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OF THE

PHILADELPHIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Convened March 24, 1852,

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Quest. 1. *What preachers have been received on trial?*

Michael A. Day,	William F. Ames,	John T. Gracey,
John Dyson,	John O'Neil,	Levi B. Beckley,
Andrew Longacre,	Charles R. Curry,	John B. Dennison,
Francis B. Harvey,	Thomas B. Miller,	Abel Howard,
John F. Chaplain,	Edward Townsend,	W. E. Manlove.

Quest. 2. *Who remain on trial?*

J. McHenry Caldwell,	Joseph Gregg,	Henry A. Hobbs,
James N. King,	Daniel Titlow,	Samuel W. Thomas,
Geo. W. Maclaughlin,	James W. Hammersly,	Silas C. Palmeter,
John F. Meredith,	Thomas W. Simpser,	T. Snowden Thomas,
Wm. C. Robinson,	Joseph S. Cook,	Isaac W. Wiley.

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

John F. Boon,	John B. Quigg,	James H. Lightburn,
Reuben Owen,	James Hubbard,	Wm. B. Wood,
Frederick Illman,	George W. Brindle,	John J. Jones,
John H. Alday,	Lewis C. Pettit,	James Colder,

Quest. 4. *Who are the Deacons?*

Wm. L. Boswell,	*John F. Boon,	*James Hubbard,
Wm. H. Burrell,	*Reuben Owen,	*George W. Brindle,
Wm. Merrill,	*Frederick Illman,	*Lewis C. Pettit,
Charles L. Steinman,	*John H. Alday,	*James H. Lightburn,
John Thompson,	*John B. Quigg,	*Wm. B. Wood,
	*John J. Jones,	

\*Ordained this year.

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

Wm. H. Brisbane, Jacob Dickerson, John Hough,  
 Alfred Cookman, Adam Wallace, Curtis F. Turner,  
 Henry F. Hurr, Wm. B. Walton, S. R. Gillingham,  
 C. I. Thompson, Wm. Major, J. Pasterfield,

Quest. 6 Who have been located this year?

E. G. Asay, at his own request.

Quest. 7. Who are the supernumeraries?

John Tally, J. Neil, George Lacey,  
 George Barton, Wm. H. Gilder, J. D. Long,  
 Wm. Quin, James Mitchell, John Henry,  
 S. Higgins, Samuel Grace, E. Reed,  
 H. G. King,

Quest. 8. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers?

George Wiltshire, Henry White, John Lednum,  
 M. Sorin,

Quest. 9. Who have been expelled from the connection this year?

None.

Quest. 10. Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?

Richard W. Thomas,

Quest. 11. Where all the preachers characters examined?

This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the conference.

Quest. 12. Who have died this year?

\*John Bayne, \*Levin M. Prettyman, \*David Shields,  
 \*Jonas Bissey, \*George Maddux, †James Smith,

\*See memoirs at the end of minutes.

†Bro. Smith, dying near the close of the session of Conference; the preparation of his memoir was entrusted to a special Committee, who had not time to report for publication in the minutes.

Quest. 13. What Numbers are in Society?

