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MINUTES

of

FORTY-FIFTH SESSION of the WESTERN VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
of the M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

Held At

CATLETTSBURG, KENTUCKY Beginning September 7, 1898
and ending September 12, 1898

Bishop R. K. Hargrove, President, and B. F. Gosling, Secretary.

Leftrieg S. Cunningham was admitted on trial.

J. A. H. Barrett and B. A. Winn remained on trial.

W. L. Reid, C. A. Slaughter, and L. P. Shearer were admitted into full connection.

Charles A. Slaughter and L. P. Shearer were elected deacons and ordained. They were traveling preachers.

Leftrieg S. Cunningham was a local preacher elected deacon.

Alpheus M. Martin, Hubbard K. Moore, and Roland S. Bias were traveling preachers elected elders. These three, accepting R. S. Bias, were ordained as elders.

H. M. Smith and H. L. Smith were supernumerary.

C. S. Murrill and B. S. Chambers and Hiram Moore and Samuel T. Mallory were superannuated.

\$2,085 was deemed necessary for superannuated preachers and widows and orphans of preachers for the whole conference.

T. S. Wade was presiding elder of the Parkersburg district.

J. M. Boland of the Clarksburg district.

MINUTES for September 6-11, 1899

Bishop A. W. Wilson, President. B. F. Gosling, Secretary.

M. C. Johnson, B. M. Keith, J. F. Pennybacker are admitted on trial.

L. S. Cunningham remained on trial.

J. A. H. Barrett was admitted into full connection and also B. A. Winn.

C. A. Slaughter, B. A. Winn, and W. L. Reid were deacons of one year.

B. M. Keith was elected deacon and ordained.

Roland S. Bias, a traveling preacher, was elected elder and ordained. Roland S. Bias became supernumerary this year.

C. S. Murrill, Hiram Moore, S. T. Mallory, B. S. Chambers and Adam Given were superannuated.

S. A. Donahue was at Louisa, Kentucky.

MINUTES
of the FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION, ETC.

Held At
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, September 5-10, 1900

Bishop R. K. Hargrove, President, and B. F. Gosling, Secretary.

M. C. Johnson and B. M. Keith remained on trial.

Leftreig S. Cunningham admitted into full connection.

Peter Clay readmitted.

M. C. Johnson, a local preacher, elected deacon and ordained.

W. L. Reid, C. A. Slaughter, and B. A. Winn were traveling preachers
elected elders and ordained.

Zepheniah Meek and H. L. Smith located this year.

H. L. Smith was supernumerary.

C. S. Murrill, Hiram Moore, S. T. Mallory, and B. S. Chambers
were superannuated.

A. Given and C. W. Shearer died.

MINUTES 1901

P. E. Thornburg remains on trial.

M. C. Johnson, B. M. Keith, J. F. Pennybacker were admitted into full connection.

E. T. Caton was received by transfer from some other conference.

L. S. Cunningham and J. A. H. Barrett were deacons of one year.

J. F. Pennybacker, a traveling preacher, was elected deacon and ordained.

C. S. Murrill, H. Moore, and S. T. Mallory were superannuated.

B. S. Chambers died.

MINUTES for 1902

Elias Yoak was admitted on trial.

W. B. Corder remained on trial.

P. E. Thornburg was admitted into full connection. Also
G. C. Hutchinson.

Henry L. Smith was readmitted.

R. T. Webb and J. M. Corder were received by transfer from some
other conference.

M. C. Johnson and J. F. Pennybacker were deacons of one year.

P. E. Thornburg and G. C. Hutchinson were traveling preachers
elected deacons and ordained.

L. S. Cunningham was a traveling preacher elected elder and
ordained.

John W. Hampton was located this year.

C. S. Murrill, Hiram Moore, S. T. Mallory, and W. N. Hiner were
superannuated.

MINUTES for 1903 are Missing

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MINUTES for 1904

Furman E. Lambert was admitted on trial

John L. Vinson remained on trial.

W. B. Corder was a deacon of one year.

Charles A. Bowls was a traveling preacher elected to deacon and ordained.

Benjamin M. Keith was a traveling preacher elected and ordained elder.

R. S. Bias was supernumerary.

Hiram Moore, S. T. Mallory, and W. M. Hiner were superannuated.

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MINUTES for September 1905
Held at Barboursville

Bishop A. W. Wilson, President. A. Lee Barrett, Secretary.

F. E. Lambert remained on trial.

John L. Vinson was admitted in full connection.

G. W. Pangburn and U. V. W. Darlington were received by transfer from other conferences.

John L. Vinson was a traveling preacher elected deacon and ordained.

Walter M. Given and W. B. Corder were traveling preachers elected elders and ordained.

M. C. Johnson located this year.

Roland S. Bias was supernumerary.

Hiram Moore, W. M. Hiner, and Peter Clay were superannuated.

S. T. Mallory died.

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MINUTES for 1906

F. E. Lambert was discontinued of his own request.

Rev. C. A. Slaughter, Rev. D. H. Reid, J. M. Skinner, and John A. Gross were appointed to the joint Board of Finance.

Robert Johnson Yoak and Elias Yoak were admitted into full connection.

R. J. Yoak and J. L. Vinson were deacons of one year.

R. J. Yoak was a traveling preacher elected deacon and ordained.

E. T. Caten was located.

R. S. Bias and P. G. Walker were supernumerary.

W. M. Hiner was superannuated.

Peter Clay and Hiram Moore died.

MINUTES for 1907

Roll of Members

A. Lee Barrett, 1889, Pikeville, Ky.

R. S. Bias, 1894, Rocky Fork, W. Va.

W. I. Canter, 1888 Fairmont, W. Va.

J. W. Crites, 1890, Catlettsburg, Ky.

L. S. Cunningham, 1898 Fayetteville, W. Va.

W. B. Corder, 1900, received on trial from the Western Virginia Conference, address, Ashland, Ky.

S. A. Donahoe, 1890, received on trial from the Western Virginia Conference, address, Phillippi, W. Va.

U. V. W. Darlington, Parkersburg, W. Va.

I. N. Fannin, 1892, received on trial from the Western Virginia Conference, address, Central City, W. Va.

W. M. Given, 1901, Barboursville, W. Va.

B. F. Gosling, 1878, Ashland, Ky.

W. A. Goodpasture, 1897, received on trial from the Western Virginia Conference.

A. A. Hollister, 1892, St. Albans, W. Va.

J. W. Herring, 1896, Huntington, W. Va.

W. M. Hiner, 1873, received from Baltimore Conference, Barboursville, W. Va.

J. H. Jackson, 1877, New Martinsville, W. Va.

M. C. Johnson, Amos, W. Va.

B. M. Keith, 1899, Milton, W. Va.

John Martin, 1866, Mt. Hope, W. Va.

