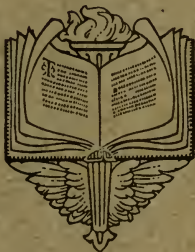


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I. PERSONAL NOTATIONS

FULL MEMBERS

Retired

(The following are all in North Carolan unless otherwise indicated.)

Blaylock, C. W.	Greensboro.
Bost, F. L.	Kernersville
Brooks, Daniel.....	High Point
Frederick, H. O.	Monroe
Gibson, L. B.	Greensboro
Hairston, J. D.	Goldsboro
Hanes, S. M.	Winston-Salem
Hayes, W. P.	Maxton
Howard, Elisha	Asheboro
Hunter, J. H.	Greensboro
Pryor, W. A.	High Point
McDonald, L. G.	
Thomas, L. W.	Yadkin Valley

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Ashe, H. L.	Winston-Salem
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Bethea, R. D.	Greensboro
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Blanton, J. J.	Walnut Cove
Brower, G. W.	Reidsville
✕ Brown, C. K.	250 College St., Asheville
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Frederick, H. O.	Monroe
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Maston, J. A.	Newport News, Va.
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Mundy, Marcus	Maxton
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X Robbins, J. C.	Gastonia
X Robertson, A. M.	39 Magnolia St., Asheville
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Supernumerary

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Probationers

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Morris, R. G.	1026—30th St., Newport News, Va.
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Hoover, Green	Thomasville
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X Presley, S. H.	Jefferson
Stewart, C. L.	Marion
Walden, C. H.	

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Terms expire 1917—H. L. Ashe, W. T. Lomax, M. M. Jones.

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

R. W. Winchester, appointed at Lenoir, N. C., Oct. 2-7, 1912
425 Bennett St., Greensboro, N. C.

A. H. Newsome, appointed at Lenoir, N. C., Oct. 2-7, 1912
525 Bennett St., Greensboro, N. C.

J. P. Morris, appointed at Thomasville, N. C., Nov. 26-30, 1914
901 East Washington St., Greensboro, N. C.

S. A. Peeler, appointed at Thomasville, N. C., Nov. 26-30, 1914.
507 Garrett St., Greensboro, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Bennett College—Daniel Brooks, R. T. Weatherby, G. H. Caldwell, H. L. Ashe, M. M. Jones.

Gammon Theological Seminary—R. E. Jones, R. T. Weatherby.

Allen Home—A. H. Newsome, C. K. Brown, E. I. S. Swan.

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Complimentary Resolutions—G. H. Caldwell, W. H. Webster, C. K. Brown.

Memorials—N. J. Pass, S. P. West.

Sunday Observance—Wm. Wells, S. R. McCorkle, D. C. Skeen.

Temperance—G. W. Morehead, J. A. Laughlin, N. S. T. Shamborguer.

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Freedmen's Aid Society—P. I. Wells, W. B. Scales, G. W. Byers.

Methodist Brotherhood—N. J. Pass, M. Mundy, P. F. Johnson.

Reforms—S. McDonald, J. W. Jones, S. L. May.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon—S. R. McCorkle; alternate, G. Haven Caldwell.

Conference Program—District Superintendent and pastor of church entertaining Conference.

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Freedmen's Aid Jubilee Commission—Greensboro District—**Ministers:** A. G. Jenkins, J. A. Laughlin, J. W. Wells.

Laymen. W. B. Windsor, Lola Martin, Wm. Graves.

Western District—**Ministers:** N. M. Black, N. S. T. Shambor-guer, Wm. Crawford.

Laymen: W. S. Lee, T. R. Adam, Zettie Sherrill.

Wilmington District—**Ministers:** Wm. Wells, R. Smith, J. W. Simpson.

Laymen: W. H. Thomas, H. O. Frederick, D. P. Allen.

Winston District—**Ministers:** P. J. Cook, N. J. Pass, H. L. Ashe.

Laymen: J. J. Jones, R. B. McRary, J. A. McRae.

District Superintendents.

Board of Conference Trustees

R. E. Jones, S. F. B. Peace, A. H. Newsome, R. W. Winchester, R. Smith, M. M. Jones, M. J. Bullock.

Church Temperance Society

Greensboro District—District Superintendent, S. F. B. Peace, R. T. Weatherby.

Western District—District Superintendent, E. I. S. Swan, C. K. Brown.

Wilmington District—District Superintendent, J. A. Laughlin, M. M. Jones.

Winston District—District Superintendent, W. W. Pope, G. W. Morehead.

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Greensboro District—District Superintendent, R. T. Weatherby, W. B. Windsor.

Western District—District Superintendent, N. M. Black, W. S. Lee.

Wilmington District—District Superintendent, J. A. Laughlin, W. H. Thomas.

Winston District—District Superintendent, H. L. Ashe, J. Jones.

II. APPOINTMENTS

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

J. P. Morris, District Superintendent, Greensboro, N. C.

Burlington Supplied by J. W. Aldridge
 Central Randolph W. H. Webster
 Empire Dorsey McRae
 Greensboro—

 East M. C. Laughlin
 High St. and Raleigh's S. F. B. Peace
 Northwest G. W. Byers
 St. Matthew's R. T. Weatherby
 South W. T. Lomax
 Southwest A. W. McMaster
 Henderson and Creedmore Supplied by J. B. Brown
 Jackson J. H. Garrett
 Leaksville J. W. Wells
 Lane's Chapel and St. John D. A. Williams
 Newport News, Va. R. G. Morris
 Norfolk, Va. W. M. Chavis
 Oxford J. A. Baxter
 Pleasant Ridge and Oakwood, Va. Supplied by J. H. Dickens
 Portsmouth and Suffolk, Va. J. A. Maston
 Ramseur R. J. Shipp
 Rankin and Julian Supplied by A. S. Green
 Reidsville G. W. Brower
 Reidsville Circuit R. D. Bethea
 Townsville and Bullock T. C. Frazier
 Wentworth and Settles M. J. Bullock
 West Raleigh G. Haven Caldwell

WESTERN DISTRICT

A. H. Newsome, District Superintendent, Greensboro, N. C.

Asheville C. K. Brown ✓
 Black Mountain S. B. Cornelius ✓
 Boone J. A. Cherry
 Buffalo Supplied by S. H. Presley ✓
 Bessemer City and King's Mountain R. B. Rhyne ✓
 Catawba and Mt. Mourn H. Fink ✓
 Forest City and Brooks W. M. Crawford
 Franklin A. M. Robertson ✓
 Gastonia and Mt. Holly J. C. Robbins ✓
 Hendersonville Supplied by A. M. Erwin ✓

Hickory	N. M. Black	†
Jefferson	Supplied by A. D. McDonald	†
Lenoir	D. L. Thomas	
Lenoir Circuit	B. L. Burge	†
Lowesville	S. P. West	
Lawndale and Flat Rock	J. R. McNair	
Lincolnton and Stanley	Supplied by J. W. Groves	
Machpelah and St. James	E. H. McArthur	
Marion and Old Fort	S. J. Hayden	†
Marion Circuit	Supplied by N. M. Martin	
Mayhew	W. Ellison	†
Maiden	Supplied by T. D. McCorkle	
Mooresboro and Brackettown	Supplied by A. B. Withrow	
Newton	Robert Smith	
Sherrill's Ford	P. F. Johnson	†
Statesville and Philadelphia	S. R. McCorkle	
Shelby and Cherryville	J. C. Addie	
West Asheville	E. I. S. Swan	
Wilkesboro	B. F. Johnson	†

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

S. A. Peeler, District Superintendent, Greensboro, N. C.

Charlotte	N. J. Pass
Goldsboro and Newbern	Supplied by J. W. Shuford
Hamlet and Philadelphia	J. D. Murphy
Hoffman and Sand Hills,	Supplied by E. L. Fletcher
Johns and Beaver Dam	G. F. Hill
Laurinburg and Cool Springs	J. A. Laughlin
Lumberton and Beauty Spot	J. W. Simpson
Maxton and Piney Grove	W. M. Wells
Monroe and Bethel	J. C. Brower
Mount Zion and Bowmore	P. I. Wells
New Zion Circuit	Marcus Mundy
Pembroke Circuit	Supplied by Henry McNair
Red Springs Circuit	R. N. Brooks
Rowland and Salem	W. R. Zeigler
Sanford Circuit	L. D. McQueen
Vass and McCrimmon	Supplied by Morgan Covington
Wilmington	W. E. Clapp
Wilmington Circuit	Supplied by J. H. Isham

WINSTON DISTRICT

R. W. Winchester, District Superintendent, Greensboro, N. C.

Advance	A. E. Robinson
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Asheboro and Mitchell	D. C. Skeen
Red Banks and Mt. Sinai	C. E. Howard
East Thomasville Circuit	J. W. Jones
High Point	P. J. Cook
Kernersville	N. S. T. Shamborguer
Jonesville Circuit	S. McDonald
Lexington and Thomasville	M. M. Jones
Madison and Stoneville	W. W. Pope
Madison Circuit	Supplied by E. L. Gilreath
Mt. Airy and Pilot Mountain	A. G. Jenkins
Mt. Airy Circuit	To be supplied
Pen Hook and Hales Ford	Supplied by A. B. Leonard
Randleman and St. Mark	A. B. McQueen
Rocky and Boone's Mill	Supplied by C. B. Love
Salisbury and Morning Star	Supplied by Green Hoover
South High Point	G. W. Morehead
Trinity and Liberty.....	W. O. Thomas
Walnut Cove.....	J. J. Blanton
West Thomasville.....	Supplied by G. W. Henderson
Winston—	
Mt. Pleasant.....	W. B. Scales
St. James.....	S. L. May
St. Paul.....	H. L. Ashe
Yadkin Mission.....	Supplied by S. R. Gwyn

R. E. Jones, Editor of Southwestern Christian Advocate, member of St. Matthews, Greensboro, Quarterly Conference.

J. H. Lovell, Professor in New Orleans University, member of St. Matthews, Greensboro, Quarterly Conference.

III. DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. Is this Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirements of the Discipline?

It has a Board of Trustees as required by the State Law.

2. Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conference?

None.

3. Who have been readmitted?

None.

4. Who have been received on Credentials, and from what churches?

None.

5. Who have been received on trial?

(a) In studies of first year,
Jasper A. Cherry, John W. Shuford.

6. Who have been continued on trial?

(b) In studies of second year,
J. C. Brown.

(d) In studies of fourth year,

R. N. Brooks, R. G. Morris.

7. Who have been discontinued?

None.

8. Who have been admitted into full membership?

(a) Elected and ordained Deacons this year,
Charles E. Howard.

(b) Elected and ordained Deacons previously,
Benjamin L. Burge, James A. Baxter.

9. What members are in studies of third year?

(a) Admitted into full membership this year,
Charles E. Howard, Benjamin L. Burge.

10. What members are in studies of fourth year?

Henry Fink, A. M. Robertson, D. L. Thomas.

11. What members have completed the Conference course of study?

None.

12. What others have been elected and ordained deacons?

(a) As Local Preachers,

Morgan Covington, Henry McNair, Samuel H. Presley, Thomas Scales, John R. Carter, Jasper A. Cherry, John W. Shuford.

13. What others have been elected and ordained Elders?

(c) Under Seminary Rule,
James A. Baxter.

14. Was the character of each preacher examined?

This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.

15. Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences?

None.

16. Who have died?

None.

17. Who have been located at their own request?

None.

18. Who have been located?

None.

19. Who have withdrawn?

None.

20. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?

None.

21. Who have been expelled?

None.

22. What other personal notation should be made?

Daniel McCallum from Baptist church recognized as Deacon. Alexander M. McNeil from A. M. E. Church, recognized as Deacon. John H. Dickens from Baptist Church, recognized as Deacon.

23. Who are the supernumerary ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation?

None.

24. Who are the retired ministers?

C. W. Blaylock, F. L. Bost, Daniel Brooks, L. B. Gibson, J. D. Hairston, S. M. Hanes, J. H. Hunter, L. G. McDonald, W. A. Pryor, L. W. Thomas, W. P. Hayes, Elisha Howard.

25. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

H. L. Ashe, W. M. Crawford, J. A. Laughlin, J. D. Murphy, N. J. Pass. Reserves: N. M. Black, W. T. Lomax.

26. What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?

No report presented.

27. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions.

No report presented.

28. What is the Statistical Report?

See the Statistician's Report.

29. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?

See the Conference Treasurer's Report.

30. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections or-

dered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?

\$2,550.

31. What are the claims on the Conference Fund?

\$2,700.

32. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?

See Report of Conference Stewards.

33. What is the Five Per Cent. of the amount raised for the support of Conference Claimants, and paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief?

\$11.70.

34. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the Conference to be raised for the support of Conference Claimants?

See resolution of R. E. Jones.

35. Where are the preachers stationed?

See List of Appointments.

36. Where shall the next Conference be held?

West Raleigh, N. C.

IV. JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 1, 1915

The Fifty-Seventh Session of the North Carolina Annual Conference convened in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, Dec. 1, 1915.

Devotions were conducted by the District Superintendents, after which they, in the absence of Bishop Luther B. Wilson, President of the Conference, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Roll Call. Bishop Wilson, taking the chair, ordered the roll call by the Secretary of the last Conference, and the following answered to their names

Retired—Daniel Brooks, L. B. Gibson, S. M. Hanes, W. P. Hayes, J. H. Hunter, W. A. Pryor.

