

Journal and Minutes

OF THE

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE,

OF THE

M. E. CHURCH.

The Seventh Session of the West Texas Annual Conference, convened at Victoria, Texas, December 3d, 1879, Bishop S. M. Merrill in the chair.

Conference was opened by the Bishop, who read a portion of the 11th chapter

of Isaiah and the 10th of 1st Corinthians, and led in prayer.

The roll was called by the Sec'y of last year, and 45 responded to their names. B. F. Smith was elected Secretary and P. M. Carmicle, Assistant Secretary.

H. Swan was chosen statistical secretary, and J. W. Robinson, assistant.

On motion the presiding elders were appointed a committee on nominations.

The following committees were elected:

ON PUBLIC WORSHIP-Presiding elders and preacher in charge at Victoria.

FREEDMAN'S AID-D. Gregory and A. Taylor.

BIBLE CAUSE-D. Mucker, J. Henderson and G. Wilson,

TEMPERANCE-C. Young, G. W. Smith and A. R. Norris.

Periodicals-J. W. Robinson, M. Henson and G. W. Townsend.

CHURCH EXTENSION—E. Cogswell, S. Smith and E. E. Cooper. Publishing Minutes—The Secretaries and Presiding Elders.

AUDITING P. E. ACCOUNTS-A. R Norris, G. W. Smith, A. M. Gregory.

BOOK CONCERN-P. Gates, J. R. Carnes and M. Henson.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS-J. Jarman, J. Johnson and W. Goodwin.

EDUCATION-A. R. Norris, G. W. Smith, D. Gregory, A. M. Gregory, M. Henson and G. W. Richardson.

CONFERENCE TREASURER-M. Henson.

Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D., and Rev. J. M. Walden, D. D., were introduced to the Conference.

On motion, Doctor Hartzell/was requested to collect the accounts of the New York Book Concern.

It was amounced that \$50 was apportioned to this conference to defray the expenses of delegates to the General Conference. The presiding elders were requested to apportion that amount to their different districts to be collected.

A draft of thirty dollars was ordered on the chartered fund.

A communication from the book committee was read and ordered placed on file. A paper on Sunday Schools, read and referred to committee on Sunday Schools. Question 10 was taken up

S. Gates, Presiding Elder of Austin district, was called, his character passed, and he reported his district The names of D. Gregory, M. Henson, I. Smith,

J. W. Robinson and C Young were called, and their characters passed.

The name of C. L. Madison, Presiding Elder of Dallas district, was called, his character passed, and he reported his district. The character of A. M. Gregory, A. Taylor, G. Wilson and A. Lockhart, passed.

Aaron Neely was called, his character passed and he was granted a superannu-

ated relation.

Conference adjourned with doxology, and benediction by Dr. Walden.

DECEMBER 4th, 1879.

Conference met at 9 a. m. Bishop Merrill in the chair.

Rev. M. Harrison, of the Baptist church in Victoria, was introduced to the conference.

The name of G. W. Richardson, Presiding Elder of San Antonio district, was called, his character passed, and he reported his district.

A. R. Norris, W. O. Sheely, T. August, L. Morris, A. Black, J. Henderson

and C Mays, were called and their character passed.

When the name of J. Wright was called, his character was passed and he was reported sick-probably nigh unto death-and especial prayer was requested in his behalf.

When the name of L. Carper, Presiding Elder of Columbus district was called, he was reported absent on account of severe family affliction. He had just buried two of his children, and his wife was very sick; G. W. Richardson represented his district.
P. Johnson, D. Harper, J. Oakman, A. Campbell and S. Morgan were

called, and character passed.

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PHRISHING MINUTES-The Secretaries and Question 3d was taken up-Who remain on trial? Thomas Wadkins, P. M. Carmicle and Jack Ceasar had not been before the examining committee, and were allowed further time to pass their examinations. W. Simon, John Prince and R. Kidd were discontinued; E. Henderson was continued on trial.

Question 6th was taken up-Who are the deacons of the second class? J. Johnson, E. Nesbit, R. P. Brown, I. Clayton, W. Medlock, character passed, and they were continued deacons of the first class W. Goodwin, S. Smith, character passed, and they were advanced to the second class. W. Medlock was granted a superannuated relation. W. H. Mosely, E. E. Cooper and D. Muckor, character passed and they were advanced to the second class

Question 7th was taken up-Who have been elected and ordained elders?-E. Cogswell, P. Gates, B. F. Smith, C. Scruggs and G. W. Townsend, character passed and they were elected to Elder's orders; W. Graves and R. Deux char-

acter passed and continued deacons of the second class.

Question 8th was taken up—Who are the supernumerary preachers? L. D. Greenwood and I. Clayton, character passed and they were continued in the supernumerary relation R. Deux was made effective.

On motion it was resolved that the names of the local preachers should be

published in the minutes.

Dr. Walden gave the conference a short address on the qualifications of a Christian minister. The thanks of the conference were tendered to Dr. Walden for his visit and good counsel.

Conference adjourned to meet at 7 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Bishop Merrill in the chair. Minutes of the morning session read, and after some corrections, approved.

G. W. Richardson, S. Gates, C. L. Madison, A. M. Gregory and B. F. Smith

were appointed a committee to revise the conference roll.

M. C. Cain, of the Presbyterian church, was introduced to the conference.

G. Norman was called, character passed, admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's orders.

W. J. Mitchell, character passed and admitted into full connection

The class for admission into full connection was called before the Bishop, and answered the disciplinary questions. They were then addressed by the Bishop on the sacredness of the work of the minister, the importance of a correct life and a correct faith.