A. M. Martin, 1894, Huntington, W. Va.

MINUTES for 1907

Roll of Members

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C. B. Morris, 1894, Logan, W. Va.
A. B. Moore, 1894, Mt. Morris, Pa.
H. K. Moore, 1894, Boothsville, W. Va.
A. E. Odell, 1890, Fayetteville, W. Va.
D. E. Odell, 1905, Green Sulphur Springs
E. R. Powers, 1876, Barboursville, W. Va.
C. A. Powers, 1894, Charleston, W. Va.
J. F. Pennybacker, 1899, Williamson, W. Va.
W. L. Reid, 1895, Sutton, W. Va.
E. C. Switzer, 1889, Buffalo, W. Va.
C. J. Slaughter, 1896, Paintsville, W. Va.
P. E. Thornburg, 1900, Parkersburg, W. Va.
John L. Vinson, 1903, St. Marys, W. Va.
T. S. Wade, 1856, Clarksburg, W. Va.
P. G. Walker, 1884, Beckley, W. Va.
B. A. Winn, 1896, Ybor City, Florida
R. T. Webb, 1896, from Holston Conference, Fairmont, W. Va.
J. B. F. Yoak, 1892, Grayson, Ky.
Elias Yoak, 1902, Grantsville, W. Va.
R. J. Yoak, 1903, Guyandotte, W. Va.
Ivy Yoak, 1905, Louisa, Ky.

MINUTES for 1907

Probationers

A. P. Keyser, 1907, Huntington, W. Va.

F. E. Lambert, 1907, Lubeck, W. Va.

L. C. Talbot, 1905, Bowen, W. Va.

Ivy Yoak, traveling preacher was elected deacon.

L. C. Talbot was in the class of the first year.

Elias Yoak and John L. Vinson were deacons of one year.

Firman E. Lambert from the Huntington District was elected to deacons orders.

Charles Hanford Gilkinson was elected to elders orders.

Ivy Yoak was admitted into full connection.

Arden Philbrick Keyser and Firman E. Lambert from the Huntington District. Conference, being represented by their presiding elder, were on motion admitted on trial.

M. C. Johnson was re-admitted.

A. Lee Barrett requested the appointment of a committee to investigate the rumors affecting his moral character, and the bishop appointed B. F. Gosling, C. N. Coffman, and R. T. Webb. The committee reported that they found no trial necessary.

Arden Philbrick Keyser and Firman E. Lambert were admitted on trial.

Ivy Yoak was admitted into full connection. Also Elijah Bidd Odell.

M. C. Johnson was re-admitted.

D. L. Reid was transferred from the Western North Carolina Conference, and J. H. Jackson from the Missouri Conference.

Elias Yoak was a deacon of one year.

Ivy Yoak and Elijah Bidd Odell were elected deacons and ordained.

MINUTES for 1907

Probationers

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Firman E. Lambert was elected a deacon and ordained.

Roland S. Bias was supernumerary.

W. M. Hiner and P. G. Walker were superannuated.

J. M. Boland died.

1898

CHARLESTON DISTRICT

J. W. Glover, Presiding Elder..3

Charleston Station, W. I. Canter. 1
West Charleston, G. S. Leitner. 1
Charleston Circuit, L. E. Harrison. 1
St. Albans, B. A. Winn. 1
Buffalo, H. T. Watts. 3
Liberty, C. W. Craig, 1, Supply.
Cabell Circuit, To be supplied.
Hamlin, A. Given. 1
Lincoln Mission, Samuel Graham. 2
Barboursville, S. F. McClung. 1
Guyandotte, W. L. Reid. 2
Huntington, First Church, B. F. Gosling. 3
Huntington, Second Church, C. B. Morris. 3
Bowen, A. B. Shaw, 1, Supply.
Wayne, C. W. Shearer. 1
Fort Gay, George W. George, 1, Supply.
Glenwood, D. L. Bush. 4
Ceredo, J. E. Holly, 1, Supply.
President of Barboursville College, S. F. McClung.

1899

APPOINTMENTS

Charleston District
J. W. Glover, Presiding Elder, 4.

Cabell Circuit, to be supplied.

Barboursville, B. A. Winn, 1.

Bowen, to be supplied by J. D. Garrett, 2.

Huntington, First Church, B. F. Gosling. 4.

Huntington, Second Church, G. W. Gaither, 1.

Guyandotte, J. W. Crites, 1.

President of Barboursville College and Conference Secretary of Education, S. F. McClung.

Student at Barboursville College, M. C. Johnson.

1900

APPOINTMENTS

Charleston District
S. F. McClung, Presiding Elder, 1.

Charleston, W. I. Canter, 3.

West Charleston, W. B. F. Ball, 2, 3.

Charleston Circuit, R. S. Bias, 1.

Buffalo, John Martin, 2.

Liberty, G. W. Hutchinson, 1, 1.

St. Albans, C. A. Powers, 2.

Cabell, Elias Yoak, 1.

Glenwood, L. E. Harrison, 2.

Hamlin, J. A. H. Barrett, 1, 3.

Barboursville, B. A. Winn, 2.

Bowen, to be supplied.

Wayne, G. W. McClung, 1.

Fort Gay, H. B. Hewlett, 2.

East Lynne, J. B. Davis, 1.

Ceredo, J. M. Carter, 1.

Huntington, first church, E. Robinson, 1.

Huntington, Twentieth Street Church, W. A. Goodpasture, 1, 3.

Guyandotte, J. W. Crites, 2.

Students to Barboursville College, W. B. Corder and J. R. Mullen, 1, 1.

