C. A., M.D.....1119 Walnut st., Philada.
 D. Knight, R. T.....1303 Green st., Philada.
 1866. L. Kinsley, O. J.....Bridensburg, Pa.
 1847. D. Miles, Thos. M.....Frankford, Pa.
 E. McGill, James.....N. E. corner 32d and Bridge sts., Phila.
 1828. E. Moore, James.....1201 Green st., Philada.
 1851. L. Muff, Isaac.....S. W. corner 3d and Coates sts.
 1857. E. Marks, E. S.....627 North Seventh st.
 1868. L. Meager, Jno.....Riegelsville, Pa.
 L. McCormic, James.....Bustleton, Pa.
 E. McGowen, James.....1220 Stiles st., Philada.
 Martindale, J. B.....Morrisville, Pa.
 D. Mullin, Thomas.....Aged People's Home of the M.E.C. Phil
 1861. L. Palen, E. F.....Canadensis, Pa.
 1835. D. Pedric, W.....Poplar st. above Nineteenth st., Phila.
 1865. L. Palmer, Jacob.....1119 Marlborough st., Phila.
 1859. L. Parker, Charles.....523 Vine st., Phila.
 1860. L. Reading, J. R., Dr.....Somerton, Pa.
 1868. L. Simons, Jno.....Riegelsville, Pa.
 1853. E. Senderling, M. Z., M.D.....532 Richmond st., Phila.
 1830. E. Steinman, C. F.....1422 North Fifth st., Phila.
 1820. D. Stephens, Geo.....1610 Poplar st., Phila.
 1840. D. Swain, Jos. H.....1012 Wood st., Phila.
 1864. D. Simon, L. C.....232 Richmond st., Phila.
 1833. L. Sebring, John.....Tannersville, Pa.
 E. Simons, V. M.....N. E. cor. Tenth and Pine sts., Phila.
 1868. L. Storm, Jno. B.....Stroudsburg, Pa.
 L. Skelton, James.....Labaska, Pa.
 1868. L. Tiddy, John.....Riegelsville, Pa.
 L. Thornley, Jno. H.....2139 Green st., Phila.
 1847. D. Thackara, Swain.....846 Ontario st., Phila.
 1869. L. Turner, Nathaniel, Jr.....Newtown, Bucks co., Phila.
 1865. L. Unwright, G. P.....South Easton, Pa.
 1867. L. Unruh, Jno. R.....Branchtown, Pa.
 1856. E. Unkle, Geo. W.....532 East North st., Phila.
 1856. E. Umpleby, Wm.....New Hope, Pa.
 L. Wilkinson, Jno. E.....607 North Seventeenth st., Phila.
 L. Westwood, Thos. L.....205 North Ninth st., Phila.
 L. Wiley, Alexander.....Philadelphia.
 E. Wilson, Stacey.....Philadelphia.
 1866. L. Young, Jno. S.....115 Jefferson st., Phila.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

1865. L. Bunch, Wm.....Thirty-Sixth and Filbert sts., Phila.
 L. Bowen, David H.....815 South Second st., Philada.
 D. Butler, Joseph.....250 Franklin st., "
 1865. L. Bancroft, Lemuel.....1032 Ellsworth st., "
 1846. D. Barnes, Joseph.....708 Guilford st., "
 1859. D. Crosland, Enos.....Haddington, Pa.
 1833. D. Chew, Nathan.....1015 South Fifth st., Phila.
 1853. D. Clark, W. P.....1626 Market st., "
 1844. E. Clawges, Geo. M.....Marietta, Lancaster co., Pa.
 1850. E. Camp, J. J.....1911 Fitzwater st., Philada.
 L. Collins, F. M.....16 Christian st., "
 1852. D. Donnelly, J. W.....338 Spruce st., "