Effective—J. C. Addie, H. L. Ashe, R. D. Bethea, N. M. Black, G. W. Brower, C. K. Brown, M. J. Bullock, G. W. Byers, G. Haven Caldwell, P. J. Cook, W. M. Crawford, T. C. Frazier, S. J. Hayden, G. F. Hill, A. G. Jenkins, P. F. Johnson, J. W. Jones, M. M. Jones, R. E. Jones, J. A. Laughlin, M. C. Laughlin, W. T. Lomax, J. H. Lovell, S. L. May, E. H. McArthur, S. R. McCorkle, A. W. McMaster, J. R. McNair, Dorsey McRae, A. B. McQueen, L. D. McQueen, G. W. Morehead, J. P. Morris, J. D. Murphy, A. H. Newsome, N. J. Pass, S. F. B. Peace, S. A. Peeler, W. W. Pope, J. C. Robbins, A. M. Robertson, A. E. Robinson, R. B. Rhyne, W. B. Scales, N. S. T. Shamborguer, R. J. Shipp, J. W. Simpson, D. C. Skeen, Robert Smith, E. I. S. Swann, B. F. Thomas, D. L. Thomas, L. W. Thomas, W. O. Thomas, R. T. Weatherby, J. W. Wells, P. I. Wells, W. M. Wells, S. P. West, D. A. Williams, R. W. Winchester, W. R. Zeigler.

Probationers—R. N. Brooks, J. C. Brower, B. L. Burge, C. E. Howard, R. G. Morris.

Organization. G. Haven Caldwell was elected Secre-

tary. He named as his assistants, R. T. Weatherby and R. N. Brooks.

J. W. Wells was elected Statistician, and chose as his assistants, R. G. Morris, J. C. Robbins, P. I. Wells and N. M. Black.

P. J. Cook was elected Treasurer. He chose to assist him, W. T. Lomax, E. I. Swann, W. M. Wells, A. W. McMaster, N. S. T. Shamborguer, W. O. Thomas and A. G. Jenkins.

The Hour of Adjournment for the morning session was fixed at 12:30 P. M., and the hour for opening the afternoon session at 2 P. M.

The Standing Committees were nominated by R. W. Winchester, Secretary of the Cabinet, and approved by the Conference. (See list of Standing Committees).

The Bar of the Conference, on motion of P. J. Cook, was made to include the first six seats from the chancel in the right and center tiers.

Introductions. The following brethren were introduced: Dr. J. B. Hingeley, Board of Conference Claimants; Dr. Louis O. Hartman, Board of Sunday Schools; Dr. McCain, Board of Church Temperance; Dr. W. W. Lucas, of the Epworth League; Dr. D. D. Martin, Board of Foreign Missions and Stewart Foundation for Africa.

Question Fourteen was called. A. H. Newsome, District Superintendent of the Western District, passed in character and read his report.

Welcome Addresses. Bishop Wilson presiding in lieu of R. W. Winchester, who was to preside, introduced His Honor Mayor O. B. Eaton, of the city of Winston, who, with warm heart, extended to the Conference welcome on the part of the city. The response to this address was made by R. B. McRary, LL. D.

In the absence of the Rt. Rev. Edward Rondthaler, Bishop of the Moravian church, Dr. R. M. Courtney, of the Methodist Church, South, delivered the welcome address on behalf of the white ministers of the city.

To this address R. E. Jones, D. D., made able response. On behalf of the Afro-American Ministerial Union, the Rev. J. D. Cowans brought words of welcome.

Time Was Extended, on motion of R. W. Winchester.

Response to the last welcome address was made by W. M. Wells.

Bishop Wilson made appropriate remarks in response to all that had been said.

The Session Adjourned after the announcements, with the Doxology, and the benediction pronounced by Dr. J. B. Hingeley.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Devotions were properly conducted. R. E. Jones led in prayer.

Question Fourteen Resumed. Bishop Wilson resumed Question Fourteen. J. P. Morris, District Superintendent of the Greensboro District, passed in character, and read his report.

Question One was called, the answer to which was: The North Carolina Conference has a Board of Trustees as required by the State Laws.

Reporters. J. H. Lovell was elected reporter to the daily papers, and J. A. Baxter was elected to report the Conference to The Southwestern Christian Advocate.

Publicity Committee. On motion of R. E. Jones, the Publicity Committee of last Conference, composed of H. L. Ashe, R. B. Rhyne, G. W. Brower, was increased by the addition of the name of J. A. Laughlin. This committee was ordered by the Conference to collect for wider publicity \$1.00 from every constituent of the Conference as per resolution adopted by the Conference of 1914.

Question Fourteen Continued. S. A. Peeler, District Superintendent of the Wilmington District, passed in character, and read his report.

R. W. Winchester, District Superintendent of the Winston District, passed in character and read his report.

Here the Conference stood and sang a stanza of "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord."

The Statistical Session, as provided for in the printed program, was held. In reporting the brethren were asked to state all collections given, and to give the amount of their benevolences and the number of their conversions during the year.

The Effective Elders of the Greensboro District were called, and with the exception of J. A. Mastin and C. I. Withrow, each brother passed in character and reported.

To the Committee on Conference Relations were referred the cases of J. A. Mastin and C. I. Withrow.

The Effective Elders of the Western District were called, each of whom passed in character and reported, save L. W. Thomas, whose case was also referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The Effective Elders of the Wilmington District were called, all of whom passed in character and reported. H. O. Frederick was referred to Committee on Conference Relations.

R. E. Jones, J. H. Lovell, R. N. Brooks and R. G. Morris passed in character.

Giving Personal Checks provoked quite a discussion, and on motion of R. E. Jones, the Treasurer was asked to accept the personal checks given at this Conference, and that beginning with next Conference all persons reporting shall be required to give certified checks or the cash.

The Board of Temperance was represented in an address to the Conference by Dr. McCain.

The Election of the Ministerial Delegate was made the order of the day for Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

The Reception of the Class Into Full Connection, on motion of R. E. Jones, was made the order of the day for Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

To the Board of Conference Stewards was referred the case of Sister Mozelle Smith, P. J. Cook having called the attention of the Conference to her condition.

Brief Remarks Were Made by Dr. D. D. Martin.

The Session adjourned, after the announcements, with the Doxology and the Benediction by Dr. D. D. Martin.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The Freedmen's Aid Society held its anniversary. In absence of the General Secretary, I. Garland Penn, D. D. Martin made the address.

The Board of Sunday Schools held its anniversary, being represented in the same by Dr. Hartman.

THURSDAY MORNING

Devotions were conducted by Robert Smith.

Reading of Minutes. Bishop Wilson taking the chair, called for the reading of the minutes of the previous session. The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Conference Relations recommended that the present supernumerary relation of J. A. Mastin be changed to the effective relation. The recommendation of the committee was approved.

Question Twenty-four was called. C. W. Blaylock, F. L. Bost, Daniel Brooks, L. B. Gibson, J. D. Hairston, S. M. Hanes, W. P. Hayes, Elisha Howard, J. H. Hunter, W. A. Pryor, L. G. McDonald were continued in the retired relation.

The following retired ministers made brief remarks: W. P. Hayes, J. H. Hunter, S. M. Hanes, W. A. Pryor.

To the Board of Conference Stewards was referred the condition of L. G. McDonald, whose case had been called to the attention of the Conference by J. P. Morris.

Clark Heirs. R. T. Weatherby, the appointed administrator for the funds to the Clark children, made a report to the Conference.

The Draft of \$1360 from the Methodist Book Concern was announced by the President, and ordered paid to the Board of Conference Stewards.

Chartered Fund. The President announced that there would be no draft from the Chartered Fund.

Delinquent Reports were called, and those who had not as yet reported passed in their reports.

Question Six was called. B. L. Burge was advanced to the studies of the third year, and recommended for admission into full connection, with the proviso that he answer satisfactorily the questions prescribed by the Discipline.

C. E. Howard was advanced to the studies of the third year, elected to Deacon's Orders, and recommended for admission into full connection, with the proviso that he answer satisfactorily the questions prescribed in the Discipline.

R. N. Brooks and R. G. Morris were advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

Questions Eight (B), and Thirteen (C) were called. J. A. Baxter was graduated from the Conference Course of Study, elected to Elder's Orders under the Seminary Rule, and recommended for admission into full connection, with the proviso that he answer satisfactorily the questions prescribed in the Discipline.

Dr. Louis O. Hartman, of the Board of Sunday Schools, was presented and briefly addressed the Conference.

The Class for Admission was called to the front seat, and after a stanza of the song, "Father, I Stretch My Hands to Thee," had been sung, and prayer by H. L. Ashe, Bishop Wilson made the address to the class. After answering in open Conference the questions asked by Bishop Wilson, J. A. Baxter, B. L. Burge and C. E. Howard, constituting the class, were received into full connection.

A Draft of \$200 from the Board of Conference Claimants was presented by Dr. J. B. Hingeley of that Board. The draft was ordered paid to the Board of Stewards.

Dr. Hingeley addressed the Conference on the Work of the Board he represents.

Southwestern Subscription. In pursuance of the arranged program, R. E. Jones requested the roll call for subscribers. As the roll was called, each brother stated the number of subscriptions for the year, and the total number of subscribers on his charge.

One-Plus-One Campaign. R. E. Jones clearly outlined the one-plus-one campaign for subscription to the Southwestern Christian Advocate. The Conference manifested its interest in the plan by unanimous approval.

Gammon Theological Seminary was represented in an address to the Conference by Dr. D. D. Martin, of the School of Missions of said Seminary.

Amendments, Memorials, Resolution. The Colorado Proposed Constitutional Amendment, viz., to empower the General Conference to relieve certain ministers and laymen from disfranchisement on constitutional changes, and also to give retired ministers remote from their Annual Conferences an honorary membership in Annual Conferences conveniently near, together with a letter from the Secretary of the Colorado Conference, was read by the Secretary to the Conference. On motion of R. E. Jones by standing vote of 78 for and none against the Conference concurred in the proposed amendment.

A Memorial from the West Ohio Conference was read by the Secretary. On motion of R. E. Jones the Conference did not concur in the memorial.

Time was Extended on motion of W. M. Crawford.

The Proposed Amendment handed down by the Mississippi Conference, proposing to change the constitution of the church so as to permit of the election of bishops for "Races and Languages," was read by the Secretary to the Conference. On motion of R. W. Winchester the Conference, by standing vote of 73 votes for and 5 against, concurred in the proposed amendment.

A Memorial from the North Montana Conference was read. On motion of R. E. Jones the Conference did not concur in the memorial.

A resolution from the Philadelphia Conference was read. On motion of R. E. Jones the resolution was laid on the table.

Question Six was resumed. J. C. Brower was advanced to the studies of the second year.

Question Ten was called. Henry Fink, A. M. Robertson and D. L. Thomas were advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

The Session Adjourned, after the announcements, with the benediction by Dr. Hingeley.

FRIDAY MORNING

Devotions were conducted by G. W. Byers.

The Journal of the previous session was called for by the Bishop, read and approved.

Question Sixteen was called. The Conference answered to this question, no one had died.

Question Thirty-six was called. On invitation of G. Haven Caldwell, West Raleigh was unanimously chosen as the seat of the Conference in 1916.

Question Six resumed. On motion of R. E. Jones, J. C. Brower was continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the second year.

Question Five was called. Jasper A. Cherry and John W. Shuford were received on trial and placed in the Conference studies of the first year.

Supplies. On motion of R. E. Jones, the names of Pinkney L. Eccles and James R. Dillard, presented for admission on trial, were withdrawn, and the District Superintendents presenting them were granted permission to use them as supplies.

Question Twelve was called. Morgan Covington, John R. Carter, Jasper A. Cherry, Henry McNair, Samuel Presley, Thomas Scales and John Shuford were elected to Deacon's Orders as Local Preachers.

Question Twenty-two was called. The orders of J. H. Dickens from the Baptist Church; Daniel McCallum from the Baptist Church, and Alexander McNeil from the A. M. E. Church were recognized by the Conference as Deacon's Orders.

Bennett College. R. W. Winchester was elected to the Trustee Board of Bennett College in the place of the late John A. Rush, deceased.

Conference Claimants Campaign. R. E. Jones offered a resolution affecting the North Carolina Conference in a campaign for our Conference Claimants. The resolution was adopted by the Conference. (See R. E. Jones Resolution in list of resolutions).

Conference Claimants Secretary. On motion of R. E. Jones, R. B. McRary was made Conference Secretary for the Conference Claimants Fund of the North Carolina Conference, and he was empowered to give receipts for any and all collections subject to the action of the Conference.

Parting Words were spoken by Dr. Joseph B. Hingeley, in which he paid high compliments to the excellent standards as set by and attained unto by the North Carolina Conference. Dr. Hingeley left, after having made a fine impression on the brethren of the Conference.

Election of Ministerial Delegates. The order of the day for the election of ministerial delegates to the General Conference was announced by the Bishop.

The Bishop also announced that the Conference was eligible to elect two ministerial delegates and two reserves.

On motion of A. H. Newsome, the Conference approved of election by majority vote.

R. T. Weatherby, one of the assistant secretaries, was appointed to record the results of the ballots as counted by M. M. Jones, J. W. Wells, P. J. Cook and C. K. Brown, the elected tellers.

By order of the Conference a first ballot was taken.

The result of the first ballot as announced was as follows: Number of votes cast, 82. Necessary for a choice, 42. On this ballot R. E. Jones received 69 votes; H. L. Ashe, 39; J. P. Morris, 28; S. A. Peeler, 25. R. E. Jones, with a vote of 69, was announced elected.

On motion of C. K. Brown, another ballot was taken.

The result of the second as announced was as follows: Number of votes cast, 80. Necessary for a choice, 41. On this ballot H. L. Ashe received 40 votes; J. P. Morris, 20; S. A. Peeler, 20. No one having received the necessary number of votes, the President announced that there was no election.

On motion of G. W. Morehead, another ballot was taken.