Secretary of Education, S. F. McClung.

1901

APPOINTMENTS

Charleston District.
S. F. McClung, Presiding Elder

Charleston, W. I. Canter

Charleston ct., R. S. Bias

Barboursville, M. E. Peck

Bowen, W. H. Surgeon, J. B. Davis, Supernumerary.

Huntington, 1st Ch., E. Robinson

Huntington, 20th Street, W. A. Goodpasture

Huntington ct., to be supplied

Guyandotte, J. W. Crites

Student to Morris Harvey College, J. R. Mullen

Secretary of Education, S. F. McClung

Educational Agent, E. T. Caton

1902

APPOINTMENTS

Charleston District.
W. L. Reid, Presiding Elder.

Charleston First Church, J. W. Herring.

Charleston Elizabeth Chapel, M. C. Johnson.

West Charleston, C. L. Bohon.

Charleston Circuit, R. S. Bias.

Buffalo, M. E. Stafford.

Poca, M. V. Bowles.

St. Albans, L. F. Jackson.

Liberty, E. Yoak.

Hurricane, C. S. Coberly.

Hamlin, J. A. H. Barrett.

Barboursville, M. E. Peck.

Bowen, W. H. Surgeon.

East Lynn, D. B. Kazee, (supply).

East Bank, H. L. Smith.

Glenwood, C. B. Morris.

Huntington First Church, E. Robinson.

Huntington, Twentieth Street, W. A. Goodpasture.

Huntington Circuit, C. C. Perkins.

Guyandotte, J. W. Crites.

Hadley, E. Bias.

Conference Secretary of Education, A. Lee Barrett.

1904

APPOINTMENTS

Charleston District.
W. L. Reid, 3, Presiding Elder

- Barboursville Station, C. A. Slaughter. 1.
- Bowen Circuit, E. R. Powers. 1.
- Buffalo Circuit, M. E. Stafford. 3.
- Central City, J. B. Yoak. 1.
- Charleston First Church, Ernest Robinson. 1.
- Charleston Circuit, M. G. Nutter. 1.
- Elizabeth Mem. and Roane St., H. A. Spencer. 1.
- Glenwood Circuit, O. R. Fowble, supply. 1.
- Griffithsville Circuit, to be supplied.
- Guyandotte Station, A. A. Hollister, 2.
- Guyan Mission, E. Bias, supply. 1.
- Hamlin Circuit, J. R. Mullins. 1.
- Huntington First Church, J. W. Herring. 1.*
- Huntington 20th Street, A. M. Martin. 1.
- Huntington Circuit, to be supplied.
- Milton Circuit, G. W. Pangburn. 1.
- Poca Circuit, A. B. Moore. 1.
- Point Pleasant Circuit, J. M. Boland. 1.
- St. Albans Circuit, M. V. Bowles. 2.
- Conference Secretary of Education, A. Lee Barrett. 3.
- * W. A. Goodpasture, supernumerary.

1905

Charleston District.
W. L. Reid, Presiding Elder (4).

Barboursville station, C. A. Slaughter. 2.
Bowen circuit, E. R. Powers. 2.
Buffalo circuit, M. E. Stafford. 4.
Central City station, I. N. Fannin. 1*
Charleston, First Church, E. Robinson. 2.
Charleston circuit, C. A. Goodwin, supply, 1.**
Elizabeth, Mem. & Roane St., H. A. Spencer. 2.
Glenwood circuit, C. Miles Geho. 1.
Guyandotte station, R. J. Yoak. 1.
Hamlin and Griffithsville, J. R. Mullins 2. S. Garrett, s.l.
Huntington, First Church, J. W. Herring. 2.
Huntington, 20th Street, A. M. Martin. 2.
Huntington circuit, J. N. Herald, supply, 1.
Milton circuit, J. L. Stamper. 1.
Poca circuit, J. M. Barnett. 1.
Pt. Pleasant circuit, J. M. Boland. 2.
St. Albans circuit, M. V. Bowles. 3.
Conference Secretary of Education, A. Lee Barrett. 4.
Student to Morris Harvey College, O. R. Fowble.
* W. A. Goodpasture, supernumerary.
** R. S. Bias, supernumerary.

1906

APPOINTMENTS

Huntington District
C. N. Coffman, Presiding Elder (1).

Barboursville station, W. M. Given 1.

Bowen circuit, L. C. Talbott 1.

Central City station, I. N. Fannin 2.

Chapmansville circuit, E. Bias, supply, 2.

Christian circuit, G. W. Presley 2.

Ft. Gay circuit, Bernard Spencer 1.

Guyandotte station, R. J. Yoak 2.

Griffithsville circuit, O. R. Fowble 1.

Hamlin circuit, J. R. Mullins 3.

Huntington First Church, J. W. Herring 3.

Huntington Emmanuel, A. M. Martin 3.

Huntington circuit, J. N. Herald, supply, 2.

Logan station, C. B. Morris 2.

Matewan circuit, T. J. Hopson 1.

Milton circuit, B. M. Keith 1.

Thacker circuit, F. E. Lambert supply 1.

Wayne circuit, to be supplied.

Williamson station, A. A. Hollister 2.

Conference Secretary of Education, S. A. Donahoe 1.

Frank Harden, B. F. King and C. M. Geho, Students to Morris Harvey College.

MEMOIRS
of
Burwell S. Chambers

Burwell S. Chambers entered the ranks of the Western Virginia Conference Sept. 1858, and was called to his reward March 5th, 1901. Your Conference is not in possession of the date of his birth, but he was about 70 years of age. Brother Chambers was a man of very peculiar endowments and was in many respects a gifted man. Born and reared in our mountain country, he grew up amid rugged surroundings and was himself a rugged man physically. His mental endowments were of a high order as was demonstrated by his peculiarly vigorous and original thinking, as well as his eloquent preaching. Ordinarily he was a very quiet and reserved man and really suppressed rather than magnified his gifts and in consequence of this peculiarity he rarely passed for his true worth as a preacher. Much of his time was spent on the supernumerary and superannuated lists. Not having been regularly in the active work he was not as extensively known nor as highly estimated at large as he would have been had he given the full measure of his services to the itinerant work. But he was a true man and lived a consistent life, and when the end came he was ready, and said, "Come around me now and see how a Christian can die."