	White members.	White probationers.	Colored members.	Colored probationers.	Local preachers.	Colored preachers.	Schools.	Officers & teachers.	Scholars.	Books.	Missionary money.	Bible money.	Education money.	S. School money.
<i>N. Phila. District.</i>														
St. George's,	750	250	1	4	2	48	516	1378	434	14	8 75	11 00		
Trinity,	330	8			1	32	236	1100	682	50	120 56	20 00	32 00	
Eighth Street,	746	18			3	39	289	1216	403	63	25 51	20 00	11 35	
Fifth Street,	527	97			6	72	486	1652	308	84	42 83	26 63	14 00	
St. John's,	430	81			4	67	644	1325	140	00	9 45	6 79	9 15	
Kensington,	610	80			4	86	412	618	154	16	19 40	8 01	10 50	
Sanctuary,	190	20			1				7	65	5 00			
New Market St.,	286	66			3	1	50	335	1009	118	80	7 10	3 32	5 76
Twelfth Street,	341	93			2	2	48	576	740	30	00		22 50	
Cohocksink Miss.,	125	7	1		2	1	41	436	575			3 17		
Bethlehem Miss.,	140	8			3	2	40	235	1000	87	25	6 00	2 25	3 50
N. City H. Miss.,	103	51			3	3	54	415	1150			1 24	1 20	3 00
Zoar,			129	26	2	1	12	80	562					
Summerfield Miss.	74	20			1	1	25	170	700	5	00			
Port Richmond,	55	34			1	1	20	100	500					
Milestown,	302	28	3		4	4	85	384	807	10	00	2 76	7 40	
Lehman's Chapel & Fairview,	64	20	3		1	3	27	100	360			3 62	1 49	
Frankford,	315	32			4	2	62	370	625	56	65	22 80	7 89	12 27
Bridesburg,	46	25			1	1	17	107	471	5	79	3 28		
Bustleton,	338	10			3	3	30	370	1050	118	00	4 50	7 00	
Bristol,	120	7			1	1	27	170	810	6	78	5 13	2 11	3 78
Attleborough,	206	45			1	4	52	321	1285	13	25	6 75	1 84	5 00
Newtown,	336	127	2		2	7	92	315	1247	43	21	9 85	3 52	8 85
Allentown Mission,	34	4			1	1	12	90	300	11	40	1 75		
Quakertown Mission,	47				1	1	5	40	75					
Easton,	250	18	12		3	3	75	332	1800	64	30	14 20	6 50	4 00
Richmond,	117	20			1	3	38	200	484	26	86	5 00	2 00	3 10
Stroudsburg,	295	12			4	9	89	554	1000	28	16	5 00		6 25
	7177	1184	150	26							2756	37		
<i>S. Philada. District.</i>														
Union,	911	28			4	8	125	930	2612	1597	39	34 13	22 94	32 63
Nazareth,	804	43			4	1	70	605	1948	175	61	21 84	5 18	10 45
Mariner's Bethel,	336	44			3	1	31	360	630	126	89	8 00	4 18	
Ebenezer,	730	45			9	4	72	568	500	139	84	5 65	5 45	6 61
Wharton Street,	456	169			10	1	69	550	920	92	30	9 50	7 75	3 30
St. Paul's,	400	63			5	1	50	382	1000	190	00	30 49	8 27	7 45
Salem,	671	45			4	1	36	320	600	152	00	63 43	13 00	
Western Church Miss.,	218	29	1		5	2	43	210	600	40	00	6 00	3 00	4 00
John Wesley,			48		2	1	10	30	300					
Kelly S. City Mission,		16			1	1	26	125	388					
Asbury,	165	61			3	1	26	180	850	10	00	7 00	3 00	3 00
Haddington & Monroeville Mission,	90		1		1	2	21	210	1725	19	25	4 15	1 75	3 22
Radnor,	283	67	1		4	6	69	375	896	16	01	10 82	6 16	8 41
West Chester Mission,	170	75			2	31	289	550	11	00				
Springfield,	670	89			6	9	111	531	915	69	69	23 82	8 75	9 86
Lancaster, 1st Church,	165	36	2		2	36	230	750	15	00	30 46	16 18	6 87	
" 2d Church,	43	17			1	1	22	213	500	28	62	3 10	5 00	1 50
Columbia,	262	17			2	2	40	240	1700			19 00		6 64
Marietta,	291	102			3	7	62	483	1899	19	00	11 16	2 38	6 56
	6665	1184	53								1202	60		

Quest. 14. *Where have the Preachers been Stationed?*

## NORTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT, R. Gerry, P. E.

St. George's,	Wm M D Ryan.
Trinity,	G. R Crooks.
Eighth Street,	J. Castle.
Fifth Street,	D W Bartine.
St. John's,	J W Mecaskey.
Kensington,	H R Calloway.
Sanctuary,	J Sewell.
New Market Street,	G Quigley.
Twelfth Street,	J Mason.
Cohocksink,	J Thompson.
Bethlehem,	W L Gray.
N. City H. Mission,	T C Murphy
Summerfield Mission,	J H Turner.
Port Richmond,	W W McMichael.
Zoar,	To be supplied.
Milestown,	J L Houston
Lehman's Chapel and Fairview,	V Gray
Doylestown,	Wm Major.
Frankford,	J Cunningham.
Bridesburg,	Wm C Robinson.
Bustleton,	C J Crouch.
Bristol,	W McCombs.
Attleborough,	J Y Ashton
Newtown,	M H Sisty.
Allentown and Bethlehem,	W H Brisbane.
Quakertown Mission,	J Hubbard.
Easton,	J L Taft.
Richmond,	T. W Simpser.
Stroudsburg,	J A Watson, Wm B Wood.

J. P. Durbin, Cor. Sec. Missionary Society.

## SOUTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT, T. J. Thompson, P. E.

Union,	G F Kettell, J Mitchell, sup.
Nazareth,	E Miller.
Ebenezer,	J Ruth.
Mariner's Bethel,	A John.
Wharton Street,	E R Williams.
St. Paul's,	R M Greenbank, J. Henry, sup.
Salem,	W Cooper.
Western Church Mission,	J W Arthur, S. Higgins, sup.
Asbury,	T S. Johnston.
Kelly South City Mission,	Wm E England.
John Wesley,	To be supplied.
Haddington & Monroeville Miss.,	P Hallowell, J. Dyson.
Radnor,	J Edwards, one to be supplied.
Village green,	I T Cooper, H A Hobbs, H G King, sup
Rockdale, - <i>afterward Crozerville</i>	G W Maclaughlin.
West Chester,	A Cookman.
Lancaster, 1st Church,	P Coombe.

