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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?

2. Who have been Readmitted?
   None.

3. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?
   None.

4. Who have been Received on Trial?
   In Studies of First Year.—Earnest H. Darragh, Alexander D. Foster, James H. Newton.

5. Who have been Continued on Trial?
   (a) In Studies of First Year.—Walter G. Baughn, Claude F. Lucas, William C. Wilson, Ulysses S. G. Perkins. Requested that last be left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

6. Who have been Discontinued?
   Hickman C. Snapp. At their own request, John H. Massey, Elsie M. Hughart.

7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?
   Elected and Ordained Deacons Previously.—James P. Faulkner, George E. Hancock.

8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?
   Admitted into Full Membership Previously.—William T. Dunn, John E. Thomas.

9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?
10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?


11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?


12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

As Local Deacons. (Dis., §168, §1.)—William Walker.

13. Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?

It was.

14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?

John H. Frost, South Kansas; Jeremiah W. Walters, North Indiana.

15. Who have Died?

John Thomas.

16. Who have been Located at their own Request?

William H. Evins.

17. Who have been Located?

None.

18. Who have Withdrawn?

None.

19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?

None.

20. Who have been Expelled?

None.

21. What other Personal Notation should be Made?

William Matheny a local deacon ordained in the M. E Church South had his ordination recognized.

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?


23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?


24. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

25. What is the Statistical Report for this Year?

26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as Reported by the Conference Treasurer?
$5,264.00.

27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?

28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?
$2,022. See Stewards' Report.

29. Where are the Preachers Stationed?
See Appointments.

30. Where shall the Next Conference be Held?
Trinity Church, Louisville.
MINUTES.

FIRST DAY, September 7, 1898.

The Conference convened at 8.30 A. M. the Bishop in the Chair.

After devotional service, at 9 A. M., the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was administered to about one hundred communicants.

The Bishop addressed the Conference.

The Secretary of last year called the roll, sixty-five members and sixteen probationers answered.

E. L. Shepard was elected Secretary and granted the privilege of nominating his assistants. Thomas Hanford and J. R. Howes were elected.

A. B. Leonard was elected Statistical Secretary, A. E. Ulrich and John A. Colledge assistants.

G. N. Jolly was elected Treasurer; E. B. Hill, assistant.

C. S. Markin was elected Recording Secretary.

Presiding Elders were appointed to nominate the Standing Committees.

The Conference tendered its thanks to Mr. A. H. Lamb, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., for the proffered use of their rooms.

J. W. Zimmerman was elected Reporter for the Western Christian Advocate.

The Bishop announced the transfer of W. I. Taylor from the Colorado to the Kentucky Conference.

Communications were received from the Missionary Society, the Freedman’s Aid and Southern Education Society, Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund and the Book Committee; and they were referred.

The Bishop presented drafts from the Book Concern and the Chartered Fund, which were accepted.

The following resolution offered by J. D. Walsh was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary designate one of his assistants to receive a duplicate report of monies paid on the Missionary debt, the same to be printed on a page of the minutes apart from the statistical table, giving name of charge, pastor and amounts so paid.

The Bishop delivered to the Secretary, to be read, a paper on the Missionary debt.

The Committee appointed to nominate standing committees reported, the brethren so named were duly elected. On motion of the
Assistant Secretary, it was ordered that all reports and resolutions be presented in duplicate form.

It was ordered that the morning sessions of the Conference begin with devotional service at 8.30 and close at 12 M.

The Bar of the Conference was fixed at the sixth seat from the altar. The Bishop called the 8th Question—What members are in the studies of the third year? G. E. Hancock came forward and answered the Disciplinary questions.

Dr. W. T. Smith of the Des Moines Conference, Dr. J. F. Goucher of the Baltimore Conference, and Mr. A. H. Lamb of the Y. M. C. A., were introduced. Dr. Smith addressed the Conference in the interests of the Missionary Society and Dr. Goucher in the interests of the Woman's College.

The Thirteenth Question was called—"Was the Character of each Preacher Examined"—J. G. Dover was called, his character passed, and he reported the Ashland District. The following effective elders were called, they passed and their collections were reported—J. M. Ackman, G. W. Howes, N. G. Grizzle, A. B. Leonard, William Jones and J. G. Ragan.

Jasper Field, whose case was referred at the last Conference to the Presiding Elder, had been called before a Committee of Investigation, which suspended him for the remainder of the year. The records of the investigation were submitted to the Conference. On motion it was ordered that the charge be tried before a select committee of nine to be appointed by the Chair.

T. J. Perkins was appointed on New York Book Concern accounts. C. P. Adams to secure subscribers for the Methodist Review and J. W. Zimmerman to look after the Western Book Concern accounts. T. H. Convey was appointed to collect accounts for the Gospel in all Lands.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung.

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Goucher.

SECOND DAY, September 8, 1898.

The devotional service occupied the first thirty minutes.

The Bishop took the chair at 9 A. M.

The minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

The roll was called for absentees and its further calling dispensed with.

In the case of Jasper Field the following were appointed: S. F. Kelley, Chairman. Select Number, F. Grider, R. D. Biven, B. R. Wilburn, V. T. Willis, W. H. Calvert, W. E. Cook, H. D. Burnett, J. H. Brown, D. F.
Kerr; L. B. Piersel Counsel for the Church; John Cheap, assistant; Amon Boreing, Counsel for defense; J. R. Howes, Secretary.

The Statistical Secretary reported delinquents.

The Secretary read a communication from Mrs. J. B. Jones, Secretary of the Kentucky Conference Division of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and John Phillips was appointed to receive money for said Society.

A. H. Davis was appointed to receive money for World Wide Missions.

By motion the Report of the Board of Education was made the order of the day for 10.30 o'clock.

Amon Boreing was elected Railroad Secretary.

Under the call of the Thirteenth Question—"Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?"—The following Presiding Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their districts in the order given: G. R. Frenger, Covington; S. W. Schellton, Green River; J. D. Walsh, Lexington; C. J. Howes, Louisville, and J. S. Miller, Middlesborough. They read interesting and detailed reports, showing a prosperous state of the Church.

The following Elders were called, their characters were passed and they reported collections:


The following were introduced: Mr. L. C. Fritche, of the Western Methodist Book Concern; Rev. W. H. Evans, of the Lexington Conference; Rev. W. V. Kelley, D.D., Editor Methodist Review; Rev. John Hayes, D.D., pastor First Presbyterian Church, Maysville; Rev. T. F. Garrett, Ohio Conference; Rev. Lewis Curts, D.D., of the Western Book Concern.

The order of the day was taken up. Rev. J. P. Faulkner, President of Union College, and Mr. J. D. Hearne, Treasurer of the Board of Education, addressed the Conference.
It was moved that further consideration of the order be deferred until Saturday 10.30 A. M. Carried.

J. D. Walsh moved that the Treasurer be granted the privilege of filing reports of the Board of Education.

It was moved to reconsider the time of opening the Conference, and it was fixed at 8 A. M.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned.

Benediction by Dr. Kelley.

THIRD DAY, September 9, 1898.

The Conference opened at 8 A. M. The devotional service was led by B. R. Wilburn.

The Bishop took the chair at 8.30 A. M.

The minutes of yesterday’s session were read and approved.

The Statistical Secretary and the Treasurer reported delinquents.

The Fifth Question—"Who Have Been Continued on Trial?"—Was called. The following were called: They reported collections, and their characters were passed. Their examinations were reported favorably and they were passed to studies of second year.


The following were called, their characters passed, their collections were reported and they were continued in the studies of the first year:
Walter G. Bauglin, Claude F. Lucas, William C. Wilson, Ulysses S. G. Perkins. For the last it was requested that he be left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Under the Sixth Question—"Who Have Been Discontinued?"—It was answered, Hickman C. Snapp, Elsie M. Hughart and John H. Massie were discontinued at their own request.

On motion Alexander D. Foster, was given a certificate, stating that he had successfully passed the studies of the first and second years.

Rev. V. T. Willis was appointed to prepare a statement of the amounts paid, and by whom paid, on Missionary Debt.

The Ninth Question—"What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?"—Having been called; the following were passed, their collections were reported, their examinations approved and they were advanced to the fourth year: Granville M. Burnett, Isaiah Cline, William H. Davenport, John H. Frost, Albert E. Ulrich—William J. Cain and he was by request left without appointment to attend one of our schools; J. F. Hopkins deferred to bring up books to be read.
William T. Dunn, character passed, he was left in studies of third year, and on motion was granted a supernumerary relation. John E. Thomas was passed, and he was continued in the studies of the third year.

Twenty-Second Question—“Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?” was called, H. R. Blaisdell, W. F. Maltbie, J. W. Zimmerman; added this session, W. H. Crain, William T. Dunn, L. P. Hanks.

