

# MINUTES

## OF THE

# PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE,

OF THE  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
HELD AT PHILADELPHIA, APRIL 3, 1844.

The Philadelphia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held its 55th annual session in Union Church, Philadelphia, commencing on Wednesday, April 3d. Bishop Morris presided. Bishop Hedding was present during a part of the session. The session terminated on Friday afternoon, April 12th. The regular business of the Conference will be found under the several questions.

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Quest. 1. *What Preachers have been admitted on trial?*

|                    |                       |                    |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| George Lybrand,    | Robert K. Richardson, | Francis Rutter,    |
| Geo. D. Bowen,     | J. W. Mecaskey,       | John Shields,      |
| Solomon M. Cooper, | Jos. K. Anderson,     | Zachariah Webster, |
| Newton Heston,     | Samuel Pancoast,      | Sterns Patterson,  |
| Louis Giustiniani. | William C. Pouison.   |                    |

Quest. 2. *Who remain on trial?*

|                   |                      |                    |
|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| James A. Brindle, | Henry B. Manger,     | William Campbell,  |
| John C. Thomas,   | Goldsmith D. Carrow, | George R. Crooks,  |
| Andrew Manship,   | Abraham Freed,       | Henry R. Calloway, |
| Wm. Montgomery,   | Thomas C. Murphy,    | David Titus,       |
|                   |                      | Thomas Newman.     |

Quest. 3. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

|                     |                      |                   |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Arthur W. Milby,    | Daniel L. Patterson, | William Mullen,   |
| George Quigley,     | Joseph H. Wythe,     | Nicholas Ridgely, |
| Joseph J. Elsegood, | John Allen,          | John Walsh,       |
|                     | James McCarter.      |                   |

Quest. 4. *Who are the Deacons?*

|                  |                       |                    |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| William L. Grey, | *Joseph J. Elsegood,  | James Y. Ashton,   |
| *John Walsh,     | William Bishop,       | *James McCarter,   |
| Peter J. Cox,    | *Daniel L. Patterson, | Isaac R. Merrill,  |
| *George Quigley, | *Arthur W. Milby,     | *Nicholas Ridgely, |
| *William Mullin, | *John Allen,          | *Joseph H. Wythe.  |

Quest. 5. *Who have been elected and ordained elders this year?*

|                    |                    |                  |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Thomas S. Johnson, | Elon J. Way,       | John D. Long,    |
| Vaughan Smith,     | Henry E. Gilroy,   | S. Hale Higgins. |
| John W. Arthur,    | David E. Gardiner, | Joseph Aspril.   |

Quest. 6. *Who have located this year?—None.*

Those marked (\*) were ordained this year.

Quest. 7. *Who are the Supernumerary preachers?*  
 Esriel Cooper, Edward Kennard,  
 John Tally, William H. Gilder, James H. McFarland,  
 James Mitchell, William Ryder, W. C. Thomas,  
 Thomas Smith, John Woolson, Eliphalet Reed,  
 James Nichols, Matthew Sorin,  
 Thomas Miller, George Wiltshire,  
 Joseph Lybrand,

Quest. 8. *Who are the superannuated, or worn-out Preachers?*  
 Asa Smith, Nathan Swain.

Quest. 9. *Who have been expelled from the Connection this year?*—None.

Quest. 10. *Who have withdrawn from the Connection this year?*—None.

Quest. 11. *Were all the preacher's characters examined?*  
 This was strictly attended to, by calling over their names before the Conference.

Quest. 12. *Who have died this year?*  
 Isaac R. Willet, John Nicholson.\*

Quest. 13. *What numbers are in Society?*

| South Philadelphia District. |      | Whites. Col'd.         |          |
|------------------------------|------|------------------------|----------|
| Union,                       | 931  | Fifth street,          | 786      |
| Ebenezer,                    | 1000 | Kensington,            | 665      |
| Salem,                       | 620  | St. John's,†           | 970      |
| St. Paul's,                  | 575  | Harmony,               | 250      |
| Western Church,              | 250  | Philada. City Mission, | 127      |
| Trinity,                     | 290  | Cohocksink,            | 128      |
| Mariners' Bethel,            | 250  | Parrish street,        | 150      |
| Fair Mount,                  | 580  | Zoar,                  | 252      |
| Wharton street,              | 212  | Frankford,             | 232      |
| Asbury,                      | 81   | Bristol,               | 300      |
| John Wesley,                 | 59   | Holmesburg,            | 300      |
| Haddington,                  | 1120 | Manayunk,              | 378      |
| Chester,                     | 443  | Germantown,            | 208      |
| Radnor,                      | 130  | Milestown,             | 200      |
| Phoenixville,                | 263  | Lehman's Chapel,       | 38       |
| Susquehanna,                 | 448  | Evansburg,             | 454      |
| Harrisburg,                  | 356  | Doylestown,            | 212      |
| Halifax,                     | 708  | Easton,                | 180      |
| Springfield,                 | 429  | Richmond,              | 133      |
| Dauphin,                     | 234  | Stroudsburg,           | 125      |
| Columbia,                    | 150  | Cherry Valley,         | 88       |
| Lancaster,†                  | 395  | Stoddartsville,        | 120      |
| Grote,                       | 7    | Mauch Chunk,           | 90       |
| New Holland,                 | —    | Tamaqua,               | 260      |
|                              | 9450 | Pottstown,             | 100      |
|                              | 111  | Minersville,           | 222      |
|                              |      | Reading,               | 307      |
|                              |      | Pottsville,            | 155      |
|                              |      | Norristown,            | 60       |
|                              |      | Allentown,             | 60       |
|                              |      |                        | 9925 18) |

\*Per Biographical Notices, see page 12.  
 † A mistake occurred in the returns from this station last year.  
 ‡ At Sanctuary, whites 170; schools 1; superintendents 2; teachers 38 scholars 300. The library books are at the Sanctuary.