The result of the third ballot as announced was as follows: Number of votes cast, 81. Necessary for a choice, 41. On this ballot H. L. Ashe received 48 votes; S. A. Peeler, 18; J. P. Morris, 15. By a vote of 48, H. L. Ashe was elected on this ballot.

By order of the Conference, the tellers prepared ballots for the election of two reserve delegates. The report of the tellers for this ballot was as follows: Number of votes cast, 76. Necessary for a choice, 39. On this ballot S. A. Peeler received 69 votes; J. P. Morris, 66. S. A. Peeler and J. P. Morris were declared elected reserve delegates.

Question Twenty-five was called. The Triers of Appeals were announced as H. L. Ashe, W. M. Crawford, J. A. Laughlin, J. D. Murphy and N. J. Pass. Reserves: N. M. Black and W. O. Thomas.

The Committee on Conference Relations, in the case of L. W. Thomas, recommended that he be exempt from the charge of deserting his work, and that his relation be changed from an effective to a retired minister. The Conference approved of the recommendation and L. W. Thomas was referred to the Board of Conference Stewards.

The Committee on Conference Relations, to whom had

been referred the names of the brethren giving personal checks, reported that in each case the brethren had been consulted, and had pledged to make his personal check good. The action of the committee was approved.

Questions Twenty-six and Twenty-seven were called. The answer to each of these questions was: No report presented.

Memorials. On motion of R. W. Winchester the Board of Home Missions was memorialized for \$2500, and the Board of Church Extension for \$2600. (See full text of recommendation).

Minutes. Some discussion arose with respect to the printing of the Minutes. On motion of S. A. Peeler, the Conference ordered that the District Superintendents cut their reports to 500 words.

On motion of Robert Smith, the names of those paying \$1.00 or more for benevolences were ordered printed in the Conference Minutes.

A Note, given him in 1900, when he was treasurer of a Conference Claimants Sinking Fund, fostered by the North Carolina Conference, for \$600, three hundred dollars of which had already been collected, was presented by Daniel Brooks. It was stated that the Freedmen's Aid Society would justify its pledge to pay the remaining \$300 within this Conference year.

Introductions. The following were introduced: Miss Craig, Superintendent of Deaconess Training Work, Asheville; Miss White, of the same work; Dr. Boyer, Presiding Elder in the M. E. Church, South; Dr. R. M. Courtney, of the M. E. Church, South; Revs. Cole and Peters, of the Christian Church; Revs. Jones and Martin, of the Baptist Church, and Rev. Mr. McCorkle, of the A. M. E. Zion Church.

Miss Craig briefly addressed the Conference on the Deaconess Training Work.

Fraternal Greetings were brought to the Conference from the A. M. E. Zion church, by the Rev. Mr. McCorkle

of that connection. After the fraternal message was delivered, the Conference sang, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." By request of the President, H. L. Ashe responded to this address.

A Joint Session of Ministerial and Lay Electoral Conferences was set for 2 o'clock P. M., on motion of R. E. Jones.

The Conference adjourned with doxology, and benediction by Rev. R. M. Courtney.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Devotions were conducted by Bishop Wilson, D. Brooks leading in prayer.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, in the absence of Dr. I. L. Thomas, was represented in a brief address by R. T. Weatherby.

Roll Call for collecting Publicity Assessments was ordered called. The following brethren contributed \$1.00: J. P. Morris, Aldridge, McRae, Byers, Weatherby, Lomax, Green, Garrett, J. W. Wells, McNair, G. W. Brower, Caldwell, Newsome, Brown, Cornelius, Cherry, L. W. Thomas, Fink, Crawford, Black, Addie, West, Hayden, M. M. Jones, Rhyne, Fletcher, Hill, J. A. Laughlin, Smith, Murphy, Zeigler, Winchester, Skeen, J. W. Jones, Pope, Gilreath, Howard, Morehead, Scales, May, Ashe, R. E. Jones, Lovell. Robbins, Swann, Love, paid 50 cents each. Bullock, McArthur, Robertson, Simpson, paid 25 cents each. McCorkle paid 30 cents.

Of the laymen, Wallace, McRary, Goode and Ingram paid \$1.00 each; McRae and Patterson, 50 cents each; Graves, 25 cents. A total of \$51.05 was collected.

In the Joint Session of Ministers and Laymen, Bishop Wilson presented R. B. McRary, Lay Delegate elect to the General Conference, who made an address thanking the brethren for the responsibility imposed upon him in

electing him Conference Secretary for the Local Conference Claimants Fund.

Response to this address was made by R. E. Jones.

A Collection of fifty dollars (\$50.00) was here taken. By order, this amount, together with ten dollars (\$10.00) given by Bishop Wilson, was turned over to President Wallace for immediate use at Bennett College, instead of going through the Freedmen's Aid Board, as usual.

The Committee on Conference Relations recommended that the relations of H. O. Frederick be changed from the effective to the retired. This recommendation was approved by the Conference.

Introduction. The Rev. G. O. Bullock, of the Baptist church, was introduced to the Conference.

Missionary Sermon. The business session of the Conference was adjourned to listen to the missionary sermon, to be preached by A. W. McMaster.

FRIDAY EVENING

In the evening, to an audience that put to the test the beautiful and commodious auditorium of the St. Paul church, Dr. R. E. Jones delivered his popular lecture on the subject, "The Building of a Life."

SATURDAY MORNING

Devotions were conducted by J. W. Jones.

The Minutes were read and approved, with corrections.

Question Twenty-nine was called. The Treasurer reported an aggregate benevolence of \$3699.00, a slight decrease from last year of \$209.00. (See Treasurer's report).

The Needs of Bennett College were put forth in an address by President J. E. Wallace.

J. P. Morris spoke of the necessity of a minister on the faculty at Bennett College. By order of the Conference, a committee was appointed to devise ways and means for perfecting such an appointment.

The committee as named by the chair was: R. E. Jones, J. P. Morris, C. K. Brown.

Question Twenty-Eight was called. The statistician reported an aggregate membership of 12592.

The report of the Statistician was approved, on motion of J. C. Robbins.

Bishop Wilson asked R. E. Jones to preside.

The Board of Sunday Schools was represented in an address by the Field Secretary, Dr. C. C. Jacobs.

Reports from Standing Committees were called. The following Standing Committees reported: Board of Sunday Schools, Reform, Freedmen's Aid Society, Education, Sunday Observance, Temperance, American Bible Society, Bennett College, Allen Home. These reports were approved by the Conference.

The Committee on Complimentary Resolutions announced its readiness to report. These resolutions were approved by the Conference, and they were ordered read at the services on Sunday.

Introductions. Dr. Wentz, of the Presbyterian Church; Dr. Diggs, of the Union Mission Church; Rev. Mr. Wilson, of the Christian Church, and Rev. Mr. Ellis, of the Baptist Church, were introduced to the Conference. Dr. Wentz briefly addressed the Conference.

Miss Alsie B. Dole, Superintendent of Allen Industrial Home, and Misses I. R. Jones, and M. L. Greenlee, instructors in the same institution, were introduced to the Conference. Miss Dole briefly addressed the Conference.

Prof. J. H. Lovell, of the Chair of Mathematics in New Orleans University, was asked to make remarks to the Conference.

1200 Southwestern Subscriptions were apportioned to the four districts on motion of G. W. Morehead.

The Conference Relief Association, on motion of S. F. B. Peace, was reorganized with D. Brooks, President; M. J. Bullock, Vice-President; N. M. Black Secretary; W. P. Hayes, Treasurer. The Treasurer reported \$20.00 on hand.

The **Missionary Appropriations** were read by the Secretary of the Cabinet. The Conference adopted this report.

The **Apportionment for Episcopal Fund** was read by the Secretary of the Cabinet and approved.

1500 Minutes were ordered printed, on motion of W. M. Crawford.

The **Printed Journal**, as approved by the Conference, was made the official record for presentation at the General Conference by motion of W. M. Crawford.

The **Distribution of the Conference Minutes** was ordered made proportional to the membership of the several charges, by motion of J. P. Morris.

A **Deficit** from the Wilmington District for minutes during the time of W. R. Zeigler's administration, was brought to the attention of the Conference. W. R. Zeigler made public explanation. On motion of R. E. Jones this matter was referred to the Publishing Committee, with request to bring in report in the afternoon session.

Time Was Extended on motion of G. W. Morehead.

The **Relation of C. I. Withrow** was changed from the effective to the supernumerary.

A **Purse** from the brethren of the Western District was presented to A. H. Newsome, District Superintendent, as an expression of appreciation for his faithfulness. W. M. Crawford presented C. K. Brown, who, in fitting terms, made the presentation.

Adjournment. On motion of H. L. Ashe, the Conference adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock P. M.

After singing the Doxology, the benediction was pronounced by D. Brooks.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Woman's Home Missionary Society conducted its anniversary from 2 to 4 o'clock.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

The Publishing Committee reported in the case of W. R. Zeigler, that of the \$82.00 due, the Conference accept 50 per cent. of the claims and cancel the debt. The report was approved.

Introduction. Mrs. J. E. Sills was introduced and spoke to the Conference of her work of maintaining a nursery for colored children.

Allen Home. On motion of H. L. Ashe, the Conference pledged the amount of \$1.00 per member to fit up a room in Allen Home in honor of the North Carolina Conference. By common consent the room is to be named the "D. Brooks Room."

The Work at Claflin University and of the South Carolina Conference was spoken of by Dr. C. C. Jacobs.

Fatherly Advice was given to the Conference by its grand old man, D. Brooks. On motion of R. E. Jones, D. Brooks was asked to preach on Saturday after the morning session, at the seat of the next Conference, that being his 45th anniversary as a minister of the gospel.

The Chair was filled, on request of the Bishop, by J. P. Morris.

The Conference Stewards presented their report. The report was approved (See report).

Question Thirty-one was called. The claims on the Conference Fund are \$2700.

Question Thirty-three was called. The answer to the question was \$11.70.

Interest to the amount of \$9.00 on the \$300.00 held in trust as Conference Claims by D. Brooks, on motion of R. E. Jones, was ordered paid, to be used in the immediate relief of L. G. McDonald.

Board of Stewards. On motion of M. M. Jones, C. K. Brown previously elected to the Board of Stewards for one year, was elected for three years, and R. T. Weatherby was elected to the same Board for a term of three years.

For the Relief of the financial needs of L. G. McDonald, the Conference lifted a collection of \$41.25.

Adjournment. By order of the Conference, after the reading and adopting of the minutes, and after devotions, and after the reading of the appointments, the North Carolina Conference shall stand adjourned, *sine die*. Thus came to an end the Fifty-seventh session of the North Carolina Annual Conference.

LUTHER B. WILSON, President.

G. HAVEN CALDWELL, Secretary.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This is to certify that at Winston-Salem, N. C., on Sunday, Dec. 5, 1915, pursuant to the action of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained as Deacons the following: Charles E. Howard, Morgan Covington, Henry McNair, Samuel H. Presley, Thomas Scales, John R. Carter, Jasper A. Cherry and John W. Shuford; and at the same time and place, assisted by several Elders, I ordained as Elder James A. Baxter.

L. B. Wilson, Presiding Bishop.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 5, 1915.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct report of the proceedings of the fifty-seventh session of the North Carolina Annual Conference, held at Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 1-5, 1915.

L. B. Wilson, President.

G. Haven Caldwell, Secretary.

RESOLUTION OF R. E. JONES

Whereas, there is a church-wide movement to provide adequately for the retired ministers and other Conference claimants by the creation of investment funds to be held and administered by Annual Conferences, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the North Carolina Annual Conference enter into a campaign to raise at least \$5,000 for permanent endowment at the rate of \$1,000 per year, said amount to be distributed among the several districts as follows. Greensboro District, \$250.00; Western District, \$250.00; Winston District, \$250.00; Wilmington District, \$250.00. Conference total, \$1,000.

Resolved, that these amounts be distributed to the pastoral charges by the District Superintendents and that R. B. McRary be authorized to receipt for the same.

R. E. Jones.

V. REPORTS OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

One year ago we were assigned to the Greensboro District, which we found in growing condition. You will not be surprised, therefore, to know that we are larger than a year ago, for we are still growing.

God has wonderfully blessed us this year in that there has been no deaths in our active ministerial ranks and but little sickness in our families. We have been blessed along spiritual lines. With good health, good courage and faith in our work and in Him for whom we worked, we have pushed the battle to the gates and imprisoned the enemy.

The Greensboro District comprises the Piedmont section of North Carolina, and the tidewater section of Virginia. We have 22 appointments, 42 church edifices, 46 Sunday schools and 28 active Epworth Leagues.

With the former District Superintendent in the van as was fitting for him, believing in humanity, believing in Methodism, and believing in God, our preachers went forth from the closing session of our last Conference with a consecrated spirit, determined to succeed. How well they have wrought their reports will tell. All of them have done faithful work, and many of the charges have increased numerically and financially. On the whole there will be an increase in ministerial support and also in the benevolences this year.

Personal Mention

We deem it unnecessary to mention each brother and his charge in detail. Suffice it to say that all of them have wrought nobly and have met the requirements in a Christ-like manner.

New Financial Plan

We are hoping, praying and working to see the day when there will be as much business demonstrated in the financial affairs of our church as there is in other lines of our life work, but it is hard to get our churches to see that system is business and without it we must fail in our work. Yet, we have succeeded in having our new financial plan adopted in several of our charges and in each one the success is admirable. We think that in the near future the house-to-house canvass for both ministerial support and benevolences will be the acknowledged successful plan for our District.

Conference Claimants

We have urged that the local Conference claimants fund be raised in proportion to the other ministerial support. We have also urged upon the brethren the necessity of establishing a fund for the benefit of our own Conference, and to this end the Minister's Relief Association has been advanced.

