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## CONFERENCE ROLL.

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Baily, D. D.	Deacon	1902.
Baines, W. C.	Deacon	1905.
Booth, L. N.	Deacon	1907.
Bridgers, J. B.	Elder	1897.
Burgess, A.	Deacon	1907.
Chappell, M. L.	Elder	1897.
Davis, T. S.	Elder	From Blue Ridge.
FitzGerald, A. B.	Deacon	1905.
Gatris, J. H.	Deacon	1902.
Graham, W. Q. A.	Elder	From Blue Ridge.
Graham, W. F.	Deacon	1907.
Hudson, J. A.	Elder	1900.
Johnson, E.	Deacon	1907.
Levister, C. M.	Elder	1897.
Lewis, J. J.	Elder	1900.
Luther, W. H.	Elder	1890.
Plint, W. J.	Elder	1906.
Woodle, W. R.	Deacon	1905.



**ATLANTIC MISSION CONFERENCE  
OF THE  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.  
1907.**

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**OFFICERS:**

President: Bishop L. B. Wilson, D. D.  
Secretary: W. J. Plint, Harkers Island, N. C.  
Statistician: John A. Hudson, Elizabeth City, N. C.  
Treasurer: A. B. Fitzgerald, Marshallberg, N. C.

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**CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.**

**EXAMINERS.**

W. Q. A. Graham, Chairman, T. S. Davis, Registrar  
D. D. Baily, M. L. Chappell, A. B. Fitzgerald, J. A.  
Hudson, C. M. Levister, W. H. Luther.

**BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.**

W. Q. A. Graham, President, D. D. Baily, A. B. Fitz-  
Gerald, E. H. Davis, T. R. Nelson, B. T. Willis.

**TRUSTEES CONFERENCE RELIEF FUND.**

D. D. Baily, T. S. Davis, W. Q. A. Graham, J. A.  
Hudson, W. H. Luther.

**TRIFIERS OF APPEALS.**

T. S. Davis, M. L. Chappell, W. Q. A. Graham, J. J.  
Lewis, C. M. Levister, W. H. Luther.

**DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.**

1. Who have been received by Transfer, and from what Conferences? None.
2. Who have been Readmitted? None.
3. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches? None.
4. Who have been Received on Trial? (a) In studies of the First Year. Ambrose Burgess, Lewis N. Booth, Willard F. Graham, Edward Johnson. (b) In Studies of the Third Year? None.
5. Who have been Continued on Trial? (a) In Studies of the First Year. W. C. Bains. W. R. Woodell. (b) In Studies of Second Year. W. J. Plint (c) In Studies of Third Year. J. H. Garris.
6. Who have been Discontinued? None.
7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?  
(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year? None.  
(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously. A. B. FitzGerald.
8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year? None.
9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year? A. B. FitzGerald. D. D. Baily.
10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study? John A. Hudson.
11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons? (a) As Local Preachers. None. (b) Under Missionary Rule. Ambrose Burgess, Lewis N. Booth Willard F. Graham. Edward Johnson.
12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders? (a) As Local Deacons. George F. Sever.

13. Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?  
Yes, in open Conference.
14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conference? U. S. White to the Central Tennessee Conference.
15. Who have Died? None.
16. Who have been Located at their own Request.  
None.
17. Who have been Located? None.
18. Who have Withdrawn? None.
19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints? None.
20. Who have been Expelled? None.
21. What other personal Notation should be made?  
Alonzo Quick was recognized as a Local Elder.
22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? J. B. Bridgers.
23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? None.
24. Who are the Triers of Appeals? W. Q. A. Graham, W. H. Luther, M. L. Chappell, D. D. Baily, and J. J. Lewis.
25. What is the Statistical Report for this year?  
See tabulated statement.
26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$393.
27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?  
None.
28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied? \$87. in hands of Treasurer of Conference Relief Fund.
29. Where are the Preachers Stationed?

(These appointments all in North Carolina, except where otherwise indicated.)