| Wilmington District.      |     | Whites. Col'd. |   | Centreville, |      | Whites. Col'd |   |
|---------------------------|-----|----------------|---|--------------|------|---------------|---|
| Middletown and Cantwell's | —   | —              | — | Kent,        | 564  | 684           | — |
| Bridge,                   | 213 | 75             | — | Millington   | 495  | 475           | — |
| Delaware City,            | 645 | 202            | — | Church Hill, | 265  | 255           | — |
| Wilmington,               | 884 | 163            | — | Dover,       | 896  | 585           | — |
| Cecil,                    | 734 | 19             | — | Smyrna,      | 847  | 291           | — |
| Nottingham,               | 609 | 18             | — |              | 1200 | 600           | — |
| Port Deposit,             | 192 | 215            | — |              | 8749 | 4953          | — |
| North East,               | 290 | 56             | — |              |      |               | — |
| Elkton,                   | 125 | 11             | — |              |      |               | — |
| Soudersburg,              | 517 | 4              | — |              |      |               | — |
| Strasburg,                | 513 | 11             | — |              |      |               | — |
| Brandywine,               | 512 | —              | — |              |      |               | — |
| West Chester,             | 200 | —              | — |              |      |               | — |
| New Castle,               | 71  | —              | — |              |      |               | — |

| Easton District. |     | Whites. Colored. |      |
|------------------|-----|------------------|------|
| Frederica,       | 679 | 324              | 171  |
| Denton,          | 862 | 215              | 901  |
| Milford,         | 965 | 337              | 55   |
| Caroline,        | 893 | 475              | 904  |
| Talbot,          | 887 | 555              | 140  |
| Easton,          | 196 | 157              | 9375 |

RECAPITULATION.

|                              | Whites. | Colored. |
|------------------------------|---------|----------|
| South Philadelphia District, | 9450    | 111      |
| North " "                    | 9925    | 180      |
| Wilmington " "               | 5505    | 787      |
| Easton " "                   | 8749    | 4953     |
| Snow Hill " "                | 9375    | 4886     |
| Total this year,             | 43004   | 10917    |
| " last year,                 | 45663   | 10712    |
| Decrease,                    | 2659    | —        |
| Increase,                    | —       | 205      |
| Total decrease,              | 2454    | —        |

Question 14. *Where are the Preachers stationed this year?*  
 SOUTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT, James Smith, P. E.  
 Union, Levi Scott. Matthew Sorin, sup.  
 Ebenezer, John B. Hagany  
 Salem, J. S. Inskip, J. Mitchell, sup.  
 St. Paul's, J. D. Onins  
 Western Church, W. A. Wiggins  
 Trinity, S. Hale Higgins, Joseph Lybrand, sup.  
 Mariners' Bethel, J. S. Taylor  
 Wharton Street, Wm. Cooper

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 South City Mission,  
 John Wesley,  
 Asbury,  
 Kingessing,  
 Haddington,  
 Chester,  
 Radnor,  
 Grove,  
 Phoenixville,  
 Susquehanna Miss.,  
 Harrisburg,  
 Halifax,  
 Springfield,  
 Dauphin,  
 Columbia,  
 Lancaster Miss.,  
 Coxtown,  
 J. P. Durbin, President of Dickinson College  
 G. R. Crooks, Principal of Grammar School, do.

Thomas B. Tibbles  
 John Woolson, sup.  
 Wm. H. Elliott  
 J. A. Roach  
 A. W. Milby,  
 H. G. King, J. B. Ayres, J. Tally  
 Robert M'Namee, J. W. Mecaskey  
 Thomas Sumption, J. K. Anderson  
 Isaac R. Merrill  
 L. K. Berridge, S. Pancoast  
 A. Atwood  
 J. Edwards, Wm. L. Grey  
 J. Hand, G. D. Bowen  
 R. M. Greenbank  
 David E. Gardiner  
 R. Gerry  
 J. H. Wythe  
 Dickinson College  
 S. Higgins, P. E.  
 E. L. Janes  
 Jos. Castle  
 Wm. Barnes, J. H. M'Farland, sup.  
 Wm. Urie  
 Jas. Neil  
 James Flannary  
 J. A. Massey  
 J. L. Taft  
 To be supplied  
 James Y. Ashton  
 D. L. Patterson  
 W. W. M'Michael  
 To be supplied  
 T. C. Murphy  
 J. A. Boyle  
 Joseph Aspril  
 C. Karsner  
 J. W. Arthur  
 George Lacey  
 James Cunningham  
 H. E. Gilroy  
 A. Manship  
 W. M'Coombs  
 H. R. Callaway  
 H. D. Mauger  
 Wm. Montgomery  
 J. J. Elsegood  
 C. J. Crouch  
 M. H. Sisty  
 J. Ruth  
 T. S. Johnson  
 J. Shields  
 George Quigley  
 D. D. Lore

NORTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT, S. Higgins, P. E.