MEMOIRS
of
Adam Given

Adam Given was born in what is now Webster county, West Virginia. He was admitted into our Conference on trial at its session held in Catlettsburg, Kentucky, September, 1870, and was admitted into full connection at Parkersburg, September 18, 1872. He was elected to Elder's Orders September, 1874, at the session held in Phillippi, West Virginia. He traveled for twenty-nine years in the Conference. He was a man of strong convictions, and one who had the courage to express them. He was really an able preacher. Had he been a scholar, he no doubt would have been a star in the ministerial firmament of the first magnitude. He never complained of hardships nor failed to do the work assigned him. He was strictly loyal to the Church, and to every trust committed to his care. He lived the gospel, which he so faithfully and ably preached.

Brother Given was granted a superannuated relation one year ago, not many days before his death. He was sick during the session of Conference, from which he never recovered. He had been twice married. His first marriage was blest with a number of children, who still survive him. His last wife was Miss Missouri Davis, of Wayne county, West Virginia. To her we extend our deepest sympathy, and we feel that we are pledged as a Conference for her comfort and support.

Brother Given was a Christian man, rich and ripe in experience, and the summons found him ready for the change. He now rests from his labors and his works do and will follow him, and while he rests in his Master's love and presence, let us toil on in this field and prove ourselves worthy successors of our faithful fathers, that when our work is

Adam Given

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done we may greet them in the great assembly no more to go out
forever.

H. T. Watts.

MEMOIRS
of
Rev. Charles Wesley Shearer

Rev. Charles Wesley Shearer was born at Liberty, Greenup county, Kentucky, June 5, 1843, and departed this life November 28, 1899, being 56 years, 5 months and 23 days of age at the date of his death.

Brother Shearer being reared by parents who walked with God, was early impressed with the importance of a religious experience and united with the Church. When he was quite a young man he was licensed to preach, but did not engage in the active work until the year 1873, when he united with the Western Virginia Conference and was appointed in charge of Mt. Zion Circuit, where he spent two years. The next two years of his ministry were spent on the Big Sandy Circuit, then one year on the New Foundland Circuit. From this charge he went to Pleasant Ridge Circuit, spending two years, thence to Greenup Circuit, spending two years, thence to Marion Circuit two years, thence to Lubeck, where he spent three years, at the close of which he was made Presiding Elder of Fayette district, in which office he served four years. Closing this term went to Barboursville Circuit, thence to Cedar Grove and then to Greenup, serving each one year. He was then placed as Presiding Elder on Prestonburg District, serving out the limit of four years. He was then appointed to Wayne Circuit as pastor. Closing up the first year, he was appointed to the same charge at the last session of our Conference where he labored about two months, when he was taken suddenly ill while engaged in a revival meeting on his charge, and in a few hours passed away into the great beyond.

On the 14th of October, 1868, Brother Shearer was happily married to Miss Pauline Pennington, of Carter county, Kentucky, and to them were

Rev. Charles Wesley Shearer

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born four sons and four daughters who, with their mother, remain to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father. As a husband and father, Brother Shearer was devoted and true, setting an example before his household worthy of their intention. As a Christian he was exemplary and faithful manifesting always that charity and patience that becomes the household of faith. As a theologian he had studied the work of God and learned thoroughly its fundamental teaching. He was familiar with the standards of the Church and was always ready to drive away strange doctrines. He was not a controversialist, but ever ready to defend the doctrines of his Church. As a preacher he was thoughtful, clear and deliberate. While we were all shocked and pained at the sudden departure of our Brother, we rejoice that he died on the field of battle. May the Father of all mercies tenderly care for the widow and orphans.

MEMOIRS
of
Rev. S. T. Mallory

Was born August 17, 1822; died March 31, 1904. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

The life of the subject of this sketch may truthfully be said to be the best sermon that could be preached upon this text. What is more beautiful, more impressive or more calculated to lead others to Christ than a long, thoroughly consecrated life spent entirely in the service of the Master--a life into which no great sin ever came, but kept pure and unspotted from the world, from infancy to old age? Such was the life of Samuel T. Mallory; no cleaner life has ever gone on the records of heaven; no purer heart ever beat in human breast.

He was born in Fluvanna county, Virginia, August 17, 1822. His mother died when he was a small boy, but he grew up surrounded by Christian influences, which caused him to consecrate himself to Christ when quite young. He entered the ministry at Clarksburg, Va., in 1853. On September 21, 1857, he was united in marriage to Miss Lucy H. Bransford, of Greenbrier county, Va., (who survives him). To them were born seven children, five of whom preceded him to the spirit world.

He remained in the effective list until 1898, when, on account of his advanced age, he was placed on the superannuated list, after having spent forty-five years in the active ministry. During this time he endured many hardships and privations, his early ministry being at a time when it meant something to be a minister; in fact his ministerial vows and obligations always meant more to him than all the world, and he was willing to sacrifice himself and all he had that he might be faithful to the trust the Lord had given him. Though often sorely

Rev. S. T. Mallory

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afflicted you never heard him murmur.

He had a good education and was a deep thinker, possessing a strong personality and great determination. He had no policy about him and would stand firm for what he believed to be right, entirely regardless of the consequences, often at a great sacrifice on his own part; all his life was regulated and characterized by a high code of honor and he was thoroughly consecrated and sincere. During the long number of years he was missionary treasurer no mistake occurred in his figures.

There was nothing hidden or concealed in his dealings with his fellow men. Modesty was in him a marked trait of character: a native virtue, and yet it was so well balanced with sincerity that he never failed to give kindly admonition to an erring brother when occasion placed the responsibility upon him. He was in no degree a policy man on any question that involved conscience or principle. Yet in matters of economy and methods of procedure he was ever ready to consult and consider carefully the views and convictions of his brethren, and always anxious to reach and adopt the best plan for accomplishing the most good, regardless of whose plan was adopted. He possessed in such a high degree these elements of true greatness, that he would not have hesitated to adopt the suggestion of a child if it contained true wisdom.