T. S. DAVIS, Superintendent, Mansfield, N. C.

CHARGE.	POST OFFICE.	PASTOR.
Avon .....	Hatteras .....	E. Johnson.
Bladen .....	Gayton .....	W. C. Baines.
Elizabeth City .....	Elizabeth City .....	J. A. Hudson.
Hamlet.....	Elrol .....	W. R. Woodle.
Harker's Island.....	Harkers Island.....	W. J. Plint.
Marshallberg .....	Marshallberg.....	A. B. FitzGerald.
Morehead City.....	Morehead City.....	D. D. Baily.
Ocracoke .....	Ocracoke.....	A. Burgess.
Pates .....	Pates .....	W. F. Graham
Parmele & Tarboro .....	Parmele.....	M. L. Chappell.
PeeDee .....	Maxton, ...	Sup'd by W. S. Moore.
Powelton .....	Powelton, Va.....	J. H. Garris.
Portsmouth & Pinners..	Pinners, Va .....	W. H. Luther.
Rowlands. ....	Rowlands..	[Sup'd by] G. W. Stancill.
Whaleyville .....	Whaleyvil'e, Va.....	L. N. Booth.
Wildwood. ....	Wildwood, .....	J. J. Lewis
Wiufall .....	Chapanoke ...	(Sup'd by) G. F. Sever.

W. Q. A. Graham, President, The Graham Collegiate Institute, Marshallberg, Member Marshallberg Quarterly Conference

C. M. Levister, Editorial staff Baltimore Methodist, Member Pinners Quarterly Conference.

30. Where shall the Next Conference be held?

Elizabeth City.





*DAILY PROCEEDINGS,*

FIRST DAY.

Tuesday Morning, October 22, 1907.

The Eleventh Annual Session of the Atlantic Mission Conference convened in Pinners Point Methodist Episcopal Church, Pinners, Va., at 10 A. M. October 22, 1907, Bishop L. B. Wilson in the chair. After singing 'Pass Me Not, Oh Gentle Saviour!' and prayer by the Bishop, the Sacrament of Our Lord's Supper was administered, Dr. J. H. Howard, W. H. Luther and T. S. Davis assisting.

T. S. Davis, the Secretary of the last session, called the roll to which the following responded; T. S. Davis, D. D. Baily, W. Q. A. Graham, J. A. Hudson, W. H. Luther.— Probationers; W. C. Eaines, A. B. FitzGerald, W. J. Plint.

On motion, W. J. Plint was elected Secretary and appointed D. D. Baily as his Assistant.

On motion, J. A. Hudson was elected Statistical Secretary and appointed Dr. Graham as his Assistant.

On motion, A. B. FitzGerald was elected Conference Treasurer and appointed W. H. Luther as his Assistant.

On motion, the Rules of Order governing our General Conference were adopted for use during this Session.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:—

Foreign Missions: A. B. FitzGerald, W. R. Woodell

Education: W. Q. A. Graham, T. S. Davis, A. B. FitzGerald.

Home Missions and Church Extension: D. D. Baily, J. A. Hudson.

Board of Education, Freedman's Aid and Sunday Schools: W. J. Plint, W. Q. A. Graham.

Public Worship: W. H. Luther, T. S. Davis.

Conference Stewards: J. J. Lewis, W. C. Baines.

Periodicals: C. M. Levister, J. H. Garris.

Temperance: W. J. Plint, T. S. Davis.

Auditing Committee: M. L. Chappell, A. Burgess.

State of the Church: W. Q. A. Graham, A. B. Fitzgerald, D. D. Baily.

The 13th Question was called and the following examined:

T. S. Davis, Presiding Elder, his character passed, his report read and filed. (See Reports.)

W. Q. A. Graham, his character passed, his Educational Report was reserved.

M. L. Chappell, his character passed, his report reserved account of absence.

J. J. Lewis, his character passed, the Presiding Elder made report of his work.

W. H. Luther, his character passed, verbal report of work rendered.

The 5th Question was called and the following examined:

W. J. Plint, his character passed, report read, the Examining Committee made report and on motion he was continued on Trial and advanced to the Studies of the Second Year.

W. C. Baines, his character passed, report made and on motion he was continued on Trial in Studies of the First Year.

W. R. Woodell, his character passed, the Presiding Elder represented his work and on motion he was continued on Trial in the Studies of the First Year.

J. H. Garris, his character passed and the Presiding Elder represented his work.

A. B. FitzGerald, his character passed, report made and on motion he was continued in the Studies of the Fourth Year with credit of examination.

The 9th Question was called and the following examined:

D. D. Baily, his character passed, he made report and on motion he was continued in the Studies of the Fourth Year with credit of examination.

The 10th Question was called and the following examined:

J. A. Hudson, his character passed, he made his report, the Examining Committee reported and on motion he was elected to Elder's Orders.