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Conference adjourned with doxology and benediction.

being made necessary to a choice THIRD DAY. Gregory, G. W. Smith and

December 5th, 1879.

Conference met at the usual hour, Bishop Merrill in the chair.

Question 4th was taken up—Who are admitted into full connection? J. Jarman, D. Humphries, C. Hart, V. B. Banks, W. H. Davis, character passed and admitted to full connection.

C. Chase and T. Wadkins character passed, admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's orders.

G. Sawyer, C. C. Robinson, Samuel Gibbs and P. Wilson, character passed and continued on trial. J. A. H. Dozier was discontinued

The case of J. Hall was laid over.

Question 9th was taken up—Who are the superannuated preachers? A. J. Burrus, H. Melton, N. Caswell, P. Scruggs, C. King, J. Johnson and A. Johnson, character passed and continued in the same relation.

The case of G. W. Smith was called, character passed, and he elected to

lder's orders.

On motion G. W. Smith, G. Wilson, M. Henson, J. W. Robinson and Isaac Smith were appointed an investigating committee in the case of H. Swan, H. Christmas ond James Harrold.

Question 20th was taken up—Where shall the next conference be held?—Waco, Austin and LaGrange were nominated, and Austin was selected by unanimous vote.

Conference adjourned with doxology and benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

December 6th, 1879.

Conference met at 9 a, m. Bishop Merrill in the chair.

Minutes read and approved.

Question 3d resumed.

The character of P. M. Carmicle was passed, and he was continued on trial. Question 4th resumed. The character of James Hall was passed, and he was admitted into full connection.

The committee in the case of J. Harrold reported as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN: We, your committee in the case of J. Harrold, have investigated the case, and find no just ground for complaint against him.

G. W. SMITH, Chairman.

The character of J. Harrold was passed and he was admitted into full connection J. Ceasar was admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders.

The conference reconsidered the vote in the case of S Gibbs, by which he was continued on trial. He was admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's orders.

Question 1st was taken up—Have any entered this conference by transfer or readmission? Morton Lott, B. F. Williams and M. Anderson were readmitted.

On motion the conference proceeded to the election (by ballot) of two delegates to the General Conference, to meet in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 1st, 1880, it being made necessary to a choice that the candidates should receive a majority of all the votes cast. J Henderson, A M. Gregory, G. W. Smith and A. R Norris, were appointed tellers.

On the first ballot 54 ballots were cast, and Samuel Gates and C. L. Madison having received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared duly elected dele-

gates to the next General Conference

On motion the conference proceeded to elect two reserve delegates, it being ordered that the two receiving the highest and next highest number of votes should be elected. On the first ballot G. W. Richardson and M. Henson were found to have the highest and next highest votes cast for any one person, and were declared duly elected reserved delegates to the next General Conference.

Rev. Mr. Johnson of the Presbyterian church, was introduced to the conference, Question 7th was resumed. The committee in the case of H. Swan reported:

We, the committee, find the Rev. H. Swan a pure man, not guilty of any act unbecoming a Christian gentleman and a minister of the gospel.

G. W. SMITH, Ch'n.

The character of H. Swan passed and he was elected to Elder's orders. The report of the committee in the case of H. Christmas was as follows:

We have investigated the slanderous reports against brother Christmas, and find that they are not sustained by the evidence that came before us.

G W. Smith, Ch'n.

U. Shanks, character passed and he was elected to Elder's orders

J. R. Carnes was granted a location.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate the Triers of Appeals.

Conference adjourned to meet at 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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Conference met at 3 p. m. Bishop Merrill in the chair.

Report of the auditing committee (see report A) was read and adopted.

Report of committee on periodicals (see report B) was presented and adopted.

Report of committee on Bible cause (report U) read and adopted,

Report of committee on freedman's aid (report D) read and adopted

Report of committee on church extension (report E) read and adopted

Report of committee on Sunday Schools (report F) read and adopted.

Question 21st was taken up—Have any local preachers been ordained? P. M Carmicle and E. Henderson were elected to Deacon's orders

Morton Lott and Seaborn Smith having been traveling deacons two years, were elected to Elder's orders.

Pleas. Anderson was admitted to this conference as an Elder, from the Baptist

church, after having taken our ordination vows.

Brother Batties Lott, the newly elected lay delegate to the General Confer-

ence, was introduced to the conference.

Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

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December 8th, 1879.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Bishop Merrill in the chair.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Committee on temperance presented their report (report G) which was adopted Report of committee on education (report H) was read and adopted.

Committe to nominate Triers of Appeals presented their report, which was adopted, to-wit: D. Gregory, J. W. Robinson, P. Johnson, T. August, Isaac Smith, B. F. Smith and C. Young.

The committee to nominate the Board of Church Extension presented the following report, which was adopted: S Gates, President; G. W. Richardson, Vice President; C L Madison, Cor. Sec'y; R Dukes, Rec. Sec'y; additional members: Isaac Smith, B. Lott, J Alexander, George Bantom and R. Brown.

Report of committee on boundary line (report K) was read and adopted.

M. Henson and A. R Norris were appointed a committee to wait on L.

Carper, and if necessary, help to arrange his finances with his preachers on Columbus district, as he was not present at the conference to have his accounts audited.

The report of the statistical secretary was presented, and referred back for completion, preparatory to being published in the minutes.

Report of conference stewards was read and adopted.