The select number to try the case of Jasper Fields, reported. The Report follows. Finding in the case of Jasper Fields. The Select Number appointed in the case of the Rev. Jasper Fields:

We do not believe that the evidence before us is sufficient to sustain charge and specification. The charge and specification not being sustained, we therefore find him not guilty by unanimous vote.

J. R. Howe, Secretary. S. F. Kelly, Chairman.
F. Grider, R. D. Biven, B. R. Wilburn, V. T. Willis, W. H. Calvert

Maysville, Ky., Sept. 8, 1898.

A Committee consisting of C. J. Howes, J. G. Dover, L. B. Piersel were appointed to nominate officers for the Conference Auxiliary Missionary Society. On their nomination, the following were elected: F. W. Harrop, President; C. P. Adams, Secretary; G. N. Jolly, Treasurer.

On motion a contribution was taken to defray the expense incurred in the trial of Jasper Fields.

The following visiting brethren were introduced to the Conference: Drs. M. S. Hard, Secretary Church Extension; G. S. Savage and G. D. French, of the American Bible Society; D. H. Moore, Editor of Western Christian Advocate; H. C. Weakley, from Christ Hospital, and Revs. Howard Cree, of Christian Church, city; C. W. Horn and W. J. Baker, of the Cincinnati Conference, and J. D. Redd, of M. E. Church, South. The agents above, represented their causes to the Conference.

W. B. Collins and B. R. Wilburn were granted leave of absence after the forenoon session to-morrow.

Amon Boreing was added to the Committee on Missions.

Thirty-first Question—“Where Shall the Next Conference be Held?” Trinity Church, Louisville, was chosen.

Time extended by motion. Notices were given. Conference adjourned. Doxology was sung. Benediction by Dr. Hard.
A communication from the Board of Education was referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion, the time for the Ordination Service was fixed at 3 o'clock Sabbath, to be followed by the Memorial Service.

A resolution of J. D. Walsh, concerning Bros. Shaw and Milward, of Lexington, was adopted, and it was ordered that a copy of it be sent to their families.

It was moved that when we adjourn, it be to meet at 2 P. M. this afternoon, and E. B. Hill, by the Bishop, was appointed to take the chair.

Reports on State of Church, and on Temperance, were deferred until full session of Conference.

Board of Examiners reported. C. S. Jupin advanced to Studies of Second Year and J. F. Hopkins to the Studies of the Fourth Year.

The Eighth Question—"What Members are in the Studies of the Third Year." Under this, William H. Ackman, Alpheus H. Davis, James F. Deal, James P. Faulkner, Alexander F. Felts, George E. Hancock, Newell H. Young were called.

The required pledges having been signed the Bishop announced a Hymn, offered prayer, and afterwards addressed the class.

The members of the class were passed, their collections and examinations were reported; they were represented by their Presiding Elders, elected to Deacon's Orders, and admitted to full membership. James P. Faulkner and George E. Hancock had been previously ordained Deacons.

The Committee on Conference Relations reported. Their report was adopted. In accordance with their recommendation H. D. Burnett, W. H. Childers and L. B. Piersel were placed on the superannuated list, and it was ordered that they be allowed a part of this year's claim.

D. F. Kerr was granted leave of absence.

Tenth Question.—"What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" Wm. H. Evins called, character passed and granted, at his own request, a location. Marcus M. Roundtree character passed. He was reported as to studies, and he was elected to Elder's Orders; a certificate of the election to be sent him.

T. J. Perkins and Ruter W. Springer were called, passed, and they were continued in studies of the Third Year.

Charles P. Adams, Alva J. Bennett, Claude C. Hall, Clark T. Stump, Squire B. Wardrip, Jeremiah W. Walters, Aaron L. Williams were called, passed, their examinations reported. They reported their collections, and they were elected to Elder's Orders.

Eleventh Question.—"What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" John W. Cantrell, Charles S. Jupin, Claude F. Lucas were elected to Deacon's Orders as Local Preachers under the Missionary Rule.

Dr. M. C. B. Mason, of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education
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Society; Rev. J. C. Malloy, of the Central Presbyterian Church, and Rev. M. V. P. Yeaman, of Presbyterian Church, were introduced.

The Order of the day was taken up. The Board of Education nominated A. Boreing and Harold Means, and they were confirmed as members of the fifth class.

The Bishop appointed W. I. Taylor and J. D. Walsh, to fill vacancy on Conference Board of Examiners.

On motion, the Board of Preacher's Relief, was granted leave to file an abstract of the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary of the Preacher's Relief Association

On motion, the Order of the Day was postponed until 10 A. M. Monday.

On motion, it was ordered that the report of the Board of Preacher's Relief be printed in the Minutes.

J. W. Henderson was elected a member of the Preacher's Relief, time to expire in 1902, and C. W. Sutton, time to expire in 1904.

J. D. Walsh was granted leave to file report of Conference Deaconess Board, and also receipts of money for American University.

C. J. Howes filed receipt for money raised on the Louisville District, for the benefit of the school at Morristown, Tenn.

The Secretaries, A. Boreing, J. D. Walsh and Mr. R. T. Miller, were made a Committee to publish the Minutes.

The Presiding Elders were requested to appoint some one in their districts to assess pro rata a sufficient additional amount to publish the Minutes.

Dr. Mason addressed the Conference.

William Walker was elected to Elder's Orders as a Local Preacher.

After notices the Conference adjourned, the doxology was sung; The Benediction was pronounced by Dr. Mason.

At 2 P. M., E. B. Hill took the chair. J. S. Taylor led the Conference in prayer.

A. Boreing presented a report on publishing the Minutes, which was adopted. (See report.)

Committees on Books and Periodicals, Epworth League and Young People, Church Extension, Auditing Accounts, State of the Church, Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, American Bible Society, District Conference Records, Sunday School Union and Tracts and Sabbath Observance reported. The various reports were adopted. (See reports.)

On motion, Mr. R. T. Miller was allowed to place the monies for distribution to the several claimants on the Superannuate Fund, in the hands of W. B. Snead, Chairman of the Board of Stewards, said monies aggregating two thousand and twenty-two dollars; nine hundred and sixty-four dollars of which came from the Preachers Relief Society.

An Exhibit from the Book Concern was read by the Secretary.
The Conference directed that the money in the hands of G. N. Jolly, belonging to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, be placed in charge of the Treasurer of the Conference Auxiliary Missionary Society.

Mr. R. T. Miller read a paper on the employment of an agent for the Preacher's Relief Society. On motion, Mr. Miller spoke in explanation of the paper. It was adopted. (See Resolutions.)

On motion the Statistical Secretary reported by totals. Report adopted. (See Statistical Tables.)

President Harrop, of Ashland College, addressed the Conference.

The Treasurer reported. Report was adopted. (See Report.)

By resolutions of F. Grider, it was ordered that each preacher send to the Secretary his postoffice address that the Secretary may insert the same in the Roll. Committee on Book Concern accounts and on Education, reported. Reports adopted. (See Reports.)

Conference appointed Rev. B. R. Wilburn visitor to Union College, Barbourville, and Rev. F. W. Harrop, to Ashland College.

On motion Conference adjourned.

Benediction by Prof. Faulkner.

FIFTH DAY, September 12, 1898.

V. T. Willis conducted the Devotional Service beginning at 8 A. M.

By appointment of the Bishop, Frederick Grider took the chair.

J. W. Zimmerman offered numerous resolutions which were adopted. (See Resolutions.)

Several brethren spoke on the resolution in regard to Christ's Hospital, all appreciative of that noble institution of the church.

The Bishop took the chair.

The minutes of the two Saturday sessions were read, corrected and approved.

The Bishop announced the transfer of H. W. Ewing from the Wilmington to the Kentucky Conference.

The Bishop announced that the Board of Insurance was ready to take risks, as shown by a communication in his hands.

The Bishop presented the proposition of the Rock River Conference on Equal Ministerial and Lay Representation in the General Conference and spoke in explanation of it. Being submitted the Conference voted by a standing, counted vote, on this proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE.

First. Amend ¶ 60 of the Book of Discipline by striking out all the words after "the lay delegates shall consist of," and inserting the words, "one layman for each annual conference, except such conferences as
have more than one ministerial delegate, which conferences shall each be entitled to as many lay delegates as ministerial delegates," so that ¶ 60 as amended shall read:

"¶ 60. The lay delegates shall consist of one layman for each annual conference, except such conferences as have more than one ministerial delegate, which conferences shall each be entitled to as many lay delegates as ministerial delegates."

Second. Amend Section 2 of ¶ 67 of the Book of Discipline by striking out the words "nor of more than two lay delegates for an annual conference," and inserting the words "nor of more lay delegates from an annual conference than there are ministerial delegates from such annual conference," so that the section as amended shall read:

"2. The General Conference shall not allow of more than one ministerial representative for every fourteen members of an annual conference; nor of a less number than one for every forty-five; nor of more lay delegates from an annual conference than there are ministerial delegates from such annual conference; provided, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any annual conference a fraction of two-thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, such annual conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate for such fraction; and provided, also, that no conference shall be denied the privilege of one ministerial and of one lay delegate."

