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ATLANTIC MISSION CONFERENCE
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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
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OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT—Bishop James N. FitzGerald, D.D., L.L. D.

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TREASURER—U. S. Crowder, Portsmouth, Va.

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President, C. M. Levister; Register, U. S. Crowder; Leolan Jackson, T. S. Davis, J. F. Usrey.

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W. Q. A. Graham, J. F. Usrey, U. S. Crowder, T. S. Davis, J. B. Bridgers, Leolan Jackson.

CONFERENCE RELIEF FUND TRUSTEES.

C. M. Levister, Leolan Jackson, W. Q. A. Graham.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

NAME.	RANK.	WHEN ADMITTED
Bailey, D. D.	Probationer	1902
Bridgers, J. B.	Elder	1897
Bridgers, L. B.	Probationer	1902
Chappell, M. L.	Deacon	1898
Crowder, U. S.	Elder	From Blue Ridge
Davis, T. S.	Elder	From Blue Ridge
Garriss, J. H.	Deacon	1902
Graham, W. Q. A.	Elder	From Blue Ridge
Hudson, J. A.	Deacon	1900
Hunter, C. F.	Deacon	1898
Jackson, Leolan	Elder	1897
Levister, C. M.	Elder	1897
Lewis, J. J.	Deacon	1900
Luther, W. H.	Elder	1899
Midgett, E. J.	Deacon	1902
Norton, J. M.	Probationer	1902
Sisk, J. A.	Elder	From Blue Ridge
Usrey, J. F.	Elder	From Blue Ridge
White, U. S.	Deacon	From Blue Ridge

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

These appointments are in the State of North Carolina, except as otherwise indicated.

W. Q. A. Graham, Superintendent, Hollywood, N. C.

CHARGE.	PASTOR.
Avon, N. C.	U. S. White
Elizabeth City, N. C.	T. S. Davis
Harker's Island, N. C.	C. M. Levister
Lawrenceville, Va.	D. D. Bailey
Marshallberg, N. C.	Leolan Jackson
Morehead City, N. C.	J. J. Lewis
Norfolk, Va.	J. M. Norton
Ocracoke, N. C.	J. H. Garriss
Parnicle, N. C.	W. H. Luther
Pates, N. C.	Supplied by R. W. Woodell

Portsmouth, Va.....	U. S. Crowder
Turboro, N. C.....	C. F. Hunter
Rowlands, N. C.....	J. B. Bridgers
Wallaceton, Va.....	E. J. Midgett
Whaleyville, Va.....	J. A. Hudson
Wildwood N. C.....	J. F. Usrey
Winfall, N. C.....	M. L. Chappell
President Graham Academy.....	C. M. Levister
(Member Harker's Island Quarterly Conference.)	

Luther B. Bridgers left without appointment to attend school—Member Rowland Quarterly Conference.

ATLANTIC MISSION CONFERENCE.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference? None.

2. Who have been Readmitted? None.

3. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches? None.

4. Who have been Received on Trial? (a) In Studies of First Year: James H. Garriss, David D. Bailey, James M. Norton, Luther B. Bridgers, Evan J. Midgett.

5. Who have been Continued on Trial?

(b) In Studies of Second year, John A. Hudson.

6. Who have been Discontinued? James W. Wheeler, Henry H. Lowry.

7. Who have been Admitted into full Membership? (c) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously: John J. Lewis, Ulyses S. White.

8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year? (d) Admitted into full Membership this year: Ulyses S. White.

(e) Admitted into Full Membership previously: M. L. Chappell.

9. What members are in Study of Fourth Year? J. J. Lewis, C. F. Hunter, W. H. Luther.

10. What members have Completed the Conference Course

of Study? (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year: J. B. Bridgers, Leolan Jackson.

11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons? none.

12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders? none.

13. Was the Character of each Preacher examined? This was carefully attended to as the name of each preacher was called.

14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conference? W. S. Fitch, Blue Ridge; J. T. Hardesty, Oklahoma.