After he was superannuated he was never able to preach but a few times, but he spent much time in prayer. For the last three years he had failed rapidly, but was not entirely confined to his bed until ten weeks before he died. He passed away quietly and peacefully; those

Rev. S. T. Mallory

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who knew his life do not have to be told how he died. Such a life will triumph over death. He often spoke very beautifully about dying; death had no terrors for him, but he talked of it as calmly as if he had been going on a pleasant journey.

We lay this humble tribute upon the grave of this dear brother, whose going from us was like the setting sun in his evening splendor, and whose benign rays reflect both the beauties of the higher state and the Christianity which he so honored and adored by his life. May our going forth be equally glorious.

MEMOIRS
of
Mrs. Mary Inez Keith

Mrs. Mary Inez Keith, wife of Rev. B. M. Beith, and daughter of W. W. Riley and Laura Virginia Riley, died at the old homestead in Ripley, W. Va, on May 14, 1905. She was reared under the kind and gentle influences of a Christian home. She was born June 29, 1884. She was converted at the tender age of 13 years and joined the M. E. Church, South, under the pastorate of Rev. E. L. Fitch.

Her girlhood was sweet and happy, and she was given by her fond parents the needed and tender nurture for the growth and development of her talented and gifted soul. Her mind was carefully cultivated under the tuition of St. Joseph's Academy, of Greensburg, Pa., and Virginia College, of Roanoke, Va., having won high honors at St. Joseph's and was graduated in English at the Virginia College in 1903.

On her twentieth birthday the talented and happy girl was married to Benjamin Martin Keith, a bright and gifted young preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South who was also her pastor, to whom she was in their brief married life a continual inspiration and strong support. She loved the Church devotedly and sacred work of her beloved husband's high and noble calling, and was always ready to make any personal sacrifice to assist him in its preferment and advancement.

Bishop A. Coke Smith, at the fifty-first annual session of the Western Virginia Conference held at Fairmont, assigned her husband to Fairmont station, where she took up the noble work and life of a minister's wife and soon by her tender sympathy and affectionate manner won the hearts and esteem of all whom she met. She was a fully prepared and consecrated Christian, and her child-like faith in the Lord

Mrs. Mary Inez Keith

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was of that gentle and triumphant character that permitted no cloud of doubt to linger in her mind, hence she was ready and willing to go. The only regret she ever expressed in regard to her going was the pain of parting from her dear little babe which the Lord gave her on Easter Sunday. She was only allowed to experience the sweet and tender love of motherhood but a few days.

The funeral services were held in Epworth Church in the presence of a large and sympathizing congregation, and although sad and solemn, they were beautiful and sublime, conducted by Rev. W. I. Canter, of First M. E. Church, South, of Ashland, Ky., who officiated at her wedding less than one short year ago, assisted by Rev. M. C. Johnson, the Epworth pastor, and Rev. John Martin, an old dear friend of the family. The church was beautifully draped, not with the usual dark and heavy drapery of woe, but with a delicate and appropriate drapery of white, emblematic of the purity of her young and stainless life, while the handsome white casket and the chancel were covered and surrounded with a profusion of beautiful flowers sent by fond and loving friends, many of which were wrought in elegant and elaborate designs, and it was amidst and under those exquisite floral tributes of blooming roses, lilies and carnations her precious and sacred remains were laid to rest in Pine Hill Cemetery.

Just prior to the funeral services the sweetly impressive, yet most sad and touching ceremony of baptizing her dear little babe was performed by Rev. W. I. Canter in the presence of the family and intimate friends.

Mrs. Mary Inez Keith

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Inez was a universal favorite, loved by all who knew her. Her loving and affectionate disposition, her gentle and kindly interest in her relatives and friends, made her the sunshine of every circle. One of the sweetest and brightest traits of her character was her tender reverence and veneration for the old. She loved to minister unto and comfort them. She was always devoted to and considerate of the interest and welfare of her husband, parents, brothers and sisters, but her marked devotion to and love for her mother was exceedingly beautiful and touching, while she was fondly and tenderly loved by them all in return.

Inez has gone from home and friends to return no more forever. She has gone from earth to the realms of immortality. She has gone to that far-away home of the soul. May we all follow and meet her there when the Savior calls for us.

In the busy harvest-time of death, in this year 1905, there was gathered into eternity no sweeter spirit, no purer life, no fairer soul.

MEMOIRS
of
Mrs. Sudie Scitz Morris

Sudie Scitz Morris, wife of Rev. C. B. Morris, was born near Salt Rock, Cabell county, W. Va., on March 1, 1868, and died at Huntington, June 14, 1905, aged 37 years, 3 months and 13 days.

When but 17 years of age she professed faith in Christ and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. C. F. Crooks, whose lamented death occurred during our last Conference year. On October 31, 1894, she married Rev. C. B. Morris, of our own Conference. Throughout her life Sister Morris was a faithful wife, enduring the hardships incident to the itinerant ministry with a sweet, cheerful spirit; a diligent worker in the Church until her strength failed her; and showed her deep understanding of the mission of our gospel and the aim of our Methodism by her untiring endeavors in Sunday School and Mission work. She was "constant in prayer, patient in tribulation, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord," and in the hand of affliction she read, with sweet resignation, the chastening love of our Father.

The funeral service, conducted at the Twentieth Street M. E. Church, South, of Huntington, was largely attended, attesting the high esteem which she held in the hearts of those who knew her. She was laid to rest in the beautiful Spring Hill Cemetery, Huntington, W. Va., in whose peaceful shades she will sleep till the resurrection morn shall burst in splendor on the world.

MEMOIRS
of
Rev. Peter Clay

Rev. Peter Clay, the subject of this sketch was born in Johnson Co., Ky., in 1862. Being raised on a farm, close to the heart of Nature, he soon became a tireless student of the same, as is evidenced by many of his last articles. He was a lover of good books, and in early life had mastered the common branches.

Teaching at intervals, thus earning the means to pay his own way through College, he graduated with honors in Morris Harvey College receiving the Degree of A. B.

He was converted, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in young manhood. In 1890 he was admitted into the Conference at Guyandotte and appointed to the Pikeville Circuit and was returned for the second year, serving two years faithfully, he won the hearts of the people who cherish his memory.