For the proposed change, (42) forty-two; against, (14) fourteen.

The resolution of thanks to Bishop Ninde was put by the Secretary and the Conference voted for it unanimously, standing.

Certificate of Ordination.

This Certifies That on Sept. 11th, 1898, at Maysville, Ky., I ordained to the office of Deacon, JAMES F. DEAL, NEWELL H. YOUNG, ALEXANDER F. FELTS, ALPHEUS H. DAVIS, WM. H. ACKMAN, JOHN W. CANTRELL and CHARLES S. JUPIN. Also at the same time and place with the assistance of several Elders present, I ordained to the office of Elder, JEREMIAH W. WALTERS, CLAUDE C. HALL, ALVA J. BENNETT, CHARLES P. ADAMS, AARON L. WILLIAMS, SQUIRE B. WARDRIP, CLARK T. STUMP and WILLIAM M. WALKER.

W. X. NINDE, Bishop.
The resolution on the Joint Commission of Federation was discussed and adopted.

D. P. Holt appointed on the Conference Board of Examiners.

Rev. J. S. Sims of the M. E. Church, South, of the city, was introduced.


The report presented by the Board of Stewards was adopted. (See report.)

Mr. Harold Means, of Ashland, and Rev. T. G. Williams, of the Cincinnati Conference, were introduced.

By action of Conference the name of Mrs. John Thomas was placed on the list of claimants entitled to share in funds.

The allowance to the Lashbrook children is to take the same course, and be under the same administration, as last year.

On motion a collection was taken for H. J. Ramey.

The order of the day was taken up. The proposition to raise one thousand dollars for Board of Education was discussed. This resolution that each preacher be requested to preach a sermon on education before taking the collection for this purpose was adopted.

W. B. Snead was granted a leave of absence.

Fourth Question.—“Who have been Received on Trial?”—Earnest H. Darragh, Alexander D. Foster, James M. Newton.

The candidates were called forward and presented to the Conference. They were represented, reported and admitted.

W. I. Taylor presented a resolution in reference to Bremen College and Perryman Institute, which was adopted. (See resolution.)

The Standing Committees were called.

The Committee on Missions reported with a supplementary report. Both were adopted. (See report.)

Committee on Temperance reported. Report adopted. (See report.)

The Board of Preacher's Relief nominated Frederick Grider to be the Fiscal Agent of the Preacher's Relief. He was elected.

Twenty-first Question was called.—“What other Personal Notation should be Made?”

The certificate of the ordination of William Matheny as a Local Deacon in the M. E. Church South having been presented, his orders were recognized.

The names of Brethren to constitute the Conference Boards of Church Extension and Church Location, the Triers of Appeals and to preach the Missionary Sermon were presented and they were appointed.

The minutes were read and approved.

The hymn “I Love to Tell the Story” was sung.

The Bishop gave a glowing tribute to the conference.

The appointments were read, and, by previous motion, the Conference stood adjourned.

Bishop W. X. Ninde pronounced the benediction.
APPOINTMENTS, 1898.

**ASHLAND DISTRICT.**

J. G. Dover, P. E., 4.—P. O. Ashland, Ky.

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G. R. Frenger, 6, Presiding Elder.—P. O. Covington, Ky.

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KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

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Earlington ................................................ W. C. Wilson, 1
Greenville ................................................ Supplied by H. R. Hardison
Henderson ................................................ Supplied by Harry Smith
Hickory Grove ............................................. C. C. Hall, 1
Hopkinsville ............................................. J. T. Smith, 1
Marion ...................................................... G. M. Burnett, 2
Morgantown ............................................... A. J. Bennett, 3
Onton ......................................................... Supplied by H. R. Hardison
Owensboro .................................................. Supplied by Harry Smith
Owensboro Circuit ........................................ E. B. Timmons, 1
Paducah ...................................................... Supplied by Thomas Adams

LEXINGTON DISTRICT.

E. L. SHEPARD, 1, Presiding Elder.—Lexington, Ky.

Albany and Gap Creek ................................. To be Supplied by John Pitman
Bethel Ridge ................................................ L. R. Godbey, 1
Gradyville ..................................................... R. F Mills, 3
Grant ........................................................ A. F. Felts, 2
Harrison ..................................................... J. L. Sturgell, 5
Holly Hill ..................................................... Supplied by B. R. Wilburn, 3
Lexington ...................................................... F. L. Creech, 3
Middleburg ................................................... V. T. Willis, 5
Nicholasville ............................................... Supplied by P. H. ESBright
Pulaski ........................................................ A. H. Davis, 1
Riley .......................................................... A. H. Davis, 1
Salt Lick ...................................................... Supplied by G. W. Howes, 1
Shelbyville .................................................. F. T. Kelley, 2
Somerset ...................................................... E. B. Hill, 5

W. G. Baughn, Conference Evangelist and member of the Nicholasville Quarterly Conference.

LOUISVILLE DISTRICT.

C. J. HOWES, 5, Presiding Elder.—No. 2109 W. Market St., Louisville, Ky.

Beaver Dam ..................................................... J. H. Brown, 2
Bowling Green ............................................... W. B. Burton, 2
Bowling Green Circuit ................................ J. W. Cantrell, 1
Hardinsburg ................................................... A. H. Davis, 1
Leitchfield .................................................... C. S. Markin, 1
Louisville:  Epworth ........................................... C. P. Adams, 2
Trinity ........................................................ W. B. Collins, 3
Wesley ........................................................ John Phillips, 2
No Creek ...................................................... W. E. Cook, 3
Sample ........................................................ W. B. Snead, 2
Scottsville .................................................... S. B. Wardrip, 2
Summit ........................................................ To be Supplied by John Horn
Tompkinsville ............................................... To be Supplied
Vine Grove .................................................... C. F. Lucas, 1
Woodsonville .................................................. A. D. Foster, 2

MIDDLESBOROUGH DISTRICT.

J. S. MILLER, 4, Presiding Elder.—P. O. Barbourville, Ky.

Annville ....................................................... R. T. Moores, 1
Barbourville and London ................................ W. G. Bradford, 1
Barbourville Circuit ...................................... M. M. Roundtree, 2
Beattyville .................................................... C. T. Stump, 1
Boonville ...................................................... S. F. Kelley, 1
Breathitt ....................................................... To be Supplied by L. C. Roberts
The Anniversary of the Education Society was held Tuesday, September 6th, at 7:30 P. M. President A. H. Harrop and Bishop W. H. Ninde spoke in a happy vein. Following this a reception was given in the church which cheered every heart. The speakers were Mr. Dimmit Hutchins, Revs. W. T. Malloy, C. W. Sutton and W. T. Smith.

Wednesday evening Drs. W. T. Smith and J. F. Goucher spoke in favor of the Missionary Society and kindled warm enthusiasm.

The speaker on Thursday evening was Dr. M. S. Hard, representing the Church Extension Society. His address was very timely and inspiring.

The Preachers' Relief Society occupied the evening Friday. Dr. Thomas Hanford delivered an excellent address. Rev. C. J. Howes secured a fine collection.

Rev. M. C. B. Mason on Saturday evening spoke eloquently and successfully on the Freedmen's cause to a crowded house.

The Sabbath services were: Love Feast at 9 A. M. conducted by J. S. Taylor; Preaching at 11 A. M. by Bishop Ninde; Ordination at 3 P. M., followed by Memorial Service. The Missionary Sermon was preached at night.
### PLAN

**OF STUDIES AND EXAMINATIONS OF KENTUCKY CONFERENCE for 1897-8.**

#### BOARD OF EXAMINERS.


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CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL will be examined by the whole Board of Examiners; or by as many as can be present, such special assignments being made at the time as circumstances may require. Each candidate, after having been fully recommended (not before), will write a brief memoir of his life; so that it may be known by him, and through him by the entire Board, who are to compose the class.


EXAMINERS OF CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL ORDERS.


CANDIDATES FOR DEACONS' ORDERS.

1ST YEAR. 2D YEAR. 3D YEAR. 4TH YEAR.
5. Written Sermon or Essay. Written Sermon or Essay. 1. Written Sermon or Essay. 2. Written Sermon or Essay.

TO BE READ.
1. Lectures on Preaching. TO BE READ. TO BE READ.
2. How to Study the Bible. Living Thoughts.
3. Life of J. Wesley. Portraits of Paul.
5. The Revival and the Pastor. Life of Simpson.


DIRECTIONS.

