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The Seventh Annual Report of the East Texas Annual Conference Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South.

Dear Brethren,—I herewith transmit my Report of the amounts collected, and the state of the Missions, in our bounds, as nearly as I can from the information furnished by the brethren travelling those missions during the past year.

Amount collected from circuits, on the "cent-a-week plan" \$544 40

Am't contributed by Dr. Egbert for support of Athens mission, \$100 00

Amount contributed by same for support of China mission, \$25 00

Total, \$669 40

Number and State of the Missions.

1. Harrison Co. African Mission. This mission has been supplied during the two past years by Br. William Jackson. The mission is represented in a flourishing condition.

2. Wood Co. Mission. This mission was supplied the past year by Br. S. G. Culver; is situated in the midst of a flourishing new county, and promises much.

3. Athens Mission. This mission has been supplied for two years by Br. William E. George, who reports favorably of its condition and prospects.

4. Marion Mission. This mission was supplied by Br. S. C. Cox, who reports favorably of its condition.

glorious object. And who could the curbing of the world upon this plan impoverish? No one. How astonishingly small for each, and yet how large the aggregate! In view of the heavy draws upon the Parent Society for the support of the California and China mission, it is very desirable that our Conference make up at least the amount necessary to meet our own demands. This could easily be done, allowing only one half our membership to contribute on the cent-a-week plan. In view of the constant demand to organize new missions, in order to supply the emigration pouring into new countries, it is very desirable that the present missions be taken off the list as soon as possible, and be placed among the regular circuits.

It is with no small degree of mortification, we see, that some circuits which have received appropriations from year to year, as well as missions, have contributed nothing to the cause which mainly made them what they grace they now are.

I cannot close this report without calling the special attention of the travelling preachers to a plain duty in our discipline; see pp. 183-4, where it enjoins upon each preacher in charge to carry out the cent-a-week plan.

Two great errors have existed among us—viz.

1st. That the introduction of this subject would interfere with our own claims. 2d. That if we do any thing upon this subject we should postpone it till the end of the year.

By examining the Reports from circuits we find, that where the largest sums have been paid to support the Gospel at home, the largest contributions have been sent to support the missionary and other benevolent causes—and vice versa. And to postpone action upon this subject till the latter part of the year, is to throw the whole finances of a circuit in one mass upon the people which cripple all. It would be much better that each preacher in charge, preach a sermon to each congregation (as the discipline directs) and at the earliest practicable period set this easy plan to work. The glory of our system is a "wheel within a wheel." This machinery, once in motion, may be kept constantly moving; nor should it stop till in its active revolutions, the Gospel of the grace of God be carried to every inhabitant of the whole earth. Then to our motto—"at it—all at it—always at it" and this glorious result shall crown our efforts.

J. W. EIELDS, Sec'y.

P. S. It is due to add, that there were upwards of \$100 collected at our anniversary, for a correct account of which, see Treasurer's Report. Our anniversary was well attended. Br. C. Richardson, of Texas Conference, and O. Fisher of East Texas Conference, were the speakers on the occasion—each having done ample justice in advocating the cause of missions, were rewarded by the audience, in making them life-members of the Parent Missionary Society.

J. W. EIELDS, Sec'y.

East Texas Conf., Dec. 18, 1851.

Report of the Special Committee on Periodicals.

The special Committee on Periodicals, beg leave to present the following Report, viz:—

Your committee look upon the press as wielding a potent power, scarcely equalled by any instrumentality in all our system of operations. It has some advantages even over the Pulpit. The discourse that is delivered from the pulpit falls, it may be, upon the ears of some scores, or even hundreds, while the sheets from the press are thrown broadcast over the country to be read by thousands. The sermon preached is heard once, the printed sheet is and may be read again and again. While the thoughts spoken from the pulpit may be soon forgotten beyond recovery, thought is stereotyped and handed down from generation to generation.

From this mere glance at the subject, it must be apparent to every mind that the press has much to do in forming the mind and moulding the heart of our people. As is the press so are the people.

A press so potent, should be guarded with Godly jealousy. Its liberation should be solid, pure, exalted, and strictly Biblical; and its mechanism should be such as to commend it to the people. Man's high destiny is to know and enjoy God forever—That he may do this to the full extent designed by his Maker, it is necessary that his mind should be enlightened, his heart purified, and filled with the love of God, and the whole man brought to that perfection, comprehended in that saying of the Apostle, "the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." One of the great helps to this end is reading. And if we would not have our people wandering over the literary world, in search of food, and liable at the same time to great imposition and corruption from those who publish for gain or evil purposes, we must furnish them the necessary mental aliment. This the Church has already attempted, and that two, with considerable success. She has perhaps sufficiently mul-

tiplied the number of her periodicals, and the quality, we apprehend, will compare very favorably with those of any other denomination; and with few exceptions, may safely commend them to the favorable consideration of our people. There are a few exceptions, which your Committee think worthy of notice, and to which they beg leave respectfully to call the attention of this Conference.