Question 14 was called and U. S. White was reported as Transferred to the Central Tennessee Conference.

On motion we adjourned to meet at 2 P. M. Benediction by the Bishop.

#### FIRST DAY. (Afternoon Session.)

Conference called to order by Bishop Wilson, singing of 'Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine' and prayer by D. D. Baily.

The Minutes of the Morning Session were read, corrected and approved.

On motion A. B. FitzGerald was received into full

connection upon the satisfactory answers to the usual questions.

On motion our draft on the Methodist Book Concern was ordered paid to the Treasurer of the Conference Relief Fund.

Question 22 was taken up and J. B. Bridgers was called, his character passed and he was continued in the Supernumerary Relation. On motion he was requested to Locate at the next Session of the Conference.

Question 30 was called. On motion Elizabeth City, N. C. was selected as the place for holding our next Conference. On motion a vote of thanks was tendered Parmele, Pinners and Ocracoke for their kind invitations.

Question 4 was called and after the report of the Examining Committee, on motion A. Burgess, L. N. Booth, W. F. Graham and E. Johnson were received on Trial in the Studies of the First Year.

The 12th Question was called and on motion G. F. Sever was elected to Local Elder's Orders.

The 21st Question was called and on motion the Elders orders of Alonzo Quick, coming from the Methodist Protestant Church were recognized.

Question 11 was called and on motion A. Burgess, L. N. Booth, W. F. Graham and E. Johnson, having answered the questions relative to debt and tobacco to the satisfaction of the Conference, were elected to Deacon's Orders under Missionary Rule.

The 5th Question was called and on motion J. H. Garris was continued on Trial in the Studies of the Third Year.

Questions 15—16—17—18—19—20. None.

M. L. Chappell, J. H. Garris and G. F. Sever made pastoral report.

On motion, the Bishop was requested to appoint C. M. Levister to the Editorial Staff of the Baltimore Methodist.

Dr. Graham read his report as President of The Graham Collegiate Institute.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved; That we require all future examinations in this Conference to be in writing.

Respectfully,

W. Q. A. Graham, J. A. Hudson,

A. B. FitzGerald, W. H. Luther, M. L. Chappell.

The Chair then appointed the following as the Examining Board, viz: W. Q. A. Graham, W. H. Luther, C. M. Levister, T. S. Davis, A. B. FitzGerald, D. D. Baily, J. A. Hudson and M. L. Chappell.

On motion we adjourned to meet at 9.30 A. M. Wednesday the 23rd.

## SECOND DAY.

Wednesday Morning, October. 23, 1907.

Conference met at 9.45, A. M. Devotional services were conducted by A. B. FitzGerald, after which the order of business was resumed. The Journal of the session yesterday afternoon was read, corrected and approved.

The Assistant Secretary read a communication regarding the Episcopal Fund asking that we raise \$39. as our apportionment. A Memorial was also read from the New York Conference relative to an elective

Presiding Eldership. On motion we concur with the Memorial. The following reports were read, and on motion in each case, were adopted. Board of Education, F. A. & S. E. Society, Temperance, Home Missions and Church Extension, Foreign Missions, State of the Church, and the apportionment of money to the various charges.

After most appropriate remarks by the Bishop on the needful threefold character of the pastor of today, viz; to be at his best always, in body, mind and spirit, and further remarks upon the doctrines of the Church A. B. FitzGerald was received into full membership.

The reports of the Statistical Secretary, and Treasurer were read. The Treasurer of the Conference Relief Fund reported \$170.00 remaining in the Treasury. On motion the usual method providing for the publication of the minutes, viz; \$2.00 from each member, probationer, and supply, was adopted.

On motion it was ordered that the printed minutes be our official journal.

On motion we adjourned to meet at 1.30 P. M. The Benediction was pronounced.

### SECOND DAY. (Afternoon Session)

Conference was called to order by Bishop Wilson. After singing 'Jesus lover of my Soul' and prayer by the Bishop, the minutes of the morning session was read, corrected and approved.

The Chairman of the Conference Relief Fund made remarks upon the condition of this fund, and several members made application for payment of deficits in their salaries, but on motion, the claims were not al-

lowed. On motion the amount held by the Trustees is to be placed in the bank. J. A. Hudson was elected as a member of this Board.

T. S. Davis, C. M. Lovister, L. W. Nelson were elected Trustees of The Graham Collegiate Institute. Term to expire in 1910.