The directions to be observed by Examiners and students are as follows:

1. The numbers, 1, 2, etc., indicate the division of work among the Examiners.
2. Examiners and students should be prepared on every subject within its own period.
3. The student, when fully ready, not before, will notify the Examiner, who should have his questions (not fewer than 25 nor more than 100) written out beforehand, with space under each question for its answer by the student.
4. The answers should be written by the student in the presence of the Examiner alone, who should not help himself, nor allow any to be derived from any other source whatever, whether of person or of printed or written matter.
5. From impossible for the Examiner to be with the student, he may send the questions under seal, to a third person, whom he may approve, not of the student's family nor an under-graduate, never to the student himself. He should direct, by postal card two or three days beforehand, by way of precaution; and again on the back of the envelope containing the questions, that the envelope is not to be opened, nor allowed out of the possession of the third person, till the student is ready to answer the questions. Included with the questions should be a certificate of the following contents, to be signed by the third person when the student has completed his work: "I certify that the envelope containing the foregoing questions was not opened, nor allowed out of my possession till the time for answering the questions arrived; that I, and no one else, was with Mr. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . while he was writing his answers; that his answers were written without help from any person or printed or written matter whatever; that no change has been made in them since he concluded his work; and that I shall, without delay, inclose, and seal and mail the papers to the Examiner from whom they were received."

(Signed) ........................................

Any substantial departure from these directions should vitiate the examination.

6. As soon as the papers are received by the Examiner, he will give to each answer its own proper credit, ranging from 0 to 100; the sum of all the credits, and divide the sum by the whole number of questions asked. The quotient will be the grade of the student. This the Examiner will mail at once to Rev. C. W. Sutton, the Secretary of the Board, and also notify the student of the result. The minimum grade for passing is 7. In grading, while greatest weight will be given to the substance of the answers, some consideration must be given to the style, syntax, orthography, chirography, and comparative neatness of the answers.

7. On the back of every written sermon or essay there should be a statement, signed by the person presenting it, that the composition, content, and form were composed entirely by the student.
8. Instead of syllabi as heretofore, let the students be prepared to give such evidence that they have closely read the books as the Examiners may require.
9. The grading on sermons or essays, and on "books to be read," will hereafter be on the same scale (from 0 to 100). Books to be studied, with 7 as the minimum grade for passing.
10. Candidates for local orders, when it is impracticable for them to be examined previously, will be examined on the day before Conference convenes, beginning at 9 o'clock.

Except in extreme cases, and for highly satisfactory reasons, no examinations will take place after Conference has convened.

Respectfully,

L. B. PierSEL, Chairman.
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A. B. LEONARD, Statistical Secretary.
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total ......................................................... $5,264 00
Cash disposed of as follows—

Paid to Curtis & Jennings,
For Missions .............................................. $1,820 00
" S. S. Union .............................................. 39 00
" Tract Society ........................................... 37 00
" Freedmen's Aid ......................................... 270 00
" Children's Day .......................................... 90 00
" Bishops ..................................................... 187 00
" Missionary Debt .......................................... 9 00
" General Conference Expense ........................... 2 00

$2,454 00

Paid to J. D. Hearne for Education .......................... $ 140 00
" G. W. Hamilton for Ch. Ex. Society .................. 439 00
" R. T. Miller, Treasurer Board of Stewards ................ 572 00
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| Increase                    | 1296 | 13006 | 2528 | 9765 | 2707 | 199 | 32 | 44 |
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- Bowling Green: 9
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- Bardstown: 10
- Lettishfield: 3
- Louisville-Epworth: 22
- Trinity: 115
- Wesley: 50
- No Creek: 6
- Sample: 2
- Scottsville: 5
- Summit: 3
- Tompkinsville: 1
- Vine Grove: 2
- Woodsonville: 27

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G. N. Jolly, Treasurer.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE KENTUCKY CONFERENCE OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

In account with J. D. Hearne, Treasurer.

1897.
Sept. 1. By balance as per report .................. $ 40.00
17. By amount received from J. N. Jolly, Conference Treasurer, 97 00

Oct. 12. By value of $500.00 6 per cent bond, Kenton County, Ky.,
donated by children of Rev. D. Stevenson, D. D., deceased, due Dec. 1, 1913 ....... 500 00

1898.
Reeder, less his fee for collecting .................. 140 00

CONTRA.

Sept 21. To amount paid R. I. Eads, Exec., Jno. R. Eads,
deceased ........................................ $ 137 00

Oct. 12. By value of $500.00 6 per cent bond, Kenton Co.,
Ky., due Dec. 1, 1913, donated by children of
Rev. D. Stevenson, D. D., deceased ........... 560 00

1898.
Aug. 5. $100.00 Covington, Ky., 4 per cent bond, due Jan.
1, 1930, at $109.00 and interest .......... 109 39
To balance in my hands .......................... 30 61

$ 394 23

1898.
FANNY SPEED FUND.

Sept. 1. By balance as per report .................. $ 394 23
Nov. 3. By dividend on reduction of capital stock First Nat'l Bank,
Covington, Ky., 20 per cent ...................... 30 00

1898.
July 2. By dividend on reduction of capital stock First Nat'l Bank,
Covington, Ky., 15 per cent ...................... 22 50
Aug. 5. By amount from Income Account for premiums paid .......................... 50 00
By amount from Income Account for loss on Cumberland
Valley Bank stock .................................. 100 00

CONTRA.

Apr 30. To $500.00 Norwood 5 per cent bond, due April 1,
1929, at $107.28 and accrued interest ........ $ 538 39
Balance in my hands ............................. 58 34

$596 73 $596 73
I hold securities belonging to the Fanny Speed Fund, as follows:

One share First National Bank, Covington, Ky., stock.
Fourteen shares Third National Bank, Cincinnati, stock.
$1000 8 per cent bond of Covington, Ky., due July 1, 1899.
$500 5 per cent bond of Covington, Ky., due May 18, 1902.
$500 4 per cent bond of Covington, Ky., due Jan. 1, 1928.
$100 4 per cent bond of Covington, Ky., due Aug. 1, 1920.
$500 5 per cent Norwood, Ohio, bond, due Oct. 1, 1901.
$500 Norwood, Ohio, bond, due April 1, 1929 (5 per cent.)

I also hold belonging to the General Fund:

$2500 6 per cent Kenton County, Ky., bonds, due Dec. 1, 1913.
$100 Covington, Ky., bond, due Aug. 1, 1920 (4 per cent.)
$100 4 per cent Covington, Ky., bond, due Jan. 1, 1930,

The Board owes the estate of Rev. John R. Eads, deceased, $1,566.81, with interest from October 1st, 1897.

September 1st, 1898.

J. D. HEARNE, Treasurer.
PREACHERS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH.

ANNUAL REPORT OF R. T. MILLER, TREASURER,
SEPTEMBER 9TH, 1898.

EXHIBIT A.

1897.  ENDOWMENT FUND. RECEIPTS.

Sept. 7. Balance on hand last statement ........................................ $ 94 44
16. From C. W. Sutton, Pineville, account dues .......................... 74 00
   Old subscriptions collected ........................................ 72 00
   Cash at Anniversary .................................................. 28 86
Dec. 7. Collected account Vanceburg subscriptions ................. 131 64
    "    " R. T. Miller (double) .................................. 131 64
    "    " Sundry accounts ........................................... 50 00
    "    " R. T. Miller, Pineville subscription ....................... 100 00
    "    " by Tru. B. Sellers ....................................... 2 00
  8.    " Mrs. Sarah J. Shinkle, Pineville subscription ............... 100 00
11. Cash on account of Cynthiana National Bank Stock surrendered for reduction of capital ...... 500 00
13. Subscription, V. Boreing ........................................ 5 00
15. Mt. Sterling National Bank, account liquidation .................. 10 00
17. C. W. Sutton, Secretary, account old subscriptions .......... 25 00
    "    " Pineville subscriptions ................................ 2 00
23. G. W. Hamilton, subscription, Vanceburg ......................... 25 00
    "    " Pineville ................................................. 25 00

1898.
Jan. 13. C. W. Sutton, Secretary, collected .............................. 7 00
15.    " Mrs. Speed’s subscription .................................. 100 00
31. Proceeds of sale of 22½ shares of National Bank of Com-
   merce, Kansas City, account $113.00 ................................ 2,539 95
April 5. Mt. Sterling National Bank, liquidation ...................... 15 00
11. Mrs. J. D. Park (Easter Gift) .................................... 10 00
June 23. Mrs. Mary P. Harrison (Dues) .................................. 1 00
23. Mrs. Newman (Dues) .............................................. 1 00
Aug 23. C. W. Sutton (Dues) from J. S. Miller ............................ 9 00
25. W. B. Sellers, Annual contribution ................................ 5 00
Sept. 2. C. W. Sutton, dues from A. B. Leonard ......................... 20 00
  5.    " J. D. Hearne ................................................. 5 00
   Balance due Treasurer .............................................. 205 28
$4,294 75
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DISBURSEMENTS.

