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ATLANTIC MISSION CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1898.

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U. S. Crowder, J. F. Usrey, S. C. Whitehurst,
William Powell, H. A. Goodman, and T. S.
Palmer.

TRIEERS OF APPEALS

Chairman, W. Q. A. Graham; J. A. Sisk,
U. S. Crowder.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon--J. A. Sisk.

CONFERENCE ROLL

NAME	RANK	WHEN AND HOW ADMITTED
Bridgers, J. B.	Deacon	1897
Chappell, M. L.	Deacon	1898
Crowder, U. S.	Elder	From Blue Ridge
Davis, T. S.	Deacon	" " "
Graham, W. Q. A.	Elder	" " "
Hardesty, J. T.	Deacon	" " "
Hunter, C. F.	Deacon	1898
Jackson, Leolan	Deacon	1897
Levister, C. M.	Deacon	1897
Lowrey, H. H.	Elder	From Blue Ridge
Midgett, E. J.	Deacon	1898
Moore, J. V.	Deacon	1898
Sisk, J. A.	Elder	From Blue Ridge
Smith, J. M.	Deacon	1898
Usrey, J. F.	Deacon	From Blue Ridge
White, U. S.	Deacon	" " "

APPOINTMENTS

W. Q. A. Graham, Superintendent, Marshall-
berg, N. C.

CHARGE	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE
Avon	J. T. Hardesty	Hatteras
Beaufort	J. V. Moore	Beaufort
Bethel	C. M. Levister	Bethel
Bethlehem	J. A. Sisk	Marshallberg
Chowan	M. L. Chappell	Dwight
Elizabeth City	Chas. F. Hunter	Elizabeth City
Fayetteville	to be supplied	Fayetteville
Goldsboro	(To be supplied)	Goldsboro
Morehead City	T. S. Davis	Morehead City
New Bern	(To be supplied)	New Bern
Northampton	U. S. White	Margarettes- ville
Ocracoke	U. S. Crowder	Ocracoke

CHARGE	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE
Parmele	Leolan Jackson	Grindool
Pates	J. F. Usrey	Pates
Rowlands	H. H. Lowry	Elrod
Washington	J. M. Smith	Washington
Wildwood	E. J. Midgett	Wildwood
Winfall	J. B. Bridgers	Winfall.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

Who have been received by Transfer, and what Conferences? None.

Who have been Readmitted? None.

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

Who have been Received on Trial?

(a) In Studies of First Year.

Charles F. Hunter, Evan J. Midgett, Moody L. Chappell, James M. Smith, Jesse V. Moore.

(b) In Studies of Third Year. None

Who have been Continued on Trial?

(a) In Studies of First Year.

James B. Bridgers.

(b) In Studies of Second Year.

H. H. Lowrey, U. S. White, Leolan Jackson, C. M. Levister.

(c) In Studies of Third Year. None

(d) In Studies of Fourth Year. None.

Who have been Discontinued? C. S. Davis.

Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year. None.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously. T. S. Davis.

What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year. W. S. Davis.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously. None.

What members are in Studies of Fourth Year?

Junius T. Hardesty, Jesse F. Usrey.

What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year. None.

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously. None.

What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

(a) As Local Preachers. None.

(b) Under Missionary Rule.

Charles M. Levister, Leolan Jackson; Mood L. Chappell, James M. Smith, James B. Bridgers, Evan J. Midgett, Jesse V. Moore, Charles F. Hunter.

What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders? None.

Was the Character of each Preacher examined? Yes.

Who have been Transferred and to What Conference? J. L. Stevenson, W. Va.

Who have Died? None.

Who have been Located at their own Request? None.

Who have been Located? None.

Who have Withdrawn? None.

Who have been permitted to Withdraw under

Charges or Complaints? None.

Who have been Expelled? None.

What other Personal Notation should be made?
Wm. K. Eborn.

Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? None.

Who are the Superannuated Preachers? None.

Who are the Triers of Appeals?
W. Q. A. Graham, J. A. Sisk, U. S. Crowder.