Education

Our District is located at the Athens of the state. Greensboro, Guilford County, is an educational center for both races. In our county we have four colleges and two high grade academies for the whites and three colleges and two academies for the negroes; besides we have the best public school system of any county in the state. Among the colleges is our own beloved Bennett. During this year there has been erected on the campus of Bennett College by the members of this Conference and our church in this state, a home for the president, costing over \$3,000. This is a monument to the loyalty of our constituency and preachers. Through all of her vicissitudes Bennett has never proven second in her work done to any negro college of the state. Her graduates are blessing nearly every state in the South, and she stands at the head of the list of our colleges in furnishing college graduates for the ministry at Gammon Theological Seminary. Any Methodist ashamed of the work of Bennett College is ignorant of her history. We are still doing a great work at Bennett College and Kent Home, but there are some things that we as Methodists and supporters of the school need to look into. We have on roll at present 254 students—five in the college course; ninety-four in the college preparatory and normal courses, and 149 in the grades, the first four grades being eliminated. We are finding friends daily from among our leading city institutions. The Chamber of Commerce has consented to devise ways and means to furnish the school with a central heating plant. The State Normal College for Girls contributed enough carpet to cover the steps and rooms of the girls' dormitory. Prof. Windsor obtained by subscription enough money to equip a class room with 35 new, up-to-date desks. The entire faculty seems to be working for the general uplift of the institution.

Our Children's Day and Lincoln Day were observed and collections taken.

Epworth League

Our young people are taking on new life. Our District President and First Vice-President have recently conducted an evangelistic campaign on the Greensboro charges with wholesome results. Win-my-chum Week was observed by every League on

the District. The program mapped out for the year is dynamic and good results are following.

Sunday Schools

Our Sunday schools are hand in hand with our Leagues and behind them all are our pastors lending their influence and giving a vigorous impetus to the entire movement.

Temperance

Our Sunday schools and Leagues, as well as our churches, emphasize the necessity of total abstinence. Dr. J. N. C. Coggin, our noble temperance man, has done excellent work among us and we are rapidly learning that temperance forms a part of our religion.

Church Literature

Among our necessities is the Southwestern Christian Advocate. We have urged that all of our officers and heads of families become subscribers to this excellent paper. October 31st was Southwestern Day over the entire district. We hope that every charge met the requirements.

Improvements

This has not been a year of very great material improvements, yet there have been over \$2,000 worth of improvements made. The following points have much improved the appearance of their churches, viz., Holmes Grove, Goshen, Raleigh's, Collins Grove, Townesville and Clarksville, Va. At Burlington we have built a new church, under the leadership of Brother J. M. Aldridge, worth at least \$1,000. We are growing in grace, as is shown by our cleaning up policy and general improvements at all the points.

Our Needs

In the tide-water section of Virginia we need only to offer the people the proper inducements in order to save them to our church and to God. There are thousands of people there who are not constituents for any church. If we had sufficient church edifices to care for them many, many souls would find their way to righteousness. We are not intruders at Norfolk and Newport News, Va., neither at Henderson, N. C. The people need us, the field is inviting. With \$15,000 a great work could be done at these three points whose financial value would be a paying asset and whose value otherwise cannot be written in dollars and cents.

Evangelism

Early in the year we adopted the program of the Methodist Forward Movement and put out 500 Time Legion Cards, the greater portion of which were signed by the members of the church. In order to carry out this program we organized a Ministerial Mutual Assistance League. This enabled us to conduct the special evangelistic service without a very great cost for help. It also assured us of sufficient help when our meetings became warm and the fight against satan and sin the hottest. The results are marvelous. We have made an increase of as high as 25 per cent. at some points, and where the constituency allowed it no point has fallen below a 10 per cent. gain. The total increase on our district this year has been 400 souls.

We have fought against some odds this year, but on the whole we have gained ground along the entire battle front. Our generals, the preachers, and their captains, the official laymen, have increased their munition supplies and are nerved for a harder fight. So we expect to take more advanced grounds another year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. Morris, District Supt.

WESTERN DISTRICT

Dear Bishop and brethren of the North Carolina Annual Conference:—Through the providence of our Heavenly Fahter, I am permitted to present to you this my third annual report of the Western District. Having been blessed with good health I have been able to look after all the interests of the district. I am happy to state that the district is in splendid condition. The men on the field have been faithful and true to their trust, working hard for success, which has been in evidence on most all the charges. Great stress has been put on the Forward Movement of the church along all lines. First, a revival on every charge and in every church. We are thankful to report that most all the charges have had splendid revivals, with quite a number of conversions and accessions to the church. The co-operative plan has been adhered to, which has proven to be a soul-saving plan. It has brought together the divided membership into one mighty host, working for the salvation of souls. Endeavoring to follow the advice given by our much beloved and highly esteemed Bishop T. S. Henderson, D. D., LL. D., the revival fire has been burning all the year.

Decision Day

This day was observed on a goodly number of the charges. We note in one of these meetings sixty-seven came forward and

professed faith in Christ and decided to live the better life.

Church Membership

I have given special attention to the membership of the church. It is sad while it is true, that we have lost a great many members by not keeping correct records of our membership. In many cases we find no record at all save that kept by the recording steward. No one could tell members from probationers. We have taken the matter up with the pastors, some of whom bought records and are giving the matter greater care.

Sunday School

This cause has greatly improved during the year. We have urged the pastors and superintendents to give more attention to the children, by forming them into classes for religious training and securing better teachers, and to introduce the Adult Bible Class, Home Department and Cradle Roll, which has been done on some of the charges.

Epworth League

This work is not what it should be and will not be until we, the ministers, take greater interest in the work ourselves, whose duty it is to see that all the machinery of the church is kept in motion. While there is some good work being done, much more is needed.

Education

The cause of education has been carefully looked after. We have urged the people to take greater interest in the education of their children, by giving more to the cause of education and in securing better teachers and better school houses.

Allen Home for Girls

This school is doing a most excellent work in the training of the young women for life work. That sainted lady Miss A. B. Dole and the faithful women who are associated with her, need to be commended by all for the work they are doing for God and the race. Connected with this school is the Deaconess Training School for our people, presided over by Miss Ruby Craig. This work has started off well and should have the hearty support of the Conference. This is the only Deaconess Training School in the church for our people.

Bennett College

We have advocated the cause of Bennett College throughout the district, and have urged pastors and people to rally to the

support of the institution by raising money for its maintenance and sending their children there and paying their bills in full. The college has our support.

Douglas Academy

Known as the District School of the Western District, opened Nov. 14th with Rev. W. M. Crawford, principal. The school is doing well, and if properly conducted will fill a long felt want in the community where it is located.

Temporal Work

Five churches are being built which can be used for service. Two new parsonages and a number of other parsonages and churches have been improved.

Temperance

We have advocated the temperance cause on all the charges and preached on the subject. I am urging the pastors to preach temperance in all their congregations and to allow none to hold offices in the church who indulge in strong drink.

Dear Bishop and brethren, while we have not won all the victories that we wished to win, we have stayed on the field of battle, without beating a retreat, we have kept our faces to the enemy. In His name we have done our best.

Yours for the Master's cause,

A. H. Newsome.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Dear Bishop and Brethren:—The year through which we have just passed has been one of great depression. The Great War, the Mexican War and the war imminent everywhere have cast gloomy shadows over everybody and everything. The effects of this direful situation have been keenly felt on the Wilmington District.

The section of the state in which this district lies is known as the "Cotton Belt." Here the one crop system is largely in vogue. The disadvantages of this system became very apparent last fall, when there was almost no market for cotton at half the price it cost to produce it. "King Cotton" lay paralyzed along the roads and in old barns and in deserted places of business, while panic prevailed. The calamity which followed brought suffering to many of our members. By giving up all their crop, some could not pay their rents and settle their accounts. They have lived through the past summer on credit. Good crops, somewhat diversified, have furnished some relief,

but it will require several years of good yield and good market to restore normal conditions.

Every interest of the church has been looked after and every cause has been presented. We have not been able to meet every requirement, but if, in considering what we have to report, the struggle under which it has been accomplished be taken into account, the year has been one of great success. Some work worthy of special mention has been done at each place, but since the temporal betterments and the spiritual growth will appear in the tabulated reports I pass over that.

We have extended the work by organizing churches at Red Banks and at Rennert. Extending our church in this area is attended with great difficulty. Most of the people of Methodist persuasion belong to the African or the Zion Methodist church. Usually when our members move into a place where we have no church they join one or the other of the Methodist churches rather than organize one of our own denomination. The African and the Zion Methodist churches are both very strong and influential throughout the bounds of the Wilmington District.

The spiritual condition of the work has not dropped to the low level of the financial and material depression but has kept well up to the high water mark of former times. All the churches had good revivals. The Methodist Forward Movement has been adopted by all the quarterly conferences and as a result many have been converted and added to the church.

Our Sunday schools are in fairly good condition. All of them use our own literature. Most of them are organized into missionary societies. They are being organized into temperance societies. The Home Department is not attempted. At all the quarterly conferences I have tried to emphasize the importance of observing the rules respecting the instruction of children.

The Epworth League prospers at several points. We are hoping that there will be a great revival in the League work all over the district. The Epworth League and Sunday Convention, held at Lumberton, was a success.

About two-thirds of our churches and quite all of our parsonages are properly insured. The excellent financial showing that our churches make is to be wondered at when the methods for raising church funds is considered. The public collection is most largely depended upon for raising money, and when that fails rallies are resorted to, the carrying out of which often brings the church to compromises with the world that are hurtful to the church. Noteworthy efforts are being made to change these unsystematic and hurtful devices to the systematic and helpful.

The pastors, the local preachers and the laity generally have been loyal and faithful. Two of our retired ministers, W. P. Hayes and J. D. Hairston, live on this district. They are both monuments to the saving power of Jesus and furnish wholesome examples of the pious life. They are in good health.

I have visited nearly all the charges four times. All the churches except two have been visited. It was my pleasure to be present at six of the revivals. I am grateful for the harmony and good will that prevail over the district. There is hearty co-operation on the part of all. S. A. Peeler.

WINSTON DISTRICT

Mr. President, members and friends of the North Carolina Conference:—Under the Divine guidance and support of the Most High, I humbly rise, begging leave to submit to you my third annual report of the Winston District. Although I was stricken very ill one month after Conference and was not able to be on the field for two months, yet I have many reasons to be gracious to Almighty God for the innumerable blessings bestowed upon me and mine. My brother ministers and friends were especially kind to me during those days of illness. Words are inadequate to express to them my gratitude.

District Conference

The District Conference convened at Kernersville July 14th, 1915. There was made every effort necessary for ideal entertainment. The attendance was exceedingly large. The work done was solely in keeping with the Discipline of the church. We were honored with distinguished visitors the Revs. Dr. R. E. Jones and I. L. Thomas. These men have long since endeared themselves upon the Winston District because of the wholesome advice they impart to us.

District Convention

The Epworth League, Sunday School and Brotherhood Convention convened in Madison August 11, 1915. This was a fitting climax to all previous conventions on this district. The attendance was surprisingly large, but the hospitalities and courtesies were equal to the occasion. Many visiting friends were there, among whom was President J. E. Wallace, of Bennett College, who rendered invaluable service. Much credit is due Prof. J. A. McRae for this excellent convention.

The Methodist Forward Movement

My definition of the Forward Movement is to talk about Christ frequently and loudly. This we have done on the Winston District. We have talked Him as a dear friend; we have talked Him as a great physician; we have talked Him as a superb teacher, and we have talked Him as a soul redeemer, all without stammering. We believe a revival is brought about in any church or community when enough people can be depended upon to talk freely about the cardinal truths of Christ. In this movement I have urged that we talk primarily about Christ, not about the eloquent minister, not about church music, not about money, not about coming to church or Sunday school, not about subscriptions to building funds, church periodicals nor benevolences. These are all worthy, these are all essential to the carrying on of the work of the Kingdom of Christ, but this is a campaign of a conversation about Christ. There is an adage, "Strike while the iron is hot." There should be another to go with it, "Strike until the iron is hot." Our cry upon this district is to speak out for Christ until religion is at high tide. Already much has been accomplished along this line.

Our Institutions

We observe progress in this important branch of the church. Bennett College, which is being ably and judiciously managed by President J. E. Wallace, still shines as a beacon light to the Conference and as a house of knowledge for all who may seek her quarters.

Kent Home has never done better work than now. Mrs. Donelson deserves credit and support in her great effort for the elevation of our young women.

Miss Dole, at Allen Industrial Home, is not one whit in the rear in doing effective work for our girls. She is giving her very life for the salvation of young womanhood.

Gammon Theological Seminary is ever kept before our young men who are seeking the ministry.

As a district, we pray continually for the presidents, superintendents, matrons and teachers in our institutions, that they may have Divine wisdom, faith and strength for their responsible positions. We pray also that the students in all our schools may be led to Jesus Christ and trained for intelligent leadership among their people.

Women's Activities

Be it said to the credit of the women of this district that they endeavored to co-operate heartily with the District Su-

perintendent and pastors in the vital interests pertaining to church work. We say it without boast or flattery and in due courtesy to the women of the other districts, that the women of the Winston District do more real work for the advancement of Christ than any other district in the Conference. They go about the Master's work intensely filled with the music of gladness, the sunshine of love, the white light of truth, the brightness of hope, the tenderness of charity and the strength of faith of a once crucified Redeemer.

Benevolent Boards

This is a cause we never forget to place before the people. Individually, we have presented the cause and merit of every board. Collectively, we have advocated the maintenance and fostering of the benevolent spirit throughout the district. In our opinion there is nothing in domestic life more Christ-like than Christian giving. The Boards of Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Church Extension, Freedmen's Aid, Education, Sunday Schools, Conference Claimants, Epworth League chapters, Methodist Brotherhood, Temperance and Ladies' Aid Societies have all been encouraged at our hands. I have urged the maintenance of Sunday schools and the organization of new ones, and have appointed on this district such a part of the total amount assessed by the Annual Conference for the Board of Sunday Schools as properly belongs to this district.