1. In the Quarterly Review of October, 1850, we find the following expressions, viz: "Natural death, is the death of the body, is not the effect of sin; but is a natural consequence of his earthly organization, and a part of his moral discipline—not a jot of recorded proof, to the contrary."—Review page 603. "To curse the world generally for the sin of Adam displays fiendish passions worse than Nebuch." The moral nature of Adam's children were not affected by the fall.

"The Methodist doctrine of original sin, as execrable as the 'Deceitful Horrible' of Calvin," p. 633, &c. &c. These are only a few specimens of the objectionable expressions, abounding in the article referred to.

A rule of scripture interpretation so latitudinarian as that article involves, would jeopardize the very foundations of our christian faith. If it be objected that these errors were introduced merely for the purpose of refuting them, we reply that we have never yet seen in the Quarterly a full refutation of them, and if we had, we seriously doubt the propriety of publishing to the world errors so antagonistic to our faith—soptions so subtle as to be liable to be mistaken for truth and sound arguments, by thousands of our readers, without an accompanying and ample refutation. A few items, perhaps, might be objected to in some late Nos., but the faults of this Report will not allow us farther to particularize. We are satisfied however that that work has an upward tendency, and we hope it will still improve, and that it will be honored with a much more liberal patronage.

The Ladies' Companion possesses many excellencies and yet there have been introduced into its columns at different times, savoring so much of romance, fiction and of light literature, that some of our brethren have perhaps justly taken the alarm and are afraid to place it in the hands of their daughters. We hope that the worthy editor will speedily purify its pages, and that the publishers will improve its mechanical department, and make it at once a safe and worthy Companion for all Southern Ladies.

The Southern Methodist Pulpit has, we believe, maintained an onward and upward tendency, and is worthy of a much wider circulation. We respectfully invite attention to the late propositions of its worthy Editor.

Our weekly presses have, with but an occasional exception, we are happy to say, maintained high and holy ground. With these exceptions, which we hope will be at once corrected, we take pleasure in commending our various Periodicals to the favorable consideration of our people, and congratulate them on being so richly supplied with moral and intellectual food. We deeply regret that the great irregularity of the mails has greatly embarrassed the circulation of our Periodicals in this country; but we hope that our brethren will have patience until this evil is removed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. FISHER, Ch. Con. Period.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

Of the Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to the Membership under its charge.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN—Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior, be with you all. We, your Ministers and Pastors, assembled once more in our annual convocation, would address to you this our pastoral letter, to inform you of the state of the work of God within our bounds, and exhort you to the observance of these duties, and the practice of those virtues, enjoined in our holy religion. We would offer, together with you, our devout thanksgiving to God, for that kind providence which he has exercised over us, and the gracious influences of his Holy Spirit vouchsafed to cheer our hearts and give success to our labors. The past year has been one of toil and exposure as usual, but God's hand has sustained us; and the shield of his mercy has been over us; still sickness and affliction have disabled some of our members, compelling them to desist for a time from the active and arduous labors of the itinerancy, and seek to recruit their impaired health and shattered constitutions by rest; neither have we been exempt from the ravages of the destroyer. Death has been permitted to enter our ranks, and lay his cold and ruthless grasp on one of our little band. Of all who went forth from our last Conference, just one year ago, to labor in the vineyard of our Lord and Master, none were more buoyant with hope, or gave promise of longer life and usefulness than Bro. Geo. Washington Rabb, appointed to

labor on the Montgomery Circuit; yet the year was but little more than half gone when the Master called him to leave his toil and enter into that rest that remaineth for the people of God. We mourn his loss from the ranks of the ministry, yet when our eyes fall upon his vacant seat in the Conference room, the rising tear is checked, by the assurance that he now occupies a seat in the general assembly of the first born in heaven. That whilst his voice is mute in our hymns of praise to the Redeemer here, he strikes his harp of gold and swells the anthem of gladness with the spirits of the just made perfect before the throne of God. He fell like a soldier; he died at his post.

God has graciously visited many portions of our work with revivals of religion—has blessed us with almost uninterrupted peace through all our bounds, and permitted us to enlarge our borders with the widening spread of our population.

The number of our Church members has increased, and we now count 4118 Whites, 1181 colored in our communion within the bounds of our work, almost all of whom we have been enabled, by the help of God, to supply with the regular preaching of the Gospel, and the sacraments of the Church, as well as with pastoral visitation and oversight, and to supply the lack of ministerial service to some of our brethren of other denominations. We have good reason to believe that there has been a large increase in the piety as well as members of our people during the past year, not only from the profession of many that he has deepened his work of grace in their hearts, but from the gracious fruits of His work manifest in their zeal and labor, to promote the Redeemer's Kingdom. The contributions of our people, the past year, for the support of the regular ministry among them, amounts to near \$7,000; more than \$1,000 to the Missionary cause, together with a liberal support of Bible and Sabbath School institutions.