What is the Statistical Report for this
year, See Reports 1, 3, 4.

What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent
Collections ordered by the General Conference
as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
\$127.00.

What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?
None.

What has been Received on these Claims, and
how has it been applied? \$59.00

Where are the Preachers Stationed? See
Appointments.

Where shall the Next Conference be held?
Elizabeth City.

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First Day

Thursday, Oct., 6th, 1898

The Atlantic Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, met for its second session in Morehead City, North Carolina, on Thursday, Oct. 6th, 1898, at 9:30 A. M. Bishop Willard F. Mallalieu, D. D., presiding.

At the request of the Bishop, J. F. Dodd, D. D., Assistant Recording Secretary of the Missionary Society, read the 14th chapter of the Gospel written by John, and led the Conference in prayer.

Bishop Mallalieu then administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, assisted by Drs. W. Q. A. Graham and J. F. Dodd.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the last session, and the following named brethren responded: W. Q. A. Graham, J. A. Sisk, U. S. Crowder, J. T. Hardesty, T. S. Davis, Leolan Jackson, W. S. White, J. B. Bridgers, J. F. Usrey, and C. M. Levister.

On motion of T. S. Davis, C. M. Levister was elected Secretary, and authorized to name his assistant.

The Secretary named Leolan Jackson, and he was elected.

On motion of U. S. Crowder, J. A. Sisk was elected Statistical Secretary.

On motion, J. F. Usrey was elected Assistant Statistical Sec'y.

On motion of J.T. Hardesty, U.S.
Crowder was elected Conference Treasurer.

On motion of W.Q.A. Graham, the following Standing Committees were appointed:

PUBLIC WORSHIP-T.S. Davis, C.M. Levister.
CONFERENCE RELATIONS-W.Q.A. Graham, J.A.

Sisk.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATION-W.Q.A. Graham,
U.S. Crowder.

FREEDMAN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION
SOCIETY-J.T. Hardesty, U.S. White, Leolan
Jackson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION AND TRACT SOCIETY-
T.S. Davis, J.F. Usrey, J.B. Bridgers.

AUDITING-T.S. Davis, U. S. White.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS-U.S. Crowder, J.F.
Usrey, U.S. White.

PERIODICALS-C.M. Levister, J.A. Sisk.

EDUCATION-W.Q.A. Graham, J.S. Sisk, C.M.
Levister, Leolan Jackson, U.S. White.

TEMPERANCE-J.M. Smith, M.L. Chappell,
C.F. Hunter.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE-J.A. Sisk, J.B. Brid-
gers, C.F. Hunter.

BIBLE SOCIETY-J.F. Usrey, J.M. Smith,
Leolan Jackson.

CHURCH EXTENSION-W.Q.A. Graham, J.A. Sisk,
C.M. Levister, Leolan Jackson, U.S. White.

MISSIONS-T.S. Davis, U.S. White, J.B.
Bridgers.

Communications were received from various
sources and on motion the same were referred
to the proper committees.

A draft on the Book Concern, at New York,
for \$31 00, our share of the dividend for the
current year, was ordered; and the same was
placed in the hands of the Conference Steward.

On motion of T.S. Davis, the hours of
meeting and adjournment were fixed, at 9.00

a.m. and 12:00 noon; the first half hour for devotional exercises.

The report of the General Book Committee was read, and on motion referred to the Committee on Periodicals.

At this point Bishop Mallalieu introduced J.F. Dodd, D.D., who was present to represent the interests of the Missionary Society, Sunday School Union and Tract Society. At the suggestion of the Bishop, Doctor Dodd confined his representation for today, to the work of the Tract Society.

Rev. L.S. Massey, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Morehead City, was introduced.

Question 13, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. The character of W.Q.A. Graham was passed and he made a report of the work under his care as Superintendent.

On motion of Dr. Graham, Dr. Dodd was requested to look after the accounts of the Book Concerns, with the members of the Conference.

On motion of Dr. Graham, a Statistical Session was ordered for 3 o'clock P.M. today.