Resolutions of thanks were read and adopted by a rising vote.

On motion, the presiding Elders were authorized to collect one dollar from each of the preachers to pay for publishing the minutes.

A. Brack and C. Scruggs were granted a supernumerary relation.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Bishop made some very appropriate remarks with regard to the difficulties in this field of labor, and the devotion and earnestness with which the ministers must undertake their work, in order to insure success, and then read the appointments.

Conference adjourned, sine die.

The Bishop pronounced the benediction. S. M. MERRILL, President.

B. F. Smith, Secretary.

P. M. CARMICLE, Assistant Secretary.

Appointments and Missionary Appropriation. SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.

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M. Henson, P. E., Post Office, Austin, Texas, \$450.

San Antonio, Primus Gates, \$	10	Cuero & Mission Valley, D. Harper,	20
Pleasanton, to be sup. by J. T.		Victoria, A. R. Norris,	20
Jacobs,	30	Indianola & Centerville, J. Ceasar,	30
Hondo, M Anderson,		Mt. Vernon, L Morris,	30
Boerne, S. Gibbes,	35	Texana & Morales, W. Goodwin,	35
Lavernia, W. H. Moseby,	40	Goliad, C. Mays,	30
Nockernut & Riddleville, T. August,	30	Corpus Christi, H. Christmas,	120
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Columbus circuit, C. Young	20	Wadkins	25
Alleyton, E. E. Cooper	35	Luling, E Nesbit	20
Eagle Lake, C. Chase	30	Lockhart, W. H. Davis	50
Industry, V. B. Banks	.30	Seguin and Mt Pleasant, J.	11 11 11
Oakland, Peter Johnson	25	Wright	25
Boxville, J. Oakman	25	San Marcos, G. W. Townsend	80
Halletsville, S. Morgan		Gonzales, J. Henderson	50
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East Waco, A. Taylor		Dallas & McKinney, H. Swann,	60
Waco Mission, R. P. Brown		Denton & Pilot Point, A. Lock-	CH.F
Marlin and Big creek, P. Wilson	30		50
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Bremond and Long Branch. J.	Pose	Calvert, A. M. Gregory	10
A. Hall	40	Port Sullivan and Milam Grove,	CET D
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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

Question 1. Have any entered this conference by transfer or readmission? By readmission—Morton Lott, B. F. Williams, Merritt Anderson.

Question 2. Who are admitted on trial? None.

Question 3. Who remain on trial? Peter M. Carmichael, Emanuel Hen-

derson, George Sawyer, Charles C. Robinson, Prince Wilson.

Question 4. Who are admitted into full connection? Granville Norman, William J. Mitchell, James A. Hall, James Jarman, Daniel Humphries, Charles Hart, Samuel Gibbs (not ordained), James Harrold, Van Buren Banks, William H. Davis, Charles Chase, Thomas Wadkins, Jack Ceasar—13.

Question 5. Who are the deacons of the first class? Jackson Johnson, Elijah Nesbit, Rees P. Brown, Isaiah Clayton, Willis Medlock, Granville Norman, William J. Mitchell, James A. Hall, James Jarman, Daniel Humphries, Charles Hart, James Harrold, Van Buren Banks, William H. Davis, Charles Chase, Thomas Wadkins, Jack Ceasar—17.

Question 6. Who are the deacons of the second class? Washington Goodwin, William H. Mosby, Edmund E. Cooper, David Mucker, Willis Graves,

Robert Deux, Henry Christmas-..

Question 7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Enoch Cogswell, Primus Gates, Harry Swan, Benjamin F. Smith, Charles Scruggs, George W. Townsend, George W. Smith, Cyrus Shanks, Morton Lott, Seaborn Smith—10.

Question 8. Who are the supernumerary preachers? I. Clayton, L. D.

Greenwood, W. Medlock, A. Brack, C. Scruggs-5.

Question 9. Who are the superannuated preachers? A. J. Burress, H. Melton, N. Caswell, P. Scruggs, C. King, Jackson Johnson, A. J. Johnson, A. Neely—8.

Question 10. Was the character of each preacher examined? It was, strictly.

Question 11. Have any located? J. R Carnes.

Question 12. Have any withdrawn? None.

Question 13. Have any been transferred, and to what conference? S. J. Bundy and W. O. Sheely, to the Austin conference; and Alexander Campbell and B. F. Williams, to the Texas conference.

Que tion 14. Have any been expelled? None.

Question 15. Have any died? None.

Question 16. What is the statistical report? (See statistical tables.)

Question 17. What are the claims upon the conference fund? Not answered.

Question 18. What has been received on the foregoing claims, and has it

been applied? \$67.25, which was divided among the claimants by vote of conference.

Question 19. Where are the preachers stationed? (See appointments.)
Question 20. Where and when shall the next conference be held? At Austin; time not given.

Question 21. Have any local preachers been ordained? Peter M. Carmi-

chael and Emanuel Henderson were ordained deacons.

This certifies that I ordained Granville Norman, Charles Chase, Thomas Wadkins, Jack Caesar, Peter M. Carmichael, and Emanuel Henderson, as Deacons, on Sunday, December 7th, in the M. E. Church, Victoria, Texas; and that at the same place, on the same day, with the aid of Elders present, I ordained the following to the office of Elder, namely: Enoch Coggswell, Primus Gates, Harry Swan, Benjamin F. Smith, Charles Scruggs, George W. Townsend, George W. Smith, Cyrus Shanks, Morton Lott, Seaborn Smith.