15. Who have Died? none.

16. Who have been Located at their own Request? none.

17. Who have been located? none.

18. Who has Withdrawn? none

19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints? none.

20. Who have been Expelled? none.

21. What other personal notation should be made? (a) The orders of Rufus W. Woodrell as a Local Deacon from the Missionary Baptist church, and of James H. Garriss as a Local Deacon from the Methodist Episcopal church, South were recognized.

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? J. A. Sisk.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? none.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals? W. Q. A. Graham, J. F. Usery, U. S. Crowder, T. S. Davis, J. B. Bridgers, Leolan Jackson.

25. What is the Statistical Report of this year? See Reports.

26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$267.00.

27. What are the Claims of the Conference Fund? none.

28. What has been received on the claims, and how has it been applied? \$13.00 in funds of Relief Fund Trustees.

29. where are the Preachers Stationed? See Appointments.

30. where shall the next Conference be held? Elizabeth City, N. C.

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY Evening, October 16, 1902.

The Atlantic Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened for its sixth annual session at Portsmouth, Va., Thursday, October 16th, at 8 o'clock in the evening, Bishop James N. FitzGerald, D. D. LL. D., presiding.

The Bishop announced the hymn, "Coronation," after the singing of which he read the 55th chapter of Isaiah and the 1st chapter of Hebrews and led the Conference in prayer.

The Secretary of the last session called the roll, and the following named responded: W. Q. A. Graham, U. S. Crowder, J. F. Usrey, T. S. Davis, C. M. Levister, Leolan Jackson, J. B. Bridgers, C. F. Hunter, W. H. Luther, M. L. Chappell.

The names of the Probationers were called and the following named found present: U. S. White, J. A. Hudson, J. J. Lewis.

On motion of J. F. Usrey, C. M. Levister was elected Secretary and named T. S. Davis as his Assistant.

On motion of the Superintendent, U. S. Crowder was elected Treasurer and named J. J. Lewis as his Assistant.

The Superintendent announced the following Committees, which on motion in each case, were elected:

Public Worship; W. Q. A. Graham, J. B. Bridgers; Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society, W. H. Luther, M. L. Chappell; Sunday School Union and Tract Society, J. B. Bridgers, U. S. White; Auditing, T. S. Davis, L. Jackson; Conference Stewards, W. H. Luther, J. F. Usrey, C. M. Levister; Periodicals, U. S. Crowder, C. F. Hunter, J. J. Lewis; Education, C. F. Hunter, J. F. Usrey, J. B. Bridgers; Temperance, J. J. Lewis, C. M. Levister, T. S. Davis; Bible Society, M. L. Chappell, U. S. White; Missionary Cause, J. F. Usrey, U. S. White, J. B. Bridgers; Twentieth Century Thank Offering, C. M. Levister, T. S. Davis, J. F. Usrey, U. S. Crowder.

On motion of W. Q. A. Graham the hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 9 a. m. and 12 noon respectively; the first half hour to be for devotional services.

On motion the Bar of the Conference was fixed at the third seat from the front of the Hall.

On motion of the Superintendent the Secretary was added to the Committee on Distribution of the Missionary Appropriation.

At this point the visiting Brethren, Rev. J. H. Howard, D. D., of the Newark Conference, Rev. John F. Dodd, D. D., Assistant Recording Secretary of the Missionary Society, 150, 5th Avenue, New York City, Rev. E. H. Rawlings, pastor Monumental M. E. Church, South, Portsmouth, Va., and Rev. David Bowers, Central Ohio Conference, were severally introduced to the Conference and each of them made appropriate remarks.

On motion Conference adjourned.

Rev. J. H. Howard led in prayer.

The Bishop pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, October, 17th, 1902.

The Conference met at 9 a. m., and after devotional services conducted by Rev. John F. Dodd, was called to order for business by the Bishop.

The Journal of the First day's session was read and approved.

Question 22, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was called. On motion of W. Q. A. Graham, J. T. Hardesty was made effective and J. A. Sisk was continued in Supernumerary relation.