Lancaster 2d Church,	J Dickerson
Safe Harbour,	H Sutton.
Columbia,	W Bishop.
Marietta,	M D Kurtz.
Mount Joy and Bainbridge,	G W Brindle.
Harrisburg,	Wm Urie.
Dauphin and Hummetstown Mis.,	H Sanderson, C R Curry.
Halifax,	J Cummins, one to be supplied.
	L. Scott, Book Agent, N. Y.
	H. M. Johnston, Professor Dickinson College.
	Wm. H. Gilder, Principal of the Flushing Female Institute.

## READING DISTRICT, J. D. Curtis, P. E.

Reading, Ebenezer,	Wm H Elliott.
" St. Peter's Mission,	N Heston.
Pottsville, 1st Church & St. Clair,	G D Carrow, J Neill, sup.
" 2d Church,	C F Turner.
Springfield,	J Carlisle, A Freed, JS Gracey, E Reed sup
Pottstown,	J Hand, L B Beckley.
Phoenixville Mission,	S Patterson.
Bethel and Evansburg,	To be supplied.
Grove,	J H Wythes, J J Jones
Norristown,	H S Atmore.
Manayunk, Mount Zion,	Wm Barnes.
" Ebenezer,	T A Fernley.
Germantown,	G D Bowen.
Chestnut hill Mission,	A Longacre.
Lebanon,	G Orem.
Tremont and Pine Grove Mission,	J F Meredith.
Minersville,	J B McCullough.
Port Carbon,	J McCarter.
Schuylkill Haven and Port Clinton	H B Manger.
Tamaqua Mission,	J E Meredith.
Mauch Chunk,	Wm L Boswell.
Stoddartsville,	F Illman.

I. W. Wiley and J. Colder, Missionaries to China.

## WILMINGTON DISTRICT, A. Atwood, P. E.

Wilmington, Asbury,	J A Roche.
" St. Paul's,	F Hodson.
" Union Mission,	J Humphries.
E. Zion,	To be supplied.
New Castle,	Wm B Walton.
Delaware City,	E J Way, J B Dennison.
Middletown & Cantwell's Bridge,	J Aspril.
Newark,	S Townsend, T Snowdon Thomas.
Elkton,	J D Onins, H F Hurn.
North East,	L Storks, one to be supplied.
Port Deposit,	H Colclazer.
Zion,	S R Gillingham. One to be supplied.
Oxford,	J F Boon, R Owen.
Fulton,	J S Cook, J O'Neil.
Strasburg,	C Karsner, J N King.

Cochranville,  
Brandywine,  
Chester,  
Chester Circuit,  
Mount Lebanon,  
Mount Salem,  
J. C. Thomas, Superintendent of the plan of endowment for Dickinson College; a member of the North East Quarterly Conference.  
A. Manship, Agent for Female College, Wilmington, Del. Member of Union Quarterly Conference.

EASTON DISTRICT, T. J. Quigley, P. E.

Smyrna,  
" Circuit,  
Dover,  
Frederica,  
Vernon Mission,  
Milford,  
Denton,  
Greensborough,  
Talbot,  
Easton,  
Centreville,  
Church Hill,  
Kent,  
Millington,  
H. E. Gilroy.  
G. W. Lybrand. One to be supplied.  
J. T. Hazzard, T. B. Miller.  
D. Lambdin, S. Thomas.  
S. C. Palmeter, E. Townsend.  
P. J. Cox  
T. Newman, L. C. Pettit, G. Lacey, sup.  
J. Bell, J. H. Boyd.  
J. A. Massey, J. Gregg, S. Grace, sup.  
S. Annear, J. H. Alday, J. D. Long, sup.  
J. B. Ayers, C. I. Thompson.  
S. M. Cooper. One to be supplied. G. Barton, sup.  
T. Sumption, J. H. Lightburn.  
J. Flanery, D. R. Thomas.

SNOW HILL DISTRICT, D. Daily, P. E.

