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LOUISVILLE ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
OF THE  
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## Question 26.—What has been contributed for Missions?

Louisville District.....	\$322 00
Elizabethtown District.....	197 50
Owensboro ".....	141 20
Henderson ".....	73 05
Princeton ".....	163 45
Russellville ".....	97 55
Bowling Green ".....	152 60
Greensburg ".....	91 65
Columbia ".....	88 00
Total .....	\$1,327 00

Question 27.—Where shall the next Conference be held?  
At Lebanon, Ky.

Question 28.—Where are the preachers stationed this year?

## LOUISVILLE DISTRICT.

E. W. SEITON, *Presiding Elder.*

Broadway Charge, R. H. Rivers.  
Chestnut Street Charge, R. M. Messick.  
Walnut Street Charge, H. C. Settle.  
Shelby Street Charge, W. H. Anderson.  
Twelfth Street Charge, T. G. Bosley.  
Portland and 21st St. Charge, J. P. Goodson.  
Ashbury and Bethel Charge, J. W. Mitchell.  
Kavanaugh and 12th St. Charge, S. Newton.  
Middletown Circuit, H. C. Morrison.  
Louisville Circuit, Dennis Spurrier.  
Book Agent of the M. E. Church, South, A. H. Redford.  
Agent of the Widows' and Orphans' Home, C. D. Donaldson.  
Sunday-school Agent, Richard Deering.

## ELIZABETHTOWN DISTRICT.

G. H. HAYES, *Presiding Elder.*

Elizabethtown Station, R. F. Hayes.  
Big Spring Circuit, J. M. Lawson.  
Brandenburg Circuit, S. H. Lovelace.  
Hardinsburg Circuit, S. C. Allen.  
Litchfield Circuit, V. P. Thomas.  
Hodgenville Circuit, J. D. Barnett.  
Hudsonville Circuit, A. G. Frazer.  
West Point Ct., G. B. Overton, J. W. Taylor.  
Shepherdsville Circuit, H. N. Hobbs.  
Jeffersonton Circuit, S. L. Murrell.  
Caneyville Mission, Silas Spurrier.

## OWENSBORO DISTRICT.

J. R. DEMBSEY, *Presiding Elder.*

Owensboro Station, G. W. Brush.  
Owensboro Circuit, Wilson Williams.  
Yerington Circuit, J. S. McDaniel.  
Calhoun Circuit, C. Y. Bogges.  
Livermore Circuit, J. L. Brown.  
Hartford Circuit, T. D. Lewis, R. D. Bennett.  
Sup.  
Mt. Vernon Circuit, Leroy Hirschburg.  
Hawesville Circuit, J. L. Edgington.  
Lewisport Circuit, M. M. Hunter.  
Cloverport Station, to be supplied.  
Cromwell Circuit, R. C. Love.

## HENDERSON DISTRICT.

T. C. FROGGE, *Presiding Elder.*

Henderson Station, J. W. Price.  
Henderson Circuit, W. Cook.  
Morganfield Circuit, Thomas C. Berry.  
Caseyville Circuit, W. T. Moore.  
Madisonville Circuit, T. C. Peters.  
Ashbyburg Circuit, J. C. Norman.  
Greenville Circuit, S. L. Lee.  
West Greenville Circuit, W. W. Mann.  
Dixon Circuit, T. G. Richardson.  
Charleston Mission, Milton Nantz.

## RUSSELLVILLE DISTRICT.

H. M. FORD, *Presiding Elder.*

Russellville Station, W. F. Easterling.  
Logan Circuit, J. C. Peirce.  
Allensville Circuit, E. W. Bottomley.  
Henryville Circuit, W. Alexander.  
Auburn and Bibbs Chapel, G. R. Browder.  
Sup.  
Elkton Circuit, J. A. Lewis.  
Todd Circuit, Benjamin D. Griffin.  
Fairview Circuit, Isaac W. Emmerson.  
Hopkinsville Station, Thomas Bottomley.  
Trenton Mission, to be supplied.  
Sharon Mission, to be supplied.  
Agent Logan Female College, David Morton.  
Pres't " " " N. H. Lee.

## BOWLING GREEN DISTRICT.

E. M. CROW, *Presiding Elder.*

Bowling Green Station, J. W. Shelton.  
Franklin Station, T. J. Randolph.  
Glasgow Station, L. E. Campbell.  
New Roe Circuit, David Bowles.  
Scottsville Circuit, J. J. Ruddell, G. W. Gilmore, Sup.  
Oakland Circuit, R. W. Stone.  
Bowling Green Circuit, R. Y. Thomas.  
North Bowling Green Circuit, F. M. Rose.  
Franklin Circuit, T. G. Harrison.  
Brownsville Circuit, W. C. Sinte.  
Morgantown Mission, J. Godbey.  
Agent for Board of Education, J. F. Redford.

## LEBANON DISTRICT.

J. S. MCGEE, *Presiding Elder.*

Bardstown Station, G. W. Lyon.  
Lebanon Station, J. W. Lewis.  
Springfield Circuit, B. F. Biggs.  
New Haven Circuit, D. H. Limebaugh.  
Campbellsville Circuit, G. F. Gundin.  
Taylor Circuit, W. L. King.  
Greensburg Circuit, W. W. Lambuth.  
Cave City Circuit, James McCown.  
Mumfordsville Circuit, J. R. Strang.  
Bacon Creek Circuit, C. S. King.  
Nolin Circuit, J. F. Williams.  
Buffalo Circuit, W. C. Hayes.  
Nolin Mission, A. F. Williams.

## COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

R. C. ALEXANDER, *Presiding Elder.*

Columbia Circuit, W. T. Davenport.  
Barksville Circuit, J. S. Keen.  
Glasgow Circuit, J. M. Phillips.  
Edmonton Circuit, William Woodson.  
Tompkinsville Circuit, W. R. Godbey.  
Wayne Circuit, C. P. Freeman.  
Albany Circuit, G. W. Love.  
Jamestown Circuit, A. H. Mitchell.  
Liberty Mission, to be supplied.  
Cumberland Mis., to be sup., by J. M. Alcorn.