St. George's,  
 Nazareth,  
 Eighth St,  
 Fifth St.  
 Kensington,  
 Sanctuary Mis.,  
 St. John's,  
 New Market street Miss.,  
 North City Miss.,  
 Twelfth street Miss.,  
 Parrish street,  
 Bethlehem Miss.,  
 Zoar,  
 Cohocksink,  
 Frankford,  
 Bristol,  
 Holmesburg,  
 Atleboro',  
 Manayunk,  
 Germantown,  
 Milestown,  
 Chesnut Hill Miss.,  
 Lehman's Chapel Miss.,  
 Bethel,  
 Evansburg Miss.,  
 Deamer's Miss.,  
 Doylestown Miss.,  
 Easton,  
 Richmond,  
 Stroudsburg Miss.,  
 Cherry Valley Miss.,  
 Paradise Miss.,  
 Stoddartsville,  
 Mauch Chunk,

Tamaqua Miss., J. Walsh  
 Pottsville, R. W. Thomas  
 Reading Miss., P. Coombe  
 Pottstown, P. J. Cox  
 Norristown, W. Bishop  
 Allentown, N. Heston  
 Philada. German Miss., L. Giustiniani  
 Wm. H. Gilder, Principal of the Belle-Vue Female Seminary.  
 WILMINGTON DISTRICT—D. Lambdin, P. E.  
 Middletown & Cantwell's Br., I. T. Cooper,  
 Delaware City, S. Townsend, J.C. Thomas, E. Wiltshire, Sup.  
 Newcastle, N. Ridgley, W. C. Thomas, Sup.  
 Wilmington, J. Kennaday, E. Kennard, Sup.  
 Cecil, G. Oram, W. Campbell, Wm. Ryder, Sup.  
 Nottingham, Geo. Barton, A. Freed.  
 Port Deposit, Jos. Mason.  
 North East, Joshua Humphreys, Thos. Miller, Sup.  
 Elkton, D. Shields.  
 Sondersburg, W. K. Goentner, D. Titus.  
 Strasburg, A. John, S. Patterson.  
 Brandywine, Jas. Harmer, Geo. W. Lybrand.  
 West Chester, Miss., E. Miller.

EASTON DISTRICT—H. White, P. E.

Frederica, Jos. Carlisle.  
 Milford, Wm. Quinn, J. Bayne.  
 Denton, Wm. Connelly, Thos. Newman.  
 Caroline, S. Drain, J. Nichols, Sup.  
 Talbot, James Allen, J. D. Long.  
 Easton, L. Storks.  
 Centreville, D. Daily, G. D. Carrow, E. Reed, Sup.  
 Kent, W. W. Foulks, J.M. Carter, Thos. Smith, Sup.  
 Milington, B. F. Price.  
 Church Hill, H. Sutton, J. Henry.  
 Dover, E. R. Williams, E. Cooper, Sup.  
 Smyrna, J. Lednum, J. Bell.

SNOW HILL DISTRICT—T. J. Thompson, P. E.

Dorchester, J. P. Hazzard, R. R. Richardson,  
 Cambridge, R. E. Kemp, F. Rutter.  
 Church Creek, M. D. Kurtz.  
 Salisbury, Thos. J. Quigley, S. M. Cooper,  
 Seaford, Wm Spry.  
 Princess Ann, Jas. Hargis, V. Smith.  
 Annamessex, L. M. Prettyman, W. C. Poulson.  
 Irtdiantown, Miss., Wm. Mullen, L. Webster.  
 Accomac, C. Shock, John Allen.  
 Northampton, J. D. Curtis, E. J. Way.  
 Snow Hill, Jonas Bissey, J. A. Brindle.  
 Berlin, V. Grey.  
 Milton, Jas. L. Houston.  
 Georgetown, H. S. Atmore,  
 Laurel, Samuel Grace.

Quest. 15. When and where shall the next conference be held?  
 At Milford, Delaware, April 2, 1845.

Statistics of the Philadelphia Conference.