The Book Concern

Realizing that the purpose of this concern is to promote Christian education, the dissemination of moral and religious literature and the spread of Christianity, to benefit the traveling supernumerary and retired preachers, we have stood by the cause. Oh, the great needs that stare in the face some of our retired ministers, widows and children of this Conference! And if their pitiful cry is relieved it must be done largely through this medium of the church.

Under this topic, we plead intensely for the growth and spread of the Southwestern Christian Advocate. We hail men and call their attention to this great church paper, begging them to subscribe and read this, the greatest church paper published by our race. This is said to the credit and heartfelt respect of that sane, efficient, untiring and magnanimous-spirited editor, Dr. R. E. Jones.

Ministerial Support

We long to see the day when every minister of the gospel who receives an appointment may in return receive a ministerial sup-

port for himself and family. The majority of the ministers do not receive adequate support. I say this with no reflection upon the stewards and members of our respective churches, for, Mr. President, the most of them contribute when, what they give is really needed in their homes as bad or even worse than at the parsonage. But that does not relieve needy conditions. Both parties in need does not help the situation, but rather adds more distress. Here is a problem I am utterly unable to solve. In many communities sparsely inhabited they plead for a minister, saying that they have souls to be saved as well as densely settled sections. While this is true, they cannot support a minister. The Missionary Society seems not to be able to appropriate the needed amount for all these much needed communities. Now, one of two things must be done: We must either turn a deaf ear to those people justly crying in the spirit of Macedonians, or send a minister there to suffer. There are many places on this district where the minister complains to me, saying, "I can't make it on the salary." And when that dear wife of his has done the very best she could to give a satisfactory meal, she lingers long, waiting for the absence of her husband that she may quietly inform the District Superintendent that while the people are doing what they are able, she is by no means comfortably situated. It is not my business to dictate to the parent Board of Missions, but I do feel, Mr. President, that it is my duty to inform the Board of the needy conditions of the field and that the amount apportioned to this district meets about half of the needy conditions. However, our prayer is to the King of kings to speed the day when men everywhere shall have the gospel preached to them and that the ministers who carry it may receive a comfortable support.

In Loving Memory

Many of our members have passed away this Conference year, among whom was the widow Smith, a claimant of this Conference. She deeded her property to her local church at Lexington, N. C. These loved ones are gone, yet they leave a lasting impression upon their friends and relatives. We hope to meet and greet them in a land where "God shall wipe all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away."

Retired Ministers

I should consider myself ungrateful to the aged were I to finish this report without saying something about these veterans

of the Cross. Five of them live on this district, viz., Revs. S. M. Hanes, D. Brooks, E. Howard, G. W. Pryor and F. L. Bost. We pray that they may remain long with us for the radiant light and life they reflect upon us. They are the Seraphim, light burners, lovers of light and knowledge upon the Winston District. Being filled, enriched and beautified with the token of God's special presence, they are ever ready to manifest and celebrate His glory.

Commendations

To Bishop Wilson: We are especially delighted to have you with us. We hail you as our friend and brother in the ministry. This is our first formal meeting, yet we have heard and read of your great knowledge and ability. But, like the Queen of Sheba's visit to Solomon, we have already discovered that we have not read nor heard of half your great knowledge and ability.

To my colleagues in the ministry: I extend to you commendations. Dare would I resume my seat without pinning a rose of appreciation upon you for your loyalty to me and mine, and the manifestations shown in the great uplift of humanity. I commend the general officials of the church for the important part they have performed in the advancement of the work. I commend the laity for their broad-hearted and unstinted support.

Finally

In conclusion: As watchmen, the ministers have sounded the alarm against sin and vice. We long to see that golden candlestick that revealed itself to the Prophet Zachariah in defense of Zerrubabel in the Judean plains as a token of victory, come and shine upon the Winston District until she blossoms as the rose. And we are resolved: "For Zion's sake we will not hold our peace and for Jerusalem's sake we will not rest until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness and salvation as a lamp that burneth," until the earth be joyful, the songsters of the mountains spring upon their feet and with harps of thanksgiving, they join the chorus that shall be responded to by the Angels, and until the morning stars shall sing together and all the sons of God shout for joy.

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Yours in his name,

R. W. Winchester, D. S.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Whereas, The Board of Sunday Schools has for its object to create and establish Sunday schools where there are none, and to strengthen and enlarge the facilities of the Sunday schools already established,

Resolved, That we, the pastors of the N. C. Conference, shall give this Board our hearty and unstinted support.

W. Ellison,

E. I. S. Swan.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Whereas, We recognize the fact that of all societies, the American Bible Society is one of the great agents in spreading the Word of God, which is a light to our feet and a lamp to our path; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the preachers of the North Carolina Conference, stand by this worthy cause, by faithfully presenting it to our people.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Robbins,

R. J. Shipp,

B. F. Thomas.

REFORMS

Whereas, The Methodist Episcopal Church, with her humble birth, has marched from the narrow confinements of her birth to the front rank of the great religious denominations of the world; therefore, we, the ministers and teachers in this great church, resolve:

First, That we will never stop crying aloud until we shake off every false notion that cleaves to so many people concerning the true methods of doing things.

Second, That we will hold to the Word of God as the lever with which souls are to be lifted from sin and misery, rather than the slapping of hands and the patting of feet.

Third, That the Sunday school teachers co-operate in bringing about the much needed reform in their schools.

Fourth, That we stand by the church in all her forward movements concerning the salvation of the world.

Respectfully submitted,

S. McDonald,

S. L. May,

J. W. Jones.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

Whereas, we are taught in the Holy Scriptures to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy; and,

Whereas, the keeping of the Sabbath is a high expression of our deep consecration to God and loyalty to the teaching of Jesus Christ; be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the N. C. Conference, urge our people throughout the bounds of our great Conference to a more strict observance of the Sabbath.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. Wells,
S. R. McCorkle,
D. C. Skeen.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

We recognize that education and religion go hand in hand. We also hold that no education is worth the while unless it is favored throughout with Christianity. The school and the church are co-ordinate. They are so interwoven and so interlocked that they are inseparable. We, therefore, wish to urge that we, as a Conference, recognize Bennett College, Allen Home, Gammon Theological Seminary and other kindred schools within the bounds of the North Carolina Conference, and our great Methodism as the chief assets to a healthy condition of the church. We urge that our Conference support the suggestions that we arrange a program of advance, looking to the sustenance and support of the above named institutions for the present and the years to come.

We also urge that the great educational interest as supported by the Board of Education and the Freedmen's Aid Society be supported to as large a degree as possible, and that we, in the coming year, raise as much of the \$4500 Jubilee subscription as possible.

W. B. Scales,
G. W. Byers,

TEMPERANCE

We rejoice in the wonderful progress of the anti-liquor movement during recent months and years. Two-thirds of the counties and over one-third of the states in the union are now under prohibition law. Over one-half the people in the United States live under a no-license umbrella. We believe that under the leadership and favor of God, the time is not far distant when constitutional prohibition will make this a saloonless nation and the stars and stripes a stainless flag.

We most heartily endorse the plans and work of the Methodist Temperance Society, under the leadership of the Rev. Clarence True Wilson, D. D., and urge that every pastor do his utmost to raise his apportionment for its support in full. We also urge most emphatically that every pastor in the North Carolina Conference unite enthusiastically in the society's plans for organization of Sunday schools into temperance societies, and pledge all Methodists to be total abstainers.

We are delighted with the success attained by the Rev. J. N. C. Coggin in the temperance society work, and recommend that our pastors co-operate with him in the work among our people.

Resolved, therefore, that we will stand by and support the great movement—the temperance cause.

G. W. Morehead,
N. S. T. Shamborguer,
J. A. Laughlin.

FREEDMEN'S AID

We, the committee of the Freedmen's Aid and Jubilee movement, beg to make the following report:

Whereas, The Methodist Episcopal Church has been working with untiring zeal to remove the shackle of ignorance and to bring to the sons of the freedman the light of Christian civilization; and,

Whereas, Bennett College, Kent and Allen Homes stand out against ignorance and for the higher education of the sons and daughters of the freedman; and,

Whereas, Secretary Penn has so well filled his office in raising money for this great cause; be it

Resolved, That the members of the N. C. Conference pledge to give our co-operation and support to the movement by continuing to push with untiring zeal every effort to meet our obligations.

Respectfully submitted,

Noah M. Black,
W. M. Crawford,
N. S. T. Shamborguer.

ALLEN HOME

As visitors, appointed by the last session of the North Carolina Conference to the Allen Industrial Home School, located at Asheville, N. C., it is our pleasure to make the following report of our observations and impressions:

The high ideals of the school, the beauty of the location and buildings, the work of the faculty in giving to the church and

race well equipped young women, thoroughly prepared for further study or for the practical tests of life, were never more in evidence than at the present time.

We were pleased to note the thoroughness of the work done and the marked improvement and individual strength and bearing of the student body, and the fine moral and religious sentiment pervading the whole school.

The splendid work of the faculty commends the school to all who desire the best for our girls. The course of study has been raised and provides suitable preparation for admission to the best colleges and universities in the South. The graduates of the institution experience no difficulty in passing the state's examination for teachers. At the Buncombe County Examination held last summer for teachers, the highest percentage made by any of the many applicants for license to teach, was made by a recent graduate of Allen Home. Some of these applicants were graduates of the largest and best schools of the South.

The Bible is taught as a part of the regular course. Daily religious services are held in the school's beautiful chapel. To all this is added the careful personal supervision of Miss Alsie B. Dole, who for almost a generation has been the devoted and wonderfully efficient superintendent of the institution.

We were pleased to note also that many important improvements have recently been made. The buildings have been renovated within and without, shower baths and all the conveniences usually found in a modern, up-to-date school for girls, have been installed.

It gives us pleasure to report that the proposed Deaconess Training School for the special training of young women for Christian work, is now a reality. The school is in operation in connection with Allen Home. Miss Ruby Craig, a graduate of the famous Kansas City Training School for Deaconesses, is the preceptress in charge. Associated with her is Miss Rose White, a specialist in kindergarten methods. These ladies have the immediate supervision of this school. We found the course of study to be comprehensive and thorough, the young women in training of earnest purpose and deep consecration.

It is the conviction of the committee that, morally, spiritually and intellectually considered, there is no better school for girls to be found anywhere than at Allen Home. The committee finds no hesitancy in commending Allen Home to the confidence of Methodism and to the Christian public everywhere.

A. H. Newsome,
E. I. S. Swann,
C. K. Brown.

COMPLIMENTARY

Whereas, This session of the North Carolina Conference has been one of such intense interest and gracious benefits to the ministers and to the laity, because of the able and courteous manner in which Bishop Luther B. Wilson has administered the affairs of this Conference, notwithstanding the stress and continuous strain of numberless items of business clamoring for attention from first to last; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we express our pleasure in the presiding of Bishop Wilson, and that we pray that his health may be preserved and his usefulness prolonged.

Resolved, That we express our hearty thanks to Dr. H. L. Ashe, his devoted assistant, officials, janitors and the members of St. Paul and Mt. Pleasant and St. James, and our sister churches, who have so efficiently and so courteously looked after the comforts and needs of this Conference; to the choir for their sweet music rendered at our anniversaries; to Drs. Lucas, Martin, Hingely, Hartman and Jacobs, who honored us by their presence as well as thrilled us by their timely and helpful addresses; to our secretaries, statisticians and treasurers for their untiring, patient and painstaking labors; to the banks and post office for the valuable favors shown us; to Prof. Lovell and the representative of the Associated Press for their efforts in bringing the news of the Conference each day to the citizens of Winston-Salem and to the entire territory covered by our great Conference.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to the Winston Industrial Insurance Company, which, through its representative, Mr. J. Blume, so graciously tendered the use of its offices for our committee work and for the comfort and convenience of our Conference.

And now may the God of all grace continue to graciously bless any and all, from far and near, who have in any manner whatsoever added anything to this epoch-making Conference.

G. Haven Caldwell,

C. K. Brown,

W. H. Webster.

REPORTS

To the Conference Board of Stewards of the North Carolina Conference in session at Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 1st, 1915:

Amount received last Conference for Clark children, and creditors, \$70.00. Expended as follows:

Clark children	\$23.40
Walter Fuller	2.50
Ed McAden	1.50
T. C. Lee & Company	22.56
A. H. Harris	10.00
John A. White	7.50
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Total	\$67.46
Returned herewith to Board of Stewards	2.54
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Total	\$70.00

Signed,

R. T. Weatherby.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS

Receipts

Dividend from the Book Concern	\$1360.00
Income from Annual Conference investments for cases of necessity	7.50
Conference collections	234.00
Dividend from connectional relief	200.00
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Total	\$1801.50

Disbursements

To the Conference Treasurer, 5 per cent. of Conference collections for the Board of Conf. Claimants	\$ 11.70
C. W. Blaylock (Self)	100.00
F. L. Bost (Self)	60.00
D. Brooks (Self)	126.00
L. B. Gibson (Self)	122.00
J. D. Hairston (M. M. Jones)	67.00
S. M. Hanes (Self)	136.00
Elisha Howard (M. M. Jones)	100.00
J. H. Hunter (Self)	49.00
W. P. Hayes (Self)	110.00
W. A. Pryor (Self)	65.00
H. O. Frederick (Self)	80.00
L. W. Thomas (Self)	50.00

L. G. McDonald (J. P. Morris)	88.00
Mrs. J. L. Dickson (Self)	50.00
Mrs. S. A. Gibson and children (M. M. Jones)	66.00
Mrs. C. Harshaw (A. H. Newsome)	73.00
Mrs. S. L. Johnson (M. M. Jones)	40.00
Mrs. O. Letterlough (W. P. Hayes)	50.00
Mrs. E. McDaniel and children (T. C. Frasier)	78.00
Mrs. Cora McNeil (Self)	13.00
Mrs. J. C. Prince and children (R. W. Winchester)	97.00
Mrs. J. W. Davis and children (Self)	100.00
McNeil children (S. A. Peeler)	38.00
Clark children (R. T. Weatherby)	31.00
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Total	\$1800.70
Balance on hand80
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	\$1801.50

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICITY

Brought over from last year	\$38.50
Collected at Conference	51.00
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Total	\$89.50

Disbursements

Paid to J. H. Lovell for service	\$20.00
Janitors	10.00
Twin-City Daily Sentinel	8.00
Winston-Salem Journal	8.00
J. W. Wells	1.05
Telegram52
Handling paper	1.50
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Total	\$49.07
Total collected	\$89.50
Total expended	49.07
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Balance on hand	\$40.43

H. L. Ashe,
 R. B. Rhyne,
 J. A. Laughlin,
 G. W. Brower,

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE—1914-1915

The Committee on Publication reported that W. R. Zeigler is due the Conference, \$34.50 for Minutes, and recommended that, in view of the fact that part of this amount is for minutes unsold, he be permitted to settle the debt by paying fifty per cent. of said account—\$17.25.