Victoria, December 8, 1879.

S. M. MERRILL.

Local Preachers of Dallas District.

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Detailed Report of Contributions to the Missionary Society.

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Amanda Isaac,	50	Silvie Daniel,			William Singles,		Alford Meridy,	50
Nanny Short,	50	Ann Connor,	1	50	Chant Griffin,		Milton Meridy,	50
Mary William,	50	Minda Williams,		50	William Scott,		Ruben Holt,	60
Adeline Adams,	50	Eliza Daniel,		50	Mitchel Caraway,		Whale Clemons,	50
Mary Welborn,	50	Martha Allen,	1	10	Anthony Walton.		Scott Pettie,	59
Harriet Adams,	50	Ann Rogers,			Rachael Butler,		Henry Johnson,	50

Sallie Johnson, 50 Mandy Collins, 50 Isabella Davenport, 50 Ephraim Jones, 50 Adam Burleson, 50 Jane Robinson, 50 William Wadkins, 50 Mathew Brown, 2 00 Elward Fayles, 1 00 Lemric Amerson, 50 S. B. Moore. 50 Wash McDow, 1 00 Jerry Slater, 50 Fred Harrison, 50	Henry Adams, 1 00 Peter Worles, 50 Jeff Smith, 1 00 O. W. Williams, 1 00 Ramsey Lenford, 50 Neal Harrison, 55 John Anderson, 1 00 A. West, 1 00 Kam Hart, 1 00 Henry Banks, 1 00 Wilson Clark, 50 Wilson Clark, 50 Wincy Banks, 50 Robert Oliver, 50	Marshal Clines, 50 Henderson Stramler, 75 Dick Lonza, 1 00 Dick Flowers, 50 James Walker, 50 Jerry Potrid. 50 Richard Parr, 50 Giles Barnes, 50 William Phillips, 50 Rollin Wilson, 1 00 Pinkney Harrison, 1 00 Joseph A. Moore, 50 Ed. Harris. 50 Samuel Moore, 1 00 Samuel McKinney, 1 00	Wright Gates, 50 Wash Moore, 50 Madison Gates, 100 George Edwards, 50 Green Taylor, 50 Lem Gates, 100 T. Washington, 50 Bill Jones, 50 Jane Gates, 280 Harriet Gates, 50 Caroline Gates, 230 Louisa Thompson, 315 Mary Fayles, 280 Martha Moore, 285 Francis Banks, 50 Ailey Flowers, 50
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[A] Report of Auditing Committee.

Your committee report as follows: We have carefully examined the accounts and vouchers of elders S. Gates, of Austin district, G. W. Richardson, of San Antonio district and C. L. Madison, of Dallas district, and find them correct. Presiding Elder Carper was not at Conference and his accounts were not before us.

A. M. Gregory,

G W. SMITH, A. R. NORRIS.

[B] Report of Committee on Periodicals.

We believe the South Western Christian Advocate is the real advocate and true defender of the rights and interests of our people. It is the very paper for the members of the M E. Church in the South. We have the utmost confidence in the editor, Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D., and earnestly desire that the next General Conference should continue him in the same relation. His visits are always hailed with delight We believe it to be the true interest of our people to patronize our own papers and Sunday School literature: therefore,

Resolved. That we, as members of the West Texas Conference, will do all we can to get subscribers for the South-Western Christian Advocate—that we will set apart the first Sunday in January as

"South-western day," for that purpose.

[C] Report of Committee on Bible Cause.

We are convinced of the importance of circulating the Scriptures among the people as a means of lifting them to a higher plane of Christian experience.—Therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That each paster be requested to take up a collection for the American Bible Society. 2d. That each paster be requested to keep an account of all the families in his charge that are destitute of the Bible, and report the same to the next annual conference.

31. That we will do all we can to supply our people with the Scriptures, believing that our success among the people will be in proportion to their knowledge of God's word.

JAMES HENDERSON, D MUCKER,

G. WILSON,

[D] Report of Committee on Freedman's Aid.

We recognize the fact that the Freedman's Aid Society has already accomplished a great deal among the freedmen, in establishing schools and supporting

teachers among us, and that we are not yet in a condition to do without such assistance. Therefore

Resolved, That we will take special pains to explain to our people the workings of the society when we ask for their contributions for that purpose.

D. GREGORY,

A. TAYLOR, S MORGAN.

[E] Report of Committee on Church Extension.

We gratefully aknowledge the benefits we have already received in the way of donations and loans, to help us to build churches in places where we could not have built without such help. The people are too poor to build their own churches, and we understand this in our work especially; that we can never hold a society together without a place of worship. We therefore encourage all the pastors to bring this matter carefully before the people, and to take the collections promptly.

E. Cogswell,

S. SMITH, E. E. COOPER.

[F] Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

We, your committee on Sunday schools, beg leave to report that we are as much as ever convinced of the importance of the Sunday school system, to the success of our work. We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That we will carry out the rule in the discipline instructing us to organize a Sundley

school at all of our appointments where we can get ten children.

Resolved, That we will organize all our Sunday schools into missionary societies, and will tup a collection for the Sunday School Union at all of our appointments. We feel that the Sunday School is the place for the old, as well as the young, to learn the truth about heaven. The Sunday school is a grand institution and is doing a grand work. It is a blessed privilege to attend the Sunday school and engage in imparting the great truths of the Bible, instructing the children in the way of truih—many of whom are not taught the way of peace and happiness at home.