| District                           | Elders. | Deacons. | Local Preachers. | Col. Preachers. | Schools. | Superintendants. | Teachers. | Scholars. | Books. | Miss. Money. |    | Education. |    | Delegates. |    |  |  |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|------------------|-----------------|----------|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------------|----|------------|----|------------|----|--|--|
|                                    |         |          |                  |                 |          |                  |           |           |        | D.           | C. | D.         | C. | D.         | C. |  |  |
| <i>South Philadelphia District</i> |         |          |                  |                 |          |                  |           |           |        |              |    |            |    |            |    |  |  |
| Union                              | 2       | 5        | 3                | 3               | 7        | 14               | 155       | 1104      | 3346   | 692          | 22 | 61         | 42 | 30         | 85 |  |  |
| Ebenezer                           | 2       | 2        | 1                | 2               | 3        | 3                | 74        | 531       | 734    | 194          | 02 | 13         | 14 | 18         | 13 |  |  |
| Salem                              | 1       | 2        | 1                | 2               | 1        | 2                | 43        | 390       | 600    | 238          | 00 | 26         | 00 | 8          | 50 |  |  |
| St. Paul's                         |         | 2        | 2                | 2               | 2        | 2                | 34        | 259       | 525    |              |    | 3          | 00 | 3          | 25 |  |  |
| Western Church                     |         | 1        | 1                | 2               | 2        | 45               | 280       | 800       | 475    | 00           | 42 | 06         | 20 | 00         |    |  |  |
| Trinity                            |         | 1        | 1                | 2               | 1        | 2                | 24        | 190       | 540    |              |    | 2          | 00 | 4          | 00 |  |  |
| Mariners' Bethel                   |         |          |                  |                 |          |                  |           |           |        |              |    |            |    |            |    |  |  |
| Fairmount                          | 2       | 1        | 3                |                 | 1        | 2                | 58        | 430       | 500    | 43           | 38 | 5          | 50 | 5          | 60 |  |  |
| Wharton Street                     |         |          | 2                | 2               | 2        | 22               | 190       | 725       |        | 12           | 55 | 1          | 50 | 2          | 75 |  |  |
| Asbury                             |         |          |                  | 3               |          |                  |           |           |        |              |    |            |    |            |    |  |  |
| John Wesley                        |         |          |                  | 1               | 1        | 9                | 55        | 120       |        | 5            | 00 | 1          | 60 |            |    |  |  |
| Haddington                         | 4       | 4        | 9                | 13              | 100      | 736              | 1216      | 60        | 00     | 6            | 39 | 16         | 74 |            |    |  |  |
| Chester                            | 1       | 1        | 8                | 8               | 53       | 379              | 691       |           |        | 6            | 35 |            |    |            |    |  |  |
| Radnor                             |         |          | 1                | 2               | 12       | 80               | 200       |           |        | 3            | 00 | 1          | 00 |            |    |  |  |
| Phoenixville                       |         |          | 5                | 7               | 58       | 468              | 982       | 20        | 55     | 5            | 17 | 6          | 62 |            |    |  |  |
| Susquehanna                        | 1       | 1        | 2                | 2               | 36       | 239              | 670       | 95        | 33     | 12           | 00 | 6          | 00 |            |    |  |  |
| Harrisburg                         |         |          | 3                | 3               | 40       | 200              | 275       | 17        | 17     |              |    | 7          | 55 |            |    |  |  |
| Halifax                            | 1       | 2        | 10               | 10              | 96       | 598              | 1097      | 22        | 50     | 2            | 80 | 6          | 00 |            |    |  |  |
| Springfield                        |         |          | 7                | 10              | 89       | 617              | 1000      |           |        | 2            | 28 | 11         | 25 |            |    |  |  |
| Dauphin                            |         |          | 1                | 2               | 31       | 232              | 901       | 11        | 13     | 2            | 86 | 2          | 78 |            |    |  |  |
| Columbia                           |         |          | 1                | 2               | 33       | 200              | 320       | 9         | 58     | 3            | 90 | 6          | 25 |            |    |  |  |
| Lancaster                          |         |          | 4                | 4               | 41       | 271              | 266       | 68        | 69     | 7            | 19 | 4          | 26 |            |    |  |  |
| Grove                              |         |          |                  |                 |          |                  |           |           |        |              |    |            |    |            |    |  |  |
| New Holland                        |         |          |                  |                 |          |                  |           |           |        |              |    |            |    |            |    |  |  |
| <i>North Philadelphia District</i> |         |          |                  |                 |          |                  |           |           |        |              |    |            |    |            |    |  |  |
| St. George's                       | 1       | 4        | 2                | 4               | 60       | 325              | 1200      | 140       | 56     | 27           | 25 | 12         | 64 |            |    |  |  |
| Nazareth                           | 1       | 5        | 2                | 4               | 83       | 683              | 1613      | 272       | 87     | 23           | 71 | 5          | 00 |            |    |  |  |
| Eighth Street                      |         |          | 1                | 4               | 83       | 654              | 743       |           |        | 9            | 38 | 16         | 00 |            |    |  |  |
| Fifth Street                       | 1       | 1        | 3                | 5               | 85       | 569              | 875       | 70        | 00     | 33           | 81 | 11         | 83 |            |    |  |  |
| Kensington                         | 1       | 4        | 2                | 4               | 70       | 336              | 404       | 15        | 00     | 4            | 44 | 9          | 68 |            |    |  |  |
| St. John's*                        | 1       |          | 3                | 5               | 112      | 815              | 1180      | 65        | 53     | 12           | 09 | 5          | 00 |            |    |  |  |
| Harmony                            |         |          | 1                | 2               | 35       | 300              | 1050      | 18        | 00     |              |    |            |    |            |    |  |  |
| Philadelphia City Mission          |         |          | 6                |                 |          |                  |           |           |        |              |    |            |    |            |    |  |  |
| Cohocksink                         |         |          | 1                | 1               | 26       | 225              | 300       | 17        | 53     | 2            | 77 | 3          | 04 |            |    |  |  |
| Parish Street                      |         |          | 2                |                 |          |                  |           |           |        |              |    | 2          | 00 |            |    |  |  |
| Zoar                               | 1       | 1        | 3                |                 |          |                  |           |           |        |              |    |            |    |            |    |  |  |
| Frankford                          |         |          | 1                | 1               | 16       | 93               | 350       |           |        |              |    |            |    |            |    |  |  |
| Bristol                            |         |          | 1                | 1               | 20       | 160              | 240       | 47        | 59     | 3            | 41 | 3          | 00 |            |    |  |  |
| Holmesburg                         |         |          | 3                | 3               | 41       | 320              | 200       | 33        | 12     | 2            | 06 | 3          | 05 |            |    |  |  |
| Manayunk                           | 1       | 1        | 4                | 4               | 30       | 290              | 350       | 62        | 24     | 3            | 33 | 4          | 15 |            |    |  |  |
|                                    |         |          | 1                | 3               | 47       | 413              | 571       |           |        |              |    | 12         | 61 |            |    |  |  |

\* Sanctuary included.