Seaford,  
Federalburg,  
Dorchester,  
Church Creek,  
Cambridge,  
Quantico,  
Salisbury,  
Princess Ann,  
Annamessex,  
Accomac,  
Northampton,  
Snowhill,  
Berlin,  
Worcester Mission,  
Lewes,  
Georgetown,  
Laurel,  
I. R. Merrill. One to be supplied.  
J. Pasterfield.  
V. Smith, C. Shock.  
J. Hargis, C. L. Steinman, one to be suppl'd  
C. Hill, J. F. Chaplain.  
A. W. Milby.  
S. Pancoast, M. A. Day.  
B. F. Price, J. Hammersly.  
D. L. Patterson, W. Merrill.  
J. A. Brindle, W. E. Manlove.  
J. Allen.  
R. H. Pattison, D. Titlow, W. Quinn, sup.  
Wm. Rink, J. B. Quigg.  
To be supplied.  
R. E. Kemp, A. Wallace.  
J. Hough.  
J. Turner, W. F. Ames.  
D. D. Lore, Missionary to Beunos Ayres, S. A.  
J. McHenry Caldwell, transferred to the Oregon and California Conference.

Quest. 15. When and where shall the next Conference be held?  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Quest. 16. What has been collected for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers.

North Philadelphia District.

	Confer.	Ten Cent.		Confer.	Ten Cent.
	Coll.	Coll.		Coll.	Coll.
St. George's,	22 75	69 32	Reading, Ebenezer	11 15	8 00
Eighth Street,	46 50	75 00	" St. Peter's Miss.		
Trinity,	30 34	84 58	Pottstown	10 30	9 00
Fifth Street,	37 32	40 85	Phoenixville Mission	5 21	7 67
St. John's,	14 64	24 00	Norristown	7 50	12 00
Kensington,	20 59	27 56	Bethel and Evansburg	4 92	5 20
Sanctuary,	4 00		Manayunk, Mt. Zion	10 87	14 43
New Market St.,	8 44	8 99	" Ebenezer	2 00	3 25
Twelfth Street,	22 75	28 58	Germantown	15 58	16 80
Cohocksink Mission,	4 09	2 33	Chestnut Hill	3 00	2 90
Bethlehem Mission	7 00	9 50	Chester Circuit	16 25	20 45
N. City Home Mission	3 78	7 52	Mount Hope Circuit	16 75	24 30
Zoar	2 25		Lebanon Circuit	5 73	15 71
Summerfield Mission	2 30	3 75	Harrisburg	19 46	23 33
Port Richmond	14 46	9 00	Dauphin	8 00	9 50
Milestown	13 96	11 53	Halifax	10 00	9 22
Lehman's Chapel } and Fairview }	1 65	1 00	Tremont and Pine } Grove Mission }	1 46	1 50
Frankford	22 37	12 53	Minersville	4 25	10 00
Bridensburg			Pottsville, 1st Church	7 75	10 07
Bustleton,	11 00	10 00	" 2d Church	4 50	4 30
Bristol	3 10	6 37	Schuylkill Haven and }	1 53	4 30
Attleborough	3 60	6 85	Port Clinton Mission }		
Newtown	13 31	12 69	Port Carbon	8 00	12 00
Allentown Mission	3 00	2 03	Tamaqua and Summit }	11 00	8 00
Quakertown Mission	2 00	2 10	Hill Mission }		
Easton	10 00	10 00	Mauch Chunk	13 00	4 50
Richmond	7 41	13 16	Stoddardsville	4 00	6 00
Stroudsburg	7 75	8 30			
	340 36	487 61		203 11	242 43

South Philadelphia District.

Union	58 69	103 19	Wilmington District.		
Nazareth	21 11	70 40	Wilmington, Asbury	24 35	33 50
Mariners' Bethel	20 10	17 00	" St. Paul's	18 25	25 00
Ebenezer	12 50	59 21	" Union	15 00	16 50
Wharton Street	7 22	34 68	Mount Salem	1 68	9 25
St. Paul's	21 00	28 00	E. Zion		
Salem	16 25	46 55	Delaware City	16 25	10 27½
Western Church	10 00	9 88	Newark	10 00	5 12½
John Wesley	1 00		Cecil	9 25	5 31
Kelly S. City Mission			Elkton	10 89	18 88
Asbury	10 00	9 00	Oxford	8 59	11 75
Haddington and } Monroeville }	7 50	5 07	Zion	6 47	3 05
Radnor	11 33	16 45	North East	14 07	8 70
West Chester Mission	8 51	4 25	Port Deposit	15 87½	15 12½
Springfield	15 20	9 61	Fulton	8 45	9 10
Lancaster, 1st Church	14 42	17 00	Strasburgh	10 00	14 45
" 2d Church	2 64	5 10	Cochranville	8 50	10 00
Columbia	7 46	10 50	Brandywine	9 00	13 00
Marietta	10 50	15 00	Grove	7 90	18 90
			Bethel Station	4 08	3 82
			Old Chester	2 60	4 50
	255 73	460 89		201 30½	236 23½

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the managers of the Missionary Society of the Philadelphia Annual Conference, beg leave to report the following resolutions for adoption.