The Bishop appointed Dr. Graham to preside at said session.

The Conference adjourned by expiration of time.

The Doxology was sung, and Rev. L.S. Massey pronounced the Benediction.

Afternoon Session

The Conference assembled at 3 o'clock in Statistical Session, Dr. Graham in the Chair, by the appointment of the Bishop.

The hymn beginning "Arise My Soul, Arise," was sung, and the Chairman led the Conference in prayer.

The Charges were called in order, reports of statistics were handed in to the Statistical Secretary; and the moneys collected for various benevolences, to the Conference Treasurer.

On motion the Conference adjourned.

Second Day

Friday, Oct. 7th, 1898.

Conference met at 9.00, A.M, Bishop Mallalieu in the Chair.

At 9:30 the Bishop called the Conference to order for business.

The minutes of yesterday morning were read and approved. The minutes of the afternoon session were also read and approved.

W.Q.A. Graham called attention to the apportionment to our Conference for the cause of Missions, stating that seven dollars additional would bring the amount required. Special contributions amounting to seven dollars were then secured, as follows: Bishop Mallalieu, \$2.00; Dr. Dodd, \$2.00; and C.F. Hunter for the church at Elizabeth City, \$3.00. It was understood that the Four Dollars by the Bishop and his friend should be placed to the credit of the Morehead City Church.

Question 13 was resumed, "Was the character of each preacher examined. the char-

acters of J.A. Sisk and U.S. Crowder passed, and they reported their work for the past year.

The Probationers of the Conference, and the Supplies for the past year then made report concerning their work.

At the call of the Bishop, Dr. Dodd addressed the Conference concerning the designs and work of the Sunday school Union.

Committees were called and notices were given.

J.F. Usrey was appointed to preach at 3 P.M., today.

By request, Dr. Dodd was announced to preach at 7.00 P.M., this day on the subject of Missions.

The Conference adjourned by expiration of time.

The Doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

Third Day

Saturday, Oct., 8th, 1898.

The Conference met at 9.00A.M., Bishop Mallalieu presiding.

At 9.30 the Bishop called the Conference to order for business.

Question 21 was taken up; "What other personal notation should be made?" On motion of W.Q.A. Graham the orders of William K. Eborn were recognized.

The fifth question was taken up; "Who have been continued on trial?" The Examining Committee reported the examination of the

following named, and after representation by the Superintendent on his motion they were passed in the studies of the first year, Ulysses S. White, Leolan Jackson, Charles M. Levister.

Henry H. Lowrey being absent, on motion of the Superintendent, his character was passed, and he was continued in the studies of the first year.

Question 6, "Who have been discontinued?" was called, and on motion of the Superintendent Charles S. Davis was discontinued.

Question 7, "Who have been admitted into full membership?" was taken up; and Thomas S. Davis was called forward.

The Bishop addressed the candidate concerning the office and work of the ministry; propounded the disciplinary questions to which satisfactory answers were given. The Committee of examination reported, the Superintendent made proper representation, the Secretary reported the filing of the required answers to the questions concerning debt and tobacco, and on motion of the Superintendent, he was admitted: he having previously been ordained Deacon.

The Ninth questions was called, "What members are in studies of the fourth year?" The examining Committee reported in the case of Jesse F. Usrey and Junius T. Hardesty, and on motion of W.Q.A. Graham, they were advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

Questions 30, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. Parmele and Elizabeth City were in nomination. After representation, a vote was taken and Elizabeth City was chosen.

At this point Rev. J.F. Dodd, D.D., addressed the Conference as representative of

the Missionary Society, concerning its interests and work.

On motion of T.S. Davis, it was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet at two o'clock today.

Conference adjourned.

The Doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Dodd.

Afternoon Session

Conference met at 2.00 P.M., Bishop Mallalieu in the chair.

James B. Bridgers led the Conference in prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Reports of standing committees being called for, the following committees presented their reports: Sunday school Union, Bible Cause, Freedman's Aid and Southern Education, Periodicals, Temperance, Sabbath observance, Church Extension, Missions and Education. On motion in each case the reports were adopted.