J. P. Morris,
A. H. Newsome,
S. A. Peeler.
R. W. Winchester,

Greensboro District	Dr.	Cr.
To balance	\$ 6.60	
To 350 Journals	52.50	
By express and mail		\$ 5.25
By Journals not collected for (R. J. Shipp)		3.75
By Journals not collected for (T. C. Frazier) ..		3.00
By Journals not collected for (A. G. Jenkins) ..		3.00
By Journals not collected for (R. T. Weatherby)		3.00
By Journals not collected for (J. H. Garrett) ..		3.00
By check		21.50
By balance		16.60
	\$ 59.10	\$ 59.10

Western District	Dr.	Cr.
To balance	\$ 18.00	
To 350 Journals	52.50	
By check		\$ 38.00
By balance		32.50
	\$ 70.50	\$ 70.50

Winston District	Dr.	Cr.
To 350 Journals	\$ 52.50	
By express and mail		\$ 7.93
By check		44.57
	\$ 52.50	\$ 52.50

Wilmington District	Dr.	Cr.
To balance due from W. R. Zeigler	\$ 82.50	
To 350 Journals	52.50	

By express and mail	\$ 4.90
By Journals uncollected for (G. F. Hill)	3.60
By lost Journals (Rowland)	4.50
By rebate to W. R. Zeigler	64.75
By check	40.00
By balance due from W. R. Zeigler	17.25
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	\$135.00 \$135.00

Receipts

Forwarded	\$ 7.53
Greensboro District	21.50
Western District	38.00
Winston District	44.57
Wilmington District	40.00
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	\$151.60
Balance due Treasurer	1.22
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	\$152.82

Disbursements

To printing 1500 Journals	\$146.25
To interest and war tax	6.57
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	\$152.82

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS

Greensboro District

Central Randolph	\$ 30.00
East Greensboro	40.00
High Street and Raleigh's	140.00
Newport News, Va.	170.00
Norfolk, Va.	200.00
Townesville and Bullock	35.00
Wentworth and Settle's	50.00
Oxford	46.00
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Total	\$711.00

Western District

Asheville	\$130.00
Boone	40.00

Catawba	25.00
Franklin	40.00
Jefferson	20.00
Lenoir Circuit	25.00
Statesville	70.00
West Asheville	65.00
Newton	100.00
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Total	\$515.00

Wilmington District

Charlotte	\$140.00
Goldsboro	80.00
Monroe and Bethel	50.00
New Zion Circuit	66.00
Wilmington	80.00
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Total	\$416.00

Winston District

Advance	\$ 40.00
Red Bank and Mt. Sinai	20.00
Randleman and St. Mark	65.00
Pen Hook and Hales Ford, Va.	32.00
Rocky Mount, Va.	48.00
Salisbury and Morning Star	20.00
South High Point	45.00
Mt. Airy Circuit	43.00
Winston, Mt. Pleasant	45.00
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Total	\$358.00

BOARD OF CONFERENCE TRUSTEES, NOV., 1914

Balance on hand from last year	\$121.78
Interest for twelve months	4.88
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Total	\$126.66
Rent for this year	\$151.00
Improvements	48.60
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Balance	\$102.00
Total on hand	\$229.06

RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Article I.—Name

The name of this organization shall be The Minister's Relief Association of the North Carolina Conference.

Article II.—Object

The object of this Association is to give relief to sick ministers and to aid in swelling the local Conference Claimants Fund, and to appropriate a stipulated amount to the burial expenses of each preacher at his death.

Article III.—Officers

The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and a Board of Directors to be chosen by the Conference.

Article IV.—Membership

Every full member of the North Carolina Conference is eligible to membership in this Association. He shall pay an initiation fee of 50 cents each month thereafter to the treasurer during the Conference year. Any member may pay in advance or may pay his entire fee at the close of the Conference year. Any member paying in advance shall pay but \$5.00 for the year.

Article V.—Election, Term of Office

The officers shall be elected by ballot annually on the third day of the Conference session and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are qualified.

Article VI.—Duties of Officers

The President shall preside at the meetings of the Association, and perform the usual duties of a presiding officer. He shall appoint all committees, the appointment of which is not otherwise provided for. He shall be a member ex-officio of all committees. The Vice-President shall preside at the meetings of the Association whenever the President is absent, or when requested by the President to do so. When so presiding he shall perform the duties of the President. The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to all correspondence and shall be the general manager of affairs pertaining to the office duties. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all the meetings of the Association and record all its proceedings. The Treasurer shall have charge of all the monies belonging to the Association, shall

MONEY TO BE RAISED

WINSTON DISTRICT		Foreign Missions	Home Missions and Church Extension	Freedmen's Aid	Board of Education, Public Collection	Board of Education-Children's Fund	Conference Educational Collection	Board of Sunday Schools	Board of Conference Claimants (Chicago)	Conference Claimants	Temperance	W. F. M. Society	W. H. M. Society	Bible Society	Epworth League	Episcopal Fund	General Conference Expenses	Southwestern Christian Advocate
Ice	42	37	6	5	3	5	3	3	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	10	
oro and Mitchell	46	40	7	5	3	10	6	3	12	1	1	1	1	1	12	7	15	
ank and Mt. Sinai	6	5	1	1	2	3	2	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	4	
omasville Circuit	16	14	12	2	3	10	4	4	12	1	1	1	1	1	7	3	10	
Point	76	66	12	9	4	15	5	5	15	2	2	2	2	2	12	15	20	
rsville	16	14	12	2	1	5	2	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	7	7	10	
gton and Thomasville	71	62	9	9	5	15	5	5	15	2	2	2	2	2	12	15	20	
ville	41	36	3	3	5	10	4	5	10	1	1	1	1	1	12	5	25	
on and Stoneville	52	46	6	6	4	4	10	5	10	2	2	2	2	2	5	5	15	
on Circuit	28	24	3	3	2	2	5	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	5	4	5	
ry and Pilot	55	48	3	6	4	10	5	4	10	2	2	2	2	2	10	3	10	
ry Circuit	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	
ook and Hale's Ford	31	27	4	4	1	3	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	4	5	
eman and St. Mark	29	25	4	3	2	3	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	5	
Mt. and Boone's Mill	18	16	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	2	
ry and Morning Star	10	8	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	3	
High Point	44	36	6	4	2	10	5	4	8	1	1	1	1	1	4	7	15	
y and Liberty	33	29	5	4	2	10	3	3	7	1	1	1	1	1	4	6	10	
it Cove	33	29	5	4	2	10	3	3	7	1	1	1	1	1	4	7	15	
on-Mt. Pleasant	27	22	6	6	3	10	5	4	8	1	1	1	1	1	7	7	10	
ames	37	23	4	3	3	10	5	4	8	1	1	1	1	1	7	7	15	
Paul	120	104	13	14	6	15	15	7	40	3	3	3	3	2	17	20	35	
a Mission	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	

MONEY TO BE RAISED

WESTERN DISTRICT		Board of Foreign Missions	Board of Home Miss. and Church Ex. son	Freedmen's Aid Society	Board of Sunday Schools	Board of Education (General Collection)	American Bible Society	Church Temperance Society	(c) Conference Claimants	(a) Permanent Fund	Episcopal Fund	Conference Claimants	Bennett College	Epworth League	Children's Fund	General Conference	Southwestern Christian Advocate
ille	72	62	12	8	6	4	2	5	6	2	10	2	5	3	5	28	
Mountain	3	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	8	
o	6	5	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	3	10	
ner and King's Mountain	52	42	12	8	6	4	2	5	6	6	10	2	5	3	5	30	
ba and Mt. Morn	6	3	4	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	2	2	4	10	
City and Brooks	69	60	10	3	5	4	1	1	3	3	10	3	10	3	5	25	
lin	17	15	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	10	
ia and Mt. Holley	58	50	9	7	4	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	5	3	15	
ersonville	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	
ry	59	51	9	7	4	3	3	3	3	3	10	3	3	3	8	25	
on	13	11	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	10	
ircuit	60	50	11	9	5	4	2	3	2	2	9	2	6	3	3	25	
ville	60	52	9	7	5	3	2	3	3	3	12	3	7	5	5	10	
ale	35	30	6	5	4	2	2	2	2	2	10	2	6	4	3	25	
nton and Stanley	15	10	3	4	3	2	2	1	1	1	8	2	2	2	2	25	
elah	42	36	6	5	3	2	2	2	2	2	10	3	5	3	3	15	
l	45	36	7	5	3	2	2	2	2	2	10	3	5	3	3	25	
l Circuit	21	23	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	15	
w	39	34	6	5	3	2	1	1	2	2	6	2	1	1	1	25	
l	5	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	3	1	10	
boro and B. Town	10	9	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	2	2	1	10	
a	42	36	6	5	3	2	2	2	2	2	5	2	2	2	2	20	
l's Ford	57	49	9	7	4	3	2	3	3	3	12	3	5	3	3	25	
ille	33	29	5	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	20	
and Cherryville	25	20	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	9	2	2	2	2	20	
sheville	45	39	5	6	4	2	2	2	2	2	9	2	2	2	2	20	
boro	45	39	7	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	10	3	5	2	2	20	

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT—WESTERN DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES

NAMES OF CHARGES	Board of For'n		H. M. & Ch. Exten.		B'd of Edu'on		S. S.		An. C. Investments	Church Tem. Soc.	W. F. M. Society	Cash	W. H. M. S.		Amer. Bible. Soc.	C'y Mis.or Ch. Ex. So.	Gen. Of. Exp. E. L.	Total Disc. Benev.	Sick	Total Benev.	Sup Conf. Claim'ts	Support of Bishops	Gen. Conf. Exp.	Grand Total		
	Church	Special Gifts	Church	Special Gifts	Public Rd. Col.	Children's Fund	Cont. Educat'l Col.	Church					S. S. (Total)	Supplies											M. S.	H. S.
Asheville	3	5	7	5	18	9	8	6	1	1	2	2	2	2	5	67	5	67	67	6	6	4	77			
Black Mountain	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	11	11	1	1	1	14			
Boone	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	3	6	6	3	2	1	12			
Catawba and Mt. Morn	5	6	5	4	2	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	9	30	30	9	2	2	1	30			
Cherryville and King's Mountain	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	40	9	40	40	5	3	2	50			
Franklin	15	10	10	3	5	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	43	15	43	58	4	7	3	72			
Forest City	14	10	10	3	5	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	10	37	47	1	2	1	51			
Gastonia and Bessemer	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	5			
Hendersonville and Beaver Dam	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	23	24	24	3	5	3	5	5			
Hickory	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	23	23	23	2	2	2	1	28			
Jefferson	5	4	3	4	9	5	7	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	12	12	1	2	1	16				
Jonesville	5	4	3	4	9	5	7	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	5	61	5	61	61	3	3	3	70			
Lenoir	2	5	5	3	5	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	28	28	28	1	1	1	30				
Lenoir Circuit	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	23	23	23	4	2	2	31				
Lewisville	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6	6	6	6	2	2	2	10			
Machpelar	9	1	7	6	6	2	5	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	37	37	37	37	4	6	1	48				
Marion	5	5	4	3	3	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	28	28	28	3	3	2	42				
Marion Circuit	2	10	10	10	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	12	12	3	3	2	14				
Mayhew	10	5	5	5	7	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	57	100	157	157	4	4	2	167				
Newton	8	6	6	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	45	45	45	45	2	2	1	50				
Statesville and Philadelphia	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	27	27	27	2	2	2	31				
Shelby and Lawndale	9	5	4	4	3	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6	6	6	4	6	1	10				
Sherrill's Ford	2	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	28	28	28	3	3	2	34				
West Asheville	12	12	10	10	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12	12	12	2	2	2	14				
Wilkesboro	10	5	5	5	7	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	57	100	157	157	4	4	2	167				
Yadkin Mission	8	6	6	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	45	45	45	45	2	2	1	50				
	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	27	27	27	2	2	2	31				
	111	58	1	3	58	98	24	18	9	29	31	22	16	14	2	21	18	1	21	643	131	774	50	58	20	908