1. *Resolved*, That whenever it is practicable we will establish a monthly missionary prayer meeting or lecture in each church, at which we will disseminate missionary intelligence and receive missionary contributions.
2. *Resolved*, That we will heartily recommend the circulation of our Missionary Advocate, and that we will endeavor to extend the same as the best means of furnishing the Church with missionary intelligence.
3. *Resolved*, That the annual missionary collections and subscriptions shall be taken in each church and congregation in the month of December or January, and that we advise each pastor to preach on the occasion.
4. *Resolved*, That with the advice of the committee, provided for in the discipline to aid us as pastors, or the managers of any existing efficient missionary society, we will appoint missionary collectors in each charge.
5. *Resolved*, That we will improve our missionary reports by inserting a list of the officers and life members of our society, and the names of missionary collectors and the names of the contributors during the year and the amount contributed by each.
6. *Resolved*, That the President of the Conference appoint a member to preach a missionary sermon at some suitable hour during each succeeding annual session, and that the managers of the society make timely arrangements for the anniversary at each annual session of the Conference.
7. *Resolved*, That the Sunday School is a powerful auxiliary to the Missionary cause.
8. *Resolved*, That we request the superintendants and teachers of our Sunday Schools to organize them into auxiliary Missionary Societies wherever practicable, and under such rules and regulations as they may judge suitable.
9. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the Board of Managers of the Parent Society the propriety of preparing a certificate of life membership in Sunday School Missionary Societies.

## RESOLUTIONS.

- I. That the conference and ten-cent collections be handed to the Stewards on the second day of conference; and that the preachers be and are hereby requested to bring their money in as large sums as possible, neatly put up and marked with the amount, the name of the appointment and of the preacher, and the object to which it is to be appropriated.
- II. That the members of this Conference, who may be in charge of circuits or stations, be, and are hereby requested to bring to the next Conference, for the use of the Stewards, a written statement of the number, and circumstances of all the claimants upon the Conference funds, who may reside in their several charges, and that particular attention be paid to the number and ages of all the children entitled to a share of our collections.
- III. *Whereas*, The religious welfare of our youth in our seminaries of learning, is to the Church ever the object of first importance; and *Whereas*, By general agreement of most of our colleges and some of the churches, the first Thursday in February is annually observed as a day of prayer for colleges, therefore, *Resolved*, That we will, as far as practicable, observe and recommend to our people to observe the concert of prayer for colleges.
- IV. That the collections ordered by this Conference be taken at the following periods of the Conference year, viz.; 1. Education collection in June—2. Sunday School in July, August, or September—3. Bible in October—4. The Missionary in December or January—5. Philadelphia Conference in February and March—6. Ten Cent during the year, at the discretion of each pastor.

## VISITING COMMITTEE.

- Dickinson College—P. Coombe, G. F. Kettell.  
 Pennington—D. W. Bartine, J. R. Anderson.  
 Dickinson College Seminary—W. Urie, A. Cookman.  
 Wilmington Female College Inst.—E. Miller, H. Colclazer.  
 Conference Sermon—Geo. F. Kellott; Geo. D. Bowen, Alternate.  
 Missionary Sermon—J. Cunningham; Wm. H. Elliott, Alternate.

## MEMOIR OF REV. JOHN BAYNE.

JOHN BAYNE, the subject of this memoir, was born in Somerset county, Eastern Shore of Maryland, in the year 1796, where he resided until the 21st year of his age. About this time he was converted to God at a Camp meeting on Tangier Island.

He soon connected himself with the M. E. Church on Salisbury circuit, where he commenced and continued his official career as an exhorter and local preacher, until 1821, when he was recommended to, and received on trial by the Philadelphia Annual Conference, and appointed to Accomac circuit; in 1822, to Dorchester; in 1823, he was received into full connection and appointed to Cambridge. The following year he located and lived in Salisbury circuit, and served the church as a local preacher until the Conference of 1826, when he was readmitted and appointed to Cambridge the two years succeeding. After this his appointments were as follows: In 1828 and '29, Snow Hill; in 1830 and '31, Lewistown; 1832 and '33, Milford; 1834, Kent; 1835 and '36, Salisbury; 1837 and '38, Centreville; 1839 and '40, Denton; 1811, Dorchester; 1812 and '13, Caroline; 1814, Milford; 1815, Frederica; 1816 and '17, Brandywine; 1818, Cecil; 1819 and '20, Cochranville; and 1851, Zion circuit, where, at his post the 6th day of August, 1851, he ceased at once to work and live.

Brother Bayne's health was impaired by an attack of bilious fever in June, after which his health was very feeble. He continued, notwithstanding the feeble state of his health, to fill his appointments whenever his strength would permit, until July 26th, on which day he preached twice and returned home to labor for his Master on earth no more.