1897.
Dec 10. Bought Kenton County Funding Bonds Nos. 96 and 97 ... $1,000 00
Interest to date ........................................... 1 48
Premium ....................................................... 180 00

17.
1898.
Feb. 2. Bought Dayton & Michigan Bonds Nos. 2086 and 2087 ... 2,000 00
Interest to date ........................................... 8 77
Premium ....................................................... 22 00

July 1. Bought Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton 4½ per cent Bond
No. 233 ......................................................... 1,000 00
Premium ....................................................... 52 50

Balance due Treasurer, brought down ... $ 205 28

EXHIBIT B.
CONDITION OF INCOME FUND, SEPTEMBER, 1898.

BONDS. [Face Values.]

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BANK STOCKS. [Face Values.]

5 Shares Mount Sterling National Bank ........................................... 500 00
6 Shares National Bank of Cynthiana ........................................... 500 00

BILLS RECEIVABLE. [Face Value.]

J. H. Miller note, 6 per cent (guaranteed) ........................................... 1,000 00
Northcutt note (unsecured) ........................................... 503 00
EXHIBIT C.

PROCEEDS OF INCOME FUND TO SEPTEMBER, 1898.

1897.

Oct. 23. Interest on West Covington Bonds, 5 per cent ....... $ 75 00
Dec. 17. Interest on Northcutt Note (C. W. Sutton) ........ 30 20
18. Interest on Three Kenton County Bonds ............... 45 00

1898.

Jan. 3. Interest on Dayton & Michigan Bonds .............. 50 00
Interest on C. H. & D. Ry. Bonds .................. 67 50
Interest on South Covington & Cincinnati Bonds ........ 15 00
Interest on Procter & Gamble Bonds .................. 30 00
Dividend, Mt. Sterling National Bank Stock ............. 20 00

Feb. 1. Interest on Covington City Bonds .................. 31 00
25. Dividend, Cynthiana National Bank .................. 54 00

June 1. Interest, Kenton County Bonds ................. 75 00

Interest, Four Dayton & Michigan Bonds ............... 100 00
Interest, One South Covington & Cincinnati Bond ...... 15 00
Interest, One Procter & Gamble Bond .................. 30 00
7. Extra Dividend, Mt. Sterling National Bank, Dec. 1897.. 50 00
" " " " " June, 1898 ... 20 00

Aug. 1. Interest on Covington City 4 per cent Bond, No. 204 .... 25 00
Interest on Covington City 4 per cent Bonds, Nos. 360, 504,
and 622, account $2.00 each ......................... 6 00

Sept. 1. Interest on Note of J. H. Miller ............... 60 00

Add interest on Northcutt Note for 1897—just paid .... 30 18

Add .................................................. 963 88

Total .............................................. $ 964 00

R. T. MILLER, CUSTODIAN OF "THE LASHBROOK FUND."

1897.

Dec. 15. To Cash from Rev. Davis W. Clark ............... $ 45 00
17. To Cash from Rev. C. W. Sutton .................... 55 00

DISBURSEMENTS—None.

On hand September 7th, 1898 .................... $ 100 00
BOARD OF STEWARDS.

The Board of Stewards submit the following report:

There have been placed in our hands for distribution among the claimants of the Conference the following sums:

- From Book Concern: $464.00
- From Chartered Fund: $22.00
- From Conference Treasurer: $572.00
- From Preachers' Relief Association: $964.00

Total: $2,022.00

Which have been distributed as follows:

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Totals: $2,022.00

F. Grider, R. T. Miller, Treasurer, W. B. Sneed, Secretary, Preachers' Relief Ass'n, Chairman.
THE WORN-OUT PREACHERS.

In the Kentucky Conference there are three different methods by which funds are obtained for the Conference claimants.

The First is that provided for in the discipline, to be publicly observed every year, and known as "the Collection for Worn-out Preachers," to which every member of our Church is expected to contribute. The sum total thus collected from all the congregations is taken to the Annual Conference, and all is distributed by the Stewards in open Conference among the claimants. But this sum has never equaled the amounts recommended by the Quarterly Conferences by about two-thirds and not half what is needed.

The Second is also disciplinary, but consists of the interest derived from what is known, since 1879, as the Preachers' Relief Association Fund. Every preacher in the Conference is a member of this Association and pays every year a membership "dues" of one dollar. The fund so paid in is invested in good securities, and the interest received is added to the collection first referred to. But even with this addition the amount required is still inadequate: therefore,

The Third method, auxiliary to the above and known as the Layman's Quarterage Society, was suggested as an easy way to give the opportunity to every member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Kentucky Conference to contribute annually a sum equal at least to that paid into the Relief Association Fund by every preacher in the Conference, so that a fund may be finally accumulated, the interest on which will meet the claims annually recommended to be paid to the Conference claimants, i. e., the Worn-out Preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers.

The sum asked is only two cents a week and is within the means of every member of the Church in Kentucky. Many can contribute much more. But it is thought that every member is willing to pay into this fund at least as much as is paid in by their own pastor for so noble an object. The merit and justice of this cause needs no argument or insistence—it is apparent to all.

Will you not carefully read and consider the same and respond in person or by postal card addressed to Rev. F. Grider, College Hill, Madison County, Ky., who is the officially authorized financial agent of the Preachers' Relief Association of the Kentucky Conference, and he will explain fully all needed details.

By order of the Board of Managers.

J. D. Walsh, President.
C. W. Sutton, Secretary.
R. T. Miller, Treasurer.

Covington, Ky., September, 1898.
SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION.

REV. F. GRIDER’S APPOINTMENT.

This explains it.

The Preachers' Relief Association of the Kentucky Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1880, for the purpose of creating an Endowment Fund, the interest on which was to be added to the funds derived from other sources (see below) and annually distributed at Conference to the Conference claimants. These claimants are made up of the worn-out preachers and the widows and orphans of the deceased preachers of the Conference.

There are now twenty-nine of these on the roll, to whom, at the last Conference $2,022.00 was distributed—an average of about $70.00 to each one. A very meager support for a family for an entire year, and yet it is all that could be done. This sum was derived as follows:

- From the Chartered Fund: $22.00
- From the Book Concern: $464.00
- From the Public Collections: $572.00
- From the Preachers' Relief Fund: $964.00

Total from all sources: $2,022.00

It will be observed that nearly half this sum came from the Endowment Fund of the Preachers' Relief Association. This Association is made up of members of the Conference, no laymen being admitted to membership or benefits in it.

In order to create a general interest in the objects of the Association throughout the Church and increase the Fund, at the last Conference Rev. F. Grider was appointed as "Financial Agent of the Preachers' Relief Association of the Kentucky Conference."

His desire is to visit during the year every charge in the Conference in the interests of the Conference claimants and to increase this Fund by securing contributions, subscriptions and bequests to the Association Endowment Fund from the members of the Church.

The object of the Association as stated is to provide suitably for the comfort of the worn-out preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers of this Conference by raising an Endowment Fund sufficiently large to yield an income something near the amount necessary for this sacred duty.

Only preachers of the Conference can become beneficiary members—no laymen are admitted. But all laymen may become regular contributors of one dollar per annum, just as the preachers are, but they can never participate in the distributions from it.

Brother Grider's address is College Hill, Madison County, Kentucky, who will have opportunity to explain all details to any who seek information.

Let the whole Church—every member of it—join in this effort to honor God by taking care of His worn-out servants.

J. D. Walsh, President.
C. W. Sutton, Secretary.
R. T. Miller, Treasurer.

For the Board of Managers.

Covington, Kentucky, September, 1898.
(In making applications for aid to Conference Claimants, the following forms may be used.)

APPLICATION FOR AID—SUPERANNUATES.

(Residence and date).............................18.

To the Kentucky Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

The undersigned, now a superannuated member of your Conference, respectfully represents:

That he was admitted to said Conference about A. D. ...........
That he was previously an effective member of ................ Conference for about ...... years.
That he became "superannuate" about A. D. ...........
That his family consists of his wife and their ...... children, of the respective ages of .... years, .... years, .... years, .... years. 
That there is actually required for their joint support, per annum ......................................................$..............
That by their united efforts they are not able to earn, per annum, more than .................................................$..............
That they annually receive from all other sources not more per annum than .................................................$..............
That they actually require, as necessary to their support an allowance of the balance .................................................................$..............

$..............$..............

That they have no other income from any source whatever than as above stated, and that, therefore, he applies for the above named balance from the funds to be distributed at your next Conference for the support of Conference claimants, to aid him in supporting himself and his family as above stated. Signed .................(Applicant.)

CERTIFICATE OF ELDER OR PASTOR.

.........................18.

The undersigned Presiding Elder of ................. District,
(or Pastor of ................. Church),
Herby certifies, That he is personally acquainted with ................ the above named application for aid from the fund collected for Conference claimants; that he believes said applicant to be wholly trustworthy; that he believes the statements made in the foregoing application are true; that he recommends that the Board of Stewards be instructed to comply with the request made, so far as lies in their power.