The number of Churches built and dedicated to God, the Sabbath Schools established, the Academies and other institutions of learning, erected and liberally patronized by our people, give us good reason to rejoice in the present prosperity and permanence of our Church, and assurance of future stability and increase. Our confidence, dear brethren, in the adaptation of our peculiar institutions to the wants of the people in this Southern State, and pioneer Conference of our Church, is still unabated, and we trust in God, is undiminished. We still believe that if true to the Redeemer, and the great and holy trusts he has committed to our hands, we will be the honored instruments in spreading the savor of his grace over all their lands; we feel deeply, dear brethren, and that all our sufficiency is of God, and though encouraged by past success, and past spiritual comfort to repose and immoderate confidence in the truth of the doctrines we preach, and the promise of our great Master, "Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the world," we earnestly ask an interest in your prayers and solicit your earnest, hearty and constant co-operation with us in our glorious and arduous work. We expect soon to come among you again, to engage in our yearly labor, and we trust to come in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ. Receive us and dear brethren, as the messengers of God, and aid us by your christian sympathies and diligent efforts to do our Master's work. While we feel the weighty responsibility that rests upon us, watching for your souls as those that must give an account to the chief Shepherd when he appeareth, suffer from us the word of exhortation; walk worthy of vocation wherewith ye are called—read and study the word of God—the Holy Scriptures,—be constant in prayer—establish and maintain with unswerving constancy, the family altar,—let each and every day be opened with reading a portion of God's word, and prayer,—maintain secret devotion, without it you cannot walk with God. Conscientiously and respectfully observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy—let not that day be spent in doing any part of your worldly business, which could possibly be done at any other time, neither in social visiting, in idleness, or sloth or vain amusement, but let it be to you a day of rest from worldly toil and concern, and of diligent religious improvement; if your temporal interests require your diligent attention and arduous labor for six days in the week, surely the eternal interest of your immortal soul should claim all the time of the seventh. O let not the Sabbath be an idle day, but sanctify it to the Lord, and improve its precious and peaceful hours to fit your souls, and those committed to your care for, the rest of Heaven. Attend regularly and prayerfully the preaching of the word, the class-meeting and assembly for prayer,—let no light excuse or obstacle keep you from the house of God,—Jesus will be there waiting to bless you,—go and receive the heavenly benediction,—the preacher will be there, hoping to impart to you some spiritual gift, and aid you on your way to heav-

en—let him feel encouraged by your presence to believe you appreciate his labor of love—he has prepared his sermon with much prayer, hard study and many tears, and with special reference to your wants and spiritual condition—do not let his arduous and painful labors be in vain—do not let him be disappointed by carelessly staying away from the place where he has promised to meet you and declare the counsel of God. Attend to the ordinances of the Church—give your children to God in covenant, by baptism and secure to them the promises of gracious influence vouchsafed to all in covenant with our heavenly Father. Go to the table of the Lord on every occasion—confess your dying Savior, and show forth your obedience to his command, and evidence your faith in his Messiahship. Give your countenance and aid to Sabbath Schools, and do not feel that it is too small an enterprise to enlist your sympathies, or employ your powers, if needed, as a teacher,—encourage your children to attend by taking an interest in their lessons taught them, and by accompanying them; remember this is emphatically the hope and nursery of the Church. If you would grow in grace, brethren, and in the meekness of an inheritance among the saints in light, O neglect not these sacred things; moreover watch with diligence over your hearts—strive to keep in check the untidy passions of fallen human nature, watch over and pray against your besetting sins—against a worldly mind, acervous disposition—in christian experience rest not satisfied until you obtain the new birth, the washing of regeneration and receiving of the Holy Ghost,—be satisfied with no religious experience short of the clear and full witness of the Spirit of God in your heart, sanctifying your palate and adoption, and strive daily after that attainment in grace by which you may be cleansed from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God, where you can love the Lord with all your heart, and walking in the light as he is in the light—feel and know that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin—pray and fast, and strive with God until he makes your heart a temple of the Holy Ghost and fills you with all his fulness.

Wm. S. HAMILTON,  
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools.

From the reports received, we find that there are within the bounds of this conference thirty-five Sunday Schools; forty Superintendents; one hundred and ninety teachers; and eleven hundred and seventy-four scholars—that four hundred and three dollars thirty-five cents have been collected and expended for Sunday School purposes.

Your committee however, can not but notice with regret, the fact, that but one hundred, and sixty-five copies of the Sunday School Visitor, are taken within the bounds of our conference, and would most earnestly recommend in view of the commendation given by our worthy Bishop Caper, and his peculiar merits of the publication itself, that its claims be presented to every Sunday School in our conference, feeling well assured that the benefit derived will do much in the promotion of the interest of this department of the church. It is clearly manifest, by reference to the facts before us, that there has been, during the past year, more than usual interest taken, in this laudable and praiseworthy enterprise by both ministry and laity, and we cannot restrain an expression of gratitude to the great head of the Church, for the success which has crowned every effort made to enlarge our borders, extend our lines and increase our influence in this respect—especially do we rejoice when we reflect that the future prosperity of our political and religious institutions, depend entirely upon the training of a rising generation.