On Monday the 27th, he was attacked with dysentery, from which, however, he apprehended no serious consequences; but it proved too much for his already shattered constitution. When convinced of its serious character, he expressed his confidence in Christ, and his submission to the will of God. He continued peaceful and happy, and frequently praised the Lord for his sustaining grace. He exhorted his wife to put her confidence in Christ, and resign herself to his will and pleasure. When continuous articulation failed him, in compliance with the expressed wish of his brethren who stood round him, he raised his hand in token of triumph, and uttered faintly but distinctly the word "GLORY!"

Brother Bayne was an affectionate husband, a warm friend, a firm Methodist, a plain, energetic and useful minister. Through his instrumentality many people were added unto the Lord, who, doubtless, will rise in the day of Christ, and call him blessed, and rejoice with him forever.

"Our brother the haven hath gained,  
 Outflying the tempest and wind,  
 His rest he hath sooner obtained,  
 And left his companions behind."

## MEMOIR OF REV. L. M. PRETTYMAN.

Departed this life, May 13th, 1851, the Rev. L. M. PRETTYMAN, of the Philadelphia Conference, aged 52 years. He was born in Georgetown, Del., and, through the tender mercy of God, was happily converted August 16th, 1817.

In 1822 he was sent by the Presiding Elder to supply a vacancy on Annessex circuit; and at the ensuing Philadelphia Conference he was received on trial, and appointed to Accomac. In 1824 he was appointed to Dorchester circuit; in 1825, Chester; 1826, St. George's, Philadelphia; 1827, Freehold; 1828, Burlington; 1829 and '30, Tuckerton; the two following years he was on Bloomfield circuit; 1833 and '31, Haverstraw; 1835, Mount Holly; 1836 and '37, Bustleton; 1838, '39 and '40, Mariner's Bethel, Philadelphia; 1841, Radnor; 1842, Princess Ann; 1843, Laurel; 1844, Annessex; 1845 and '46, Milton; 1847 and '48, Frederica; 1849 and '50, Millington; and in 1851 he was appointed to Summerfield Mission. Here he was attacked with the confluent small-pox, yet, by the skill and exertion of his physician, the disease assumed a favorable aspect; but a disease, to which he was subject, returned with great malignity, and, in combination with the *variola*, the efforts of nature were inadequate to sustain this complicated attack, and with perfect resignation he yielded up his spirit unto God. In his last illness he was punctually and affectionately attended by his long-tried friend, Rev. Jeremiah Clark, an aged deacon of Ebenezer Church. Brother Clark conversed with him freely on the blessed hope of the true Christian, and its

gracious sustaining influence in life, as well as the soul-absorbing period of dissolution, and while his heart was kindled with heavenly joy in this conversation, he assured brother Clark of his bright and clear prospect of a glorious immortality. He stated that the ever blessed Redeemer abundantly comforted him in this last trying hour of mortality, and that his confidence, firmly based on the Rock of Ages, remained unshaken in his painful affliction. Brother C. was particularly attentive to our deceased brother on the 10th and 11th; and while he offered up his fervent petitions to the Majesty of Heaven, our dying brother appeared to be absorbed in the goodness of God, and richly filled with Divine love, evidenced by his warm responses to the petitions. His prospects for heaven remained unclouded, and his reliance on the omnipotent Saviour more and more confirmed as he approached the verge of time. When near his last moments his fevered lips were moistened with a cooling beverage, and he joyfully exclaimed, "I shall soon be where I shall give my friends no more trouble." To his weeping and only daughter, he tenderly observed, "give me up into the hands of my gracious God, that I may be released from my sufferings. Glory to Jesus, I shall soon meet with those who have gone before;" and with holy joy, and sweet resignation, he breathed his last in full anticipation of eternal repose.