Resolved, That this conference instruct its ministers to be more engaged in the Sunday school work.

J. JARMAN,
E HENDERSON,
J. JOHNSON,
W. GOODWIN.

[G] Report of Committee on Temperance,

Your committee having with gratitude to the Giver of all good witnessed the beneficent effects of the adoption, in several of the counties of our State, of the 'local option law,' would respectfully submit the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge the hand of God in the temperance reform, and are specially gratified with the success of its principles in the M. E. Church.

2. Resolved, That we will preach faithfully on the subject warning our people against the very appearance of evil, and will if necessary bring to discipline and exclusion from the church these who transgress.

3. Resolved, That we strongly recommend the organization of temperance societies in our Sunday schools.

4. Resolved, That we believe in the propriety of prohibitional legislation as the only effectual remedy for the evil, and hereby pledge ourselves to personal endeavors to secure such legislation, by voting solidly for such men, and such only as are soundly temperate.

5. Resolved, That we bid all the workers in this great reform a hearty God speed, assuring them that we would be behind none of them in devotion to this work, and as ministers of the Gospel, we hereby pledge to support by our influence, and our votes, those noble men who dared to lead the way in this grand effort to save our State from degradation and ruin.

6. Resolved, That in the judgment of this conference the use of tobacco in any of its forms is a filthy, unnecessary and expensive habit, and that as ministers we will use all proper means to discourage its use among our people.

7. Resolved, That we will not admit any man into this conference who uses tobacco, unless he takes an obligation, in open conference, to cease from the habit. C, Young,

> G W. SMITH, A. R. Norris.

[H] Report of Committee on Education.

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We are thoroughly convinced that our usefulness and happiness depends on our intelligence and piety. We are not qualified to take our place among the evangelistic forces and do our full part in the conversion of the world without education. Our people will be "driven about by every wind of doctrine, and" there can be but little stability in our work, till they have acquired the ability to read the holy Bible and understand the doctrines of our church.

Being thoroughly roused to feel our wants in this direction, we have established a conference school at Austin, which is now in successful operation with four competent teachers, and have contributed, and collected from our people, over \$500, which has been used for the purchase of lots for the school buildings. The six lots were purchased at a cost of \$1.350, of which amount a little more than \$900 remains unpaid. Therefore, be it

Resolved. 1st. That J. W. Robinson be appointed Financial Agent, to visit all the appointments in the conference, and solicit funds to pay for this property and put up a building.

Resolved, 2d. That G. W. Richardson, S. Gates, C. L. Madison, M. Henson and G. W. Smith be appointed a committee to arrange with the Financial Agent to meet his traveling and other expen-

ses while he is in the agency, and such other business as may properly come before them.

Resolved, 3d. That S. Gates be appointed the Treasurer, to receive and disburse the funds raised in this conference for the purchase of school property.

Resolved, 4th. That the Presiding Elders be requested to present the matter of education at all

their quarterly meetings, and urge the people to contribute to the Conference School. Resolved, 5th. That as pastors we will always welcome the Financial Agent to our pulpits, and

give him all the aid we can in his work. Resolved, 6th. That we respectfully and earnestly request the Freedman's Aid Society to appropriate one thousand dollars for the support of the teachers in our Conference School during the current year, and to enable them to bring up the arrears of the past year, while the funds of the conference are used to purchase property. And further, that we earnestly request the Freedman's Aid Society to remember our wants in the way of funds for building.

Resolved, 7th. That we fully endorsed the teachers that are now employed in the school, and gratefully acknowledge their unselfish devotion to our interests while we have been passing

through the financial embarrassment of the past year.

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Resolved, 8th. That the thanks of this conference are due Rev. M. Henson for the fidelity with

which he has discharged his duty as agent the past year.

Resolved, 9th. That we earnestly solicit the favor of the officers of the different Rail Roads in the State of Texas to furnish free transportation to our Conference Financial Agent, J. w. Robinson, and that S. Gates and G. W. Richardson be appointed a committee to confer with the different Rail Road authorities on this subject. A. R. NORRIS,

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Report of Conference Stewards.

The amount of money which came into our hands to be distributed among the Conference claimants, was \$67.25; disbursed as follows: To the orphan children of J. Webster, sent

by W. H. Davis,

To Archie Johnson, by S. Gates,

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Resolutions on the division of the conference.

Whereas, This Conference and the Texas Conference at their last sessions, by a joint commission agreed upon the formation of the North Texas Conference, to be composed of portions of both of said conferences.

Resolved. That this conference reaffirms its conviction that such conference should be organized. and hereby requests the Texas Conference to reaffirm its action and instruct its delegates to the next General Conference to co-operate with our own in having that body form said North Texas Conference. Resolved, That in our judgment the following boundaries of the North Texas, Texas, and West

Texas Conferences, would be a just division of the territory:

BOUNDARIES OF THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

North Texas Conference shall include so much of the State of Texas as lies north of a line commencing at the Louisiana line, following the south line of Shelby county; thence west to San Augustine; thence to Crocket, Hearne, Burnett and the Colorado river; running along the Colorado river to where said river strikes the North line of Tom Green county; thence west along the north line of said county until it strikes the north-east corner of the Territory of New Mexico. All the towns on said line shall be in the North Texas Conference, except Hearne, which shall be in the Texas Conference.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Texas Conference shall include so much of the State of Texas as lies east of a line beginning at the Gulf of Mexico, on the east line of Matagorda county, and running along said line and the east line of Wharton and Colorado counties to the north part of Colorado county; thence north until it strikes the Central Rulroad at Hearne; thence east along the south boundary line of the North Texas Conference.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The west Texas Conference shall embrace so much of the State of Texas as is not included in the North Texas and Texas Conferences.