W.Q.A. Graham, as Committee on negotiation with the Blue Ridge Conference, on Relief Fund, made a verbal report of progress.

By the advice of the Bishop, W. Q.A. Graham was continued as a Committee on negotiation with the Blue Ridge Conference, concerning an equitable division of the moneys which have accumulated as the Relief Fund in that Conference.

On motion of J.F. Usrey, the draft of \$31.00 previously placed in the hands of the Conference Stewards was transferred to W.Q.A.

Graham and U.S. Crowder, Trustees of Relief Fund.

Question Four was taken up, "Who have been received on trial?" The following named were duly recommended, the Examining Committee reported favorably, representation was made by the Superintendent and on motion in each case, they were received; James M. Smith, Charles F. Hunter, Moody L. Chappell, Jesse V. Moore, Evan J. Midgett.

The Eleventh question was taken up, "What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?" After representation by the Superintendent, on his motion, the following named were elected deacons under the Missionary Rule: James B. Bridgers, Charles M. Levister, Leolan Jackson, James M. Smith, Charles F. Hunter, Moody L. Chappell, Jesse V. Moore, Evan J. Midgett.

James A. Sisk was appointed to preach the annual Missionary sermon.

W.Q.A. Graham, J.A. Sisk and U.S. Crowder were appointed Triers of Appeals.

The following named were appointed Conference Board of Church Extension:

President, W.Q.A. Graham.

Secretary, J.A. Sisk.

Treasurer, W.A. Way.

Additional, T.S. Davis, J.T. Hardesty, U.S. Crowder, J.F. Usrey, S.C. Whitehurst, Wm, Powell, H.A. Goodman, T.S. Palmer.

The following brethren were appointed additional members of the Board of Examiners: T.S. Davis, J.F. Usrey, J.T. Hardesty.

The Statistical Secretary read his report, which on motion was adopted.

Rev. W.H. Luther, of New Jersey was introduced.

On motion of J.B. Bridgers, Rev. L.S. Massey, pastor of the M. Church South,, and all of his congregation were invited to participate in all the services of the sabbath; and T.S. Davis was appointed a committee to convey the same.

On motion in each case, various resolutions of thanks were adopted.

On motion of W.Q.A. Graham, the plan adopted last year for the publication of the minutes was continued.

On motion of U.S. Crowder, W.Q.A. Graham, C.M. Levister, and Leolan Jackson were appointed a committee to publish the minutes with power to edit.

On motion it was ordered that when we adjourn, it be to meet at the close of the sabbath evening services, to hear the appointments read.

The Conference adjourned.

The benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

Fourth Day. - Evening Session
Sunday, Evening, Oct. 9th, 1898

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, at 8:30 o'clock, Bishop Mallalieu presiding.

The Committee on Missionary Appropriation submitted their report, and on approval by the Bishop the same was adopted.

On motion of U. S. Crowder, it was ordered that when Conference adjourned it be "sine die."

The appointments were read by the Bishop.

Conference adjourned.

The Doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

W. F. Mallalieu, President.
C. M. Levister, Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

It is with positive joy that I submit this; my second Annual Report of the work of the Atlantic Mission Conference. I rejoice, first, because of the continued goodness of God towards us, and, second, I rejoice in a blessed sense of my personal salvation and the abiding of the Holy Ghost in my soul.

I also feel glad that as I stand before you I can report accelerating progress along nearly all the lines of our endeavor, instead of having to tax my brains to fabricate excuses to whitewash failures caused by our own indolence and unfaithfulness.

Along the line of soul-saving this has been a glorious year. Last Conference found us in the midst of a glorious revival, and we begun this year with the victor's shout and the conqueror's stride and have been raising the banner higher each month up to this present time. As a result, more than a thousand souls have been saved and sanctified at our altars and more than five hundred members have been added to the Church. To God be all the glory, through Jesus our Lord.