### MEMOIR OF REV. JONAS BISSEY.

JONAS BISSEY, the subject of the following memoir, was born in Bucks county, Pa., Sept. 24th, 1809. From his diary we learn that from very tender years he had serious thoughts and feelings about the salvation of his soul. These gracious influences of the Spirit of God upon his youthful heart, were greatly strengthened and increased by instructions received in the Sabbath school, and by the Christian example and instruction of the pious, by whom, in the providence of God, he was surrounded. In the summer of 1826, at a camp-meeting in New Jersey, he was made the happy subject of the converting grace of God. This gracious change he describes as being *clear and glorious*. On the next Sabbath after his conversion, he united himself with the M. E. Church, of which he continued to be a devoted and faithful member, and minister until he was transferred to the Church triumphant above. Feeling himself to be moved by the Holy Ghost to preach the Gospel, he very commendably addressed himself to a course of study and instruction, that he might be better prepared for the high and holy calling upon which he was about to enter. He received license to exhort in 1831, from Rev. Thomas Niel. In 1832, he was licensed to preach at a Quarterly Meeting held in Germantown, Pa. In 1833, he was received on trial in the Philadelphia Annual Conference, and was appointed to Salem Circuit, N. Jersey, with the late Rev. W. W. Foulks. He remained in this field of labor, until the ensuing autumn, when, on account of ill health, he was removed to Milford Circuit, Pa. In 1834, he was appointed to Warren Circuit. In 1836 and '36, to Stroudsburg Circuit. In April, 1836, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret C. Whitesell, who now survives to mourn his loss. After this he was successively appointed to the following places: In 1837, Lebanon; 1838, Halifax; 1839 and '40, Springfield; 1841 and '42, Georgetown; 1843 and '44, Snow Hill; 1845, Diemer's Mission; 1847, he was supernumerary; 1848 and '49, Strasburg; 1850, Nottingham, where, through his instrumentality, about three hundred souls were added to the church. At the Conference of 1851, Nottingham Circuit being divided, he was appointed to the part called Oxford, where he was abundant in labors and usefulness; until Sabbath afternoon, August 17th, when in the pulpit of the M. E. Church, at New London Cross Roads, after having preached a sermon from Heb. 13: 16, in behalf of Sabbath Schools, in the presence of his wife, and surrounded by many who had been converted to God by his instrumentality, he was instantly killed by lightning. His funeral sermon was preached by the late lamented Rev. James Smith, P. E.; after which his mortal remains, with many tears and lamentations, were committed to the grave; there to slumber until the Resurrection morn, leaving a bereaved widow and daughter to the sympathies and prayers of the Church:

Brother Bissey was a kind husband and parent, a faithful friend, an humble and devoted Christian. As a preacher, he was plain, zealous and successful. His life was one of devotion to God; his death was sudden and glorious, and most impressively urges upon us the admonition of the Saviour, "Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

### MEMOIR OF REV. DAVID SHIELDS.

Rev. David Shields was born in Omagh, County Tyrone, Ireland, on December 22d 1813, and died in Philadelphia, July 19th, 1851, in the 38th year of his age. He was converted in his thirteenth year, and two years after, such was the confidence of the authorities of the church in his judgment and piety, that, notwithstanding his youth, he was appointed to the office of class leader. In his nineteenth or twentieth year he was licensed to preach the Gospel of Christ. In 1836, he emigrated to the United States, settled in Philadelphia, and connected himself with Salem Methodist Episcopal Church, as a local preacher. In 1837 a vacancy occurred in Marietta Circuit, and Bro. Shields was placed there by the Presiding Elder, Rev. S. Higgins, and remained until the spring of 1838, when he was recommended by that circuit, and received on trial in the Philadelphia Annual Conference, and appointed to Dauphin circuit.

At the Conferences of 1839 and 40, he was appointed to Phoenixville; 1841 and 42, at Norristown; 1843 and 44, at Elkton; 1845 and 46 at Millington; 1847 and 48, at West Chester; 1849 and 50, at Eighth St. in Philadelphia; and 1851, at Salem, where, in the midst of his first associates in a strange country, he closed his labors and his life, after serving them a little more than three months.

Upon his last appointment he entered with the same zeal which had marked his former labors. The commencement was propitious, and the Church expected much from his faithful ministrations; but God ordered otherwise. He had better things in store for his servant; and where to all human appearances he was needed most, God saw best to remove him, and we are left to mourn.

He was attacked with dysentery on the 2d day of July. At first no serious apprehensions were entertained; but as the disease progressed, the harrowing thought of separation as a probable result was ever present. Thus for days, hope and fear alternated with each change in his symptoms, until the certainty of approaching dissolution extinguished the last hope of recovery. Could the skill and unremitting attention of physicians, the ties of fondest relationship, the sympathy of numerous friends, or the earnest wishes of his brethren have availed, his valuable life would have been spared. But the unconfined and irresistible edict of Jehovah, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return," has shown its stern impartiality. During his sickness he manifested that patience and that resignation to the will of God which distinguish the real christian. He expressed his thankfulness for the kind offices of his friends who waited upon him, anxious to relieve his sufferings and smooth his passage. When he realized his condition, and saw his last enemy approach him, fully equipped for the final conflict, he met death with the fortitude of a Christian hero, and, in his measure, like the blessed Saviour, conquered while he died.

On Friday afternoon, the sixteenth day of his illness, when he was supposed to have been dying, he said, when taken by the hand,

"Jesus can make a dying bed  
Feel soft as downy pillows are,  
While on his breast I lean my head,  
And breathe my life out sweetly there."