Resolved, That our delegates be and are hereby instructed to use their influence to have such action taken by the next General Conference as will secure the establishment of the above boundarfes. G. W. RICHARDSON,

S. GATES.

Names of local preachers

Whereas, The General Conference of 1876 adopted a resolution requiring each Annual Conference to publish the names of all local preachers in each circuit and station, therefore,

Resolved, That we, the West Texas Conferente, publish the names and post office address of all local preachers within the bounds of the conference, in the minutes.

C. L. MADISON. Resolved, By the West Texas Conference, that in its judgment the interests of the Methodist Episcopal church in the south-west would be greatly advanced by the establishment of a book depository in the city of New Orleans.

Resolved, That our delegates to the next General Conference are hereby instructed to do all in their power to secure a book depository at New Orleans. MACK HENSON,

Resolutions of thanks. Resolved, 1st. That we regard it a very great pleasure to have in our midst our beloved Bishop, S. M. Merrill, and we heartily and thankfully appreciat; his unceasing efforts for the elevation and education of our race, and we will earnest endeavor to follow his salutary counsels and admonitions. We hope he may visit us again soon, and be our president.

2d. That we are glad again to greet our brother J. C. Hartzell, and thank him for his visit, and

aid in the conference work.

31. That we tender our thanks to the kind people of Victoria for their warm-hearted reception to the conference, and their generous hospitality to us as members. Also to the pastor of the Baptist church for his fraternall greetings.

A. M. GREGORY, A. R. NORRIS.

Conference Board of Church Extension.

S. GATES,..... President C. L. MADISON,..... Treasurer.

Isaac Smith,
Geo. Banton,
Batties Lott,
A. Brown,
J Alexander.

Minutes read and approved, Triers of Appeals.

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D. Gregory, Peter Johnson, Isaac Smith, J. W. Robinson, T. August, B. F. Smith,

C. Young.

Committee of Examiners for 1880,

To examine candidates for admission on trial and local preachers for Deacon's orders. The Presiding Elders.

First Year-G. W. Smith, P. Gates.

Second Year-E. Coggswell, Willis Graves.

Third Year-H. Swan, T. August.

Fourth Year-A. R. Norris, C. Mays.

To preach the Missionary Sermon, J. W Robinson.

Conference Collection Apportioned to the Districts.

	TOTAL COLECTIONS.	DALLAS DISTRICT.	AUSTIN DISTRICT.	COLUMBUS . DIST.	SAN ANTONIO DIST.
Missions,	\$ 500 00	\$100 00	\$165 00	\$135 00	\$100 00
Church Extens'n,	200 00	40 00	66 00	54 00	40 00
Freedman's Aid,	100 00	20 00	33 00	27 00	20 00
Ex. Delegetes,	50 00	10 00	16 50	13 50	10 00
Bishop's Fund,	35 00	7 00	11 55	9 45	7 00
Conference Claim,	70 00	14 00	23 10	18 90	14 00
S. S. Union,	25 00	5 00	8 25	6 75	5 00
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Proceedings of the Electoral Conference,

HELD IN VICTORIA, TEXAS, DECEMBER 5TH, 1879.

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On motion Andrew Foster was chosen Chairman, and W. B. Avery, Sec'y. Dr. Hartzell, of New Orleans, being present, explained the business of the

Electoral Conference, and read the law bearing on the same.

On motion Wm. B. Avery, Batties Lott, Thomas King, Ephraim Jones and Sanford Dust, were appointed a committee on credentials.

On motion the Conference adjourned till to-morrow at 2 o'clock, P M., by singing the doxology, and benediction by Rev. Dr. Hartzell.

WM. B AVERY, Secretary.

VICTORIA, TEXAS, Dec. 6th, 1879.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, A. Foster in the chair.

Minutes read and approved.

Committee on credentials ordered to report, which was done. On motion the Secretary was ordered to complete their roll.

Roll call after being completed, and twenty-nine answered to their names. Conference then proceeded to the election of delegates to General Conference, On motion, the vote was taken by ballot.

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The result of the ballot was the election of R. Dukes, of Austin, and Batties Lott, of Goliad.

The following were elected reserves, Geo. Brothers and Jackson Johns.

A. FOSTER, Chairman.

WM B. AVERY, Secretary.

Post Office Address of the Bishops. January 1st, 1880.

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Rev. Bishop Levi Scott, D. D., Odessa Del

Rev. Bishop Matthew Simpson, D. D. LL. D. 1807 Mount Vernon street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. Bishop Thomas Bowman, D. D., LL. D., 3029 Washington Avonue, Saint Louis, Mo.

Rev. Bishop William L. Harris, D. D., LL, D., 493 Lexiugton Avenue, New York.

Rev. Bishop Randolph S. Foster, D. D., LL. D., 59 Rutland Street, Boston, Mass

Rev. Bishop Isaac W. Wiley, D. D., Cincinnati O.

Rev. Bishop Stephén M. Merrill, D. D. 57 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. Bishop Edward G Andrews, D. D., Des Moines, Iowa

Rev. Bishop Gilbert Haven, Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. Bishop Jesse T. Peck, D. D., LL. D. Syracuse, New York *222 Ministers and 133 laymen

Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organization and Officers.—Organized August 7, 1866; head-quarters at Western Methodist Book Concern, Cincinnati, Ohio

BISHOP ISAAC W. WILEY, D. D., L. L. D., President

RICHARD S. RUST, D. D., L. L. D , Corresponding Secretary.