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|------------------------------------|---------|----------|------------------|-----------------|----------|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------------|------------|----|------------|----|----|----|--|
|                                    |         |          |                  |                 |          |                  |           |           |        |              | D.         | C. | D.         | C. |    |    |  |
| <i>North Philadelphia District</i> |         |          |                  |                 |          |                  |           |           |        |              |            |    |            |    |    |    |  |
| Germantown                         | 2       | 1        | 4                |                 | 1        | 2                | 36        | 220       | 412    | 58           | 70         | 6  | 07         | 4  | 20 |    |  |
| Milestown                          |         | 2        | 1                |                 | 4        | 4                | 35        | 230       | 650    | 10           | 00         | 2  | 50         | 2  | 56 |    |  |
| Lehman's Chapel                    |         |          | 2                |                 | 2        | 2                | 12        | 70        | 145    | 12           | 87         | 2  | 00         | 3  | 05 |    |  |
| Evansburg                          |         |          | 2                |                 | 1        | 1                | 11        | 39        | 104    |              |            |    |            |    |    |    |  |
| Doylestown                         |         |          | 1                |                 | 4        | 4                | 50        | 313       | 313    | 5            | 00         | 8  | 30         | 4  | 05 |    |  |
| Easton                             |         |          | 1                |                 | 2        | 3                | 28        | 200       | 250    | 126          | 00         |    |            | 3  | 24 |    |  |
| Richmond                           |         | 1        |                  |                 | 1        | 1                | 10        | 40        | 150    | 9            | 00         |    | 81         |    | 60 |    |  |
| Stroudsburg                        |         |          | 1                |                 | 1        | 1                | 23        | 110       | 400    | 9            | 00         | 1  | 50         | 2  | 50 |    |  |
| Cherry Valley                      |         |          | 2                |                 | 3        | 3                | 16        | 150       | 450    | 4            | 87         | 1  | 26         | 1  | 12 |    |  |
| Stoddardsville                     |         |          |                  |                 |          |                  |           |           |        | 1            | 65         | 1  | 44         |    |    |    |  |
| Mauch Chunk                        |         |          |                  |                 | 2        | 2                | 15        | 84        | 230    | 21           | 13         | 1  | 15         | 2  | 50 |    |  |
| Tamaqua                            |         |          |                  |                 | 1        | 1                | 16        | 78        | 160    | 4            | 46         | 1  | 05         | 1  | 07 |    |  |
| Pottsville                         | 1       |          | 2                |                 | 1        | 1                | 25        | 200       | 500    | 24           | 17         | 7  | 39         | 4  | 77 |    |  |
| Minersville                        |         |          | 2                |                 | 2        | 2                | 24        | 121       | 3      | 50           |            |    |            |    |    |    |  |
| Reading                            |         |          | 2                |                 | 2        | 2                | 24        | 174       | 302    | 14           | 46         | 5  | 00         | 5  | 00 |    |  |
| Pottstown                          |         |          | 2                |                 | 3        | 12               | 125       | 40        | 19     | 00           | 3          | 00 | 5          | 00 |    |    |  |
| Norristown                         |         |          | 1                |                 | 1        | 16               | 130       | 515       | 5      | 75           | 1          | 42 | 1          | 53 |    |    |  |
| Allentown                          |         |          | 1                |                 | 2        | 17               | 125       |           |        |              |            |    |            |    |    |    |  |
| <i>Wilmington District.</i>        |         |          |                  |                 |          |                  |           |           |        |              |            |    |            |    |    |    |  |
| Middletown and Cantwell's Bridge   |         |          | 2                |                 | 2        | 2                | 25        | 131       | 435    | 16           | 61         | 1  | 48         | 2  | 59 |    |  |
| Delaware City                      |         |          | 3                | 1               | 5        | 6                | 60        | 282       | 689    | 30           | 00         | 4  | 00         | 5  | 00 |    |  |
| Wilmington                         |         | 1        | 3                | 1               | 3        | 4                | 60        | 450       | 500    | 100          | 00         | 17 | 12         | 14 | 58 |    |  |
| Cecil                              |         | 1        | 5                |                 | 6        | 7                | 54        | 256       | 558    | 25           | 28         | 8  | 75         | 14 | 67 |    |  |
| Nottingham                         |         |          | 2                |                 | 4        | 8                | 14        | 52        | 357    | 484          | 30         | 96 | 3          | 70 | 4  | 37 |  |
| Port Deposit                       |         |          | 1                |                 | 1        | 2                | 20        | 130       | 420    | 17           | 19         | 3  | 00         | 7  | 35 |    |  |
| North East                         |         |          | 1                |                 | 4        | 5                | 5         | 23        | 180    | 170          | 21         | 70 | 1          | 00 | 8  | 15 |  |
| Elkton                             |         |          |                  |                 | 1        | 2                | 11        | 50        | 130    | 30           | 00         | 4  | 00         | 5  | 00 |    |  |
| Soudersburg                        |         |          | 1                |                 | 1        | 4                | 4         | 31        | 183    | 450          |            |    |            |    |    |    |  |
| Strasburg                          |         |          | 3                |                 | 7        | 7                | 66        | 422       | 470    | 45           | 00         | 3  | 03         | 2  | 00 |    |  |
| Brandywine                         |         | 1        | 1                |                 | 4        | 6                | 7         | 344       | 637    | 3            | 50         |    |            | 6  | 05 |    |  |
| West Chester                       |         |          | 1                |                 | 1        | 1                | 19        | 443       |        |              |            | 1  | 95         | 1  | 59 |    |  |
| New Castle                         |         |          |                  |                 | 1        | 1                | 10        | 64        | 280    | 4            | 00         | 1  | 55         | 1  | 02 |    |  |
| <i>Easton District.</i>            |         |          |                  |                 |          |                  |           |           |        |              |            |    |            |    |    |    |  |
| Frederica                          |         | 1        | 3                | 2               | 8        | 19               | 60        | 398       | 219    | 13           | 00         | 4  | 00         | 8  | 74 |    |  |
| Milford                            |         | 1        |                  | 2               | 4        | 6                | 24        | 300       | 350    | 37           | 34         |    |            | 4  | 66 |    |  |
| Denton                             |         |          | 1                |                 | 3        | 10               | 32        | 169       | 150    | 24           | 69         |    |            | 2  | 86 |    |  |
| Caroline                           |         |          | 5                | 2               | 4        | 4                | 19        | 130       | 150    | 14           | 50         |    |            | 6  | 78 |    |  |
| Talbot                             |         |          | 1                |                 | 2        | 4                | 4         | 25        | 220    | 400          | 90         | 20 | 5          | 50 | 12 | 35 |  |
| Easton                             |         | 1        |                  | 1               | 1        | 2                | 13        | 93        | 175    | 19           | 50         | 2  | 50         | 2  | 37 |    |  |
| Centreville                        |         |          | 1                | 3               | 3        | 3                | 16        | 105       | 73     | 80           | 59         | 5  | 28         | 5  | 00 |    |  |

Statistics of the Philadelphia Conference.