- E. Evans, Richard.....Paschalville, Pa.
 1857. E. Field, John.....Lancaster ave. above 55th st., Philada.
 D. Farbridge, Joseph.....Lykens, Dauphin co., Pa.
 1867. L. Frambes, John W.....306 E. Girard Avenue.
 L. Flansburg, John D.....1234 South Second st., Phila.
 1864. D. Farrant, J. P.....12 South Thirty-Sixth st., Phila.
 1867. L. Gregg, Morris.....Ellsworth st., Philada.
 1839. D. Gallager, William.....1223 Rodman st., Phila.
 L. Harris, B. J.....Harrisburg, Pa.
 D. Hopkins, Joseph.....316 Wharton st., Philada.
 D. Hickman, William.....Emmett, west of Third st., Philada.
 L. Hughes, James.....Cuthbert, above 20th st., "
 L. Hensel, Michael.....Wiconisco, Dauphin co., Pa.
 Hickman, John, Jr.....144 South st., Phila.
 1856. D. Hurst, William.....318 South Second st., Philada.
 1844. E. Huff, Samuel S.....1220 Wood st., "
 1867. L. Higgins, John S....."
 E. Ingraham, W. J. P.....507 Franklin st., "
 E. Jerman, G. W.....Dickerson, below Sixth st., Philada.
 E. Jones, Alvah.....1157 South Sixteenth st., "
 L. Kuip, Geo.....Race, above 55th st., "
 D. Kenney, E. J.....237 Pine st., "
 D. Kollock, B. J.....706 South Second st., "
 1855. L. Livezey, James.....15 Melman st., "
 L. Lucas, J. C.....433 North 20th st., "
 L. Livingston, C.....1924 Carpenter st., "
 1854. E. McWilliams, R. S.....Harrisburg, Pa.
 Maginnis, Wm.....1813 Passyunk Road, Phila.
 E. Miles, T. J.....Harrisburg, Pa.
 E. Manlove, Wm. E.....10th & South st., Philada.
 L. Miller, Joseph.....1110 South st., "
 L. McLilian, Edward.....1414 Christian st., "
 L. Marshall, William.....2018 South st., "
 D. Mintzer, Fred S.....S. W. corner Vine and Perry sts., Phila
 E. Moore, M. M.....Lancaster, Pa.
 D. Orr, John.....638 Sylvtster st., Philada.
 L. Primrose, James.....1141 Pine st., "
 E. Perrins, John.....4650 Lancaster avenue, Phila.
 D. Potts, Ephraim.....Conestoga Center, Pa.
 E. Peterson, T. K.....1612 Arch st., Philada.
 1851. E. Pearson, F. C.....Thirty-Seventh and Darby Road, Phila.
 Rudolph, John W.....1312 South Sixth st., Phila.
 L. Rooke, Jesse N.....Fifty-fourth and Mediu sts., Phila.
 D. Russell, Geo.....Seventeenth and Race sts., "
 D. Rammell, Joel.....420 Dickerson st., "
 D. Renier, Daniel.....Conestoga Center, Pa.
 L. Smith, John.....Morton, Delaware co., Pa.
 1860. L. Shammo, Henry.....Halifax, Dauphin co., Pa.
 1858. E. Slichter, Jacob.....Harrisburg, Pa.
 1867. L. Swartz, Wm. R....."
 1847. E. Stanger, Christian.....334 Federal st., Phila.
 L. Sausser, Samuel.....4042 Powellton avenue, Phila.
 L. Stiles, Jesse.....113 Queen st., "
 D. Shields, R.....1502 Reed st., "
 L. Saxton, Wm.....Baltimore st. above Federal, Phila.
 L. Sharp, Samuel.....Moyamensing ave. below Federal, Phila.
 1868. L. Scott, John.....207 North Tenth st., Phila.
 1844. E. Scoffin, Francis, M. D.....Seventh and Pine sts., Phila.
 1855. D. Stuart, Thomas.....1 Arch st., "
 1864. D. Salter, John G.....826 Arch st. "