Signed, ...................... Presiding Elder.

or ...................... Pastor.
APPLICATION FOR AID—WIDOW OF DECEASED PREACHER.

(Residence and date) ............................ 18..

To the Kentucky Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

The undersigned, the widow of .................., late a member of your Conference, respectfully represents:

That her said husband, previous to becoming a member of your Conference, had been an effective itinerant preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church in the .......... Conference for about ...... years.

That previous to his death he had been a member of your Conference for about ...... years.

That he died on or about the ...... day of ..........., 18 .., after having been an itinerant preacher for about ...... years in all.

That he died leaving the undersigned, as his widow and their ...... children, of the respective ages of .... years, .... years, .... years, .... years, .... years, .... years, without adequate resources or income for their support.

That there is actually required for their joint support per annum .................................................. $ ..... 

That by the united efforts of herself and children she can earn only, per annum ................................ $ ..... 

That they annually receive from all other sources not more per annum than ................................ $ ..... 

That they actually require as necessary to their support the balance .............................................. $ ..... 

$.....$ ..... 

That they have no other means of support from any source whatever than as above stated, and that, therefore, she applies for the above named balance from the funds to be distributed at your next Conference for the support of Conference claimants, to aid her in supporting herself and family.

Signed, ...................(Applicant.)

CERTIFICATE OF ELDER OR PASTOR.

.......................... 18.

The undersigned Presiding Elder of ............... District (or Pastor of ............... Church),
Hereby certifies, That he is personally acquainted with ............... the above named application for aid from the fund collected for Conference claimants; that he believes said applicant to be wholly trustworthy; that he believes the statements made in the foregoing application are true; that he recommends that the Board of Stewards be instructed to comply with the request made, so far as lies in their power.

Signed ...................... Presiding Elder.

or ...... ............ Pastor.
Your Committee on Missions recommend that the following appropriations be made to the various appointments of the Kentucky Annual Conference for the year 1898-9.

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RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

Ashland District ................................... $ 708 00
Covington District ................................ 333 00
Green River District ................................ 826 00
Lexington District .................................. 719 00
Louisville District .................................. 704 00
Middlesboro District ................................ 910 00

Grand Total .......................................... $4,200 00

We recommend that the amounts apportioned to this Conference for the several benevolences be distributed to the districts on the following basis: Ashland District, 16 per cent; Covington District, 30 per cent; Green River District, 11 per cent; Lexington District, 16 per cent; Louisville District, 16 per cent; Middlesboro District, 11 per cent.

I concur in the above appropriations. W. X. Ninde.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

I have examined the accounts of the presiding elders and also receipts from brethren into whose hands money for Conference claimants was placed, and have found them correct.

Chas. W. Sutton, Committee.

Audit of amounts paid on Asbury Memorial of American University receipts exhibited by J. D. Walsh, Treasurer, for amounts paid at Conference 1897, as follows:

G. M. Burnett ...................................... $ 1.34
H. D. Burnett ...................................... 2.00
N. G. Grizzle ....................................... 2.00
F. W. Harrop ....................................... 5.00
S. F. Kelley ........................................ 5.00
J. S. Miller ......................................... 2.00
B. D. Morris ....................................... 1.00

Total .............................................. $18.34

Chas. W. Sutton, Auditor Kentucky Conference.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

We find the records of the Louisville and Middlesborough Districts neat and correct.

The Lexington District record was not presented for examination but the secretary, A. F. Felts, vouches for their correctness.

These are the only districts that have District Conferences.

E. B. Hill, Chairman.

Chas. S. Markin, Secretary.
REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee on Bible Cause begs leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, The American Bible Society is recognized as one of the great factors in forwarding the cause of Christ in the world, and whereas, they have undertaken to supply the homes of our land, either by donation or sale of a copy of the Holy Scriptures; and whereas, they have also undertaken to supply each child in the land with a copy of the same for Sabbath School study; and whereas, the requests come from chaplains and Y. M. C. A. workers in the army and navy of the United States for 100,000 copies of the New Testament; and whereas, if the Bible Society is paralyzed it means the crippling of all denominational missions, home and foreign, which are dependent on it for Bibles. And whereas, it needs to prosecute its work $250,000 and received last year only about $165,000, therefore be it

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to preach on this subject and earnestly enjoin on our people a more liberal support of this great work.

E. B. Timmons.

F. H. Esbright.

G. W. Howes.

BOOK CONCERN.

We have a Book Concern belonging to our Church, the profits of which are used for the support of worn-out preachers, and their widows and orphans. If all pay for the books they purchase the profits would be much larger than now, when many do not. The minister, of all men, ought to pay that which he owes.

Resolved, That we do earnestly request our brethren of the Kentucky Conference to pay their indebtedness to the Concern if they have any and then to continue to pay as they go.

Wm. Jones.

J. W. Zimmerman.

COMMITTEE ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

We, the Committee on Books and Periodicals, most heartily believe in the spread of the literature of our Church, which has been one of the leading factors in moulding and shaping the life and character of Methodism and giving to her preachers power and marvelous success. The great founder of Methodism has wisely said that a reading people are a knowing people. We can not be wise and intelligent Christians and be symmetrically developed Methodists and not know the history and doctrines of our
beloved Church. Hence we believe that our people should be urged to read the books and periodicals of our Church. Our Sunday School publications and church literature should not be superseded by any other publications. Doubtless there is much literature sent out from the presses of the country that dwarfs, corrupts and demoralizes the youths of our land. But the great mission of our Church is to spread Scriptural holiness over the uttermost parts of the earth. Therefore, let us turn on the light and scatter broadcast the literature of Methodism which makes us wise unto salvation.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. Adams.

John Cheap.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Your Committee on Church Extension are glad to report that there is an increase of the collection this year over last. As a conference we are greatly indebted to the Board of Church Extension. It has aided 166 churches within our bounds. In this good work we have received by donations $65,620.00 and by loans $7,750.00, making the large amount of $73,370.00 that has come to us from the treasury of this Board. As a conference we have given back to the church treasury $23,030.00.

The Methodist Episcopal Church is asked to raise this year $315,000.00. Of this amount our own Conference is asked to raise $2,000.00, which if it does, and it needs it, a like amount will be given our Conference for aid in building new churches. If all this amount asked should be raised it would be but 8 1-6 cents per member. Yet we are sorry to record that only 2 cents were given on an average by our membership last year.

We note in our Annual Minutes that 14 charges gave only $1.00 each, while 37 more gave nothing for this cause. This seems hardly just in view of what it has done for our Conference. Therefore,

Resolved, That we ask the Presiding Elders to equitably apportion $2,000 to our various charges and that we pledge ourselves to do our utmost to raise the various amounts.

Resolved, That we will give our people special information during the year concerning the cause of Church Extension and will take separate collection for it. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. Ackman, Chairman.

V. T. Willis, Secretary.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

We recommend that L. P. Howes be granted supernumerary relation. That W. H. Crain be granted supernumerary relation.
That W. H. Childers be granted a superannuated relation and that his case be referred to the Board of Stewards.


S. F. Kelley, Chairman.
J. R. Howes, Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

We recommend that H. D. Burnett be changed to that of superannuate and his case referred to the Board of Stewards.

That L. B. Piersal be superannuated and his case referred to the Board of Stewards.

That T. J. Anthony be granted supernumerary relation.

S. F. Kelley, Chairman.
J. R. Howes, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The one word Education holds in itself the suggestion of a training for the mind and body which is absolutely necessary if our ministers reach the highest efficiency, if our people come to love the church as they ought and live the true life we ask them to live. For this reason we plead for more attention to everything connected with our educational work.

THE EDUCATIONAL COLLECTIONS.

As loyal Methodists we are committed to two Educational Collections. The one known as the "Public Educational Collection" has its place as one of the benevolent collections and is at the disposal of the Annual Conference. We depurate the habit into which many of the pastors have fallen of bunching the collections and thereby practically ignoring the one that is intended to immediately and effectively advance their interests. We indorse the plan of the Board of Education, which looks to the raising of $1,000 through the Conference, to be applied to the reduction of the Eads' debt, and if a little additional stress be placed upon the public collection the next Annual Conference ought to find us out of debt and with a surplus to be applied to the institutions of learning under the care of the Board of Education.

The other collection is the Children's Day Collection. Considering the fact that the directors of the Children's Fund have been very generous in meeting the demands of the young men of this Conference for aid (nine young men having been aided within the past year) we urge that
this collection be not minified in any respect and recommend that Children's Day be observed in every charge.

As an educational measure we think our ministers should make earnest efforts to put religious papers and books, also the catalogues of our institutions of learning into the homes of our people.