Resolved—1st. That we continue to promote the interest of Sunday Schools in our respective charges.

Resolved—2d. That we endeavor to increase the circulation of the Sunday School Visitor, within our bounds.

JOHN W. PHILLIPS,  
BRYAN L. PEEL.

Report on the Bible Cause.

In reporting upon the Bible cause, your committee deem it unnecessary to speak of the magnitude of the subject, and the inestimable blessings enjoyed under its agency.—As the word of God and the revelation of his will, the Scriptures should be viewed as one of heaven's best gifts to each; within its sacred pages alone, are contained the true history of man's origin, and his future destiny.—Here only is revealed the fact of his immortality and the wondrous plan of human redemption. The Bible comes to us bearing the impress of Divinity upon it, and abundantly confirms its own testimony as being the word of God. It clearly displays to the fallen race of Adam, the deep corruption of the human heart, and presents a remedy for the fierce malady of our spiritual nature. Enlightening the minds to see the destruction to which he tends, it points the humble penitent to a secure refuge—a heaven of

bliss, which he may safely gain, through the merits of a merciful Redeemer.

A treasure so rich as this, should be possessed by all the world, and with such might learn the gracious scheme of salvation, in which his interest is so deeply involved. For the accomplishment of this object, the American Bible Society have been faithfully laboring for a period of more than thirty-five years.

In conjunction with similar institutions in foreign countries, they have within the last half century increased the translation of the Bible from some fifty different tongues, into more than one hundred and sixty tongues and languages, and extended its circulation from some four or five millions, to the number of near forty millions.

Since the formation of the American Bible Society for the sole purposes of extending the circulation of the Scripture, our church—ever an active instrument in the glorious work of spreading the Bible—has abandoned her separate Bible organization, for the purpose of co-operating with this noble institution.

The present peculiar condition of our new and interesting country, calls loudly for effort on our part for an increased circulation of the word of life in our midst. The tide of immigration from other States of our confederacy, is continually pouring in among us, many of whom are not supplied with the Bible. To these, are to be added, the thousands from papal Europe, who in our happy land seek relief from despotism and oppression while learning the manners and customs of those among whom their lot is cast, the Bible should be placed in their hands as the best book to teach them their new relations to society, and their obligation to God.

Notwithstanding the importance of the Bible cause, and the former passage of a resolution of this Conference, requiring the establishment of auxiliary societies throughout our bounds, we esteem it a source of deep regret that so little in this respect has been accomplished; and we would earnestly urge upon each preacher, the propriety of carrying out that resolution, and presenting to all our people, the claims of the American Bible Society. From the last annual report of this Institution, it appears that during the previous year, they have issued 382,611 Testaments, and 592,432 Bibles, a goodly number of which have been distributed gratuitously.

From more recent information, we learn that the Society is in immediate, and pressing want of means to supply the demands of the Indians upon our own continent, and other calls received from various foreign countries. To meet these applications, an appeal has been made to the liberality of the friends of the cause.

In conclusion, we would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved—That the American Bible Society still merits the esteem and highest commendation of the Texas Annual Conference, and that we will heartily co-operate with a suitable agent among us in the promotion of its interests.

O. M. ANDREWS,  
JOHN HAYNIE, } Commit.

We have received from a gentleman just arrived from Mexover, an account of a battle fought at Carravajal between the Government forces under General Jauregui, and the revolutionary force of Carravajal, in which the latter captured all the military stores, artillery, ammunition, baggage-wagons and cavalry horses amounting nearly two thousand belonging to the former, with which he retired in good order in the face of a greatly superior force, unopposed to Guerrero on the Rio Grande. Jauregui was driven after three days, desperate fighting from the plaza, where he occupied all the strong positions, to the old convent on a hill side outside of the town, from which place he could not be driven without artillery.

He shut up in this impregnable fortress, he subsisted upon made flesh, until relieved two days afterwards, during which they were occupied in repelling repeated assaults, by a large force sent forward by forced marches by Gen. Urzua to raise the siege. Nothing but the timely arrival of this force saved Jauregui the mortification of a surrender at discretion. In the retreat the rear guard, commanded by Maj. Andy Walker, presented so imposing a front that the retreating column, impelled by the cyclone of war, was not attempted to be molested. Gen. Carravajal had at no time over three hundred men engaged in the action. The loss of the Mexicans was one hundred and ten, with sixteen out of eighteen Seminoles killed which composed a part of his force of four hundred men. Carravajal's loss was ten killed and twenty wounded.

This will probably be considered the most brilliant affair which has occurred during the war.