## PRINCETON DISTRICT.

L. B. DAVISON, *Presiding Elder.*

Princeton and Eddyville, J. S. Scobee.  
Eddyville Circuit, W. T. Reid.  
Smithland Station, E. R. Harrison.  
Salem Mission, G. W. Crumbaugh.  
Marion Circuit, H. C. McQuown.  
Fredonia Circuit, D. L. Collier.  
Parkersville Circuit, R. B. McCown.  
Caliz Circuit, P. T. Hardison.  
LaFayette Circuit, B. A. Cundiff.  
Empire Mission, J. C. Brandon.  
Smithfield Mission, S. A. Felton.

## JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT.

F. B. RODGERS, *Presiding Elder.*

Jeffersonville Station, F. G. Brodie.  
Jeffersonville and New Albany, to be supplied.  
White Creek Circuit, John W. Hendricks.  
Galveston Circuit, William Hamlin.  
Clifford Circuit, to be supplied.  
Nashville Mission, to be supplied.

## TRANSFERRED.

A. A. Morrison transferred to the Western Conference, and appointed Presiding Elder of the Colorado District. W. B. Maxey transferred to the Western Conference; H. G. Helcomb to the Illinois Conference.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Rev. R. H. Rivers, Chairman of the Committee on Education, offered the following report:

The Committee on Education beg leave to present the following report:

The Louisville Female College is in a prosperous condition, and seems to be constantly gaining in public esteem. It has accomplished much for the cause of God, and, we believe, seeks more deeply to impress the heart and mind with the obligations of religion. This is a noble and most striking feature in the Louisville College, and we heartily commend it to the Conference, and patronage of the public.

The Logan Female College is the only institution owned by the Conference, and it therefore holds peculiar claims upon us. It is our college. We are glad to say the funds are constantly growing; the agent is acting prudent and zealous, and at no very distant day we expect that the magnificent buildings of Logan Female College will afford the amplest facilities. It is true that the peculiar stringency of the times has prevented your agent from accomplishing as much as he would have done under more favorable circumstances. He is patient and hopeful. The funds already collected are profitably invested, and the work progresses, and will progress, we are sure, till complete success crowns the efforts of many anxious years.

The school is still conducted at disadvantage in the old buildings; but they have been as comfortably arranged and furnished as is possible, and the house is now full of boarders, whose education is elegantly conducted. We are glad to report the institution as deserving our confidence and patronage, and we request the reappointment of Dr. Lee to the presidency of the institution, and of Bro. David Morton to the agency. Your committee, like the rest of the Conference, have been deeply moved by the affection in which this Conference and their beloved institutions were held by our beloved brother, W. E. Evans, who has recently gone to his reward. That he should think so lovingly of Methodism and Methodist preachers is cause of

profound congratulation. The sixty-dollar gold check has been handed to the agent of the Logan Female College. The saddle-bags have been given to Bro. W. Hays, and the books to Bro. —.

This exhibition of love for the Church is worthy, not only of being remembered with gratitude and affection, but of being imitated by those whose ability would enable them to do much more than he was able to do.

The money collected and placed in the hands of the Educational Board has been safely invested, and is bearing good interest. Our reports from the Wesleyan University are altogether favorable. President Arbogast has entered with energy and determination upon his great mission, and hopes to build up an institution richly endowed, ably officered, and in every way worthy the history of Methodism in Kentucky.

The basis upon which a union was established a year ago, between the Kentucky and Louisville Conferences, can now be substituted by terms much more liberal. These are briefly as follows: The present Board of Education of the Kentucky Conference is to give place to a new Board, to be composed of an equal number of members to be chosen by the three Conferences, namely—the Kentucky, West Virginia, and Louisville. This new Board is to be called the Joint Board of Education, and is for the management of the University at Millersburg. This Conference is to be open to agents whose duties it shall be to increase the present endowment of the university to five hundred thousand dollars.

Should this Conference accept these terms, it will at once have equal interest with the other Conferences in the Kentucky Wesleyan University. It has been farther suggested that, should the Conference enter into this arrangement, a Biblical chair will at once be instituted, and a professor appointed to fill it. President Arbogast and the Rev. Dr. H. A. M. Henderson are present, and will be pleased to speak of this plan more fully to the Conference.

The Rev. David Morton, as the agent of the Conference, has attended with great fidelity and at considerable trouble to the procuring of the funds left to this Conference by Mrs. Margaret Price.

We think the thanks of the Conference to be due to Brother Morton for the very satisfactory manner in which he has attended to this matter, and that he should be authorized to pay over the money as directed at the last Annual Conference. We understand that property has been purchased, and will be offered to this Conference, for the establishment of Warren College in this city. As to the terms on which this offer is to be made, your committee have not been informed. It is presumed, however, that the offer will be such as to compel the Conference, in view of their acknowledged existing obligations, to accept it. Should such be the action of the Conference, notice will have to be given to the Board of Education of the Kentucky Conference. Upon a subject, however, so important as choosing between the propositions coming from Millersburg and Bowling Green, your committee must leave the Conference to decide.

In conclusion, we are instructed to ask the continuance of Bro. Joseph Redford as agent for the Board of Education of the Louisville Conference.

R. H. RIVERS, Chairman.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, By the Louisville Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, that this Conference do now notify and approve all that our agent,

David Morton, has done under the authority conferred upon him as such by this body at its annual session held in October, 1870, pertaining to the sale of the house and lot in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, owned by us by deed of record from the heirs of Margaret Price, deceased, and on which said Margaret Price and her husband, Wm. E. Price, lived and died; and particularly do we ratify and confirm the contract between us and A. P. Campbell, dated 4th day of May, 1871, and signed for us by the said David Morton; and we do now authorize and empower the said David Morton, as our agent, to make, execute, and deliver a deed from this body as grantors, unto the said A. P. Campbell, of Hopkinsville, Ky., for said house and lot, which is more particularly described in the deed of partition executed to this Conference by the commissioners of the Christian County Court. Said agent, in said deed, to convey the said house and lot, with covenant for this Conference of general warranty, and inserting therein all other covenants and stipulations to be found in the said contract of the 4th of May, 1871. In witness of all which this resolution and power of attorney is signed and acknowledged, in open Conference, by William M. Wightman, the presiding Bishop thereof, and countersigned by Alanan C. DeWitt, the Secretary, this 16th day of October, 1871.