JOHN M. WALDEN, D. D., L. L. D., Recording Secretary.

LUKE HITCHCOCK, D. D., Treasurer, Ciucinnati.

J. M. PHILLIPS, Esq., Treasurer, New York

Educational Institutions.—The Society has aided in the establishment and support of the following institutions, which are now [Nov. 15, 1879] in a flourishing condition: a Chartered Institutions,—Central Tennessee College, Nashville, Tennessee; Clark University, Atlanta, Georgia; Claffin University, Orangeburgh, South Carolina, New Orleans University, New Orleans, Louisiana; Shaw University, Holly Springs, Mississippi, Wiley University, Marshall, Texas.

Theological Schools,—Centenary Biblical Institute, Baltimore, Md, Thomson Biblical Institute, New Orleans, Louisiana; Baker Institute, Orangeburgh, South Carolina; (Theological classes in all our chools)

Medical College-Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn,

Institutions not Chartered—Bennett Seminary, Greensborough, North Carolina; Cookman Institute, Jacksonville, Florida; Dadeville Seminary, Dadeville Alabama; Haven Normal School, Waynesboro, Georgia; La Grange Seminary, La Grange, Georgia; Meridian Academy, Meridian, Mississippi; Rust Normal School, Huntsville, Alabama; Walden Seminary, Little Rock, Arkansas; Orphans' Home, La Teche, Louisiana; West Texas Conference Seminary, Austin, Texas

Statistical Summaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church, July 1st, 1879.

Number of Annual Conferences	96
Number of Itinerant Preachers.	11,453
Number of Local Preachers	12 402
Number of Local Preachers. Total number of Preachers.	23.855
Number of Lity Members	1,696 837
Total number of Preachers and Lay Members	1,708,290
Number of Church Edifices	16,721
Number of Parsonages	5.599
Value of Church Edifices	66 639 990
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Total value of Churches and Parsonages	75,243,283
Number of Sunday Schools	19,925
Number of Sunday School Teachers and Officers	214,698
Number of Sunday School Scholars	1,543.386
Number of Infant Baptisms during the year.	55.076
Number of Adult Baptisms during the year	64,531
Number of deaths of Itinerant Preachers during the year	104