When Gen. Urzua entered near Camargo, he took prisoner an American carpenter named Carter, who was at work upon the house of Gen. Carravajal. He summarily ordered him to be shot, and his confession gone through with, he was put out before a file of men to suffer by his sentence, when the timely arrival of a messenger from Gen. Harney stopped the proceedings. The General demanded his immediate release, which was at once granted. Mr. Carter was a hard working man, and may thank his stars that Harney, and not Capt. Phelps commanded at Ringgold station.—State Gazette.

IMMIGRATION.—Daily after day, it comes in unceasingly. Whenever we step to the doors or South windows of our office looking out upon the square, we see trains of wagons halted, until supplies are purchased, and inquiries made about the country and the roads. Upon the southern lines of travel through the State as we hear, there is the same ceaseless stream, ever moving; a sort of Mississippi of human life, pouring its current by various debouches into our State.—Assuredly, the increase of our population this year, must be very great.—Clarksville Standard.

THE TEXAS WESLEYAN BANNER.

CHAUNCEY RICHARDSON, Editor.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1852.

Valedictory.

After an absence of six weeks, during which period, we have attended the sessions of the East Texas and the Texas conferences...

But for what purpose have we returned to our beloved sanctum? To commence another year's editorial toil, anxiety and sacrifice? No.

The commencement of our labors received the most hearty commendation of the press and of the ministry, and so far as we could learn, of our patrons.

The favorable reception which our first issue met, encouraged us greatly in the hope of being useful in our new and difficult field of labor.

That our post has been one of usefulness we have received many assurances. The prosperity of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, within the bounds of the Texas and the East Texas Conferences, has never been greater than during the past three years.

In the Texas conference, the preachers were never better supported by their respective churches than during the past two or three years. There has been a corresponding improvement in the Missionary, Sunday School and Educational enterprises.

At no period of the history of Texas has our common Christianity and the cause of Education been more prosperous than they are now. Has not the Banner been a prominent auxiliary in producing all these results?

Resolved.—That we regard the T. W. Banner as an efficient auxiliary in the work of spreading Scriptural holiness over our land, and that we will give it our united and hearty support.

Resolved.—That the taste and ability exhibited by the Rev. C. Richardson, in conducting the Editorial department of the paper, merit the thanks of the Conference.

In all our toils, we have been merely the servant of the Church. Our labors, though connected with many sacrifices, have been cheerfully rendered to sustain an important religious enterprise.

Our resignation was not a hasty step. The intention was entertained during our protracted ill health, in September and October last, and notice was given to the publishing committee to that effect.

Honorable as the Editorial office is deemed to be, we love the regular Itinerant work better, and of choice resign the honor of the former for the pleasures, toils and sacrifices of the latter.

We feel happier in the pulpit than on the editorial tripod. We were taken from the Galveston district and appointed in charge of the Banner, and now, upon our resignation of that important trust, we are returned to the same district.

A field of labor more convenient to our home, would have been an accommodation to us, yet, aside from its distance, there is no appointment in the gift of the Conference, more satisfactory to us, than the Galveston district.

In our editorial labors, it has been collateral to our aim of usefulness, ever prominent, to maintain a respectful bearing toward our exchanges, and towards all evangelical churches.

During our residence in this city, our association with the different churches, and with the community generally, has been of the most friendly and pleasant character.

In conclusion, we most earnestly commend the Banner and our worthy successor to our readers. Sustain the noble enterprise with energy, and aid the editor by your patronage, your communications and your prayers.

Another year is gone. Eighteen hundred and fifty-one, is numbered with the past—its record is on high. But what is the character of that record with respect to each one of our readers?

What shall be the character of your future lives? Shall they be devoted to God, to deeds of charity and of holy living? Would it not be wise to commence a new life with the new year?

The following resolutions of the Texas Conference sustain the above conclusions: Resolved.—That we regard the T. W. Banner as an efficient auxiliary in the work of spreading Scriptural holiness over our land, and that we will give it our united and hearty support.

The four Protestant Churches in this city have new Pastors. In the Methodist Church, the Rev. Dr. Follansbee succeeds the Rev. Mr. Cameron. In the Episcopal Church, the Rev. Mr. Sanson succeeds the Rev. Mr. Gillett.

Our personal correspondents will address us hereafter at Rutersville, Texas. C. RICHARDSON. January 1, 1852.

Conference documents and proceedings have crowded out several items of general intelligence, as also a summary of religious items.

The Rev. George Rottenstein, our worthy successor, will commence his labors with the next issue.

The Rev. F. A. Owen has succeeded the Rev. Dr. Ebert in the Editorial chair of the Memphis & Arkansas Christian Advocate.

EDITORIAL LETTER.

Texas Conference.

Friday, Dec. 19, 1851.

Religious services were performed by Br. W. A. Smith. A communication was received from Mr. W. I. Hancock, President of the Bastrop Academy, inviting the Conference to visit the Academy in a body, and soliciting one of its members to be selected to address the students at the Academy, and another to be selected to preach a sermon to them in the church, which invitation was accepted.

A letter from Dr. Stevenson was received, read and referred to the committee on Books and Periodicals. A report was received from Br. R. Alexander, agent of the conference, to solicit means to procure a Press, Type and materials for the publication of the Texas Wesleyan Banner, which was adopted.