*Resolved*, That \$10 in cash be left with David Morton to pay fees for certifying and recording power of attorney, and for stamps, and certificate on deed to Dr. Campbell, and that the note of N. H. Coleman for \$1,218.75, executed on 28th of February, 1871, and due thirty months from date, be left in the hands of David Morton, and that he collect the same at maturity, and, after paying any additional expenses that may accrue in the settlement of the legacy, shall report the balance to the Conference.

*Resolved*, That David Morton be, and he is hereby, directed to pay out of the proceeds in his hands, arising from the sale of the property left to this Conference by Mrs. Margaret Price,

1. To the Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Conference:	
4 Caldwell County Bonds of \$100 each, and interest to 1st of Oct., 1871..	\$402 33½
9 Muhlenburg County Bonds of \$100 each, and interest to 1st Oct., 1871..	905 25
1 note of R. S. Boulwane and wife for \$333 33½, dated March 4, 1871,	
due eighteen months after date .....	333 33½
Cash.....	47 56
Total.....	\$1,688 47½

2. To the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Logan Female College Company, to be invested by them for the benefit of the Conference in said college, according to the plan of coöperation adopted by the Conference in Louisville, October 6, 1868:

13 Logan County Bonds of \$100 each.....	\$1,300 00
1 note on R. S. Boulwane and wife for \$333 33½, dated March 4, 1871,	
and due nine months after date.....	333 33½
Cash.....	55 14
Total.....	\$1,688 47½

The resolutions referring to the Louisville Female College and the Logan County College, as also the financial resolutions, were adopted.

The Rev. David Morton reported that the Trustees of the Warren

# GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	NAMES.	SALARY AND TRAVELING EXPENSES				COLLECTIONS.			
		OF PRESIDING ELDERS.		OF PREACHERS IN CHARGE.		BISHOP'S FUND.	CONF. COLLECT'N.	BISHOP'S FUND.	CONF. COLLECT'N.
		Claim.	Receipt.	Deficit.	Claim.				
Louisville.....	E. W. Schon.....	\$1,800 00	\$1,931 42	.....	\$16,940 00	\$419 00	\$694 00	.....	.....
Elizabethtown .....	G. H. Hayes.....	1,000 00	542 10	\$457 90	5,762 00	130 00	216 65	.....	.....
Owensboro.....	J. R. Dempsey.....	1,175 00	744 85	430 15	6,400 00	97 60	106 00	.....	.....
Princeton.....	L. B. Davison.....	800 00	523 38	276 62	6,160 00	82 75	196 60	.....	.....
Russellville.....	H. M. Ford.....	1,200 00	927 60	272 40	7,025 00	168 65	365 30	.....	.....
Bowling Green.....	F. M. Crow.....	1,300 00	850 00	450 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Henderson.....	T. C. Frogge.....	1,100 00	766 25	333 75	7,065 00	115 35	109 35	.....	.....
Lebanon.....	J. S. McGee.....	1,200 00	704 95	495 05	5,225 00	92 35	108 40	.....	.....
Columbia.....	R. C. Alexander.....	1,000 00	447 20	552 80	1,345 45	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jeffersonville.....	F. B. Rodgers.....	1,400 00	450 00	950 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		11,975 00	\$7,887 75	\$4,218 67	\$55,922 45	\$43,871 29	\$10,950 21	\$1,105 70	\$1,796 30

Question 25.—What amount has been collected and how applied?

Answer—Collected \$1,917.00.

Applied as follows:

	Conference Coll.	P. A. S.
Joel Peak.....	\$ 72 30	\$10 00
Sister Wilson.....	175 00	10 00
Sister Moore.....	275 00	15 00
G. Gooch's Child.....	65 50	5 70
Sister Hicks.....	220 00	15 00
Sister Owen.....	270 00	15 00
Sister Lewis.....	105 00	10 00
Sister Knowles.....	70 00	10 00
Bro. A. Moore's Children.....	85 00	10 00
J. B. Perry.....	72 30	10 00
Sister Alderson.....	150 00	10 00
Alison Akin.....	72 30	5 00
Sister King.....	70 00	10 00
Sister Davis.....	70 00	5 00
W. H. Morrison.....	72 30	10 00
W. F. Harwell.....	72 30	.....
Total.....	\$1,917 00	\$150 70

Collected for Bishops, \$1,243.55.

Question 24.—What is the amount necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers?

Answer—The Board recommend the following appropriations for the coming year, to meet the wants of the claimants:

Bishops' Fund.....	\$1,650 00	
Conference Collection.....		\$3,700 00
To be appropriated as follows:		
Louisville District.....	550 00	800 00
Elizabethtown District.....	175 00	420 00
Owensboro ".....	125 00	290 00
Henderson ".....	155 00	510 00
Princeton ".....	95 00	225 00
Russellville ".....	230 00	620 00
Bowling Green ".....	120 00	400 00
Lebanon ".....	120 00	320 00
Columbia ".....	80 00	125 00
Total.....	\$1,650 00	\$3,700 00

The Committee on Education beg leave to make the following report:

At no time in the history of this Conference have we had greater reason for feeling hopeful as to our educational interests. We have used the word hopeful because we see before us years of patient toil, earnest prayer, and enlarged liberality, before we can reach the completion of our plans or the fulfillment of our reasonable expectations, and yet we can thank God and take courage.

The Logan Female College is beginning to lift its spires toward heaven. Its massive walls are approaching completion. By the next session of this Conference the building will probably be completed, and will be inferior to no building, designed for the education of young ladies, in southern Kentucky.

The Board of Directors have very properly called our attention to the arduous, persevering and unselfish labors of the Rev. David Morton, who has been devoting the prime of his manhood to this noble work. He has, to a large extent, forsaken home, with its endearments, and surrendered the pastorate, for which he is admirably adapted, that he might cause our people to present to this Conference a college worthy the Church and an ornament to the State. We think that one more year of efficient labor will crown his efforts with success. We therefore recommend his appointment to the agency.