He was ordained deacon at Clarksburg, by Bishop John C. Keener, in 1892, and appointed to Wyoming charge, where he served for two years.

He then received a location at his own request that he might regain his health. During his location he taught at Morris Harvey College as first Assistant, for four years, rendering faithful and efficient service, leaving the impress of his pure life and character upon the minds and hearts of those he had taught.

In 1900 he was re-admitted at Ashland, and appointed to Williamson Ct., where he succeeded in planting our church, and building a house of worship, serving for three years in succession, being highly esteemed for his work's sake. He served Spencer charge for one year, and because of failing health was sent to North Parkersburg Station with hope of prolonging his life, by reason of lighter work.

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All that could be done would not stay the disease, which preyed upon his frail body, and at the Conference following, he was compelled to ask for, and received a superannuated relation.

In this relation he continued from Sept. till Feb. 15, when the once strong will, sweet-spirited, and beloved brother, closed his eyes in death, and was no more for "God took him." As a writer he was charming; as a preacher eloquent and forceful; as a Christian sweet-spirited; as a friend loyal and true; as a father kind and affectionate.

J. B. F. Yoak.

MEMOIRS
of
Rev. Hiram Moore

In presenting the memoir of this venerable minister, your Committee feel that nothing can better preserve life record than the words which he himself prepared, and which he often indicated to the writer, would be ready for publication at his demise.

These, preceded by the notice of his death in the daily of his own city, which shows how great was the esteem in which he was held, we now herewith present:

"Died at his home in Oakview, a suburb of this city, at 6:45 p.m. August 12, 1906, Rev. Hiram Moore. Rev. Mr. Moore was one of the oldest ministers of the M. E. Church, South, in this section of the country, and was most widely known, and was loved and respected for his stainless life, and upright Christian character."--Ashland, Ky., Daily Independent, August 13, 1906.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF REV. HIRAM MOORE

I, H. Moore, was the seventh born of my father and mother in Tygart Valley, Greenup County, Jan. 15, 1819. My grandfather, Wm. Moore, was Scotland, his wife from Germany. My grandfather on my mother's side was from Germany, his wife was Rebecca Llewellyn of Wales, a relative of Llewellyn Prince of Wales. Grandfather Andrew Zoens entered the Revolutionary War, and served from the beginning to the close of the same.

My father's name was Jeremiah Moore. My mother's name was Mary Llewellyn-Zoens Moore. From this union twelve children were born, ten sons, and two daughters, I being the seventh.

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In looking over the country for a helpmeet, I fixed my mind on Miss Mary Bin, who became my wife. We were married Nov. 12, 1846, by Rev. John James. Within five years our oldest daughter, Louisa A. and son, Jackson Llewellyn were born to us.

In 1850, I feeling impressions of preaching, began to arrange my business for the work of the ministry. June 17, 1853, Rev. Wm. Down-tain and I were licensed to preach. I entered the Conference in the fall of 1855 at Buffalo, W. Va. My first work was at Falls of Tug Mission, over a hundred miles from home. I remained on this work three years, and organized seven Sunday Schools with 130 officers and teachers. I was S. S. Superintendent and Pastor.

Conference was held at Greenup September, 1858, Bishop John Early presiding. I was appointed to Wayne circuit, served two years. Had one good S. S. and many were added to the church. My next circuit was Boone. While on this circuit the war came on us as a destruction. By direction of Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, I was placed on the Barboursville, Guyandotte and Marshall College circuit, for four years and six months.

Here my family was stripped of all food and clothing, beds and bedding and I was imprisoned in Camp Chase for near four months. I then returned home and finished my four and one-half years on this circuit.

I attended Conference at Greenup February, 1866, Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh presiding. I was sent to Green and Mercer Bottom circuit, remaining on this circuit four years. Had a good revival, organized seven Sunday Schools, and received some 60 members into the church.

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My next circuit was Big Sandy, with 21 appointments. I was two years on this circuit, built a parsonage and lived in it ten months. My next appointment was Greenup Sta. and Greenup circuit. Organized S. S. at Greenup and Pond Run.

Old Greenup circuit is the banner circuit of my life. Greenup circuit was changed to Cannonsburg circuit and I was placed on it for the third year, then back to Greenup Station one year. My next circuit was Mt. Zion, for three years. No churches and plenty of hard work. My next was Harrison circuit. One year of hard work and a meagre support. This fall Conference was at Clarksburg, and I was placed on the Supernumerary list without my desire. This year I formed Ceredo circuit and built Sandy City church. My next circuit was Mt. Zion, again three years of pleasant but hard work. My next circuit was Little Sandy, one year. On this circuit I organized a Camp-meeting at Knipps' School House. My next circuit was Glennwood, two years. My next was Leon circuit two years. This was my last circuit.

I then took Bible work with Rev. Geo. S. Savage, General Agent for some ten or twelve years of the hardest work of my life. Whilst in the Bible work I was placed on the Superannuated list.

September 1858 I was ordained deacon at Buffalo, W. Va., by Bishop G. E. Pierce. Two years later ordained elder, by J. O. Andrews, at Parkersburg, W. Va. Sermons and Bible lectures given in 44 years 9,600; miles traveled some 600,000; members received 1,500; infants baptized 1,300 received on an average less than \$200.00 per year. Closed out my time by teaching Bible Class in Ashland, Ky., for seven years, ending September, 1903.--H. Moore.

MEMOIRS
of
Rev. Jeremiah McCartha Boland, D. D.

Was born near Atlanta, Georgia, July 12, 1835, and departed this life February 3, 1907, at Point Pleasant, W. Va.

He entered the Alabama conference as a regular traveling minister in 1859, after having completed his course in the educational institutions of the South. In March, 1860, he married Miss Sarah Pennington. To this union ten children were born, three of whom survive him, viz: Marvin D. Boland, of Fairmont, W. Va., Mrs. W. T. Hearn and Mrs. T. G. Steinwinder, who resides in York, Ala. He leaves ten grand children.

The writer is not informed as to the date of the death of his first wife, but his second marriage was to Harriett John, of Selma, Ala., on May 17, 1882. This companion of his later years proved a helpmeet, indeed. She being a lady of culture and high endowments, has been in closest sympathy with him in his high calling and she has been his earnest co-worker in all his varied fields of labor. The faithful wife was with him in his last moments to cheer him with her presence and to bless him with loving care.