We have this year also begun a campaign of church building. One excellent church has been completed free of debt at Parmele, Pitt County, and two others are in process of

erection on the Parmele Charge. One has been built at a cost of \$600 at Morehead City. Several others are in process of erection. One at Elizabeth City, two on the Winfall Circuit, one on the Rowlands circuit with others that will be begun this fall. I will speak more particularly of all these as I discuss the work of the charges separately.

I desire to say to you, Bishop, that I do not believe that God ever gave any Pre-diding Elder a more consecrated, loyal, loving energetic self-sacrificing quota of men than are to be found in the Atlantic Mission Conference. They are contented. Not a man of them has troubled by complaining of his lot. I love them. I believe they love me. I know they love each other. We all love our blessed Christ and the Old Methodist Episcopal Church.

And I must say as much for the noble band of laymen who stand by us in this war. You have richer men in Methodism than these; more men of more talent and who have access to better literary advantages but I seriously doubt whether you have many who travel the path of prayer more faithfully, or who more readily do what they can to aid us in the conflict. The harmony which prevails among the preachers extends to the people so that we can truthfully say, "In the unity of the Spirit, we are growing up in Him who is our Lord and Master even Jesus Christ whom we love."

Our educational work is not developing as well as we could wish. Some local causes at the seat of our Academy seem to call for some special action by this Conference. This will, however, come before us at a later period in its appropriate form. Still, our school has done fairly well. We enrolled 98

pupils last year and the prospect is good for us to exceed that number this year.

I will now say, that being somewhat acquainted with the power and import of words, I expect to evoke criticism by what I shall now say. I believe that our success in organizing new churches is due largely to the fact that we are the only church in this section that insists on a converted membership or that opposes the popular amusements of the day. We find the people hungering for the pure gospel of an all sufficient Saviour. We preach the fulness of salvation and insist that our people seek Jesus in his saving and sanctifying grace.

THE CHARGES

AVON. - This is a sea girt circuit. It lies on an island some 30 miles from the main-land. It is a good charge, has three splendid churches and a parsonage with eight acres of land. This is a self supporting charge. It has not enjoyed as much prosperity as some others from the fact that the pastor, Brother Stevenson was forced, on account of sickness to give up the charge in the middle of the year. Since that time I have supplied it with Brother Smith, a local preacher and one of the sweetest spirited young men I ever saw. He has been sick part of the time but has done some good work in bringing the charge back to normal condition.

BEAUFORT. - Leolan Jackson was appointed to this charge but our growing interests required his assistance in another place. So I removed him and placed Brother Chappell on the circuit. Later, I removed Brother Chappell to another newly organized field and put Brother Moore, a student in Graham Academy in charge. The circuit has made some progress.

CHOWAN. - This charge does not appear in your list. It has been recently opened. This is the place to which I transferred Brother Chappell. It is one of our encouraging openings. Bro. Chappell has received seventy-two members since going there two months ago.

BETHLEHEM. - This is one of our oldest charges. It has had for its pastor Brother Sisk, who is also Principal of our school. Influences over which neither he nor the church have been able to gain ascendancy have prevented the usual success in both church and school. Nevertheless, a faithful years' work has been done with some visible results.

ELIZABETH CITY. - Brother Hunter has supplied this work this year. This is a town of 9000 inhabitants and as we opened our work in the heart of the city and on Main street, it has been rather hard, up-hill work, But, under the Pastor's faithful labors our membership has increased 150 per cent, a good Sunday-school of 75 students has been gathered and a splendid church, after plan No. 57 of the Price catalogue, is being erected in the best portion of the city.

GOLDSBORO. - This is the name for the work of our Conference Evangelist, Bro. Levister. He has organized one circuit, Parmele, with over 150 members, and has begun the erection of three churches, one of which has been completed.

MOREHEAD CITY. - This is a peculiar charge, in that, under Bro. Davis' management, a revival is continually in progress. A successful year's work has been done, as the commodious church in this town will prove.

OCRACOE. - In some respects this is our leading charge. Brother Crowder has contributed largely to its success. He has the best Sunday-school in our mission. The membership has about doubled in two years; 63 have been added this year.