The school is still efficiently conducted by the Rev. N. H. Lee, D. D., who has associated with him a corps of teachers well qualified for their work. Dr. Lee is well known to us all as a sound scholar and an able minister of the New Testament. He has great prudence and remarkable energy. His unswerving purpose is to do for the intellectual and religious interests of the College what his worthy co-laborer, the Rev. David Morton, is accomplishing for its material interests. Having our entire confidence he is hereby recommended for reappointment to his present position. The Boarding House is in good condition, is well furnished, and offers a comfortable home to young ladies from a distance. It is under the superintendence of the President and his wife, who has shown herself to be admirably suited to perform the delicate and difficult duties devolved upon her. She and the President are regarded as exceedingly fortunate in retaining the invaluable services of Miss Mary Lyon, who has been connected with the institution for many years. She was connected with Dr. Stevenson of previous memory, when he had charge of the Russellville Academy; she was associated with Rev. David Morton during his entire career as Principal of the school; she has been identified with the whole history of the Logan Female College from its inception to the present time; amid resignations, changes and death she has remained true to herself, true to her charge, and true to her God; she has shown herself fully equal to every emergency. Out of the school-room as well as in the school-room the young ladies are committed to her charge. Under such wise and tender care the daughters of the church will, in the opinion of the Committee, be as happy and as safe as they would be at any place away from the parental roof.

The Louisville Female College is still under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Prettyman, and well deserves the confidence and patronage of our people. Dr. Prettyman is a local minister of our Church and an educator of large experience. He has been occupying his present position for eighteen years and is well known throughout our bounds. Although this College does not belong to the Conference, and although its worthy President is not a member of this body, the institution has long been recognized as under our patronage and as deserving the confidence of our people. Dr. Prettyman seeks to give a high moral tone to his instructions and a thorough religious character to his school. We hope that the Conference will continue to recommend the Louisville Female College to our community.

Soon after our late Conference the Trustees of Warren College purchased very valuable property in Bowling Green, and in February last a Grammar School was opened under the direction of Prof. G. B. Doggett, as Principal. He is the son of Bishop Doggett, is thoroughly educated, and has considerable experience as a teacher. Such was the patronage of the school that the Trustees determined to open Warner College; they consequently elected the Rev. J. G. Wilson, D. D., President. Dr. Wilson was, at the time of his election, the very popular President of the Huntsville Female College, which under his management had gained a reputation equal to the very best Colleges in the South. He is therefore well known. He is not an untried man. He has always been successful. For nearly or quite a quarter of a century he has devoted himself to the education of the sons and daughters of the South. Already they rise up by hundreds to call him blessed. Successful in the past he means to be successful in the future. He brings to his great task the experience of years, the pro-

found scholarship which can only be acquired by faithful study, a character symmetrical and firm, all accomplished by deep convictions of duty, sincere faith in God and a heart consecrated to his work. He should have, for this life-work which he now undertakes, the sympathies of the whole Church. He should have every encouragement which men can give a brother who desires their confidence, and who has undertaken a work so important to meet the growing demands for thorough education, based upon the great principles of our holy religion.

Professor Doggett has been retained in the College and Professor Barclay has also become associated with the Faculty. More than eighty students have already matriculated and the prospects are good for a large increase. Your Committee feel that while the Trustees of the College have acted wisely and well, much yet remains to be done. In these days of large College endowments the M. E. Church, South, cannot afford to be satisfied with small things.

The Southern States have not at all recovered from the terrible losses inflicted by the war. Many of them are still deeply impoverished and are suffering from enormous taxation. They cannot expect soon to reach their former prosperity. Their State Colleges and Universities all suffered greatly, and their denominational schools were nearly all ruined. Institutions with large productive endowments found themselves at the close of the war without a cent, thus hundreds of thousands were swallowed up. Kentucky has probably suffered less than any other Southern State. It becomes us then to see to it that we have a College fully equipped and amply endowed, and in every respect equal to the richest and best.

The Kentucky Conference is fully aroused to this great interest. We are persuaded that every man in that Conference is at work for the Wesleyan University at Millersburg. They have placed one of their ablest men in the field as Agent, and have determined to rally to him and sustain the Institution. We must follow on with quick steps and throbbing generous hearts. Our location is unsurpassed in the State—accessible from all points, in the heart of a healthful and fertile country with an active, enterprising and refined population. Bowling Green offers the rarest advantages for a College of the highest order.

Bro. Joseph Redford has been constant and faithful as Agent. He has obtained in notes and subscriptions some thirty thousand dollars on the endowment fund. He was also active in securing funds for the purchase of the elegant property which has been presented to the Conference. He has labored under great disadvantages from the fact that our interests at Bowling Green did not seem permanent. We had nothing but a charter; we had neither Faculty, property, or buildings; we had formed a temporary partnership with the Kentucky Conference, and were directing the attention of our people to Millersburg; these difficulties will, we trust, be removed from this date. We therefore recommend that the temporary partnership existing between this Conference and the Kentucky Conference be dissolved after one year, and that the notice be given to the Board of Education of the Kentucky Conference, as provided for in the plan of co-operation between the two Conferences.

The funds placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Education are invested as quickly and prudently as possible. So soon as interest accrues it is properly reinvested. The Board of Education request, and we recommend, that this process be continued until the interest shall amount to a sum sufficient to pay the salary of a Professor, and that we shall not use the interest on the increased endowment until it is sufficient to pay the salary of an additional Professor. To increase the endowment and to collect subscriptions already obtained, as soon as they mature, we recommend the continuance of Bro. Redford in his agency.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. Wilson has the entire confidence of this Conference, and that we recommend his appointment to the Presidency of Warren College.