1865. L. Smither, Elias P.....44 North Ninth st., Philada.
 D. Stokes, Thomas.....1819 North Eleventh st. "
 E. Tasker, Thos. T.....1622 South Fifth st., "
 Toland, E. H.....431 Tasker st., Phila.
 D. Tripple, Geo.....Safe Harbor, Lancaster co., Pa.
 L. Tomkinson, Wm. E.....Parrisburg, Pa.
 L. West, Wm. H.....Fortieth and Hutton sts., Phila.
 L. Walsh, Samuel.....951 South Sixth st., Phila.
 E. Walker, Chas. B.....1940 Locust st., "
 E. Young, Josiah C.....Harrisburg, Pa.
 E. Ziegler, Chas. H.....Middletown, Pa.

READING DISTRICT.

1847. D. Boat, George G.....246 Wood st., Reading.
 1849. L. Calleeu, Alfred.....Shenandoah City, Schuylkill co., Pa.
 1859. D. Weightman, Robert....." "
 1864. L. Murray, John.....St. Nicholas, "
 1865. L. Pillenger, Jacob....." "
 1865. L. Hocking, Wm. H.....Mahanoy City, "
 1856. L. Gleim, George.....Lebanon, Lebanon co., Pa.
 1860. L. Hean, John, Jr....." "
 D. Trevorrow, David.....Nesquehoning, Carbon co., Pa.
 L. Ladner, Thomas....." "
 L. Smith, John H.....Pottstown, Montgomery co. "
 1854. E. Davis, Henry H.....Wilmington, Delaware.
 L. Rudolph, Wm.....Lower Merion, Pa.
 L. Pike, John.....Manayunk.
 1867. L. Clemens, Henry S., M.D.....Friedensville, Lehigh co., Pa.
 L. Rorke, John.....Birdsboro, Berks co., "
 1859. L. Wells, James E.....Joanna Furnace, Berks co., "
 L. Kupp, Isaac H.....Douglasville, " "
 1868. D. Minker, Joseph R.....Birdsboro, " "
 1868. L. Lewis, Amos.....Pottsville, Schuylkill co., "
 1831. D. Hayward, Benjamin....." "
 L. Harbage, Joseph....." "
 1818. D. Frame, John.....Manayunk.
 L. Frame, Edward....."
 1859. L. Reigner, F. C.....Phoenixville, Chester co, Pa.
 1859. L. Smith, Noah....." "
 E. McCurdy, John.....Warren Tavern, Chester co., Pa.
 1869. L. Gracey, Samuel.....East Vincent P.O., "
 1827. D. Swindells, James....." "
 1832. D. Hunter, George.....Morgantown, Berks co., Pa.
 1864. L. Hughes, Caleb L.....Blue Rock P.O., Chester co., Pa.
 1869. L. Hoffman, Coleman....." "
 1865. L. Berks, Thomas.....Center Square, Montgomery co., Pa.
 1862. L. Preston, Jared.....Freeland, "
 1862. L. Anders, Joseph.....North Wales, "
 1856. L. Herbert, Edward.....St. Clair, Schuylkill co., Pa.
 1869. L. Bradley, J. Wharton....." "
 1866. L. Eisenbris, Lewis.....West Chester, Chester co., Pa.
 1866. L. Matlack, C. J....." "
 L. Crooks, Henry S.....Tremont, Schuylkill co., Pa.
 L. Taylor, Wm....." "
 1865. L. Anderson, Geo. D....." "
 Drake, O. D....." "
 1860. L. Tull, F. D.....Germantown.
 1868. L. Fowden, James....."