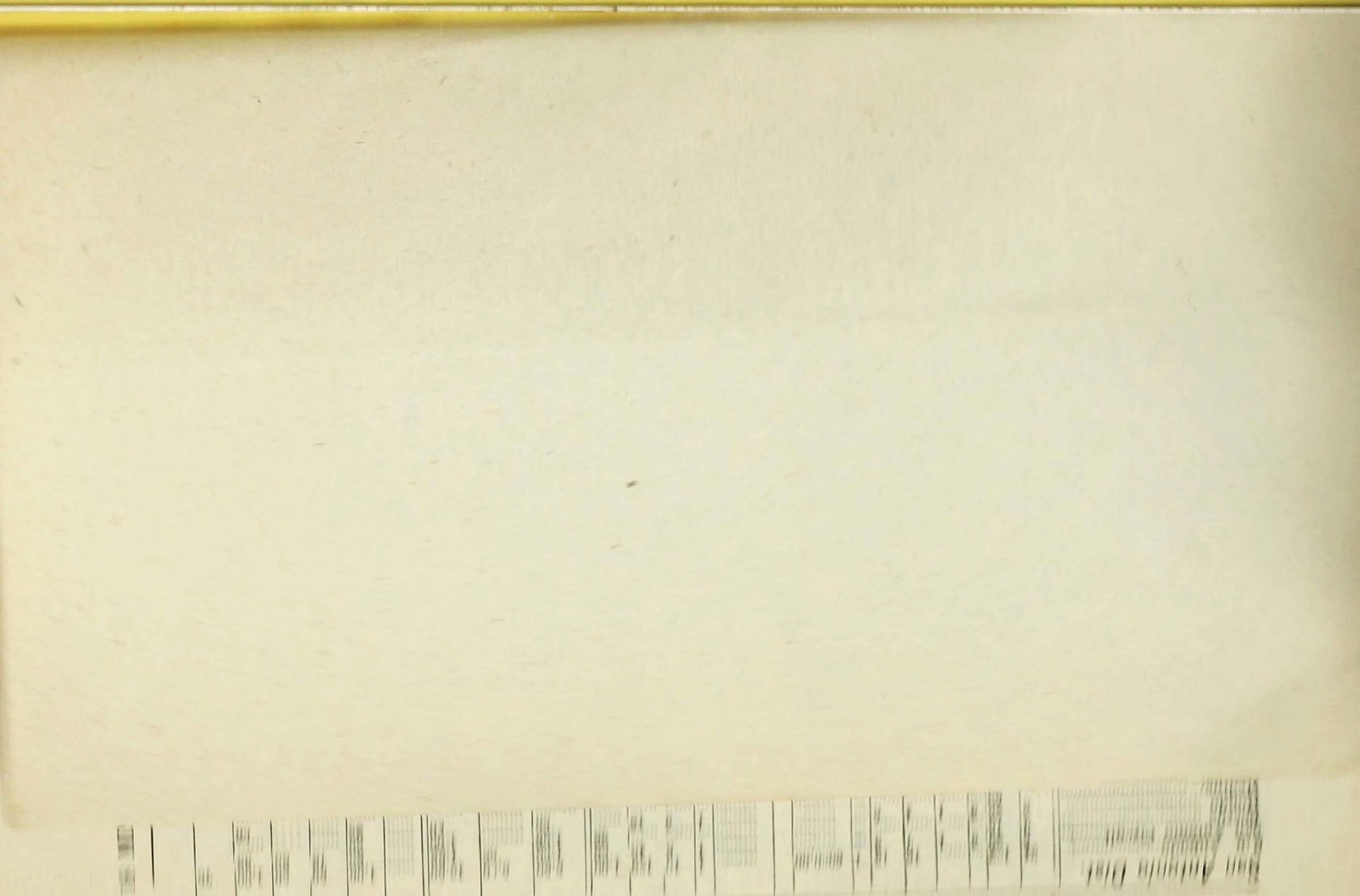
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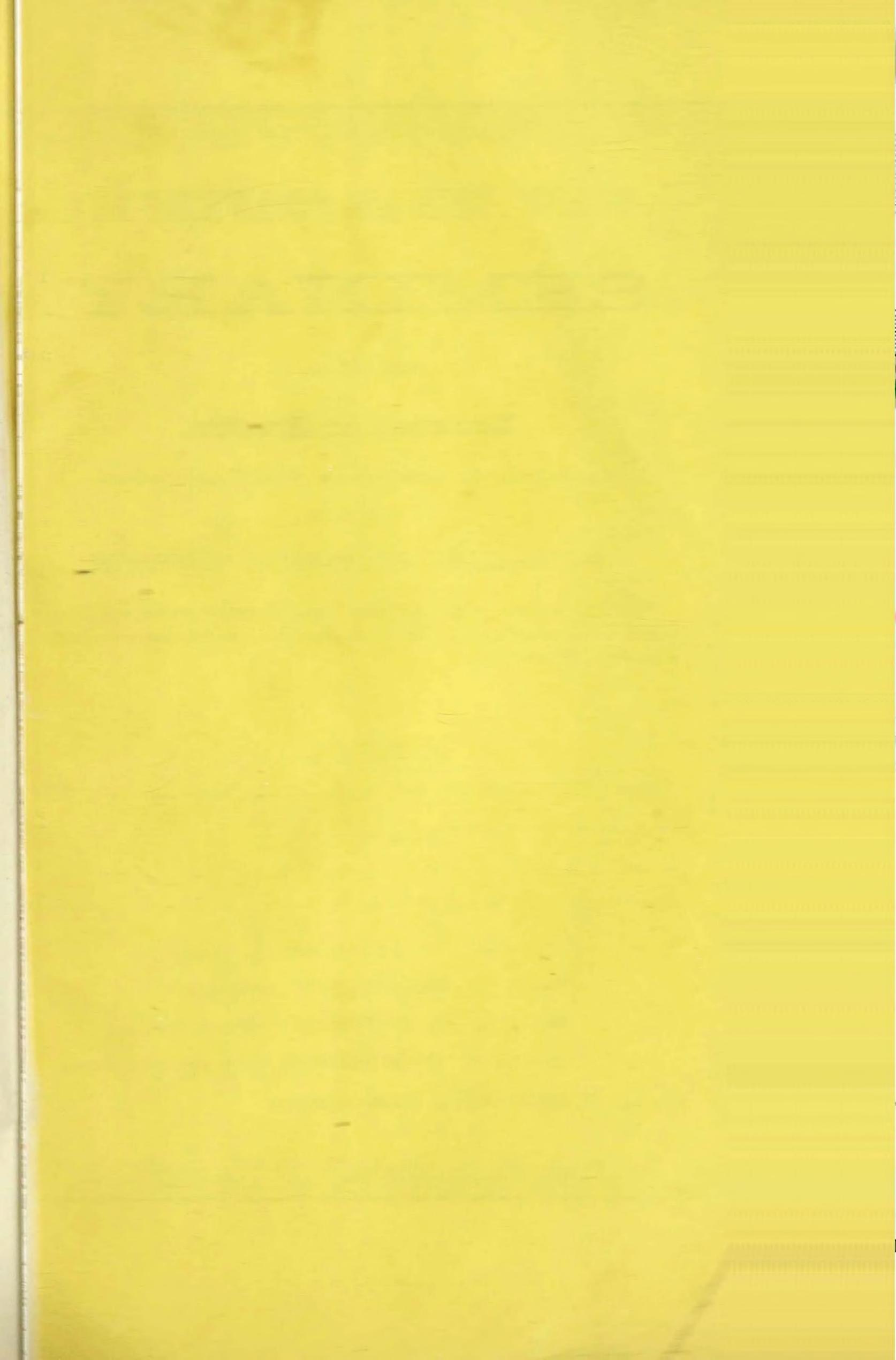
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THIS SCHOOL IS

Located at Austin,

And is under the control of the West Texas Conference

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The School Year is divided into three Terms of twelve weeks each, commencing as follows: The first Mondays in September, January and April of each year.

TUITION.

Primary Department, per month	31 00
Intermediate, per month	1,50
Higher, per month	2.00
Music Lessons on Organ, per month	4.00

Rev. GEO. O. RICHARDSON, Principal,

Mrs. C. A. RICHARDSON, Preceptress.

Mr. E. M. RICHARDSON, Primary Teacher.

Rev. G. W. RICHARDSON, Chairman of Trustees.

Rev. J. W. ROBINSON, Financial Agent.