PATES. - This is one of our Indian charges. Brother Hardy has braved the situation this year, and captured some 75 warriors for the church.

ROWLANDS. - is another Indian charge. Bro. White has done well. Fifteen have been added to the church.

RICHMOND. - We have nothing on this charge.

SWANSBORO. - This is an extremely difficult charge. Brother Usrey is its present pastor. He was put in charge at the beginning of the 4th quarter.

WILDWOOD. is also a weak charge, Brother Usrey was appointed here at last Conference. He has worked faithfully.

WINFALL is one of our best. Great success has been achieved on the charge this year. Some over 60 members have been added to the church.

Bishop, I have merely glanced over the field. Much more could be said but, with your permission I prefer to allow the brethren to render extended reports of the work done.

I am sure that our morning dawneth. I expect to see two thousand souls receive Christ this year and am confidently expecting to present the Church with a thousand new members about Oct. 1st, 1899.

Respectfully Submitted.

W.Q.A. Graham, Supt.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Education.

Your committee beg to report whereas the Methodist Episcopal Church, has from the beginning been the staunch friend of Education, and has given much of the wealth and many of her strong men to the promotion of the cause; and

WHEREAS; Many of the most talented men in our southern work, have been helped to a life of usefulness, by its generous aid and.

WHEREAS: A considerable number of young men and ladies, have been thus enabled to pursue their studies, in our own school - GRAHAM ACADEMY;

Therefore, Resolved that we recommend that each Sunday School within our bounds observe the second Sunday in June as "Children's Day" and that the collection taken be devoted to the use of the Board of Education.

W.Q.A.Graham, Chm'n.

REPORT OF COMM. ON MISSIONARY APPROPRIATION.

District.

Avon,	
Beaufort,	\$ 40.00
Bethel,	\$100.00
Bethlehem,	
Chowan,	60.00
Elizabeth City,	180.00
Fayetteville,	
Goldsboro,	
Morehead City,	50.00
New Bern,	50.00
Northampton,	80.00
Ocracoke,	
Pates,	60.00



Parmele,	
Rowlands,	\$30.00
Washington	100.00
Wildwood,	60.00
Winfall,	40.00

Total,	\$850.00
I Concur,	W.F. MALLALIEU.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals beg to report that we are very much gratified at finding the Christian Advocate and the Methodist Review coming into the hands of a number of our preachers, and we urge upon them the necessity of not only taking these periodicals themselves, but using their best efforts to introduce them into the homes of the people among whom they labor.

We also desire to call your attention to the Wesleyan Advocate, a semi-monthly paper, the publication of which was recently begun by the Superintendent of this Conference. The price, 75 cents per year, puts it within easy reach of every one, and we trust the brethren will make a strong effort to put the paper into the home of every member of their respective charges.

C.M. LEVISTER, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Resolved, That great praise is due to the women of our church for the wonderful success of their efforts in the Woman's Foreign and Woman's Home Missionary Societies; and we trust and pray that God may bless them in the important and vast responsibilities which rest upon them.

T.S. DAVIS, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

To the Atlantic Mission Conference:

The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church makes report of progress and needs in its bi-monthly magazine, "Christianity in Earnest:"

From 1866, when this work began, to Sept. 1, 1898, the Board Collected and disbursed, \$6,124,000.

Of this, the General Fund, derived chiefly from collections, personal gifts for Frontier Churches, \$250 each, and Mountain Fund specials of \$100 each, all for use by donations to churches, has aggregated, \$3,937,000.

The Loan Fund has a permanent capital of \$1,036,000

And, churches borrowing have returned \$1,151,000

Giving for use by loans, \$2,187,000

Making the aggregate above \$6,124,000.

With this the Board aided 10,824 Churches, more than one-third of the entire number owned by our denomination.

Our Conference has shared in this work, as follows:

The collections taken in our Churches, from the beginning to November 1st, 1897, the close of the last fiscal year of the Board, aggregated \$11.00

To this our Conference adds this year \$6.00.