A communication from the Trustees of Rutersville College was received, read and referred to the Committee on Education. The Conference Stewards made their call for claims, receipts and Conference collections, which was promptly responded to.

The Secretary's call for the Statistics of the several charges, received a prompt response. There is an evident improvement in the membership of the Church and in all its great enterprises. The membership now stands as follows—4,418 whites, 1,181 colored; 80 local preachers, and 33 travelling preachers; total 5,762. The increase is 779 whites, 118 colored, 6 local and 12 travelling preachers; total 915.

The Sunday School Missionary and Bible statistics will appear in the reports on those important interests of the church. A resolution asking aid of the Missionary Society in procuring suitable publications for the German work, was offered by Br. Henry P. Young, received and referred to the Mission Committee.

2d. Question.—Who remain on trial? was taken up. Lewis B. Whipple and Joseph M. Derhammer, were continued on trial.

Ulysses Sales and Thaddeus O. Kidd were discontinued at their own request. In response to the 4th question—who are the Deacons? stand the names of James M. Follansbee, Charles Grote, James H. Addison and S. B. Cameron.

Reuben Long was located at his own request. Charles F. Rottenstein was accepted as having withdrawn from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and returned his credentials, which were received to be filed with conference papers. Isaac G. John and Bryan L. Peol were elected to Elder's orders.

Saturday, Dec. 20th, 1851. Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Religious services were conducted by Br. H. S. Thrall.

This day was mainly devoted to the consideration of reports from committees (which will soon be published) and the examination of character. It is remarkable, considering the marked strictness, which characterizes the examination of ministerial and moral character in an annual conference, that not a solitary censure was named against any of the members.

Monday, Dec. 22. Religious services were performed by Br. J. W. Whipple. The publishing committee of the T. W. Banner presented a Report of proceedings, which, after some amendments, was adopted. The Editor of the T. W. Banner having resigned his office, a successor was balloted for, resulting in the election of Rev. George Rottenstein.

A copy of the Conference sermon, preached on Sunday night by Rev. James M. Wesson, was requested for publication. I pass over various items of a miscellaneous character, which claimed the action of the Conference. Reports of committees were received and adopted.

Samuel M. Kingston, formerly of the Tennessee conference, was re-admitted. Pursuant to arrangements, already alluded to, the conference visited Bastrop Academy. The address of Br. J. W. Whipple was pertinent and eloquent, fully meeting expectation. President Hancock's response was a most brilliant burst of eloquence. The services were opened with prayer by Bro. H. S. Thrall, and closed with prayer by Bro. J. M. Follansbee. The occasion was one of profound interest, and marks an era in the history of that Institution.

The exercises concluded, the members of the conference and other visitors were invited to survey the different apartments of the building. A most favorable impression was made upon the minds of the preachers, and all present with respect to the commodiousness, and many conveniences of the noble structure, as also, with respect to its commanding exterior. I will not attempt to describe it, as this has been done by other pens.

At night the teachers, students and the community assembled in the Church to listen to the discourse promised to the students. If any good impressions were made upon the youthful, or the more mature minds ad-

ressed, I shall feel amply compensated for my labor and solicitude.

TUESDAY, Dec. 23d. Religious services were performed by Bro. Geo. S. Gatewood.

Some time was devoted to the consideration and adoption of reports from committees. Bro. Charles W. Thomas was elected to write the next Pastoral Address.

Bro. R. Alexander was elected to preach the next Conference Sermon. Bro. J. M. Follansbee was elected to deliver an address before the Texas Conference Missionary Society, at its next anniversary.

Bro. I. G. John was requested to furnish, for publication, a copy of his address delivered at the Missionary Anniversary on the 20th inst. Bro. R. Alexander was requested to act as General Agent for Rutersville College, and to employ as many sub-agents as he may deem necessary.

A Travelling Card, signed by the President and Secretary, was ordered to be given to Bro. J. W. Whipple. Bastrop was selected as the place for holding the next session of the Conference. It received 29 votes out of 36.

The following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, That we commend to our congregations, as worth of patronage, all the publications authorized by our General Conference. H. S. THRALL. J. W. WHIPPLE.

Whereas, there is urgent need of a place of worship in the city of San Antonio, and whereas, initiatory steps for building such a place have already been taken, which cannot be consummated without foreign help, therefore, Resolved, That Bro. J. W. Whipple be requested, while on his tour for health, to take up collections as he may have opportunity. J. W. WHIPPLE. J. M. FOLLANSBEE.

Resolved.—That we deeply sympathize with our venerable and beloved Bishop Capers in his affliction. That we regret his Providential detention from us, and earnestly pray that through the Divine blessing he may be speedily restored to health. JOHN W. PHILLIPS. GEO. ROTTENSTEIN.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Bastrop, for their kind and hospitable entertainment of its members. H. S. THRALL. I. G. JOHN.