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

NAME OF CHARGES AND PASTORS	Sup. of Pastor—Total		Rental Value of Parson- age	Deficiency	Sup. of Dist. Superin- tendent—Claim		Sup. of Dist. Superin- tendent—Paid		Sup. of Bishop—Claim		Sup. of Bishop—Paid		Sup. Conf. Claim 't Claim		Sup. Conf. Claim 't Paid		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency
	Claim Inc.	House Rent			Claim Inc.	House Rent	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid		
1 Berkley & Oakwood, C. H. Walden	500	200		300	64	38			6	4	6	4	246	330				
2 Burlington, J. M. Aldridge				140	65	55			8	4	7	4	348	157				
3 Central Randolph, M. J. Bullock	500	400		100	60	45			8	5	5	3	453	120				
4 Empire, D. M. McRae	600	580		20	92	92			9	9	4	4	685	20				
5 Greensboro—East, M. C. Laughlin	650	535		115	120	96			11	6	7	5	642	146				
6 High St. & Raleigh's, S. F. B. Peace	1200	1200	200		170	170			10				61386					
7 Northwest, G. W. Byers	525	429		96	75	65			8	7	10	7	507	111				
8 St. Matthews, R. T. Weatherby	480	425		55	80	65			7	2	8	3	495	80				
9 South, W. T. Lomax																		
10 Southwest, A. W. McMaster																		
11 Henderson & Creedmoor, A. S. Green	230	130		100		14			1	1	1	1	146	100				
12 Jackson & Rankin, J. H. Garrett	698	698	48		85	85			8				799					
13 Leaksville, J. W. Wells	360	317	60	43	44	44			8	1	6	1	363	55				
14 Norfolk, Va., J. C. Robbins	492	430	42	62	48	48			5	5	4	4	487	62				
15 Oxford, A. G. Jenkins	511	334	36	177	88	88			9	5	2	2	429	181				
16 Pleasant R. & N'port N., Va., J. A. M'Nair																		
17 Portsmouth, Va., O. J. Bethea	450	357		83	60	50			3			4	414	93				
18 Ramseur, R. J. Shipp	622	514	60	87	60	46			5	2	7	3	514	108				
19 Reidsville, G. W. Brower	450	450			75	72			8	6	5	3	531	4				
20 Reidsville Circuit, R. D. Bethea	560	335	60	225	60	40			9	9	6	6	490	245				
21 Townsville & Bullock, T. C. Frazier	430	425		105	68	53			6	3	4	2	383	125				
22 Wentworth & Settles, E. H. McArthur	450	450			68	68			3	3	4	4	525					
23 West Raleigh, G. H. Caldwell																		
Total	10233	8394	506	1708	1382	1234	111	95	86	76	96	43	1837					

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1 Asheville, C. K. Brown	720	720	120		56	56			3	6	4		782	
2 Black Mountain, S. B. Cornelius					73	46	35			1	2	1	164	71
3 Boone, J. A. Cherry, Supply	200	127												
4 Buffalo Circuit, L. W. Thomas					20	15	15			2	2	4	175	22
5 Catawba & Mt. Morn, Henry Fink	175	155												
6 Forest City & Brooks, W. M. Crawford	635	467	36	166	114	114	3		5				586	166
7 Franklin, A. M. Robertson	300	300			45	42	2		2	1	2		346	3
8 Gastonia & Bessemer, N. M. Black	650	650	50		100	100			3	3	3	5	758	
9 Henderson & Beaver, H. N. Holloway										7		4		
10 Hickory, E. I. S. Swan	525	525	72		60	60	3		6				591	6
11 Jefferson, S. H. Presley, Supply	188	188	12		25	25	1		2	1	1		216	
12 Jonesville, Samuel McDonald	560	371	60	168	65	65	7		5				436	172
13 Lenoir, D. L. Thomas	400	345	40	55	60	60	2		3	5	5		403	58
14 Lenoir Circuit, J. C. Addie	300	300			52	50	5		2	9	2		354	
15 Lowesville Circuit, S. P. West	600	469	45	136	108	100	3		2	9	1		472	145
16 Macpelah & Stanley, J. J. Blanton	500	370	100	130	60	58	3		3	3	3		434	72
17 Marion & Old Fort, S. J. Hayden	350	350			40	40	2		1	5	1		492	
18 Marion Circuit, C. L. Stewart, Sup.	240	240			40	36	2		2				282	3
19 Mayhew Circuit, N. S. T. Shamborguer	454	397	24	50	80	65	6		2	7	2		466	66
20 Newton, W. H. Webster	450	239	50	171	60	60	2		6	5	4		309	176
21 Shelby & Lawndale, R. B. Rhyne	560	560	60		85	85	5		3	10	3		651	4
22 Sherrill's Ford, P. F. Johnson	500	450	30	30	100	100			2	4			552	50
23 Statesville & Phila., W. Ellison	400	345		55	48	30			4				401	73
24 West Asheville, W. E. Clapp	450	338			40	40			1		2		381	62
25 Wilkesboro, B. F. Thomas	500	295	50	105	55	47			7	2			346	112
26 Yadkin Mission, S. R. Gwyn, Sup.										2		1		
27 Cherryville & Kings Mtn., B. L. Burge	455	270		185	51	51	2			7			321	189
Total	10112	8481	749	1344	1395	1334	63	58	95	50	97	28	1450	

WENSBORO DISTRICT

Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Children Baptized Who are Under Instruction as Probs.	Probationers Enrolled During Year	Probats now on Roll	Full Members on Roll	Full Non-Res. Membs	Local Preachers	Deaths during Year	Ep. L. Senior Members	Ep. L. Junior Members	Churches	Church Property						General Conf. Expenses					
												Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Pd on Bldgs & Im. on Ch. & Par'sges	Pd on Old Indebt. on Ch. & Par'sges	Present Indebt. on Ch. & Parsonages	Cur. Ex. Sexton, Fuel, Light, Etc.	Apport'd for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Bal. due for the Quadrennium	Number	
1	1				55						1	1000				250						1	
15	12		12	5	190		1	15	4	4	3050			28	4	15						2	
11	14		12	5	190	35	4	12	2	2	2200			165	4	18						3	
47	5		21	6	192		1	1	11	3	5100			60	22	60						4	
5	22		18	6	180	20	1	2	50	60	8000			103	476	1100						5	
1	16	78	3	20	461		1	4	101	3	5600			100	20	145						6	
12			3	20	214	3	1	9	35	3	50000	1	1500		50000	396						7	
2			12	9	140			12	66	3	5300			50		20				6		8	
7			4	2	78		2	2	40	10	2500					20				7		9	
2	1			2	189	10	1	2	30	2	30	1200			357							10	
2	2			4	46	29	3	2	1	1	2000	1	300	50	104							11	
8	6	4	2	2	102		1	1	1	1	2000	1	250	15	95	659	120					12	
1	3		6	6	124	2	3	1	1	2	2200	1	500	80	4	60	52	4				13	
6	8		13	13	118		2	1	30	28	2500	1	100			25						14	
15	6		46	4	222	6	1	2	15	1	3500	1	1000			40						15	
18			30	4	187	11	2	5	57	3	1500					10						16	
1	3	20	23	26	148	5	1	2	30	4	3500	1	15	175	130	47	60	9	6	3		17	
143	101	108	269	147	3499	129	26	57	536	98	46	11950	9	4615	1287	1011	7722	1476	26	36	8	18	
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WESTERN DISTRICT

	3		6	4	163	35	3	2	35	1	7000	1	2000	110		350	132	3	4			1	
					41	21	1	3	10	31	1	700								1		2	
																							3
																							4
13	21	11	21	13	308	23	1	3	76	53	4	8000	1	500	185		15					5	
8	8				52						1	800			100		25	5					6
7	21	16	28	14	207	7	1	2	54		3	3400	1	900	25		200	92	2	2		7	
					75																		8
3	2	5	5	5	127	68			48	19	1	3500	1	1000	160	84	101	66	4			9	
8	1				61	1		2			2	250			6					1		10	
4		4	6	6	142	14	2	2			1	3000	1	900		100	5	10				11	
	5	5	36	30	106	14	2	5	50		1	6000	1	1000	75		100					12	
6	13	13	12	12	223	11	1	2	15		1	2900			50	25	35	7	5	1		13	
6	14	33	37	31	251		3	3	56		2	3500	1	350	350	160	460	50	3	1		14	
13	24	25	15	58	198		1	1	40	21	3	3500	1	450	25	36	58	40				15	
1	8		2	2	77	46		1	28		2	2000	1	800	380	5	182	70		3		16	
1	6		6	6	97						3	1500	1			144		10		2		17	
11	15	45	30	22	225	12		4			4	3600	1	150	66	4	35	10				18	
5	5	3	8	3	111	10	2	2	35		3	3000	1	500	50			50		1		19	
5	17	17	19	33	203	4	1	4	38	46	2	3000	1	500	61		41	48	4	2		20	
12	32	32	25	15	310		5	6	60		2	3300	1	300				25	12			21	
5		12	18	18	80	50		2	25	10	2	1750			132		40			2		22	
7			10	10	95	15		2	24		2	3500	1	400	24	20	56	36	2	2		23	
10	15		43	35	149	12	1	1	13	15	3	2500			80	15	20	45				24	
2	3	10	6	6	118		1	2			5	1740			82	150	700	20				25	
131	222	237	345	328	3475	343	25	50	658	177	47	70440	15	11756	2251	743	2408	753	37	26	4	26	

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

NAME OF CHARGE AND PASTOR	Sup. of Pastor—Total	Sup. of Pastor—Total	Rental Value of Parson-	Deficiency	Sup. of Dist. Superin-	Sup. of Dist. Superin-	Sup. of Bishop—Claim	Sup. of Bishop—Paid	Sup. Conf. Claim't Claim	Sup. Conf. Claim't Paid	Total Paid for	Total	Deficiency
	Claim Inc. House Rent	Inc. House Rent	age		tendent—Claim	tendent—Paid				Ministerial Support			
1 Advance, S. R. McCorkle	436	436	36	...	50	50	3	3	3	2	491	100	
2 Asheboro & Mitchell, D. C. Skeen	375	375	25	...	72	65	4	4	12	6	452	...	
3 Dennis & Red Bank, C. E. Howard	80	60	...	20	20	10	2	1	5	...	107	27	
4 Denton, Frank Parker	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5 E. Thomasville & Midway, J. W. Jones	600	450	...	150	65	56	5	3	4	2	674	165	
6 High Point, P. J. Cook	698	698	30	...	80	80	...	3	4	4	780	86	
7 Kernersville, W. M. Chavis	536	225	36	225	60	60	3	...	3	3	560	285	
8 Lexington & Thomasville, N. J. Pass	675	675	...	...	100	100	...	2	...	10	775	...	
9 Madlson & Stoneville, W. W. Pope	500	459	30	49	76	76	6	5	10	...	622	54	
10 Madison Circuit, E. L. Gilreath	320	219	...	181	60	45	1	...	16	...	380	181	
11 Mt. Airy & Pilot Mtn., P. I. Wells	560	500	60	60	65	65	3	2	10	6	578	86	
12 Mt. Airy Circuit, J. C. Brower	100	68	...	32	12	9	...	...	...	...	77	23	
13 Penhook, A. B. Leonard	420	97	36	333	60	50	3	1	3	...	149	347	
14 Randleman & St. Mark, A. B. McQueen	400	140	...	253	50	45	3	2	5	3	250	240	
15 Rocky Mount, C. B. Love	150	65	18	35	42	33	...	...	...	...	98	94	
16 Salisbury & Morning Star, Green Hoover	125	55	...	70	25	14	...	1	...	...	69	70	
17 S. High Point, G. W. Morehead	548	320	48	180	40	40	3	2	6	2	364	185	
18 Trinity & Liberty, W. O. Thomas	300	270	...	80	30	45	2	1	5	...	320	87	
19 Walnut Cove, A. E. Robinson	400	220	40	150	60	57	2	2	5	2	320	157	
20 Winston—Mt. Pleasant, W. B. Scales	500	375	...	105	56	52	2	...	3	3	447	133	
21 St. James, S. L. May	500	359	...	141	60	60	4	2	2	2	423	143	
22 St. Paul, H. L. Ashe	1133	1133	200	200	15	6	5	5	1335	...	
8774 7169 359 2064 1303 1212 61 42 94 47 9271 2278													

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1 Charlotte, M. M. Jones	930	750	150	180	80	55	8	3	10	5	813	215	
2 Fayetteville & Pembroke	100	76	...	34	13	10	2	2	...	2	90	...	
3 Goldsboro & New Bern, D. A. Williams	290	53	65	237	25	2	1	...	1	...	317	362	
4 Hamlet & Philadelphia, W. P. Haynes	...	219	48	...	...	...	5	3	5	5	227	...	
5 Hoffman & Sand Hills, E. L. Fletcher, S'p	125	125	...	...	8	4	1	1	2	1	131	5	
6 Johns & Beaver Dam, G. F. Hill	600	490	...	110	56	45	7	...	6	2	699	162	
7 Laurinburg & Cool Sp'gs, J. A. Laughlin	1020	1050	150	...	160	160	8	10	8	10	1226	...	
8 Lumberton & Beauty Spot, J. W. Simpson	760	760	60	...	122	112	6	6	7	7	885	10	
9 Maxton & Piney Grove, W. M. Wells	896	896	96	...	120	120	12	12	10	10	1038	...	
10 Mt. Zion & Bowmore, Robert Smith	850	639	...	211	135	120	6	6	10	...	865	236	
11 Monroe & Bethel, H. O. Frederick	...	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	5	...	
12 New Zion Circuit, Marcus Mundy	500	252	...	248	40	24	...	2	...	2	280	...	
13 Red Springs Circuit, J. D. Murphy	721	671	21	50	84	84	4	4	5	5	764	50	
14 Rowland & Salem, W. R. Zeigler	769	769	84	...	120	120	12	8	12	6	903	10	
15 Sanford Circuit, L. D. McQueen	500	261	...	39	40	36	...	...	12	...	297	55	
16 Vass & McCrimmon, M. Covington, Sup.	100	60	...	40	10	4	...	...	1	1	65	46	
17 Wilmington, J. A. Baxter	300	300	...	...	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
18 Wilmington Circuit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
| 849 | 7172 | 674 | 1149 | 1055 | 910 | 72 | 57 | 89 | 56 | 8606 | 451													