|                            | Elders | Deacons | Local Preachers. | Col. Preachers. | Schools | Superintendants. | Teachers | Scholars | Books | Miss. Money |    | Education. |    | Delegates |    |
|----------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|-----------------|---------|------------------|----------|----------|-------|-------------|----|------------|----|-----------|----|
|                            |        |         |                  |                 |         |                  |          |          |       | D.          | C. | D.         | C. | D.        | C. |
| <i>Easton District.</i>    |        |         |                  |                 |         |                  |          |          |       |             |    |            |    |           |    |
| Kent                       | 1      |         | 2                | 5               | 3       | 3                | 13       | 140      | 550   | 32          | 18 | 79         | 6  | 75        |    |
| Millington                 | 1      |         | 2                | 1               | 1       | 1                | 12       | 55       | 150   | 10          | 50 | 2          | 07 | 3         | 72 |
| Church Hill                | 1      |         | 2                | 2               | 4       | 8                | 20       | 232      | 310   | 55          | 25 | 3          | 57 | 1         | 00 |
| Dover                      |        |         | 2                | 3               | 7       | 11               | 77       | 497      | 1134  | 98          | 31 | 3          | 16 | 7         | 78 |
| Smyrna                     | 3      |         | 1                | 3               | 5       | 5                | 50       | 380      | 900   | 30          | 00 |            |    | 8         | 00 |
| <i>Snow Hill District.</i> |        |         |                  |                 |         |                  |          |          |       |             |    |            |    |           |    |
| Dorchester                 | 1      | 1       | 3                | 1               | 8       | 19               | 56       | 256      | 105   | 229         | 20 | 3          | 40 | 4         | 37 |
| Cambridge                  | 1      | 1       | 2                | 5               | 4       | 6                | 32       | 185      | 200   | 168         | 42 | 4          | 00 | 5         | 12 |
| Salisbury                  |        | 3       |                  | 2               | 10      | 11               | 50       | 250      | 300   | 57          | 15 | 6          | 66 | 6         | 07 |
| Princess Ann               | 1      |         | 2                | 2               | 2       | 4                | 13       | 80       | 300   | 50          | 00 | 4          | 50 | 5         | 00 |
| Annessex                   | 1      |         | 1                | 2               | 2       | 12               | 45       | 174      | 13    | 80          |    | 2          | 41 | 4         | 73 |
| Indiantown Mission         |        |         | 1                | 2               | 5       | 7                | 23       | 141      | 295   | 12          | 00 | 1          | 95 |           | 70 |
| Aecomac                    | 1      | 3       |                  | 2               | 4       | 16               | 80       | 100      |       | 39          | 29 | 3          | 90 | 7         | 70 |
| Northampton                |        | 3       | 5                | 2               | 2       | 20               | 120      |          | 45    | 00          |    | 8          | 00 | 4         | 81 |
| Snow Hill                  | 1      | 1       | 3                | 4               | 4       | 35               | 151      | 250      |       | 27          | 70 | 1          | 47 | 4         | 98 |
| Milton                     |        | 2       |                  | 4               | 6       | 42               | 326      | 602      |       |             |    | 2          | 06 | 2         | 27 |
| Georgetown                 | 1      | 1       |                  | 10              | 19      | 73               | 431      | 530      |       | 51          | 25 | 2          | 27 | 5         | 11 |
| Laurel                     | 1      | 1       | 4                | 1               | 7       | 7                | 36       | 221      | 204   | 72          | 93 | 3          | 23 | 4         | 90 |

Interest on Centenary Fund, \$436 18.

This amount was distributed as follows:

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|--------------------|---------|-----------------|----------|
| J. Woolson,        | \$50 00 | Sister Leonard, | 25 00    |
| W. Ryder,          | 50 00   | McElvee,        | 25 00    |
| A. Smith,          | 60 00   | Nicholson,      | 25 00    |
| M. Sorin,          | 40 00   | Hickey,         | 30 00    |
| Sister McClenahan, | 25 00   | Collins,        | 25 00    |
| Fisher,            | 25 00   | Henderson,      | 6 18     |
| Finley,            | 25 00   |                 |          |
| Sharpe,            | 25 00   |                 |          |
|                    |         |                 | \$436 18 |

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Resolved, That the Preachers be, and are hereby requested to take up a collection in each of their congregations, in behalf of the Bible cause in the first half of the conference year, and in every possible way co-operate with the accredited agents of the societies, and that the collections shall be returned to the treasurers of those auxiliaries within whose bounds they are made; and if no auxiliary be within their bounds, then the collections shall be returned to conference and paid over to the parent society.

Resolved, That the amount of each collection be reported at conference to the credit of the circuit or station on which it is made, and printed in our minutes.

EDUCATION.

Resolved, That the loss to the college of the appropriation by the state of \$1000, is an additional reason for continuing the collection for the college in all our Sabbath appointments, and that it be made by each preacher in charge in each Sunday appointment, about the month of October next, and further, that we strongly recommend the collection to the people.

Resolved, That we will continue our patronage to the Pennington Male Seminary, and recommend it to the members and friends of our church, as an Institution highly deserving of their favor.

Resolved, That the hopes entertained by this conference at the organization of the Wesleyan Female Collegiate Institute, that it would meet the wants of our people, by furnishing a female seminary of the first character, have been fully realised; and the success thus far attending the experiment, justifies this conference in calling upon our friends, to extend to this institution their best support.

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint a Committee of two to visit the Belle-Vue Female Seminary, of which Bro. Gilder is Principal, and report to our next session.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

*Dickinson College.*—John Kennaday, E. L. Janes.

*Female Collegiate Institute.*—W. A. Wiggins, I. T. Cooper, Robert Gerry.

*Pennington Male Seminary.*—W. H. Gilder, S. Hale Higgins.

*Belle-Vue Female Seminary.*—M. Sorin, J. A. Boyle.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

The Conference Sermon will be preached on the first-day of the next Conference, by Rev. Henry White.

FAST DAYS.