Dr. Boland was long a member of the old Alabama conference, before it was divided into the two conferences, and he spent the larger part of his ministry in that great conference, serving many of the leading appointments now embraced in the two conferences. He represented that conference in the General conference and was a delegate to the session held in Atlanta, Ga., in 1878, at which time the Womans' Foreign Missionary Society was established. He was a devoted friend to this movement. Dr. Boland was transferred to the Kentucky conference in 1889 and stationed at Paris, Ky., where he served efficiently for four years. In 1893 he was transferred to the Western Virginia conference

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and stationed at Parkersburg, since which time he has been closely identified with this conference.

He left Parkersburg at the end of his second year to take charge of Barboursville College, where he spent one year; then one year at Rivesville, two years on Clarksburg district, one year at Farmington, four years at Louisa, Ky., and his last two and a half years at Point Pleasant, where he really "ceased at once to work and live," having been in his usual good health up to the day he was suddenly called from labor to his high reward.

In all these varied charges, Dr. Boland was a most diligent and faithful minister. Of him it is only truth to say, "he was never unemployed and never triflingly employed."

Age did not abate his energy and as he grew older he seemed to increase in strength. Up to the last his step was elastic almost as in youth. The only show of feebleness was at times in the voice, when under the stress of preaching there were signs of vocal exhaustion. He was a most diligent and systematic pastor and really furnished a model that young men would do well to study.

As a good shepherd he knew his people and he was known and respected by his people, both old and young. But his life was not selfishly circumscribed by the members of his own church. He was known and respected as a christian minister at large where he lived and labored and by his example and influence he led his charge out into the wider movements of fraternal christian life and effort for the public good. The results of this influence were seen at his funeral when all the pastors of the town and many of the citizens came three miles through

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snow to join with his own church in paying faithful tribute to the man of God whose life and ministry had endeared him to them. All the ministers participated in the service and as far as time would permit tender tributes were paid by them to the venerable leader whom they loved.

Dr. Boland had been a close student through life. While he was a man of affairs and knew how to manage details in church work, he was pre-eminently a man of books and he knew how to use them. He had collected a large and select library, which had served him well in the laborious preparation of the able sermons on the great principles and doctrines of christianity which thrilled and moved the many congregations who waited on his ministry. It has been truly said that the pulpit was his throne, and when physically able to give forceful utterance to his well chosen words and graceful sentences he was truly a master of assemblies. He never entered the pulpit without a message for the people and he was conscious that the message was from God. His great aim was to perform faithfully the duties of a messenger.

But suddenly "the instructive tongue" was silenced and we have at last the most eloquent lesson of all--that of a completed character, a long and faithful ministry, a well-rounded life standing out above reproach and unimpeachable, saying: "I have finished the work that was given me to do." Of him it may well be said:

"The pains of death are past,
Labor and sorrow cease:
And life's long warfare closed at last.
His soul is found in peace.

Soldier of Christ, well done!
Praise be thy new employ;
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Savior's joy."

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WADE, THOMAS SMITH.--Born Aug. 5, 1838, in Highland Co., Va.; c. 17; J. 1858, Jacksonville; '59, Williamstown; '60, Cedar Grove; '63-65, Chaplain 19th Va. Cavalry; '66, Lubeck; '67, Charleston; '68, Clarksburg; '71, Clarksburg District; '74, Wesley Chapel; '75, Parkersburg; '77, Clarksburg; '79, Clarksburg District; '81, Ashland; '85, Charleston District; '89, Catlettsburg District; '90 Catlettsburg; '93, Clarksburg District; '97, Sutton; '98, Parkersburg District; '02, Advocate; '06, Parkersburg District; '07, Sunday School Agt. and Missionary Secretary; '08, Superannuated. (From '96 to '08 Editor of the Methodist Advocate with other work).

LAUCK, JACOB MILLER.--Born Dec. 10, 1833, Winchester, Va.; c. 23; J. 1858, Grayson; '59 West Milford & Weston; '60 Boothsville; '61 Chaplain 46th Va. Battalion and 26th Va. regiment, Cavalry; '65 Little Kanawha; '67, Charleston Ct.; '68 Ashland and Greenup; '69 Ashland; '70 Ravenswood; '74 Clarksburg and W. Milford; '77 Parkersburg District; '79, Ripley; '83, St. Albans; '85 Mt. Zion; '86, Louisa; '88, Kanawha; '89, Russell and Greenup; '91, Guyandotte; '93, East Bank; '94, New Martinsville; '97, Barboursville; '98, Superannuated.

DOWELL, CASSIUS HENRY.--Born March 2, 1848, Mead Co., Ky.; c. 22; J. 1873, (Louisville Conf.) Western Va.; 1881, Spencer; '83, Paintsville; '84, Cedar Grove & Malden; '86, Fayetteville; '90, New Martinsville; '91, Fayette District; '95, Guyandotte; '97, Ashland Ct.; '99, Charleston Ct.; 1900, Clendenin; '01, Minora; '03, Poca; '04, Spencer; '05, Lubeck; '06, Reedy; '08, Buffalo; '09, Grayson.

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HINER, WILLIAM MARSHALL.--Born Mar. 30, 1842, Pendleton Co., Va.; C. 13; J. 1873, (Baltimore) Transferred to Western Va.; 1885, Fayetteville; '87, Cedar Grove; '88, Ripley; '90, Buffalo; '91, Meadow Bluff; '93, Sewell; '94, St. Albans; '96, Kavanaugh; '97, Glenville; '99, Jacksonville; '01, Cleveland; '02, East Bank; 1902, Superannuated.

WATTS, HENRY THOMAS.--Born July 18, 1850, in Greenbrier Co., Va.; C. 15; J. 1875; (Baltimore) Transferred to Western Va.; 1877, St. Albans & Brownstown; '78, Summersville; '80, Charleston Ct.; '84, Barboursville & Milton; '88, Wayne; '89, Charleston District; '91, Ravenswood; '94, Rivesville; '95, Buffalo; '98, Grayson; '00, West Charleston Ct.; '02, Kavanaugh; '03, Wayne; '04, Ansted; '07, Ripley.