In view of his triumph, it was said to him, "you have not lived and labored for nought?" He replied, "No; and had I my time to live over again, I would try to live and labor more for God," and shortly added, "I die with my armor on." A little while after, looking and pointing upward, he said,—

"Jesus thy blood and righteousness,  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds in these array'd,  
With joy shall I lift up my head!"

He was then asked if he had a message for his brethren? "Yes. Tell them to preach Christ to all the world, until the world is vanquished; the world belongs to Him—He redeemed it." After a few minutes silence, he said, "My work is done, and I want to fall sweetly asleep in Jesus."

On Saturday morning, seeing a brother from the Eighth Street charge enter his room, he lifted his hand in token of triumph, and exclaimed "Glory! Glory! Glory!" Nature continued to sink throughout the day, until at twenty minutes before 7 o'clock in the evening, he realized his wish, and "sweetly fell asleep in Jesus."

His spirit rose superior to the fear of death, and even his wasted frame seemed unmoved, so quiet and peaceful was his end. He sank away like the noiseless sun seeking his rest.

His funeral took place on Tuesday the 22d of July, attended by an unusually large and sympathizing concourse.

Now that he is gone, the qualities that marked his character, and endeared him to his friends, rise in our recollection. He was faithful and kind in all the relations of life. An unbending integrity was manifested in his private and official conduct.

By death a bereaved widow and five young children have been deprived of the counsels and care of one among the best of fathers and of husbands, and the church of one of her most faithful ministers.

As a preacher, Brother Shields stood amongst the foremost of his brethren. He was studious in the preparation, and ardent in the delivery of his message. Every other passion in him was swallowed up for the glory of God and the good of souls. His own language was, "I must work, for the time draweth nigh that I cannot."

His ministrations were always acceptable; and there are many seals to his ministry, many who will rise up in eternity and call him blessed.

In the discharge of duty, he was unmoved by fear. Influenced only by a purpose to glorify God, he trusted all results to His wisdom. The kindness of his heart was shown in the attention he bestowed upon the afflicted; and in his visits of mercy, where he discovered wants, limited as were his own resources, he ministered to the body as well as to the soul. But his record is on high. He is not, for God took him.

### MEMOIR OF REV. GEORGE MADDUX.

GEORGE MADDUX was born June 24th, 1821, in Worcester county, Md., and died June 26th, 1851, in Dorchester county, Md., just as he completed the thirtieth year of his age.

Brother Maddux, in early life, manifested a heart open to all the innocent pleasures of life, and when it pleased God to awaken him to a sense of his high duty and interest, he kept not back, but gave his heart to his Creator; God did not destroy, but change his nature, and we see in him exhibited the same essential elements of his character—cheerfulness without levity, piety without moroseness, and consistency without an affected singularity.

By his upright life securing the confidence of the Church, he was licensed to preach in the year 1846, and was called out by the P. E. of Easton District, and placed upon Frederica circuit; and, at the last Quarterly Meeting, he was recommended to Philadelphia Conference as a suitable person to be received into the travelling connection. But the Conference not deeming it expedient to admit any on trial that spring, he was again taken out by the P. E., and appointed to Church Hill circuit, where he labored with great acceptability and usefulness, and at the last Quarterly Meeting was again recommended to the Annual Conference, and received on trial; and was appointed to Seaford in 1848; Church Creek in 1849; Accomac in 1850; and to Dorchester in 1851, where he closed his short but successful career. The disease which terminated his life, was bilious diarrhæa. His sufferings were severe, but he bore them all with Christian fortitude. No murmuring words escaped his lips, nor complaining spirit agitated his bosom.

When asked if he had any fear of death? He promptly replied, "no fear at all." Being further interrogated whether that Jesus, whom he had preached to others, comforted him now? His answer was, "In the year 1839 I gave my heart to God, and I have been his ever since. He has been my support, my comfort, and my trust, and still is in this hour."

The day before his decease, to a sister who constantly waited upon him during his sickness, he observed, "I am happy. Ah! my sister, I feel truly that

'Jesus can make a dying bed  
Feel soft as downy pillows are.'

To a brother who was present, he said, "What fields of delight, and realms of bliss I see, and Jesus standing prominently in the midst." And when his colleague told him that his end was near, a heavenly smile played upon his countenance, and he seemed as one who had received good news from afar. Folding his arms upon his bosom, so peacefully and calmly did he sink to rest, that those who were present could scarcely observe the change.

As a preacher, brother Maddux was much admired; as a pastor, beloved, and as a Christian he was a bright and a shining light. The affability of his manners, the frankness of his character, the generosity of his nature, and the integrity of his principles, hallowed by devotion to God, and an ardent love for souls, secured for him a lodgment in the hearts of those to whom he ministered the words of life; and placed him high in the esteem and confidence of those with whom he labored.