Resolved, That our thanks be tendered to Bro. R. Alexander, for the able and kind manner in which he has presided over this Conference, during its present session.

The closing exercises of the Conference, took place in the Church, in the presence of a large and deeply affected audience. The business of the Conference being finished, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. This service conducted by the President, was one of special interest to all present. The ministry, and the membership, rejoiced together in hope of the glory of God.

The hymn commencing, "Jesus, the truth and power divine," was sung, when C. Richardson and Bro. Jno. Haynie addressed the throne of the heavenly grace.

The appointments of the preachers, for the ensuing year, were read by the President. The appointments, so far as I could learn, were quite satisfactory. Some of the preachers were disappointed, and others were highly gratified. The hymn commencing, "Bless'd be the dear uniting love," was sung with deep emotions; after which, on motion of the Secretary, the Conference adjourned; the Benediction was pronounced by the President.

Thus closed a most harmonious and important session of the Texas Annual Conference. May the success of these servants of the Lord, be more abundant the coming year, than during any previous one. C. RICHARDSON.

Appointments of the Preachers of the Texas Conference for the ensuing year.

Galveston Dis.—C. Richardson, P. E. Galveston, N. A. Cravens.\* Galveston German Mis., Peter Moelling. Houston, James M. Follansbee. Houston African and German Mis., Geo. Rottenstein.\* Brazoria, G. S. Gatewood,\* one to be supplied. Matagorda, A. B. F. Kerr.\* Richmond, John Patton\* and W. F. Hubert. San Jacinto Mis., to be supplied. Geo. Rottenstein, Editor of the T. W. Banner.

Rutersville Dis.—James M. Wesson, P. E. Rutersville and La Grange, David Coulson. Fayette, J. C. Kolbe.\* Chappel Hill and Brenham, R. Alexander,\* one to be sup. Washington, Joseph M. Derhammer. Anderson, James E. Ferguson\* and M. L. Smock. Montgomery, James G. Johnson.\* Huntsville, F. A. McShann. Mill Creek, Joshua H. Shepard. Springfield Dis.—W. C. Lewis, P. E. Springfield, Mordcai Yell.\* Wheelock, James Lloyd.\*

Nashville, Daniel Morse.\* Georgetown, George Tittle,\* one to be supplied. Waco, P. M. Yell.\* Red Oak, W. G. Nelms. Waxahatchy, James H. Addison. Leon, Lewis J. Wright. Austin Dis.—J. W. Whipple, P. E. Austin, S. B. Cameron. Austin and Bastrop Ct., F. Wilson,\* one to be supplied. Bastrop, I. G. John. Sguin and San Marcos, H. Lancaster. S. M. Kingston.\* San Antonio, Lewis B. Whipple. San Antonio and Sguin German Mis., H. P. Young.\* Friedrichsburg German Mission, Charles Grote. Brownsville and Point Isabel, one to be supplied. Rio Grande City, one to be supplied. Victoria District—Daniel Carl, P. E. Port Lavaca and Victoria, H. S. Thrall,\* one to be supplied. Victoria German Mis., Edward Schneidre.

Galveston, Thomas F. Cook.\* Gonzales, W. A. Smith.\* Texana, O. M. Addison.\* Colanibus, C. W. Thomas.\* Egypt African Mis., one to be supplied. Corpus Christi, one to be sup. J. W. Phillips and B. L. Peol, left without appointments on account of ill health. J. W. Devilbiss left without an appointment on account of pecuniary embarrassment.

John Haynie, W. Young and Jesse Hord, supernumerated. W. S. Hamilton, Reuben Long and R. B. Wells, located at their own request. R. Alexander, Principal Agent for Rutersville College, with authority to appoint sub-agents. C. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

NOTE.—The asterisk (thus \*) denotes Elders.

Visiting Committees. FOR THE RUTERSVILLE COLLEGE.—J. M. Wesson, David Coulson, I. G. John. FOR CHAPPEL HILL INSTITUTE.—W. C. Lewis, J. M. Derhammer, James E. Ferguson.

TEXAS CONFERENCE, 1852.—Committee of Examination. Class of the 1st year—W. C. Lewis, C. W. Thomas. Class of the 2d year—C. Richardson, J. M. Wesson. Class of 3d year—H. S. Thrall, I. G. John. Class of 4th year—J. W. Whipple, Geo. Rottenstein.

Report on Education. The committee on Education submit the following report: It is with devout gratitude to the God of our Father, that we rejoice in the prosperity of our State, and indeed, even since last year God has done much for us. Our towns and villages are increasing, the country is filling up rapidly with an intelligent population, and the need of a better system of education is deeply felt every where.

A few years past our young men, and even boys had to use their guns in defence of our own dwellings. The mercenary Mexican and savage Indian stood as a barrier against all improvement. A few years of peace and quietude gave us time to establish schools of a temporary character. These would not satisfy our people, and more permanent schools were demanded, and nobly have the people responded to the call.