*Resolved*, That we recommend the appointment of Visiting Committees to attend the examinations of all our institutions of learning.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

At our last annual meeting, it was thought that by this time the Logan Female College would be finished and presented free from debt to this Conference. We regret that this is not the fact, and that the hopes then indulged have been sadly disappointed. Owing to the great financial pressure which has existed during the entire year, and which has greatly increased within the last month, we find the noble structure in an unfinished condition. The College has had to suspend operations for the want of a building in which to accommodate its students. Your committee feel most deeply that this work ought not to remain in this unfinished condition. It ought to be completed. An institution owned by the Conference, enjoying our confidence and meriting our patronage, ought to be now open to the daughters of the Church. Russellville is a delightful location for such an institution. Its healthfulness, its romantic scenery, its inhabitants refined, intelligent and religious, all conspire to make an admirable location for a school in which our daughters could be "polished after the similitude of a palace." The result of the meeting in this place on the evening of October 2 was such as to inspire your committee with the highest hopes of the immediate accomplishment of the wishes of the Church in regard to the completion of the college building and its early equipment for occupation. Preachers and people were fully aroused to the importance of the work in hand, and pledges amounting in the aggregate to four thousand dollars were obtained. Considering all things, this was evidence of the greatest enthusiasm, and really foreshadows the success of the enterprise. The re-appointment of the Rev. David Morton to the agency is earnestly desired by the Board of Directors, and is heartily recommended by your committee. It is gratifying to note that notwithstanding the suspension of the college an excellent school for young ladies is being conducted in the old academy. Miss Lyon and Professor Eiseman, who have been identified with the college from its beginning, are sufficient guarantees of the efficiency of this school. With suitable associates, they will continue to carry on the school until the college shall be reopened; when, with the gratitude of the Church, they will at once resume their relations to the college. It is proper to add that the suspension of the college demanded, in the estimation of Dr. Lee, the severance of his connection with the Board. He had for four years under great discouragements gone forward in his work as President of the institution. As his association with the Board had been of the most pleasant character, so the termi-

nation of the connection did not take place without the highest mutual regard and confidence. Having closed his connections with the college, he enters again upon his great life-work, to which his brethren, both of the ministry and laity, will give him a most cordial welcome.

The Louisville Female College is still under the wise management of the Rev. Dr. Prettyman. It is an institution of long-established reputation. It does not belong to us, but is under our fostering care. It deserves the position which it has reached by the toil and self-sacrifice of its venerable President. We will continue to recommend it to our people as an institution whose solid character is scarcely inferior to any in the land, and whose religious influence should commend it to all Christians.

The Treasurer of the Board of Education reports that he has total amount of bonds \$10,800, bearing interest at six or seven per cent., and that he also holds a note which, with the half interest in a note held by Rev. David Morton, amounts to \$942 68. The agent is constantly adding to these amounts by collecting the notes already due and placing the money in the hands of the Treasurer, who has thus far been enabled to invest them very safely and profitably. At a recent meeting of the Board of Education, it was resolved to pay to the Rev. J. G. Wilson, for the benefit of Warren College, the interest in the funds invested, the amount being sufficient to pay the salary of one Professor. The Board of Education asks that the Rev. Joseph F. Redford be continued as agent, and the committee recommend that the request be granted.

Warren College at Bowling Green has entered upon its second session with the very best prospects of success. It is practically out of debt. Its buildings are elegant, and with recent additions sufficiently commodious for present purposes. President Wilson has continued to grow upon the community. His scholarship is thorough, his discipline good, his energy unflagging, and his devotion to the Church worthy of all praise. He has assumed great responsibilities, and has been able to meet them almost beyond precedent in a college for young men. In doing this he has been compelled to do the work of at least two men. He has, however, been enabled to add another member to his faculty by the help rendered him from the endowment fund held in trust by the Board of Education. And as this fund is continually increasing, it is hoped that in a short time still more efficient assistance will be rendered from this source. Warren College has advantages rarely possessed by a new and unendowed institution. Its location could hardly be improved. The young men are at once domiciled in Christian families, with which they soon become identified. The corrupting influence of large

dormitories is not felt. Boys are not demoralized by being thrown together away from the influence of mothers and sisters. Society comes to the help of the great work of Christian education, and female influence adds its finishing touch to the light of science and the refinements of classical culture. We therefore recommend the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Wilson to his position as President of the College, and offer the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That we most heartily recommend Warren College to the patronage of our people, and that we will endeavor to increase its patronage by all proper means.

*Resolved*, That the Conference fully approves the action of the Board of Education by which the interest of the endowment fund is made at once to inure to the benefit of Warren College.

*Resolved*, That we recommend the endowment of a chair of Biblical Literature in Warren College, and that the agent of the Board of Education be instructed to direct much attention to this object.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. RIVERS, Chairman.

### REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee appointed to consider the Bible Cause would respectfully submit the following:

Inasmuch as the Word of God is the fountain of life, and should be in every family, shedding its benign influence on every member, and as we are persuaded that infidelity finds its chief support in ignorance of Bible truth, and as we know also that the enemies of the sacred Scriptures oppose strenuously an inculcation of their precious truths into the minds of the youth of our land, and inasmuch as dangerous errors are making rapid strides over our country, striking at the very foundations of piety and domestic happiness; therefore

*Resolved*, That we regard the universal circulation of the pure word of God as a work indispensable to the christianization both of our own and of the nations of the world.

*Resolved*, 2d, That we highly appreciate the faithful and efficient labor in our midst of Rev. E. H. Pierce and Rev. G. S. Savage, Superintendents of the American Bible Society, and will welcome them to our pulpits and aid them in securing contributions for the Society.

R. Y. THOMAS,

J. C. PETRIE,

T. J. RANDOLPH,

B. M. MESSICK,

D. M. BATES.

*Committee on  
Bible Cause.*

### STATE OF THE WORK.

Your Committee on the State of the Work wish to make the following report:

They have carefully noted and compared statistics that they might present a correct estimate of the work, relatively considered. They are ready to announce, at the very outset, that there has been a considerable improvement financially, an encouraging numerical increase, and an advance in spirituality. True, there has been a decrease in the Bishops' fund, the colored membership, the number of Sunday schools, and the number both of adult and infant baptisms, but not so in other things. And to specify a few things of importance: Increase in white membership, after a closer pruning than usual, nearly 700; in number of churches 29; in value of churches tens of thousands of dollars; in Conference collections \$373; in missionary collections \$1,098; in preachers' receipts about \$7,000. Certainly our people are as well satisfied with our doctrines and discipline, as much attached to our ministry, and as sensible of the importance of the various enterprises of our Church as ever before. And your committee are gratified most of all at being able to note an improvement in the spiritual state of the Church. This is indicated by the increased attendance upon the public means of grace, and by the more general purpose and more diligent effort to please God and promote his cause.