Making a total of \$17.00

One church within our bounds has received aid up to Nov. 1st. 1897, by donations of 100.00

And loans of 250.00

The part our Conference is to take, in both giving and receiving is definitely fixed, under provisions of Discipline, by the General Committee, from year to year. For the ensuing year

Our Conference is asked to raise by Collections, \$50.00.

Our needy churches, may, on approved applications, receive \$150.00.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, That while we are grateful for the help hitherto received, we would most earnestly request that \$1,000. be appropriated to our Conference on the basis of \$50.00 asked.

W.Q.A. GRAHAM, Chairman.

ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Your committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That we rejoice to learn of the successful work being accomplished by the American Bible Society, in the printing and circulation of the Holy Scriptures; and that as we may have opportunity, we will aid in the same by soliciting contributions for said Society, in our various fields of labor.

J.F. USREY, Chairman.

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Whereas, we observe the baneful effects which do inevitably follow in unmistakable evidence upon the country and its people, who do not obey the scriptural injunction which says: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," and

Whereas, There is a growing tendency in out country to disregard this, the fourth sentence written by the finger of God, on the tables of stone;

Resolved, that we will endeavor the more to teach the fourth commandment, both by precept and example, to all with whom we commingle.

J.A. SISK, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

Whereas, the Sunday School is so closely connected with the Church and the future prosperity of the Church depends so largely upon it's work and success; we are glad to learn that we have 31,228 schools, with 349,085 officers and teachers, and 2,644,215 scholars, and through the influence of this work, 127,286 souls were brought to Christ last year, We also learn that the Sunday School Union aided last year, 3,600 schools of our Church. It's principal dependence is upon contributions from the charges; therefore be it

Resolved, That more attention be given to this interest of the church; and that every charge take a collection for this worthy cause.

T.S. DAVIS, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

We believe the liquor traffic to be one of the greatest evils of the day. Brethern, let us be aroused to a sense of our duty as Christian citizens in a Bible land: remembering that the amount spent in our country in one year will almost double the amount spent for bread. We should use our best efforts to effect the prohibition of such a curse.

We should also be temperate in all things, and "abstain from the very appearance of Evil" of every kind.

When we think of the heart aches, tears, and suffering caused by the monster, Strong Drink, our hearts go out to the God of deliverance in a mighty cry for the extermination of the traffic in our fair land; Therefore be it

Resolved, 1st; That as pastors, we will see that our children and young people are taught the principle of total abstinence.

Resolved, 2nd; That we, as pastors, take special steps against the sale and use of it; by preaching on Temperance and by discouraging the use of it in every way.

Resolved, 3rd; That we, the Atlantic Mission Conference, do hereby pledge ourselves to do all we can to entirely banish it from the country.

J.M. SMITH, Chairman.

FREEDMAN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION.

Next in importance to the direct work of the church, is that of Education. The Methodist Episcopal church has inscribed on her banners Freedman's Aid and Southern Education. Of all the branches growing out of the church, we believe the Educational Society is nearest

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the heart. We regret that this part of the church work has been so much neglected. Inasmuch as we have but one Church School, Graham Academy, in our Conference, therefore be it

Resolved, That we make Graham Academy the centre around which to rally our forces, and that it shall be obligatory upon both Superintendents and pastors to present the cause of Education to the people.

Resolved, further That the President and Principal of Graham Academy shall urge the young men on leaving there to enter our Theological school at Chattanooga, and that we preach special sermons and take collections for the cause of Education.

J.T. HARDESTY, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks to Bishop W.F. Mallalieu for his presence and kind words. We pray God's blessing to attend him wherever he goes. C. F. Hunter.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to Rev. J.F. Dodd, D.D., for various courtesies and kindly assistance rendered. C.M. LEVISTER.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that at Morehead City, N.C., Oct. 9th, 1898, I ordained the following named persons Deacons in the Church of God: Evan J. Midgett, Jesse V. Moore, Moody L. Chappell, Charles F. Hunter, James M. Smith, Leolan Jackson, Charles M. Levister, and James B. Bridgers. W.F. MALLALIEU.

Done at Morehead City, N.C.