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1846.	D.	Jones, Wm.....	Manayunk.
1853.	D.	Schofield, Benjamin.....	"
1846.	L.	Thomas, B. L.....	Allentown, Pa.
1864	L.	Biery, James S.....	" (P.O. box 338.)
1863.	L.	Coffin, George S.....	Danielsville P.O., Northampton co., Pa
1868.	L.	Evans, Harrison.....	Berlinsville " "
1855.	L.	Miller, Hugh.....	Cambridge, Pa.
1869.		Ross, Jacob.....	
	L.	Symons, Wm. H.....	
1866.	L.	Morgan, J. J.....	
		Pawling, John.....	
1852.		Smith, Wm.....	
1855.		McCarthy, Wm.....	
1866.		Marshall, Edwin.....	

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

1868.	L.	Arters, Joseph A.....	Guthrieville, Chester co., Pa.
1860.	D.	Baldwin, Albin.....	Booth's Corner, Delaware co., Pa.
1847.	L.	Birtwell, Daniel.....	Chester, " "
1860.	D.	Black, Adam.....	Greene, Lancaster co., Pa.
1865.	L.	Buckley, Joseph.....	Chester, Delaware co., Pa.
1838.	E.	Curtis, John.....	Oxford, Chester " "
1857.	L.	Godfrey, J. A.....	Media, Delaware " "
	L.	Gregg, W. L.....	Chester, " "
	E.	Hance, Samuel.....	Booth's Corner, Del. " "
1845.	D.	Kemble, A. M.....	Georgetown, Lancaster co., Pa.
	D.	Kennedy, Wm.....	New London, Chester " "
1851.	L.	Kirk, Elim.....	Strasburg, Lancaster " "
1851.	E.	Lefevre, Christian.....	Clonmell, " "
	L.	Yarnell, Morris L.....	Chester, Delaware " "
1858.	D.	McDowell, Archibald.....	Glen Riddle, " "
1853.	L.	Quellen, Thomas.....	Ivy Mills, " "
1867.	D.	Steward, J. Baker.....	Avendale, Chester " "
1867.	L.	Watson, Clark.....	Linwood, Delaware co., Pa.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

NAMES.	ENTERED MINISTRY.		Ord ^d Bishop	REMARKS.
	CONFERENCE.	Yr.		
Thomas Coke.....	British Wesleyan.....	1778 1784		Died at sea, May 3, 1814, aged 67.
Francis Asbury.....	British Wesleyan.....	1766 1784		Died in Virginia, March 31, 1816, aged 71.
Richard Whatcoat.....	British Wesleyan.....	1769 1800		Died in Delaware, July 5, 1806, aged 71.
William M. Kendrick.....	M. E. Church.....	1788 1808		Died in Tennessee, August 5, 1835, aged 78.
Enoch George.....	M. E. Church.....	1790 1816		Died in Indiana, March 28, 1843, aged 69.
Robert Richford Roberts.....	Baltimore.....	1802 1816		Entered M. E. Ch. South, 1846, died Mar. 6, 1867.
Joshua Soule.....	New York.....	1801 1824		Died in Poughkeepsie, April 9, 1852, aged 72.
Elijah Hedding.....	New England.....	1799 1824		Entered M. E. Church South, 1846.
James Osgood Andrew.....	South Carolina.....	1813 1832		Entered M. E. Church South, 1846.
John Emory.....	Philadelphia.....	1810 1832		Died in Maryland, Dec. 16, 1835, aged 47.
Beverly Waugh.....	Baltimore.....	1809 1836		Died in Maryland, Feb. 9, 1858, aged 69.
Thomas A. Morris.....	Ohio.....	1816 1836		Residence, Springfield, Ohio.
Leonidas Lent Hamline.....	Ohio.....	1833 1844		Resigned in 1852; died in Iowa, Mar 22, 1865.
Edmund Storer Janes.....	Philadelphia.....	1830 1844		Residence, New York.
Levi Scott.....	Philadelphia.....	1826 1852		Residence, Odessa, Del.
Matthew Simpson.....	Pittsburgh.....	1833 1852		Residence, Philadelphia.
Osmond Cleander Baker.....	New Hampshire.....	1839 1852		Residence, Concord, N. H.
Edward Raymond Ames.....	Illinois.....	1830 1852		Residence, Baltimore.
Davis Wasgatt Clark.....	New York.....	1843 1864		Residence, Cincinnati.
Edward Thomson.....	Ohio.....	1833 1864		Residence, Evanston, Ill.
John Kingsley.....	erie.....	1841 1864		Residence, Cleveland, Ohio.
Calvin Wright Roberts.....	Liberia.....	1838 1866		Monrovia, Africa.