On motion, the endorsement of the Conference was given to Dr. Graham who wishes to travel beyond the bounds of this Conference in the interest of our Conference School at Marshallberg.

On motion, also, endorsed the appeal of the pastor Pinners Charge in behalf of the payment of the debt upon this church.

On motion the Conference endorsed the application of the Marshallberg Charge for a donation of \$1000.00 from the Board of Church Extension.

On motion W. Q. A. Graham, A. B. FitzGerald, D. D. Baily, Everett H. Davis, Benjamin T. Willis, Thos. R. Nelson, were appointed as the Conference Board of Church Extension.

On a motion of Dr. Graham, a vote of thanks was offered Bishop Wilson by a rising vote.

A vote of thanks was also tendered the citizens of Pinners for courtesies to the Conference.

Bishop Wilson introduced Dr. McLane, representative of the Foreign Missionary Society, who spoke briefly on the subject of Foreign Missions.

The Presiding Elder read the Missionary appropriations for next year.

The minutes were read and adopted. The Bishop read the appointments, and, on motion, the Conference adjourned "sine die."

## REPORTS.

### STATE OF THE CHURCH.

WHEREAS: Your Committee, having carefully considered the work of this Conference; the geographical position of its charges; the financial strength and probable growth of the churches. the meager support of the pastors and the increased cost of living: And Whereas, we have much unoccupied territory, and many open doors awaiting our entrance; RESOLVED, That we recomend such revision of the existing pastoral charges os willlessen the number by the absorption of two or more of the existing number, thus giving more financiol strength to the remainder.

RESOLVED, furthur, that, in the judgment of your committee we should develop a policy of expansion. If we have any work to do in this field, it is both right and needful that we enter territory hitherto unoccupied by ourselves. Never in the history of this country has so much advance been made along material lines. Immense corporations have projected schemes for developments that will revolutionize every bhase of the domestic life of this region.

Your committee, in looking out upon this expanding, restless, rushing tide of progress now spreading over this southland desire to see a Methodist Episcopal Church planted in close touch with every whirling mill, and a spire of our own pointing heavenward alongside of every belching smoke stack within our borders.

W. Q. A. Graham,  
A. B. FitzGerald,  
D. D. Baily.



## HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

We recognize the work of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension as one of the most important of the benevolent enterprises of the church. It is carrying out the spirit of the master when he says: "The poor have the gospel preached unto them".

We, therefore, recommend that each pastor do all he can to educate the people as to the aims and work of this Board, and exercise themselves to collect the apportionment to their charges for these causes.

D. D. Baily,  
J. A. Hudson.

BOARD OF EDUCATION, FREEDMANS AID,  
AND SUNDAY SCHOLS

Your committee begs leave to say that the reports of the Society for the past year shows a prosperous condition of the schools under its care. There has been a general increase in attendance, an advance in receipts, and a large number of conversions among the students. The appropriations to the schools have been materially enlarged, and the general scope of the work of the society has been elevated.

Your attention is especially called to the fact that this Society aids in the work of our own Conference school, and that much of our past success was made possible by its help.

The work of this Society relates its self, not only to the work of the church in our own land, but also the very life of the republic. It therefore, deserves the deep interest of our pastors and an earnest presenta-

tion of the work annually, before the members of our churches. You will be pleased to know that our own collections for this cause during the past year, was many times the largest they have ever been. We urge that our churches take no backward step this year, but that we "go forward" along the "upward way"

Respectfully

W. Q. A. Graham,  
W. J. Plint.

### TEMPERANCE.

We, the priveleged members of your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report.

We rejoice in the progress made by the cause during the past year. All intelligent people declare the rum traffic to be a curse and blight upon our fair land.

Therefore, be it resolved, that as ministers of the gospel we do hereby pledge ourselves to boldly oppose, from pulpit by precept, and also by example, this great evil. And be it further resolved, that we will preach, at least once per year, on this momentous question, in every church within our bounds.

Respectfully,

W. J. Plint,  
T. S. Davis,

### CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This certifies that on Tuesday evening, October 22, 1907., on election by the Atlantic Mission Conference the undersigned duly ordained to office of Deacon, A. Eurgess, L. N. Booth, W. F. Graham, and Edw. Johnson. And at the same time, assisted by several Elders, J. A. Hudson, and Geo F. Sever were ordained as Elders. Done at Pinners Va. October, 25, 1907.