Resolved, That the third Friday in September and February, be observed as days of fasting and prayer.

## MEMOIRS.

The Rev. JOHN NICHOLSON was born in the town of Lewes, Delaware, November 20, 1807. In early years he was left an orphan, and in his tenth year, came with his widowed mother to reside in Philadelphia, the place of his spiritual birth; and here it pleased Almighty God his life and labors should end, at the residence of his father-in-law, Mr. John Wilmer, on the 11th of October, 1843, in the 37th year of his age.

Our departed brother was blest, in his tender years, with one of earth's most precious mercies, a pious and sensible mother, whose affectionate care and fervent prayers formed his mind for usefulness and heaven. From a child, he knew the Holy Scriptures, and, like the pious King Josiah, while he was yet young he began to seek after God. In his twelfth year, he experienced a gracious and heavenly change of heart and character; strongly marked, as one who knew him well, says, "by deadness to the world, diligence in the discharge of his Christian duties, and an active zeal for the glory of God in the salvation of souls." When a mere youth, at the age of seventeen, such was the confidence his brethren had in his piety and understanding, that he was recommended as a proper person, and, according to the order of the Methodist E. Church, which had nurtured him as a son of promise and a brother beloved, was authorised to improve the talents God had given him, as a licensed exhorter.

The confidence his brethren reposed in him was not misplaced; the buds of promise, in the appointed season, yielded the abundant, rich, ripe fruit of his evangelical ministry.

His parent designed him for a mechanical employment, suited to his delicate and finely moulded organism; but God had manifestly called him to the ministry of the Lord Jesus, and qualified him as an ambassador from the Court of Heaven, to proclaim the terms of reconciliation to sinful men. He was accordingly advanced to more responsible stations in the Church of God; and in each he magnified his office, made full proof of his ministry, and showed himself approved of God—a workman that need not be ashamed—rightly dividing the word of truth. In the twenty-first year of his age, he entered the itinerant ministry under the direction of the presiding elder, and was appointed to the Strasburg circuit; and, in the spring of the following year, 1828, he was received on trial in the Philadelphia Annual Conference, and returned to the same charge. In 1829, he was stationed in West Philadelphia; in 1830, on the Cambridge circuit; in 1831, in Lancaster city; in 1832, in Germantown; and in 1833, on Bristol circuit. In 1834, he was appointed to the Bergen Neck Mission; in 1835, to Rahway; and in 1836 and '37, he was stationed in Newark, New Jersey. In 1838, he was transferred from the New Jersey to the Philadelphia Conference, and the four following years was stationed in this city: in 1838, at St. John's; in 1839 and '40, at the Nazareth; and in 1841, at the Eighth street Church. In 1842 and '43, he was stationed in West Chester, where, on Sunday evening, August 6th, 1843, he preached his last sermon, from Psalms xxiii. 4: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me." For some time after retiring that evening from the sacred desk, the joys of God's salvation filled his soul unutterably full, and banished sleep from his eyes; his text was prophetic of his near triumph. God kept his faithful servant in perfect peace; and through his whole sickness, even when his mind wandered, all his expressions indicated the habitual religious tendencies of his soul.

The amiable and christian deportment of our excellent brother Nicholson, in his various relations and intercourse with men, won for him a high place in the confidence and esteem of his brethren; and his con-

stant piety, ministerial ability, and intelligent and holy zeal for the honor of God and the prosperity of his cause, were crowned, especially in his later years, with glorious success. Many, many, are the gems of immortal beauty, that will deck his unfading crown.

Brother Nicholson was a man of study, of method and of prayer. He gave all diligence to make his calling and election sure; and kept under his body, and brought it into subjection, lest that by any means, when he had preached to others, he himself should be a cast-away; and as he endeavoured to imitate the Apostle, so he obeyed his instructions, and gave attendance to reading, to exhortation, and to doctrine. His piety was never questioned and his qualifications for the work of the ministry were beyond dispute. His literary acquirements were respectable, and his talents, though not showy, were real, solid, compact and available. He was indeed an amiable man, a christian gentleman, an able minister of the New-Testament, a faithful pastor, an affectionate husband, a kind parent and a true friend. He lived to honor his divine Master, and he fell asleep in Jesus, as a christian warrior, fresh from the battle-field, with his laurels green upon him.

He has gone—fallen in the prime of his life, and in the midst of his usefulness, beloved, and lamented. He has left an afflicted widow, three orphan children, and a large circle of brethren and friends to mourn his early and unexpected removal from them; but they mourn not without hope. We shall see our Nicholson again! He has gained the crown before us—may we also be faithful unto death.

REV. ISAAC R. WILLETT was born in Accomac county, on the eastern shore of Virginia. The precise time of his birth we have not been able to ascertain, but presume he was between forty and forty-five years of age at the time of his decease. The greater part of his life was spent in his native county, and the adjoining one of Northampton. In his second year he had so severe an attack of rheumatism as to be deprived, to a great extent, of the use of both his arms. He was early bereft of his father, and, in consequence of this affliction, his temporal circumstances were greatly reduced; but, through the kindness of a gentleman whose sympathy was excited by his helpless condition, he was sent to school until he obtained a tolerably good English education. Before he was twenty-one, he commenced teaching school, and continued in this employment for a number of years. His diligence and success were such that he not only contributed to the support of his mother in her later years, and several younger members of her family, but secured a considerable amount of money. Although raised among the Calvinistic Baptists, he was indebted to the Methodist ministry for his awakening and conversion. It is not known at what time he began to exhort, but some time prior to 1829, he was licensed as a local preacher. In 1834 he supplied, for a few months, a vacancy in Dorchester circuit, and in 1836, having been recommended from Accomac circuit, he was elected and ordained a local deacon. Before the close of that year, a vacancy having occurred on Berlin circuit, the presiding elder called out Brother Willett, who, having satisfied himself that he could endure the toil of an itinerant life, was recommended to the next session of the Philadelphia Annual Conference, for admission on trial. His first appointment was to Lewes station, where he was well received, and had considerable success in his ministry. His next was to Salisbury circuit. In 1839 he was stationed at Haddington, Pa. In 1840 in Accomac circuit, and in 1841 and 1842 he was placed in charge of the Indian town mission. In all these appointments Brother Willett conducted himself in an exemplary manner, and, in his pulpit performances, gave evidence of con-

siderable acquaintance with the word of God and the standard writings of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