Your committee would submit that we will thank God and courageously go forward in our respective places and spheres to discharge the duties assigned us.

H. C. SETTLE, Chairman.

W. F. HARWELL, Secretary.

### BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

With increased gratification we recognize the continued and heartfelt growth of the Southern Methodist Publishing House. The wonderful efficiency of the agent and the successful work of the book editor and the Sunday school secretary challenges our admiration.

The books of the Publishing House are the standard works of our Church, and as such they should be liberally disseminated among our people, and none can do this more effectually than the preachers themselves.

The Nashville Christian Advocate is the prince among church papers. While it is not so extensively patronized as it should be, we feel confident that with proper effort its subscription list may soon be doubled.

lege which he has filled so well for seven years. The Board of Directors accept his resignation with regrets, and say: "In parting with him Logan Female College is a living and enduring monument of his energy and earnestness, without whose faithful, hopeful, persevering efforts it would not now be built." The Board of Directors request the Bishop to appoint Rev. G. R. Browder to the agency, which your committee recommend.

#### THE LOUISVILLE FEMALE COLLEGE,

wisely conducted by Rev. Dr. S. Prettyman, is a school of fine literary reputation. The curriculum is high, the moral influence pure, resulting in the culture of both head and heart; highly appreciated and well deserving the confidence and patronage of our people.

#### MILLERSBURG FEMALE COLLEGE,

within the bounds of the Kentucky Conference, desires, in a communication, to be recommended by us. We, therefore, recommend said College to all parents who may desire to send their daughters to the far famed blue grass region to be educated, and ask the Bishop to appoint a committee to attend its annual commencement.

#### WARREN COLLEGE, AT BOWLING GREEN.

The Treasurer of the Board of Education reports that he has eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) in bonds bearing interest. He also holds a note on R. A. Boulware and wife, of \$333.33; also half interest in a note of \$1218.75 in the hands of David Morton for collection. To these amounts it is hoped there will be constant additions, so that Warren College may be placed upon a more sure foundation.

By a former action of the Board, the interest on the invested money was paid to President J. G. Wilson, for the benefit of the College. Rev. J. F. Redford has resigned the agency of the Board of Education, and in accepting his resignation the Board passed the following:

"Resolved, That as Rev. J. F. Redford is desirous to retire from the agency of the Board, we feel bound to accede to his request and will not ask for his reappointment. But we must be allowed to express our approval of his course as agent during the six years of his connection with us. We know that he has efficiently, laboriously and faithfully attended to his duties, and we feel grateful to God that he

has accomplished so much." The Board of Education requests that Rev. G. R. Browder be appointed agent, *vice* Rev. J. F. Redford resigned, in connection with his agency of Logan Female College. May the request be granted.

Warren College has commenced its third year, and reports material prosperity, commands and elicits praise of all its visitors. The accommodations are sufficient for the present demands. The structure imposing. Rev. J. G. Wilson, A. M., D. D., was duly elected President by the Board of Trustees for the third year, and has entered upon the discharge of his duties. He has the entire confidence of the Board, and its heartiest co-operation in whatever he deems proper for the advancement of the Institution. He has the same energy and devotion that has ever characterized him in his labors for the church. The Discipline of the school is good. The course of study sufficiently extended. The Faculty is giving entire satisfaction, and is sufficient for the various departments. The advantages of location are rarely excelled, accessible from all points of the South and West by the Louisville, Nashville and Great Southern R. R., and Green River.

The moral advantages also should not be overlooked, located, as it is, in the midst of a christian people, where the inspiration of the church bell is felt, and the songs of praise rise to Heaven morning and evening from many family altars. Christian families receive the young students and soon they realize all the comforts of home, nor are the corrupting influences of usual College life felt. Society lends her helping hand in this noble work of christian education. We recommend the appointment of Rev. J. G. Wilson, D. D., to his position as President, and offer the following:

*Resolved*, "That we recommend Warren College to the patronage of our people, and that we will endeavor to increase its numbers by all proper means.

*Resolved*, That the agent of the Board of Education be requested to continue to direct his attention to the endowment of the Chair of Biblical Literature.

*Resolved*, That we approve the action of the Board of Education, in making the interest on the money invested, though small, available at once." S. NEWTON, Ch'n.

#### ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

The annual reference of our publishing interest to the Committee on Books and Periodicals, serves to remind u

*Bowling Green District—*

Brownsville . . . . .	200 00	200 00
Columbia District . . . . .	300 00	
Jamestown . . . . .	200 00	
Edmonton . . . . .	100 00	
Liberty . . . . .	100 00	
Burksville . . . . .	200 00	900 00
<i>Lebanon District—</i>		
Buffalo . . . . .	200 00	200 00
		<hr/> \$4,825 00

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION.

## WARREN COLLEGE.

The time has arrived in the history of our Conference, when special regard for the only Male College under our jurisdiction is demanded. *Warren College*, located at Bowling Green, is in successful operation, with a highly competent faculty, and with surroundings every way advantageous and attractive; but in order to the full and complete development of the interest in its legitimate correlation with the other factors which make up our organic evangelical movement in Kentucky, it is necessary that there should be a concentrated and determined rally of the Conference and Church on its behalf. For the past three years the College has been under the Presidency of Rev. J. G. Wilson, D. D., who has approved himself here, as elsewhere, a gentleman altogether competent and worthy for the responsible post he occupies. Recently the Faculty has undergone changes which justify us in making special personal references; and it is with pleasure we make the following announcements:

Rev. C. F. Dilliard, Commandant of the Corps of Cadets and Prof. of Mathematics, is a graduate of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Auburn, Ala. He is a good disciplinarian, and is well qualified as a teacher.

H. A. Scomp, Prof. of languages—a fine linguist and an excellent instructor, after thorough study in this country, spent three years in Europe, in order to attain the highest qualification for the position he holds. He is a member of our Church.

Rev. B. F. Cabell, a local Minister of our Church, a graduate of the Wesleyan University, in Ohio, has had several years experience in teaching, and proves to be well qualified in charge of the Preparatory Department.

The Military Discipline has been introduced to secure the best order and system in the Institution, and as best promotive of health—all the students being required to wear the uniform.