We ought frequently to direct our young people and their parents to our schools. Methodism, whose ministers and people are among the world's mightiest forces, must not, can not, neglect the education of its young men and young women, if it would do its work for the world's evangelization.

THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE, BALTIMORE.

The Woman's College is the Woman's Harvard of America. Fortunate in its site, the heart of a healthful and socially cultured city, its buildings substantial, endowment large, equipment superb, faculty unrivaled, it already reflects honor upon our denomination, and has begun a career the usefulness of which can be confidently predicted. Best of all the College is dominated by a decidedly religious spirit. Our brethren should seek opportunities to commend the Woman's College and place its literature in the hands of young women who are or ought to be asking the question, "To what school shall I go?" We record our pleasure in the visit to our Conference of the distinguished president, Dr. John F. Goucher. We nominate as visitors to the Woman's College Drs. J. D. Walsh and W. B. Collins. The Conference is honored by the fact that this institution finds one of its trustees within its bounds in the person of R. T. Miller.

ASHLAND COLLEGE.

Ashland is situated in the northeast section of Kentucky. The location is most healthful. It has a population of about 6,000. It is easy of access and so becomes an admirable seat for a college. Our church has improved upon these advantages and has in this little city a thriving institution of learning under the presidency of A. H. Harrop, A. M. A competent faculty are associated with the president, and the course of study is thorough and commendable. There is a good library of 800 volumes. The discipline of the college is excellent. The tuition is as cheap as could be desired, and no student need spend more than $140 for all features combined. We recommend that the catalogue be more perfect in the future as to the items of interest reported. We give this school our heartiest commendation.

UNION COLLEGE.

Barbourville, the seat of this college, is a lovely little city just at the edge of the mountainous region of Southeastern Kentucky. The location is most healthful and the religious influences are decidedly Methodistic. The appliances of the college are excellent and the work done is all that could be desired. The course of study in the institution has been revised.
to date by the University Senate of the Methodist Episcopal Church, so that a graduate of this college stands on a level with those of other colleges of like grade. Eighteen young men and young women have graduated from this institution with the degree of A. B. The faculty is composed of seven young men and women, with Prof. Jas. P. Faulkner, A. M., at the head. Last year there were 170 students in attendance, of whom eleven were young men studying for the ministry. We recommend that the Conference appoint visitors to attend the college and report to the Conference the work being done. We would lay the claims of this institution upon all our membership, both clerical and lay, within our State.

Realizing the importance of an educated ministry we recommend that no one be admitted on trial in the Conference who does not possess at least a thorough English education; and, so far as possible, we would urge that all candidates take a course in one of our colleges. In this connection we refer all prospective candidates to our own Conference institutions.

W. B. Collins, Chairman.
Jas. P. Faulkner, Secretary.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League was instituted for the purpose of organizing the young people of Methodism for Christian work and development. And we note with gratification how fully that object has been attained throughout the church in general and in some parts of our Kentucky work.

We congratulate the Conference in having for its presiding officer this year, Bishop Ninde, the president of the Epworth League. We heard with great pleasure his inspiring address upon "The Character of the Epworth League Upon the Church of the Future."

We recommend that wherever practicable, Chapters be organized and the Epworth League Reading Courses be introduced. These courses are carefully prepared and cover a variety of subjects both entertaining and instructive.

We commend the objects and aims of the Kentucky State Union of Epworth Leagues, and believe this Union to be a marked indication of the progress toward a united Methodism.

W. A. Schell,
Isaiah Cline,
A. H. Davis,
J. H. Hays.
RESOLUTION.

Whereas, Christ's Hospital, of Cincinnati, has for nine years, and will continue to receive patients from all parts of our Conference territory on terms within their means irrespective of their ability or inability to pay for such treatment, board, etc. Therefore,

Resolved, That it is the duty of all the charges able to help support this great charity financially, to do so, and we earnestly exhort the Epworth Leagues throughout our bounds to send one or more barrels of canned fruits or vegetables to this House of Mercy and to do so soon.

Mark "Christ's Hospital," and ship to Cincinnati.

W. A. Schell,
J. H. Hays,
GEO. E. Hancock,
B. R. Wilburn,
A. H. Davis,
Isaiah Cline.

Freedmen's Aid & Southern Education Society.

The above society still needs the aid of the Church to the full extent of its ability.

It has done a very great work among our colored people in founding and supporting colleges, and educating ministers and teachers, and thus furnishing that race with qualified religious preachers and teachers.

We find that the General Conference agents are very successful in their work.

We commend this Society to the consideration of our Churches.

The order of worship furnished by the society is excellent, and helpful.

THOMAS HANFORD, Chairman.

The committee gratefully record the receipt from Rev. C. J. Howes of $8.50 for a bed in a college under the Freedman's Aid educational work.

C. J. Howes presented a receipt from M. B. C. Mason, Secretary Freedman's Aid Society and Southern Education Society, for eight dollars and fifty cents, raised from the Louisville District for the purpose of endowing a bed in one of our schools in the South.

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S DAY.

The Church is set for human liberty, freedom from sin and all its consequences, and for human happiness here and hereafter for ever more.

But this liberty is not individual license, and must for its highest
expression conform to human and Devine law. Section 1321 of the Kentucky Statutes prohibits both business and amusement upon this day, and the law of Sunday rest and worship has been too well approved by our civilization to be in doubt.

Nevertheless the growing lawlessness and abuse of the sacred day, the steamboat and railway excursions, the public games, all these demand of the ministry, the Sunday School and the family, unstinted condemnation, and the attention of the liberty loving, law abiding, righteous people should be called to it upon every proper occasion, and we so recommend.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Davenport, Chairman.

W. H. Achman, Secretary.

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PUBLISHING MINUTES.

Report of Committee on publishing the Conference Minutes.

Paid to G. P. Houston for printing ........................................ $141.50
Paid for mailing ................................................................. 15.00
Paid for incidentals ............................................................ 4.00

$160.50

Collected on subscription ..................................................... $103.50
Collected from advertisers less the expenses of soliciting and collecting ................................................................. 65.00

$168.00

8.00

A. Boring for Committee.

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RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolved, That we are gratified to have Bishop W. X. Ninde as our presiding officer. His fairness and kindness, as well as his firmness and judicial decision, have won our highest appreciation and love, and we will be glad at any time to have him return to us as our chief superintendent.

J. W. Zimmerman.
Lafayette Davis.
G. C. Mosher.

2. Resolved, That Thos. Hanford, D. D., is entitled to, and we hereby extend to him, our sincere thanks for his loyalty and faithfulness during so many years, as the Secretary of this Conference and assure him of our continued confidence and esteem.

G. C. Mosher.
Lafayette Davis.
J. W. Zimmerman.
3. **Resolved**, That we extend our thanks to the Secretary and his assistants, to the Treasurer, and to all who have been called upon as the servants of the Conference in statistical work for the very faithful performance of their respective duties.

   J. W. ZIMMERMAN.
   LAFAYETTE DAVIS.
   G. C. MOSHER.

4. **Resolved**, That we do most earnestly protest as a Conference against the adoption of the report of the Commission of Methodist Federation in its present form by our approaching General Conference. As we understand its provisions, and as our people understand them, it is calculated to work irreparable mischief in the further prosecution of our work within the bounds of the Kentucky Conference.

   J. W. ZIMMERMAN.
   LAFAYETTE DAVIS.
   G. C. MOSHER.

5. **Resolved**, That we commend to our people the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital at Cincinnati as every way worthy of their patronage and support of contributions of money and donations of supplies, and we request every pastor to observe the first Sunday before Thanksgiving in a special service in its behalf.

   J. W. ZIMMERMAN.
   LAFAYETTE DAVIS.
   G. C. MOSHER.

6. **Resolved**, That it affords us peculiar pleasure to declare our indebtedness to Rev. F. W. Harrop, pastor of the church, and to his loyal boards, committees, membership and friends for the abounding hospitality and kindness which have characterized the entertainment of the Conference. May God bless pastor and people and the good citizens of Maysville who have shared in this service of love and fellowship.

   J. W. ZIMMERMAN.
   LAFAYETTE DAVIS.
   G. C. MOSHER.

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**BREMEN COLLEGE AND PERRYMAN INSTITUTE.**

**Whereas,** Our Church and we as a Conference feel the need of an institution of learning of seminary grade in Western Kentucky, and

**Whereas,** Bremen College and Perryman Institute fill the conditions as well as they can be filled at the present time, therefore be it

**Resolved,** That we recognize Bremen College and Perryman Institute as an institution of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**Resolved,** That we recognize J. J. Humphrey, Peter Shaver, Sr., John Blackwell, A. J. Shaver, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the present local board controlling the interests of Bremen College and Perryman Institute, as the Board of Trustees of said institution.
Resolved, That we recommend the appointment of Revs. C. J. Howes and S. W. Schelton a Board of Visitors to visit said institution at some time during the coming scholastic year, and that they report to this Conference one year hence. E. L. Shepard, S. W. Schelton, G. R. Frenger, J. D. Walsh, J. G. Dover, C. J. Howes, J. S. Miller, Arthur H. Harrop, W. I. Taylor, Chas. W. Sutton.