During the fall of 1842 he suffered greatly from successive bilious attacks, from which he never fully recovered; and at the session of the Conference in the following spring he was severely attacked with bilious pleurisy. The week after the Conference, his health appearing to be somewhat improved, it was thought expedient for him to make an attempt to reach his home, but, on arriving in Smyrna, at the house of Brother Coombe, he was again confined to his bed, where his fever continued to rage until the following Thursday, when death released him from his toil and sufferings, though the nature of his disease prevented him from saying much in his last hours. The correctness of his life for many years gives us the strongest ground to believe that his end was peace, and that he is now enjoying the reward of his faithfulness in the presence of his God.

### COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

#### First year.

- I. Divinity.—1. Evidences of the truth and inspiration of the Bible, Joseph Castle. 2. Doctrines, J. B. Ayres. 3. Church Government, S. Townsend.
- II. Mental Philosophy.—1. Grammar, Wm. H. Gilder. 2. Elocution, E. L. Janes.
- III. Ministerial character and manners, J. L. Taft.

#### Second year.

- I. Divinity.—1. Doctrines, John Kennaday. 2. Institutions, I. T. Cooper.
- II. Church Government, L. Scott.
- III. Ecclesiastical History, J. Lednum.
- IV. Mental Philosophy, S. Hale Higgins.
- V. Ministerial character and manners, J. Hand.

#### Third year.

- I. Divinity.—1. Doctrines, J. A. Massey. 2. Morals, Robert Gerry. 3. Institutions, E. R. Williams.
- II. Church government in general, William A. Wiggins.
- III. Ecclesiastical History, John T. Hazzard.
- IV. Mental Philosophy, R. M. Greenbank.
- V. Ministerial character and manners, William W. Foulks.

#### Fourth year.

- I. Ecclesiastical History, H. G. King.
- II. Mental Philosophy, John D. Oms.
- III. Ministerial character and manners, Joseph Lybrand.
- IV. Profane History, M. Sorin.

### COURSE OF STUDY FOR THE FIRST YEAR.

#### I. Divinity.

- (1.) Evidences of the Truth and Inspiration of the Bible. Books to be read: the Bible; Porteus's Evidences; Watson's Apology; Watson's Institutes, 1st part.
  - (2.) Doctrines—Bible; Fletcher's Appeal.
  - (3.) Church Government—Discipline; Defence of the Father's.
- #### II. Mental Philosophy.
- (1.) Grammar—Kirkham's Grammar.
  - (2.) Elocution—Methodist Hymn Book.

### III. Ministerial Character and Manners,—Preacher's Manual; Life of Garretson.

#### SECOND YEAR.

#### I. Divinity.

- (1.) Doctrines—Bible; Watson's Institutes, 2d part; Discipline.
- (2.) Institutions—Watson's Institutes, 4th part.
- (3.) Church Government. The examination to be confined to the government of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Bang's Original Church of Christ.

II. Ecclesiastical History, &c. The examination to be confined to Biblical Chronology and Geography. Prideaux's Connexions; Watson's Biblical Dictionary.

III. Mental Philosophy—Hedge's Logic.

IV. Ministerial Character, &c.—Portraiture of St. Paul; Life of Coke, Life of Ware.

#### THIRD YEAR.

#### I. Divinity.

- (1.) Doctrines—Bible; Wesley's Sermons.
  - (2.) Morals—Bible; Watson's Institutes, 3d part.
  - (3.) Institutions—Edwards on Baptism; Discipline.
- II. Church Government, in general—Watson's Theological Dictionary.

III. Ecclesiastical History—Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History.

IV. Mental Philosophy—Abercrombie's Philosophy.

V. Ministerial Character, &c.—Smith's Essays on the Holy Office; Life of Emory; Life of Bramwell.

#### FOURTH YEAR.

I. Ecclesiastical History—Josephus' Wars.

II. Mental Philosophy—Wayland's Moral Philosophy; Elocution; Porter's Rhetorical Reader.

III. Ministerial Character—Miller's Letters; Life of Wesley; Benson's Life of Fletcher.

IV. Profane History—Rollin's Ancient History; Bancroft's History of the United States.

The above course classifies the reading of the student thus:

Books comprising the first year's reading—Bible; Discipline; Watson's Institutes, 1st part; Fletcher's Appeal; Defence of Fathers; Porteus' Evidences; Watson's Apology; Preacher's Manual; Life of Garretson; Kirkham's Grammar, and Hymn Book.

#### SECOND YEAR.

Bible; Watson's Institutes, 2d part; do. do. 4th part; Bang's Original Church; Prideaux's Connexions; Watson's Biblical Dictionary; Portraiture of St. Paul; Hedge's Logic; Life of Coke; Life of Thomas Ware.

#### THIRD YEAR.

Bible; Discipline; Wesley's Sermons; Watson's Institutes, 3d part; Edwards on Baptism; Watson's Theological Dictionary; Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History, Abercrombie's Philosophy; Smith's Essays; Life of Emory; Life of Bramwell.

#### FOURTH YEAR.

Bible; Josephus' Works; Wayland's Moral Philosophy; Porter's Rhetorical Reader, Miller's Letters; Rollin's Ancient History; Bancroft's History of the United States; Life of Wesley; Benson's Fletcher.

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