STON DISTRICT

Adults Baptized	Baptized Children	Baptized Children Who are Under Instruction as Proba.	Probationers Enrolled During Year	Prob's Now on Roll	Full Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Local Preachers	Deaths During Year	Senior Epworth	Junior Epworth	Churches	Church Property								General Conf. Expenses			
												Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Pd on Bldgs & Imp. on Ch. & Par's ges	Pd on Old Indeb. on Ch. & Par's ges	Present Indeb. on Ch. & Parsonages	Cur. Exp. Sexton, Fuel, Light, Etc.	Apport'd for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Bal. due on the Quadrennium	Number	
33	5	9	4	24	115	6	2	4	4	2	2	3500	1	500	...	...	...	18	3	2	1	1
5	4	4	5	2	124	32	1	2	27	10	2	2800	1	1000	...	...	50	3	4	...	2	2
13	36	...	...	...	191	...	...	...	...	...	3	2000	...	...	60	...	81	4	...	...	4	4
24	...	...	...	...	310	8	3	3	40	1	1	7000	1	500	...	500	297	150	...	...	6	6
6	...	17	23	18	125	5	3	6	...	3	3	2000	...	300	80	18	45	...	1	1	7	7	
12	15	...	15	...	267	2	2	1	35	...	2	1006	1	300	...	81	100	...	5	5	8	8	
14	4	4	3	3	167	2	2	1	40	10	2	5500	1	500	60	30	18	...	...	...	10	10
15	...	4	4	4	133	1	1	3	40	...	2	5000	1	500	75	...	80	...	...	...	11	11
19	...	...	11	11	48	...	...	2	...	...	2	300	1	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	12	12
32	1	...	37	...	207	...	...	3	...	...	2	1000	...	...	100	...	8	3	1	...	13	13
8	6	...	8	4	73	4	...	2	...	...	3	1600	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	14	14
...	...	...	2	...	46	5	1	2	...	...	2	1000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	15
6	18	18	20	3	47	15	1	1	37	23	1	600	...	...	...	...	48	3	1	...	16	16
18	20	18	20	8	92	12	3	2	18	20	2	3000	1	500	22	193	...	20	3	3	...	18	18
28	5	...	32	3	141	...	2	1	...	...	3	1500	...	85	...	60	30	8	2	...	6	6
...	...	...	...	...	148	11	2	2	...	...	2	2000	1	500	60	...	40	30	8	2	6	19
30	21	24	24	...	142	2	22	2	2	3500	...	1836	...	500	80	...	7	2	...	20	20
5	4	...	5	12	190	...	1	7	33	...	3	3700	...	400	700	700	30	7	1	...	6	21	
52	143	...	85	251	105	3400	142	31	44	292	63	46	93970	9	4600	3450	1791	4495	1318	41	32	19	

MINGTON DISTRICT

...	5	12	20	25	180	15	2	10	45	20	1	20000	1	2000	100	200	350	325	...	...	...	1	1
8	...	...	9	1	34	...	1	...	...	...	1	600	...	...	7	...	118	...	...	1	...	2	2
...	...	...	1	2	39	3	...	1	...	...	2	3000	...	...	...	3	90	2	1	...	1	3	3
...	...	...	3	...	185	...	3	4	...	...	2	3500	1	500	...	...	32	5	2	...	3	4	4
...	5	...	3	3	24	2	...	...	...	...	2	700	...	...	75	...	7	...	1	1	...	5	5
25	20	...	4	...	156	...	2	...	21	...	1	2800	...	...	...	...	21	3	2	...	1	6	6
...	34	34	75	65	508	26	3	8	75	25	2	4000	1	900	50	100	...	110	...	5	...	7	7
18	31	8	39	39	713	31	4	11	133	...	2	4000	1	900	423	...	239	78	5	...	8	8	
70	34	23	98	7	393	...	6	11	26	...	2	7500	1	600	126	67	60	133	...	5	...	9	9
3	8	3	5	...	23	20	...	1	...	...	1	100	...	...	...	...	84	18	...	...	...	10	10
8	...	...	26	13	130	...	1	3	...	...	4	3000	...	...	...	...	20	...	1	...	...	11	11
18	11	...	34	14	304	12	1	3	65	...	3	2200	1	500	10	...	50	40	...	...	...	12	12
2	7	27	22	35	331	17	7	3	2	35	2	3000	1	800	40	32	...	75	5	2	...	13	13
8	6	6	6	4	116	5	...	...	...	...	3	2500	...	...	...	...	10	2	1	...	1	15	15
3	...	...	...	...	26	...	...	...	...	...	1	300	...	...	10	...	3	...	...	...	...	16	16
8	...	...	10	2	49	6	2	3	1	...	1	700	1	400	...	70	120	18	...	...	...	17	17
71	159	113	385	225	1357	149	37	65	440	80	33	62700	9	7100	855	472	1118	885	22	20	9	9	

HISTORICAL VIEW SINCE ORGANIZATION IN 1836

From the organization of Methodism in America, the work in North Carolina was continued in Virginia, and afterwards in the Virginia and South Carolina Conferences. In the year 1836 the General Conference set up North Carolina Conference. Its first session opened as a part of the Virginia Conference, but when it adjourned there were two Conferences.

DATE	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY	PREACHERS	IN CLASS	EDIFICES
*1 February 8, 1837	Petersburg, Va.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2 January 31, 1838	Greensboro	Morris	G. H. Leigh	.....	16208	14
3 January 26, 1839	Louisburg	Andrews	G. H. Leigh	.....	20030	28
4 January 29, 1840	Newbern	Morris	G. H. Leigh	.....	20225	69
5 December 20, 1840	Mocksville	Morris	S. S. Bryant	.....	20579	79
6 October 26, 1841	Raleigh	.....	S. S. Bryant	.....	21247	79
7 October 26, 1842	Louisburg	Waugh	S. S. Bryant	.....	22351	97
8 October 25, 1843	Halifax	Morris	S. S. Bryant	.....	22843	104
9 December 4, 1844	Pittsburg	Soule	S. S. Bryant	.....	25389	106
*2						
10 January 14, 1868	Union Chapel	James	Wm. G. Matton	16	3229	14
11 January 6, 1869	High Point	Ames	Wm. G. Matton	17	4106	28
12 December 20, 1871	Lincolnton	Simpson	Wm. G. Matton	28	4560	69
13 December 28, 1872	Greensboro	Simpson	Wm. G. Matton	36	8411	79
14 January 8, 1873	Charlotte	Ames	Wm. G. Matton	37	8266	79
15 January 7, 1874	Lexington	Hayden	Wm. G. Matton	35	9531	100
16 January 5, 1875	Greensboro	Wiley	Wm. G. Matton	44	8582	97
17 January 5, 1876	Winston	Foster	Wm. G. Matton	44	9717	104
18 January 10, 1877	Wilmington	Harris	Wm. G. Matton	47	10171	106
19 January 24, 1878	Lumberton	Scott	E. O. Thayer	42	8525	112
20 January 30, 1879	Greensboro	Peck	E. O. Thayer	3*46	8525	127
21 February 4, 1880	High Point	Simpson	E. O. Thayer	39	9854	97
22 January 27, 1881	Raleigh	Warren	E. O. Thayer	34	7012	97
23 January 26, 1882	Laurinburg	Foster	W. F. Steele	30	7338	93
24 January 31, 1883	Winston	Merrill	W. F. Steele	37	7488	87
25 February 6, 1884	Greensboro	Bowman	W. F. Steele	37	7761	94
26 February 5, 1885	Lumberton	Andrews	W. F. Steele	41	8167	96
27 February 11, 1886	Charlotte	Ninde	W. F. Steele	43	8371	95
28 October 14, 1886	Raleigh	Walden	W. F. Steele	44	8424	95
29 October 27, 1887	High Point	Mallalieu	W. F. Steele	49	8664	100
30 October 25, 1888	Lenoir	Fitzgerald	C. N. Grandison	52	8948	115

31	October 25, 1889	Goldsboro	Joyce	C. N. Grandison	54	8084
32	October 23, 1890	Maxton	Joyce	C. N. Grandison	60	.....
33	October 15, 1891	Winston	Warren	C. N. Grandison	63	.....
34	October 20, 1892	Redsville	Foss	J. P. Morris	65	8200
35	October 19, 1893	Lexington	Hurst	J. P. Morris	66	8096
36	October 4, 1894	Oxford	Foster	J. P. Morris	70	8106
37	October 16, 1895	Greensboro	Mallalieu	J. P. Morris	73	9612
38	September 17, 1896	Charlotte	Mallalieu	R. W. S. Thomas	77	8884
39	October 7, 1897	Laurinburg	Andrews	R. W. S. Thomas	74	.....
40	October 13, 1898	Lenoir	Mallalieu	R. W. S. Thomas	77	12751
41	October 12, 1899	Winston	Fowler	R. W. S. Thomas	73	133
42	October 11, 1900	Redsville	Foss	R. E. Jones	76	9525
43	October 17, 1901	High Point	Goodsell	R. E. Jones	76	10579
44	October 16, 1902	Mount Airy	Walden	R. E. Jones	78	10579
45	October 14, 1903	Greensboro	Joyce	R. E. Jones	80	14555
46	October 13, 1904	Hickory	Fitzgerald	R. E. Jones	84	151
47	October 12, 1905	Maxton	Grantson	S. A. Peeler	88	11109
48	October 11, 1906	Ashville	Burt	S. A. Peeler	76	9773
49	October 17, 1907	Winston	Spellmeyer	S. A. Peeler	76	11894
50	October 16, 1908	Charlotte	Eristol	S. A. Peeler	79	10222
51	October 14, 1909	High Point	Moore	S. A. Peeler	31	10547
52	October 6, 1910	Leaksville	Neely	S. A. Peeler	76	11063
53	October 12, 1911	Greensboro	Anderson	S. A. Peeler	78	10984
54	October 2-7, 1912	Lenoir	Henderson	S. A. Peeler	84	11499
55	November 20-23, 1913	Maxton	Henderson	S. A. Peeler	79	12278
56	November 26-30, 1914	Thomasville	Henderson	S. A. Peeler	85	12799
57	December 1-4, 1915	Winston	Wilson	G. Haven Caldwell	86	.....
					91	13921

*Facts for the first nine sessions are gleaned from the General Minutes and from the Conference Journal for those years, which is now in custody of the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South.

2* At this date the Conference had 19,459 white members and 3,390 colored. Without consulting the wisdom of the latter, nearly the whole membership became part of a new church, organized in May, 1845, and called the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Some entered the A. M. E. Church, some the Colored M. E. Church of America; but thousands gladly returned to the bosom of the old Methodist Episcopal Church, as it returned to the State.

3* At this session a new Conference—the Blue Ridge—was formed, with twelve preachers, 2,839 members and probationers, and 41 church edifices.

CROWNED FELLOW WORKERS

"BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHO DIED IN THE LORD"

Born	NAME	Admitted to Conferece	Effective	DEPARTED WHEN AND WHERE
1816	Harry F. Pope	1870	7	May 23, 1879 .....Greensboro
1820	Mingo G. Croom	1874	7	March 17, 1881 .....Wilmington
....	Geo. W. Price	1871	10	September 12, 1881 ....Charlotte
....	Richard Waters	1875	7	March 29, 1883 .....Maxton
1821	Matthew Alston	1870	14	April 1, 1884 .....Greensboro
....	Nelson Farror	1871	4	January 9, 1887 .....Raleigh
1816	James Payne	1878	9	April 1, 1888 .....Greensboro
1825	A. M. Turner	1874	16	August, 1888 .....Raleigh
....	Josiah Caldicutt	1871	16	August 12, 1890 .....Marion
....	Geo. W. Ratcliff	1891	..	1891 Hickory
1830	W. W. Morgan	1872	27	September 16, 1892..Kernersville
1825	Wilson Gray	1877	15	November, 1892 .....Dobson
....	Thomas S. Stitt	1893	1	November, 1894 .....Lexington
1839	W. W. Smith	1888	19	May 20, 1896 .....Lexington
1835	Wiley C. Gibson	1875	23	November 1, 1898 .....Hamlet
1826	Wyatt Walker	1871	26	May 20, 1900 .....Reidsville
1846	O. Letterlough	1889	2	April 20, 1900 .....Maxton
1840	C. Harshaw	1882	16	July 3, 1900 .....Lenoir
....	Samuel L. Johnson ..	1890	12	November 6, 1902 ... Mt. Airy
1818	Andrew Conner	1870	20	February 7, 1903 ....Machpelah
1854	M. C. Rogers	1880	22	July 24, 1903 .....Salem
1841	John E. Chaplain ...	1869	34	October 3, 1903 ....High Point
1837	Isaac Wells	1870	37	February 28, 1907 ....Greensboro
1846	Evander McDaniel ..	1889	18	August 8, 1907 .....Townsville
1867	Jacob C. Prince	1907	4	May 23, 1911 .....Reidsville
1869	John M. McNeil	1902	9	August 5, 1911 .....Rowland
....	W. L. Dixon	1910	2	November 18, 1912 ....Statesville
1852	S. A. Gibson	1890	22	August 22, 1912 ....High Point
1831	David Connell	1871	41	December 15, 1912 ..Greensboro
1863	Alexander Clark	1887	26	June 15, 1913Greensboro
1869	John W. Davis	1893	21	April 14, 1914Laurinburg



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