Question 14 was taken up. "Who are Transferred?" On motion of the Superintendant in each case, J. T. Hardesty was transferred to the Oklahoma Conference and W. S. Fitch to the Blue Ridge.

Question 13, "Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?" was next taken up. The character of W. Q. A. Graham was passed and he made his report of the work. The characters of U. S. Crowder, T. S. Davis, J. F. Usrey, C. M. Levister were passed and they severally reported their work.

Question 10 was taken up. "What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?" J. B. Bridgers and Leolan Jackson made report of their work, the Registrar made report as to their examina-

tions, and on motion of Dr. Graham in each case they were elected to Elders Orders.

Question 9 was next called. "What Members are in Studies of the Fourth Year?" Charles F. Hunter and William H. Luther made report of the work under their care, the Examining Board reported as to their studies, and on motion in each case, they were advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

Question 5 was called. "Who have been Continued on Trial?" John A. Hudson reported his work, and after proper representation by the Superintendent and report from the Examining Committee, was on motion advanced to the Studies of the Second year.

"Question 6, "Who have been Discontinued?" was taken up. On motion of the Superintendent in each case, James W. Wheeler and Henry H. Lowry were discontinued.

Question 7, "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. J. J. Lewis and U. S. White were called forward. The Bishop addressed the candidates concerning the office and work of the ministry and asked the Disciplinary questions, to which satisfactory replies were made. The Chairman of the Examining Committee made report, the Superintendent made proper representation, the Secretary reported the filing of answers to the usual questions, (See Discipline, pp 146) and on motion in each case, John J. Lewis and Ulysis S. White were admitted into Full Membership, they having previously been ordained Deacons.

Question 21, "What other Personal Notation Should

be Made?" was called. The orders of Rufus W. Woodell as a Local Deacon from the Missionary Baptist Church and of James H. Garris of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were on the motion of W. Q. A. Graham, recognized.

The Rev. George H. McFaden, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Portsmouth, Va., was introduced.

A draft for \$29.00, our share in the Book Concern dividends, was received and turned over to the Conference Stewards.

A Statistical Session was ordered for this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Conference adjourned. The Doxology was sung. The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Dodd.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Conference met at 2 o'clock, p. m., in Statistical Session, Bishop FitzGerald presiding.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Graham.

The roll was called by the Secretary and as each charge was named the pastor turned over his report to the Statistical Secretary and his collections for the various benevolences to the Treasurer.

The conference adjourned. The benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, October, 18th, 1902.

Conference convened at 9 a. m., Bishop FitzGerald

in the chair.

Devotional services were conducted by J. F. Usrey, after which the Conference was called to order for business.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Journal of the afternoon session was read and approved.

Question 8, "What Members are in Studies of the Third Year?" was resumed. M. L. Chappell was called and made report of his work. After representation by the Superintendent and report of the Examining Committee, he was continued in Studies of the Third Year, credit being allowed him for work already done.

Question 4 was called. "Who have been Admitted on Trial?" James H. Garris, David D. Bailey, James M. Norton and Luther B. Bridgers presented recommendations from their respective Quarterly Conferences. The Examining Committee made report as to examinations, the Secretary reported the filing of satisfactory answers to the Disciplinary questions, pp 146, the Superintendent made suitable representations, and on his motion in each case, James H. Garris, David D. Bailey, James M. Norton and Luther B. Bridgers were admitted on trial in studies of the First year.

The various Committees made their reports, which, on motion, were adopted.

The following resolution was, on motion of W. Q. A. Graham, adopted: Resolved, That we ask the Secretary to add two columns to our Blank No. 1. in our Conference Minutes in which to report amounts received from the Missionary Society and from other

sources.

Question 4 was resumed. "Who have been Received on Trial?" Evan J. Midgett, was on motion on C. M. Levister, received on Trial in studies of the First year; he having presented suitable certificate of work done as required for admission.

On motion of C. M. Levister, the public Educational collections, amounting to \$3,00 was ordered to be turned over to The Graham Academy.