PLAN OF EPISCOPAL VISITATION FOR 1869.

CONFERENCES.	PLACE.	TIME.	BISHOP
Central Pennsylvania.....	Danville.....	March 10.....	Scott.
West Virginia.....	Clarksburgh.....	March 11.....	Ames.
Wilmington.....	Wilmington, Del.....	March 17.....	Simpson.
Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia.....	March 17.....	Thomson.
New Jersey.....	Millville.....	March 17.....	Clark.
Missouri.....	Chillicothe.....	March 17.....	Janes.
Newark.....	Central Church, Newark.....	March 17.....	Scott.
Providence.....	First Church, Fall River.....	March 24.....	Clark.
Pittsburgh.....	New Philadelphia, Ohio.....	March 24.....	Ames.
Kansas.....	Leavenworth.....	March 24.....	Janes.
New England.....	Westley, Mass.....	March 24.....	Thomson.
Washington.....	Winchester, Va.....	March 25.....	Simpson.
Nebraska.....	Nebraska City.....	March 31.....	Janes.
New Hampshire.....	Lisbon.....	April 7.....	Clark.
New York.....	Sing Sing.....	April 7.....	Thomson.
New York East.....	Middletown, Conn.....	April 8.....	Simpson.
East German.....	Philadelphia.....	April 15.....	Thomson.
Vermont.....	Not fixed.....	April 15.....	Ames.
Wyoming.....	Honesdale, Pa.....	April 15.....	Kingsley.
Central New York.....	Washington-street Church, West Troy.....	April 15.....	Scott.
North Indiana.....	Auburn.....	April 15.....	Janes.
Black River.....	Pearl street Church, Richmond.....	April 15.....	Clark.
Maine.....	Watertown.....	May 5.....	Clark.
East Maine.....	Sacrappa.....	May 20.....	Clark.
Colorado.....	Pine-street Church, Bangor.....	June 24.....	Kingsley.
Delaware.....	Central City, Col.....	July 22.....	Janes.
Oregon.....	Milford, Del.....	Aug. 12.....	Kingsley.
Cincinnati.....	Eugene City.....	Aug. 23.....	Ames.
East Genesee.....	Hillsborough.....	Aug. 25.....	Janes.
Des Moines.....	Phelps, Ontario County.....	Aug. 26.....	Clark.
Detroit.....	Indianola.....	Sept. 1.....	Scott.
Iowa.....	Central Church, Detroit.....	Sept. 1.....	Thomson.
Nevada.....	Muscine.....	Sept. 2.....	Kingsley.
Central German.....	Washoe City.....	Sept. 2.....	Janes.
North Ohio.....	Newport, Kentucky.....	Sept. 2.....	Ames.
Northwest Indiana.....	Norwalk.....	Sept. 8.....	Janes.
Southern Illinois.....	Lafayette.....	Sept. 8.....	Clark.
Central Ohio.....	Vandalia.....	Sept. 15.....	Thomson.
Michigan.....	Findley.....	Sept. 15.....	Janes.
Indiana.....	Grand Rapids.....	Sept. 15.....	Scott.
Southeastern Indiana.....	Evanville.....	Sept. 15.....	Ames.
California.....	Trinity Church, Indianapolis.....	Sept. 15.....	Simpson.
Northwest German.....	Napa City.....	Sept. 15.....	Kingsley.
Upper Iowa.....	Second Church, Milwaukee.....	Sept. 15.....	Janes.
Illinois.....	Independence.....	Sept. 22.....	Clark.
Wisconsin.....	Lincoln, Logan County.....	Sept. 22.....	Thomson.
Tennessee.....	Appleton.....	Sept. 23.....	Scott.
Central Illinois.....	Franklin, Venango County.....	Sept. 29.....	Ames.
West Wisconsin.....	Washington, Carroll County.....	Sept. 29.....	Simpson.
Ohio.....	Canton, Fulton County.....	Sept. 29.....	Thomson.
Rock River.....	Portage City.....	Sept. 30.....	Scott.
Genesee.....	Centenary Church, Marietta.....	Sept. 30.....	Janes.
Holston.....	Embury Church, Freeport.....	Oct. 6.....	Clark.
Minnesota.....	Lyndonville.....	Oct. 6.....	Ames.
Southwest German.....	Jonesborough.....	Oct. 7.....	Simpson.
Georgia.....	Minneapolis.....	Oct. 7.....	Scott.
Alabama.....	Burlington, Iowa.....	Oct. 7.....	Thomson.
	Atlanta.....	Oct. 14.....	Simpson.
	Mount Hermon, Connecuh County.....	Oct. 21.....	Simpson.