Young ministers and the sons of regular pastors are admitted free of charge, to any department of the College.

In consideration of the great importance to the Church and Conference, of consummating the original purpose in the establishment of *Warren College*, that is, to have an institution of learning of the very first order, unembarrassed in every way, and offering facilities to young men equal to any College in the land,

your Committee beg leave to recommend the appointment for the ensuing Conference year, of an Agent to collect funds to complete the endowment. And if the Conference cannot furnish a man just now, we recommend that it authorize the Board of Education to secure one during the interval of Conference.

Your committee further recommend that the Conference elect the following Board of Visitors for the College.

Louisville District, . . . . .	J. L. Brown.
Elizabethtown District . . . . .	Dr. H. K. Pusey.
Owensboro " . . . . .	Dr. S. S. Watkins.
Henderson " . . . . .	Geo. W. McClure.
Princeton " . . . . .	Hon. William B. Machen.
Russellville " . . . . .	James H. Bowden, Esq.
Bowling Green " . . . . .	Dr. A. S. Walker, Sr.
Columbia " . . . . .	Robert H. Chism.
Lebanon " . . . . .	Hon. Wm. B. Harrison.

## LOGAN FEMALE COLLEGE.

Your Committee are assured by the facts before them, that this institution, during the year, has kept pace with the reasonable expectations of the Conference and the Church.

The conduct of the school, under its present management, has given entire satisfaction to all concerned, and increased the hope of more extended success and usefulness in the future. Its President and faculty are, in the fullest sense, worthy of the confidence and patronage of our people. They are eminently qualified for their respective positions, and bring to their aid, for the most part, enlarged experience, and a cultivated and earnest devotion to the cause of education—elements essentially necessary in the successful management of this sacred trust.

The College building is so far completed as to furnish neat and comfortable quarters for the President and teachers, forty boarders, and a hundred and fifty pupils. To secure these accommodations, financial liabilities have been incurred, creating a pressing necessity for the increase of the funds of the institution. The Board of Directors therefore recommend and request the continuance of the College Agency, and the reappointment of the Rev. G. R. Browder as the agent. Your Committee sharing this desire of the Board, respectfully ask the presiding Bishop to comply with their request.

Your Committee are not unmindful of the fact that the prevailing scarcity of money might suggest some hesitation in the appointment of agents; but the Conference cannot afford to risk the possible contingencies in a cause involving so many interests to the Church. The College building and grounds, together with all its furniture, are the property of the Conference and the Church, and we are bound by every obligation of interest to extend to it whatever aid may be necessary to accomplish the end for which it was projected. And, then, the importance of such an institution in the bounds of the Conference, would naturally suggest to our people the necessity of special liberality in an emergency that appeals so strongly to every sense of obligation to a trust so sacred. Our people love the Church, and no fears need be entertained that they will refuse their aid to its institutions of learning when the path of duty is made clear and plain.

## G

## EDUCATION.

At the request of the Board of Trustees we recommend that no salaried agent be appointed for the ensuing year, but that the Presiding Elders be requested to urge our people to send their sons to be educated at Warren College, and to solicit subscriptions to the endowment fund of the Board of Education in connection with John A. Carter, Esq., the Treasurer. We further recommend that all notes now due the Board be paid as soon as practicable.

## LOGAN FEMALE COLLEGE.

This College, located at Russellville, Ky., is an institution in every way worthy our patronage and support. Under the efficient control of the President, A. B. Stark, LL. D., it is growing rapidly into popular favor. It has assumed a prominent place in the notice of celebrated educators in the United States and in Europe, and the thoroughness of the English course of study has received the most flattering commendations from distinguished professors in the same department in the Universities of Wisconsin, Michigan, Rochester (N. Y.), Harvard, and Yale. Besides, letters of compliment have been received by President Stark from scholars in England and Germany upon the same subject. There is no room for doubt that at Logan Female College we have an exceptional opportunity for the thorough education of our daughters.

This institution is still somewhat embarrassed in its financial operations; but there is nothing to justify distrust or doubt as to its success. The general depression in all branches of business during the past year rendered it impracticable for the Agent to accomplish what he wished. He has labored faithfully and with some success, and is entitled to our thanks. At the suggestion of the Board of Directors, we recommend that no salaried Agent be appointed for the ensuing year, but that Rev. Geo. R. Browder be requested to act as Corresponding Secretary, and that the Presiding Elders be requested to act in connection with him to present the claims of the college in their respective districts, soliciting subscriptions and urging the people to send their daughters to be educated there.

There is a vacancy in the Board of Directors occasioned by the resignation of D. Morton. We recommend that J. W. Emerson be elected to fill out the unexpired term, and that H. M. Ford, Dr. N. H. Lee, and Robert Fisk be elected to represent the Conference in said board for the ensuing year.

## LOUISVILLE FEMALE COLLEGE.

We most heartily commend to the Church this institution, under the care of Rev. Solomon Prettyman, A. M. The advantages presented in this school compare favorably with those offered any where in the range of colleges for young ladies. Competent and experienced teachers, extensive chemical and philosophical apparatus, and a cheerful, commodious building combine to afford every thing necessary to successful instruction for those who are willing to learn. This school is truly a Christian home for young ladies.

## WARREN COLLEGE.

Our college at Bowling Green deserves the liberal patronage of our entire Conference. Bowling Green is a healthful locality, and is, for many reasons, to be preferred to a larger or a smaller town, and the college there affords excellent advantages for a preparatory course of instruction. We sincerely believe that it deserves our patronage. Parents and guardians will consult their interests, financial and educational, by sending their children and wards to this institution. Prof. Dillard and his associates are fully qualified for the places they occupy. They are worthy of our support, and we ask for them a cordial and earnest encouragement.

The term of B. C. Levi as a member of the Board of Education expires with the present year, and, at the request of the Board, we recommend his re-election.

We learn that the order in which the trustees of Warren College should be retired from year to year has been lost, and we recommend that the following be fixed:

*Trustees of the First Year.*—J. M. McCormack, L. L. Cook, P. T. Hardison.

*Trustees of the Second Year.*—J. C. Cosby, J. E. Breeding, George R. Browder.

*Trustees of the Third Year.*—P. Meguiar, T. B. Wright, H. M. Ford.