Question 24, "Who are the Triers of Appeals?" was called. On motion of W. Q. A. Graham, the following named were elected: W. Q. A. Graham, J. F. Usery, U. S. Crowder, T. S. Davis, J. B. Bridgers and Leolan Jackson.

On motion of the Superintendent the following were elected a Conference Board of Church Extension: President, Leolan Jackson; Secretary, C. M. Levister; Treasurer, J. J. Lewis; additional, W. Q. A. Graham, H. A. Nichols, Martin V. Willis, John Nelson.

On motion, C. M. Levister, W. Q. A. Graham and Leolan Jackson were elected Trustees of the Relief Fund.

On motion it was ordered that when conference adjourn it be to meet at 8 o'clock p. m

Question 30 was called. "Where Shall the next Conference be Held?" Invitations were presented to the Conference from Elizabeth City and Marshallberg. On motion Elizabeth City was selected.

Conference adjourned. The Doxology was sung. The benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

FREEDMAN'S AID SOUTHERN EDUCATION.

We, your committee, knowing the condition of the colored people of the South, see the need of the continued assistance of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society in their behalf.

We also see the greater need of the assistance of this Society in behalf of the poor white boys and girls among us who are seeking an education. Therefore we urge the members of this conference to co operate with the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society in this work.

We also urge our preachers to seek to raise the \$100 apportioned to this conference for next year, and that we may do this, we advise that Feb. 15th, 1903 be set apart to do this work.

W. H. LUTHER,

M. L. CHAPPELL,

Committee

EDUCATION.

That the cause of education is indissolubly connected with the propagation of the Christian religion, is a fact so obvious as to have become a truism, and to undertake to prove the proposition is but a waste of time. There are, however, certain important facts in this connection which it is necessary to keep prominently before us, and which we should persistently press upon our people. As "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," so, also, is eternal activity the price of success.

The Methodist Episcopal church stands second to none in its efforts to place Christian education within the reach of every young person throughout the con-

nection; and we most heartily commend the excellent work for high Christian education which is being accomplished for the church through the Board of Education. We especially approve of the emphasis laid upon educational excellence and genuine spirituality as the true ideal for our schools.

We note with great satisfaction the report of special gifts to the Board of Education, amounting last year to more than Sixty Thousand Dollars, and unreservedly commend it to the benevolence of our people, particularly to those who are able to make large gifts. It is also very gratifying to note that on August 1st the Board reports about Seventeen Million Dollars on the 20th century movement.

June 1903 will mark the two hundredth anniversary of Mr. Wesley's birth. The Children's Day of that year, falling very near the exact date, will be observed as a commemoration of our great Oxford scholar; and your committee urges upon every pastor the importance of the observing of this day by every Sabbath School in our bounds, and the taking of a collection in every charge according to the discipline.

The amount raised last year from this source was \$67,965.47, and there were 1,668 students aided by this fund, two of whom are members of the church within our own conference, and yet the contributions of our conference received by the Board for the year were only \$4.90. Our minutes show a large number of charges not contributing to this fund.

We are glad to note further that the Return Loan Fund grows, there having been paid in last year \$25,-

577.00, which amount is added to the Children's Day collections mentioned above, and re loaned to needy students. We commend the officers of the Board for their energy in collecting loans, and we urge all beneficiaries within our own conference to make as prompt payment as possible; realizing that every dollar repaid will be used to aid some other worthy person to secure an education.

We desire to call special attention to the increased interest in our own conference seminary, the Graham Academy. Under the present able management the school has taken its place in the front rank of College Preparatory Schools, and in its curriculum fully measures up to the requirements of the University Senate of the Methodist Episcopal church for Secondary Schools.

In conclusion your committee asks that this conference, in the adoption of this report, pledge itself to the cause of education generally, the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal church in particular, and to our own conference school especially, giving to its executive officer and his associates our prayers, our sympathy and our undivided loyalty.

J. B. BRIDGERS,

C. F. HUNTER.

Committee.

PERIODICALS.