ORGANIZATION OF THE METHODIST E. CHURCH.

The first society (of five members) was formed by Philip Embury in his private house in New York city, in the autumn of 1766. The first church edifice was erected in John street, on the site of the present church, and dedicated October 30, 1768. The first Annual Conference was held in Philadelphia in 1773, and consisted of ten Preachers, reporting a membership of 1,160. The first General Conference was held in Baltimore in 1784.

COMPARATIVE PROGRESS.

By examining the official returns of the Conferences for the whole century, and comparing them by decades, from 1766, we have the following table :

YEAR.	Traveling Preachers.	Increase of Preachers.	Members.	Increase of Members.
1766	.....	.....	.....	.....
1776	24	24	4,921	4,921
1786	117	93	20,689	15,768
1796	293	176	56,664	35,975
1806	452	159	130,570	73,906
1816	695	243	214,235	83,665
1826	1,406	711	360,800	146,665
1836	2,928	1,522	650,103	289,303
1846	3,582	654	644,229*	Dec. 5,874
1856	5,877	2,295	800,327	156,098
1866	7,576	1,699	1,032,184	231,857

*By the withdrawal and separation of Southern Conferences in 1844, organizing the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the M. E. Church lost 1,345 traveling preachers and 495,288 members ; and yet, so rapid was her growth during the decade, that at its close (two years after the separation), there was a net gain of 654 Preachers, and a lack of only 5,874 members of making up the number lost.

Statistical Returns of the M. E. Church to Jan. 1, 1869.

The present number of Annual Conferences is 71, an increase of four over last year. For a full list, with boundaries, see Discipline of 1868.

	This Year.	Inc. over 1867.
Bishops.....	9	...
Traveling Preachers.....	8,481	477
Local Preachers.....	9,899	430
Total Preachers.....	18,370	907
Members in Full Connection.....	1,060,265	88,399
Members on Probation.....	194,850	20,635
Total Lay Members.....	1,255,115	109,034
Adult Baptisms.....	67,065	7,982
Infant Baptisms.....	46,207	3,549
Total Baptisms.....	113,272	11,531
Number of Churches.....	11,692	571
Number of Parsonages.....	3,810	207
Value of Church Edifices.....	\$41,692,922	\$5,807,483
Value of Parsonages.....	\$6,275,979	\$914,684
Value of Churches and Parsonages.....	\$47,970,501	\$6,722,167
Number of Sunday-schools.....	15,885	544
Sunday-school Teachers.....	181,666	6,721
Sunday-school Scholars.....	1,145,167	63,276
Benevolent Collections.*.....	\$909,962	

*This amount includes only the contributions for the Parent Missionary Society, Tract Society, Bible Society, Sunday-School Union, and Conference claimants