Jackson, John Hampton.--Born Jan. 18, 1854, at Charleston, W. Va.; C. 21; J. 1877; New Martinsville; '81, Point Pleasant; '82, Catlettsburg; '86, Huntington; '88, 07, Missouri Conf.; '07, Parkersburg District.

GOSLING, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.--Born Sept. 11, 1852, at Mt. Airy, O.; C. 20; J. 1878; (Kentucky) Transferred to Western Va.; 1886, Ravenswood; '90, Catlettsburg District; '94, Charleston; '96, Huntington; '00, New Martinsville; '01, Clarksburg District; '02, Fayetteville; '06, Ashland District; 10, New Martinsville.

STRUVE, FELIX K.--Born Dec. 16, 1861, near Cynthiana, Ky; C. 21; J. 1883, (Kentucky) Transferred to Western Va.; '07, Ashland; '09, Huntington District.

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WALKER, PRESTON GREEN.--Born Sept. 4, 1847, Fayette Co., Va.;
C. 18; J. 1884, Webster; '85, Meadow Bluff; '89, Malden & Brownstown;
'90, Sugar Grove; '91, Prestonsburg District; '92, Summersville;
'96, Sugar Grove; '97, St. Albans; '98, Grantsville; '99, Ansted; '01,
Webster; '05, Hill Top; '06, Beckley; '07, Superannuated.

SMITH, HARRISON M.--Born Mar. 8, 1851, in Wayne Co., Va.; C. 34;
J. 1885, Spencer; '89, Lubeck; '90, Parkersburg Ct.; '94, Grantsville;
'98, Conf. Missionary Secretary; '99, Belington; '02, Fairmont District;
'06, Sutton District; '07, Beckley; '09, Rupert; '10, Spencer.

SURGEON, WILLIAM HENRY.--Born Jan. 17, 1859, in Greenbrier Co.;
C. 13; J. 1886, Logan; '87, Blaine; '90, Hamlin; '93, Kavanaugh; '95,
Mt. Zion; '96, Liberty; '97, Kavanaugh; '99, Lubeck; '01, Bowen; '03,
Liberty; '04, Grassland; '05, Green Sulphur; '07, Charleston Ct.; '09,
Hopewell.

McKINSTER, I. F. J.-- Born Oct. 3, 1857, in Lawrence Co., Ky.; C. 17,
J. 1886, Leon; '88, Little Sandy; '89, Mt. Zion; '90, Prestonsburg
District; '92, Prestonsburg; '95, Liberty; '98, Leon; '00 Grassland;
'02, Carter Mission; '04, Logan; '05, Hominy Falls; '07, Webster; '09,
Boothsville.

COFFMAN, CHARLES NIXON.--Born Dec. 15, 1859, in Greenbrier Co., Va.;
C. 14; J. 1888, Sewell; '92, Hoving Falls; '96, Summersville; '99,
Fayette District; '03, Barboursville; '04, Prestonsburg District; '06,
Huntington District; '07, Webster Springs; '08, Sutton.

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SWITZER, EDMUND CLYMER.--Born Jan. 8, 1858, Cabel Co., W. Va.; C. 26; J. 1889, Ashland Ct.; '09, Leon; '91, Paintsville; '92, Grassland; '93, Mt. Zion; '95, Clarksburg; '96, Grayson; '98, Louisa; '99, Spencer; '00, Sandyville; '01, Wayne; '04, Grays Flats; '05, East Bank; '06, Buffalo; '08, Barboursville; '10, Wayne.

CRITES, JOHN WESLEY.--Born Sept. 2, 1857, in Jackson Co., W. Va.; C. 15; J. 1890, Charleston Ct.; '92, Fair-plain; '93, Elk City; '95, Spencer; '99, Guyandotte; '03, Greenup; '04, Catlettsburg; '08, Fairmont.

FANNIN, ISAAC NEWTON.--Born Nov. 22, 1866, Boyd, Co., Ky; C. 18; J. 1892, Ashland Ct.; '94, Ravenswood; '99, Clarksburg District; '01, New Martinsville; '05, Central City; '09, Point Pleasant; '10, Conference Missionary Evangelist.

HOLLISTER, AUSTIN A.--Born May 1, 1869, at Cowen, W. Va.; C. 17; J. 1892, Hominy Falls; '94, Hawks Nest; '96, Meadow Bluff; '00, East Bank; '01, Reedy; '03, Guyandotte; '05, Williamson; '07, St. Albans.

YOAK, JOHN B. F.--Born Mar. 22, 1861 in Calhoun Co., W. Va; C. 19; J. 1892, St. George; '95, Farmington; '99, Braxton; '01, Prestonsburg District; '04, Central City; '05, Agt Methodist Advocate; '06, Grayson; '08, Milton; '09, Webster Springs.

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MORRIS, CHARLES B.--Born Aug. 3, 1867, at Brownstown, W. Va.;
C. 17; J. 1894, Fair Plains; '95, Bowen; '96, Huntington, 20th St.;
'99, Prestonburg; '00, Spencer; '01, Glenwood; '04, Huntington Ct.;
'05, Logan; '08, Pikeville; '09, Richwood; '10, Burnsville.

BIAS, ROLAND S.--Born Sept. 15, 1869, at Cabel Co., W. Va.; C. 16;
J. 1894; Charleston Ct.; '98, Reedy; '00, Charleston Ct.; '03, Roan St.;
Charleston; '04, Supernumerary; '09, Griffithsville; '10, Supernumerary.

REID, WILLIAM LEE.--Born at Frankford, W. Va., May 19, 1865, C. 12;
J. 1895, Meadow Bluff; '96, Elizabeth; '07, Guyandotte; '99, Ravenswood;
'02, Charleston District; '06, Fairmont District; '07, Sutton; '08,
Catlettsburg; '99, Louisa.

WEBB, ROBERT THOMAS.--Born in Franklin Co., Aug. 30, 1866; C. 18;
J. 1895, (Holston) Transferred to Western Va.; 1902, Philippi; '05,
Fairmont; '08, Charleston

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