Your committee fully realizing the importance of spreading our church literature among our people, we beg leave to report that along with other interests of

the church, our literature is keeping abreast of the times, and we specially urge upon the pastors of our charges to see that one or more of our church papers is put in every home on their respective charges. And, that, we as pastors of the Atlantic Mission Conference, will pledge ourselves to do all we can for the success of the "Wesleyan Advocate," published at Parmele, N. C., and edited by our worthy Superintendent, Dr. Graham. We respectfully recommend that this paper be declared the official organ of the Atlantic Mission Conference, and that we rally to its support and make it all that it should be.

U. S. CROWDER.

J. J. LEWIS,

Committee.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee have examined the accounts of the Superintendent, and find that he has received from the Missionary Society the sum of \$1 350 which has been disbursed as follows :

Superintendent.....	\$ 400.00
Avon.....	50.00
Elizabeth City.....	181.00
Harker's Island.....	62.00
Lawrenceville.....	71.00
Marshallberg.....	40.00
Morehead City.....	75.00
Norfolk.....	12.50
Parmele.....	40.00
Portsmouth.....	181.00
Rowlands.....	100.00
Whaleyville.....	40.00
Wildwood.....	50.00
Winfall.....	46.00
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Total,	\$ 1,350.00

T. S. DAVIS,
LEOLAN JACKSON,
Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

The rum traffic has been declared by intelligent, conscientious humanity as a crime. Civilization has declared it to be one of the greatest evils existing. The Methodist Episcopal church has always set its face and force boldly against this great curse, and has fought valiantly from pulpit and pew for the extirpation of

BIBLE SOCIETY.

Your committee on Bible Society ask permission to say that it is our duty as preachers of the Gospel to educate the people on the line of Bible work ; therefore be it

Resolved, That the American Bible Society is doing a great and important work, and that it is our duty to urge upon the people the necessity of supporting this great institution, and that we take collections to that end.

M. L. Chappell.

This certifies that on Sunday, October 19th, 1902, James B. Bridgers and Leolan Jackson, were duly ordained Elders by the undersigned, assisted by several Elders.

James N FitzGerald,

Done at Pourtsmouth, Va.

Statistics No. 3, Atlantic Mission Conference.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	Pastors Supports.			St. Peter of St. Peter of			St. Peter of St. Peter of			Conference		Current		
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Pres. Eld's	Bishops.	Richbys.	Total Support of Pastors, Presiding Elders & Bishops.	Collections.	Other Sources.	Church Sextor Lights and Fuel, etc.	Sunday School Lesson Leaves Books, Etc.,
Avon	W. H. Luther	180	30	210	185	30	215	5	1	1	221	2	2	24	15
Elizabeth City	T. S. Davis	240	100	340	75	11	86	5	1	1	261	1	1	24	15
Harkers Island	U. S. White	100	11	111	25	5	30	5	1	1	80	1	1	1	3
Lawrenceville	J. H. Garris (Supply)	25	11	36	25	11	36	5	1	1	41	1	1	30	20
Marshallberg	Leon Jackson	137	30	167	142	36	178	15	1	1	188	1	1	30	20
Morehead City	J. J. Lewis	300	54	354	225	54	279	10	1	1	290	1	1	5	25
Orracoce	J. F. Usrey	200	50	250	156	50	206	22	1	1	224	1	1	16	25
Parnele	C. F. Hunter	250	50	300	250	50	300	30	1	1	331	1	1	20	25
Portsmouth	J. B. Bridgers	150	150	300	150	100	250	4	1	1	174	1	1	1	1
Rowland	J. A. Hudson	150	150	300	100	100	200	25	1	1	126	1	1	1	1
Whayleville	J. S. Crowder	125	125	250	92	24	116	14	1	1	106	1	1	1	1
Wildwood	D. D. Bailey (Supply)	20	20	40	24	45	69	1	1	1	23	1	1	1	1
Winfall	M. L. Chappell	200	45	245	152	45	197	20	1	1	198	1	1	1	10
Total		2 077	270	2 347	1 786	270	2 056	300	142	177	4	8	2 241	10	105