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the Preachers' Relief Association of this Conference be authorized and empowered to employ a Financial Agent for the Association, who shall be a member of this Conference and of the Association, whose duty it shall be to canvass the jurisdiction of the Conference in the interests of the Conference claimants of this Conference and of the beneficiaries of the Association. That he shall act at all times under the direction of the Board of Managers, but subject to such authority in the territory named as is prescribed in the Discipline for effective ministers.

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop be requested to appoint this agent to this work, and that the Board of Managers be authorized to arrange for the compensation and traveling expenses of said agent.

E. L. Shepard.
A. Boring.

Resolved, That the Secretary, when making out the roll of this Conference, be requested to also give the post office address of each member.

F. Grid, C. W. Sutton.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Considering the nature of the field in which we are called to labor we think we have succeeded fairly well. By the blessing of God we have gathered by our ministry an aggregation of more than twenty thousand members, who are now with us in the church militant, while a much larger host of saved souls, have passed on before, and have grounded their arms at the feet of the Master. Those who remain are here for testimony for Jesus, and for earnest labor for His holy cause. We are laboring together with God, and are expecting our reward in the smile of His countenance, and the joy at His right hand, and the pleasures that are there forever more.

Within the bounds of the Conference we have a goodly number of excellent church buildings, the product of our own benevolence, and the
benefactions of the Church Extension Society, and we shall earnestly endeavor to fill them with the true worshippers of God.

We are convinced that there are many parts of our great State, where we are not, that we ought to occupy both for the people’s good and our own, and we hope to do so as soon as possible. In our larger cities we must extend ourselves as much as possible, and we must not neglect the rural parts of the State.

We should not be restrained in our efforts by any prospective Federation scheme of our Church, and the M. E. Church, South, even if we were sure that such a happy event would be consummated. In such a federation the whole will be the better for all we can bring into it.

We lovingly urge our young preachers to valiantly contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints, and to organize churches wherever they can. God give us large increase of our labors.

We hope that the Sacraments of the Church will be religiously and regularly administered. We are churchmen, and are persuaded that we can do no more good in any way than by following the true way of the Gospel. So will we labor, and greatly may God own and bless our labors.

THOMAS HANFORD, Chairman.

F. GRIDER.

S. S. UNION AND TRACT SOCIETY.

We, your committee, would call attention to the important work done by the Tract Society and Sunday School Union. These societies are very practical in their workings, extending to us two helping hands. The Sunday School Union makes donations to help poor schools, especially in the South and West. The Tract Society gives each pastor who applies half the amount paid by his charge for this purpose. We recommend that as early in the year as practicable a joint collection be taken in each society for these two causes. We advise that our ministers make themselves familiar with these causes, being sure they will be in hearty sympathy then. We note with pleasure an advance in our collection over last year, and pray that advance be larger next year.

T. B. STRATTON, Chairman.

J. H. HAYS, Secretary.
Your Committee on Temperance would beg to submit the following:

Resolved, That we commend the action of our General Conference upon temperance, and that license of the traffic in intoxicating liquors "is sin." And that we are opposed to any form of license, "high or low," and that it is our conviction that the whole licensed system should be outlawed, and that it should be recognized as criminal for one to be found engaged in such an unholy thing as the sale of intoxicating and ardent spirits.

Resolved, That we look upon the saloon system in this country as one, if not the greatest, evil of the home, the Church and the State, and the attitude of every lover of God, home and country towards the saloon should be that of uncompromising hostility, and that such should labor for its suppression and utter extinction.

Resolved, That we will co-operate with every laudable movement to bring about such a result, and that we hail with delight the many victories that have been gained by the friends of temperance and good order in our own Commonwealth.

Especially we would call the attention of the ministers and people to the Interdenominational Local Option movement in our State, and we recommend hearty co-operation with the Central Committee in pushing forward this movement, by which the laws we now have are to be better enforced and made more efficient by proper legislative amendment.

Resolved, That we will not vote for any candidate for civil or legislative office who will not commit himself to the cause of Local Option or the extinction of the liquor traffic.

Resolved, That we deprecate the canteen system by which liquors are sold by and to our soldiers in the camps and that we would call the attention of those in authority to it and ask for its discontinuance.

E. B. Hill, Chairman.
MRS. NANCY WALKER COOK.

MRS. NANCY WALKER COOK was born December 30th, 1838, in Henderson County, Ky. She was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church South when she was sixteen years of age. On January 8, 1856, she was married to the Rev. W. E. Cook and journeyed with him through the years of his ministerial career. She was the mother of eleven children, eight of whom, with her husband, live to mourn their loss. She was a great sufferer for twelve years but was patient and resigned. She expressed her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and her hope of everlasting life. She died on June 29, 1898. She expressed her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and her hope of everlasting life. She died on June 29, 1898.

C. C. HALL.
L. R. GODBY.

MRS. MARGARET PRICE THOMPSON.

MRS. MARGARET PRICE THOMPSON was born November 19th, 1836, and died September 18th, 1897, in Jessamine County, Ky. She was a daughter of the late Rev. James Overstreet, who was a Local Elder in the Methodist Church. He was a man of strong mind and large knowledge of the Bible. He was a man of clear head, an instructive preacher and of steadfast piety. She was married to Rev. J. C. C. Thompson of the Kentucky Conference October 25th, 1859, and was consciously converted in 1860. She was a woman of amiable disposition and lovely character, strongly devoted to her family, an helpmeet indeed to the itinerant preacher. They raised five children to be grown, four boys and one girl, only one of whom is married (the daughter). Her sickness was long and distressing, yet she bore it without murmuring and had great peace of mind. She quietly passed away to join the redeemed in the Paradise of God. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.

V. T. WILLIS.

MRS. EVA WHITEHOUSE BURNETT.

MRS. EVA WHITEHOUSE BURNETT was born April 7, 1872, in Boyle Co., Ky. She was reared by Presbyterian parents and in her twenty-first year was married to the Rev. G. M. Burnett, June 7, 1893, in Perryville. She
was the mother of three children, two of whom survive her. In September 1893, under the ministry of Rev. B. T. Watson, of the Presbyterian Church, she was happily converted to God and six months later united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Brentwood, Ky., where her husband was then pastor, and lived a consistent Christian life until called from labor to reward.

REV. JOHN THOMAS.

SACRED TO THE MEMORY of the Rev. John Thomas, a member and brother of the Kentucky Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and pastor of the Williamsburg Charge; died Sept. 23rd, 1897. Born in Ouasley County, Kentucky, May 7th, 1843. Was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church Sept., 1866, and was licensed to preach in 1879, and filled the following charges as supply: Boonville, two years; Campton, two years; and was then admitted on trial into the traveling connection in this Conference in 1886, and served acceptably the following charges; Boonville, 1886; Barbourville Circuit, 1887, '88 and '89; Middleburg, 1890 and '91; Woodbine in 1892; London Circuit, 1893; Barbourville Circuit in 1894 and '95, and Williamsburg in 1896 and '97. He had just entered upon his second year in this charge, with prospects bright for a successful year. He had organized plans to enter into a special service early in the Conference year, which plans were faithfully carried out, but not until he had passed from labor to reward. He had, at times, for years, undergone severe physical sufferings, and these sufferings had so increased in frequency of return, and intensity of pain, that he realized the end was near. Yet he fondly-hoped to carry out his plans, and finish his work before he was called to quit the field. Hence on the first Sabbath after Conference he preached with his usual vigor and earnestness, but before another came he was called to his reward.

Brother Thomas was a holy consecrated man, a faithful and earnest pastor, and while not a brilliant preacher, but one who was well prepared to feed the flock of God. His Godly life was a benediction in the community where he lived, and lead many souls to Christ. As a citizen he was beloved by his neighbors; honest, obliging and kind.

As a patriot he loved his country, and at her call, in 1861, offered his life in her defense. As a husband and father, he was loving and dutiful, and as a Christian he was earnest, and zealous, but he has ceased to live and to work, and we can join the poet in saying:

Servant of God well done,
Rest from thy loved employ,
The battle's fought, the victory won
Enter thy Master's joy.

F. GRIDER,
V. T. WILLIS.
Roll of those who Rest from their Labors.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."—Rev. xiv. 13.

The first Conference in Kentucky was held in 1790; but the work in Kentucky was not set apart as the Kentucky Conference till 1821. Meanwhile, death was claiming its own among the preachers. Henry Birchett died in 1794; Francis Acuff, in 1795; Lewis Hunt, in 1801; Learner Blackman, in 1815. The roll since that time is, approximately, as follows:

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