From Galveston to San Antonio, schools are established, and in progress, and the time has arrived, when scholars are prepared for a more liberal education. In directing attention to the various schools and Seminaries of learning in the State, Rutersville College demands our first consideration. Established as early as 1840, it passed through all the vicissitudes of a newly settled country, it withstood the shock of war, triumphed over opposition, and now stands before the public as an institution worthy of our hearty support. It has been under the patronage of our conference from the date of its origin, and promises much to the Church and the State.

But the position, which we as a church occupy, demands a more united and vigorous effort to bring this institution into a situation worthy of the liberal grants made by the State, as well as by individual donors. We need a College in Texas, an institution under our own control; the charter granted by our Legislature is of a liberal character, giving us all the rights and privileges of a college and even exempting us from taxation and we can see no reason why the M. E. Church in Texas should stand aloof, while other denominations are working nobly in the enterprise.

Let there be unity of effort, unity of action and unity of sentiment, and in a short time Rutersville College will bring honor to the great name it bears. We believe that now is the time for action, if we will not abandon the ground and give it up to others. We believe that an efficient agent ought to be appointed to obtain donations for the endowment of at least two professorships; we believe that Andrew and Paine professorships; we have a generous-hearted, intelligent people,

who possess the means and never yet refused to aid in any enterprise we have engaged in for the promotion of the good of Society. Bastrop academy was built by the Bastrop Educational Society, at the cost of thirteen thousand dollars. The building is large and commodious, capable of accommodating three hundred pupils; it is 100 feet in length and 80 wide, with a study hall sixty feet square and three recitation rooms below, with the same accommodations above. The school has been in operation three months and there are in attendance one hundred and twenty-six students. The institution is well supplied with a new chemical and philosophical apparatus, also furnished with a splendid globe, as well as a library of a thousand volumes.

At present there are three teachers W. J. Hancock, late of Aberdeen, Miss., President; J. C. Carolan, of Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, professor of Mathematics and Civil engineering; Miss L. Sawkins of Washington Co., teacher in the female department. The charter is a liberal one and grants such privileges as are usually given to similar institutions. The Chappel Hill male and female Institute is situated at Chappel Hill, in Washington Co. in a healthy, moral and religious community; it is composed of two male and three female teachers, who are prepared to teach all branches, classical, mathematical and scientific. At the last session, the students in both departments numbered over one hundred.

There are several other schools which, although not under the immediate supervision of our conference, have all the sympathy of our hearts for their success, they are under the control of our brethren and friends in different parts of our conference bounds, but not having received any special information in regard to them, we can only refer to them in general terms. Finally, we wish our friends to remember that there is a difference between a religious and sectarian education; that surely the Bible, the word of the living God, ought to be a text book; and that prayer should not be forgotten in opening and closing our schools, and thus cultivating religious feeling in the hearts of their pupils.

We offer the following resolution. 1st. That this conference has undiminished confidence in the high qualifications of President Halsey and the teachers of Rutersville College, as instructors of our youth and heartily recommends this institution to the patronage of our people.

2d. That we appoint an agent, with power to choose sub-agents, to solicit donations for the endowment of two professorships to be designated as Andrew and Paine professorships. GEO. ROTTENSTEIN, Ch. Committee. STEWARDS REPORT. TEXAS CONFERENCE. Bishop's Res. Sec. 2d. Chapter 2d. Question 15. What amounts are necessary for the supernumerated preachers, and widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the Circuit? Answer.—Deficiency, \$373 67 Bishop's Claim, 80 00 \$453 67 Question 16.—What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been appropriated? Answer.—Amount collected, \$273 70 And appropriated as follows: To meet Bishop's claim, \$80 00 To Br. Edward Schneider, 48 70 To Br. N. A. Cravens, 70 00 To Br. D. W. Wright, 25 00 To Br. Jno. Haynie, 25 00 To Br. H. P. Young, 25 00 \$273 60 W. S. HAMILTON, W. C. LEWIS, Chaf. Stewards. Bastrop, Dec. 23d, 1851.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Telegraphed to the New Orleans Delta. Very Important from Washington. The Capital in Flame!

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS BURNED! Washington, Dec. 24.—The Capitol is on fire, and the flames are raging with every probability of destroying the edifice. The Congressional Library is already destroyed. The weather is very cold, and there is no water with which to arrest the flames. The fire broke out at daylight this morning in the Library.

Arrival of the Baltic. Cotton Declining.—France Quiet. New York, Dec. 23.—The steamer Baltic has arrived here bringing dates from Liverpool to the 10th inst. The following is a brief summary of her commercial news. Liverpool Markets. Liverpool, Dec. 10.—The demand in the Cotton market has been moderate since the departure of the Europa, and the sales of the three business days limited to 20,000 bales. Prices have declined 1-8d. per lb. Trade in the manufacturing districts is steady. Lard has been rather firmer, and is now quoted at 44 shillings per cwt. The money market is heavier, and consols have declined to 97 5-8.