L. B. Wilson.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, as a home mission body, being familiar with the various difficulties which confront us in our work, can readily see the great need of a work strongly aggressive among the people of the world, who sit in darkness, whose hearts crave a peace and comfort which their gods of wood and stone cannot afford.

And we understand the necessity of sending them workers who can instruct them how to obtain these blessings.

It is a fact that all of these peoples have been schooled in their superstitions by the most scholarly of their race, and if we are to cope with them in an effectual way, we must put forth every laudable effort to secure funds for the support of our missionaries in a land where they stand alone, meeting the difficulties which arise from the prejudice to the white man, the inability to speak the vernacular, and the climatic conditions which confront them.

We therefore recommend that this Conference give all attention it can to the raising of its apportionment for the great cause of Foreign Missions.

A. B. FitzGerald.

W. R. Woodell.

## AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We have examined the Financial Statement of the Presiding Elder and find that it is correct

Respectfully,

M. L. Chappell.

A. Burgess.



# STATISTICS NO. 3 ATLANTIC MISSION CONFERENCE, FOR 1906

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT			DEFICIENCIES			SUPPORT OF PRES. ED. & BISHOPS			SUPPORT OF BISHOPS			CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS			Church Sexton Light Fuel &c. S. S. Lesson Leaves Books etc
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Amount Apportioned	Amount P.d	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Suppt Pres. Ed. & B.	Total Suppt Bishops	RECEIVED FROM	Other Source's	Total	
Avon	Supplied	125	25	125	73	25	73	24	30	12	103	103			29	15	
Baden	U. S. White	80	100	105	89	100	114	29	12	12	126	126			2	6	
Elizabeth City	J. A. Hudson	80	100	105	225	100	325	12	14	14	337	337			15	15	
Hamlet	W. R. Woodie	120	14	120	120	14	120	20	16	16	143	143			13	3	
Harkers Island	A. R. Barnes	200	60	260	200	60	260	16	20	20	290	290	1		6	24	
Marshallsburg	V. R. Fitzgerald	400	60	460	282	60	342	23	30	30	362	362			48	48	
Morocco City	D. D. Baily	190	60	250	123	60	183	12	12	12	205	205			28	28	
Morocco	Supplied	250	48	298	315	48	363	29	25	25	388	388			20	40	
Pates	J. J. Lewis	300	50	350	428	50	478	24	25	25	461	461			20	20	
Parnelle	V. L. Chappell	50	75	75	73	72	72	23	20	20	53	53			3	3	
Powelson	J. H. Garris	75	100	100	100	100	100	7	7	7	104	104			75	75	
Rowlands	Supplied	60	48	55	95	75	95	7	7	7	110	110			18	18	
Portsmouth & Pinners	W. H. Luder	100	30	120	121	36	157	16	16	16	168	168			18	18	
Whaleyville	Supplied	150	30	186	121	36	157	8	8	8	168	168			18	18	
Winfall	Supplied	150	30	186	121	36	157	8	8	8	168	168			18	18	
Wildwood	Supplied	150	30	186	121	36	157	8	8	8	168	168			18	18	
Totals		431	138	569	419	147	566	297	295	295	2983	2983	1	1	267	150	

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# TREASURER'S REPORT, ATLANTIC MISSION CONFERENCE, 1907.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Board of Foreign Missions.		Sunday School not divided		Board of Home Missions, and Church Extensions		Childrens Fund		Freedman's Aid		Local Educational Interests		American Bible Society.		Womans Foreign Society		Womans Home Missionary Society.		Conferences Chairmans		General Conference Expenses.		Episcopal Fund		RECAPITULATION.	
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Total Cash	Total Voucher	Total Cash	Total Voucher	Total Cash and Voucher.	
Avon.....	2																				13		13		13	
Bladen.....	2																				35		35		35	
Elizabeth City & Eureka..	20																				24		24		24	
Hamlet.....	12																				29		29		29	
Harker's Island.....	10																				8		8		8	
Marshallberg.....	24																				65		65		65	
Morehead City.....	5																				15		15		15	
Ocracoke.....	10																				12		12		12	
Pates.....	4																				9		9		9	
Parrale.....	20																				37		37		37	
Parkers.....	12																				48		48		48	
Powelton.....																										
Rowlands.....	10																				20		20		20	
Wilmington.....	6																				10		10		10	
Winnfall.....	5																				20		20		20	
Wildwood.....	12																				22		22		22	
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>393</b>											