"Resolved, therefore, that we affirm our unshaken confidence in our educational institutions, and do hereby renew our pledge to sustain them and secure their greater success."

J. C. MORRIS, *Chairman.*

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## REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The statistics for the year just closing show an advanced movement in this department of church work. New schools have been organized and old schools have gathered in fresh scholars. It is a

## LOGAN FEMALE COLLEGE.

The work of the president of Logan Female College, A. B. Stark, LL.D., deserves a more practical indorsement of the Conference than has yet been given it, both as to the standard of the college curriculum and the more direct methods of instruction.

We are constrained to say that for all the purposes of female education, the college at Russellville has scarcely an equal and certainly not a superior in all the Church South. With a president and faculty of thorough culture and ripe experience, a college building adequate in plan to all our purposes, and a location for health and social advantages unsurpassed, she is destined to go forward to a degree of prosperity equal to that of the oldest similar institutions in the land. We should not forget the fact, and it should be cause of gratulation, that Logan Female College not only has a good name at home, but through its president has also an enviable reputation abroad in European countries. These facts, besides the unqualified approbation of the most eminent educators in our own and other churches, begin already to index the possibilities of our cherished institution.

Having the confidence, therefore, that we have intimated in the arrangement and discipline of the college proper, and in the faithful co-operation of the preachers and people within our bounds, we do not hesitate to express that our hopes in the school at Russellville are strong and definite.

## BEQUESTS.

The recent bequests of property, amounting to \$5,000, by Mr. Hugh Barclay, sr., and to \$300, by Mrs. Mary Barner, deserve special mention in this report, as does also the liberality of the Miller, Snadon, and Barclay families for their benefactions to specific interests of the college. We believe that God in his providence turned the hearts of these good people toward these several objects, and we devoutly pray that it may please Him to move others to like benevolent deeds in this interest.

We respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved, 1, That we more than ever indorse the management of*

Logan Female College on the part of the president, A. B. Stark, LL.D., and that we pledge ourselves to a still larger practical co-operation with him in his work.

*Resolved, 2, That we are profoundly grateful to all the benefactors who have come to the aid of the college during the past year.*

*Resolved, 3, That in the death of Brother Hugh Barclay, sr., the college has lost one of its firmest friends, and to this date its most liberal patron, and that we will ever cherish his holy life and emulate his shining example.*

## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education has admirably manipulated all the parts of its work, and as you will see from the Treasurer's Report, we have a nucleus of funds, which, if properly managed, will in due time enable us to re-establish a male college within our bounds.

[Abstract from Report of Treasurer, inserted by editor of the minutes.

## BONDS ON HAND.

Muhlenberg County bonds.....	\$6.400 00
McCracken County bonds. ....	3,200 00
Lyon County bonds. ....	1,500 00
Caldwell County bonds.....	400 00
Louisville City bonds.....	3,000 00
Louisville Water Company bonds.....	1,000 00
Louisville & Cincinnati Short Line Railroad bonds.....	1,000 00
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	16,500 00

Which cost \$13,764.71.

J. A. CARTER, *Treasurer.*]

## WARREN COLLEGE.

In the interest of Warren College we offer the following resolution:

*Resolved, That the order recommended for retiring the members of the Board of Trustees of Warren College be adopted as follows: J. N. McCormack, R. B. Hines, J. T. Woodward, in 1878; T. B. Wright, R. T. Garvin, Thos. Bottomley, in 1879; P. Meguiar, H. M. Ford, L. L. Cooke, in 1880.*

## AGENCY.

We commend to your approval the acts of the College Agent, the Rev. David Morton, during the past year, which have been followed

To the learned it furnishes a feast of good things the equal of which will rarely be met with, and to all who are seeking to be enlightened in scientific and theological lore it will be of unappreciable value. We trust our ministerial brethren will avail themselves of the assistance it will surely give them in making their mission more effectual, and that all lovers of an advanced literature will see to it that the work shall not suffer for want of enlarged patronage.

We submit the following resolutions for the consideration of the Conference:

1. That we reaffirm our devotion to our Publishing House, and pledge our hearty coöperation with the agent and Book Committee in their efforts to relieve the House from its present embarrassment.
2. That we will make special effort to place the Nashville Christian Advocate in each family connected with our respective charges, and do heartily indorse the editorial policy thereof in abridging as far as practicable all lengthened theological discussion therein.
3. That we heartily approve of the Quarterly Review under the auspices of the General Conference, and will do what we can to extend its circulation.

W. B. MACHEN, *Chairman.*

## II.—ON EDUCATION.

[Report No. 1, of Committee on Education and Resolutions referred to below as contained in paper "A," both referring to Warren College, are omitted to save expense, as they possess no general interest.—EDITOR MINUTES.]

Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following:

Item 1. We deem it unnecessary to say more concerning Warren College than to recommend, first, the approval of the action of the trustees in the sale of said college property, and second, that the suggestion of that board in regard to the disposal of the funds now in their hands be carried into effect; and to these ends we would offer for your adoption the following resolutions. See (A):

Item 2. Your committee most heartily approve of the notions of the Board of Education, touching the necessity for immediate arrangements for the education of young men desiring to enter the ministry, and also concur in the expressed desire on their part to have plans perfected with the Vanderbilt University for this purpose, and having reason to believe that such a scheme can be devised in a manner satisfactory to both parties, we would offer in the interest thereof the following:

*Resolved*, 1, That the Board of Education of this Conference is hereby empowered to devise some plan by which a sum not exceeding

one half of the annual income of said board arising from the interest on its invested funds may be used annually in meeting in whole or in part the expenses of candidates for the ministry, or students of Theology at Vanderbilt University, and to contract with the Board of Trust of said University to receive upon such terms as the laws of the University may require all such students as the board may select and send, and to pay out of the annual income of the board their expenses. *Resolved further*, That said contract be made as speedily as possible, so that if practicable students may enter the University on this contract at the beginning of the next collegiate year, and that the board report to this Conference at its next session all that has been done in connection with this matter.

And in this immediate connection it is scarcely necessary to say that the highest interests of this department of Conference work require that the notes now due the board be settled at the earliest possible date. We would therefore emphasize the statement that these notes can not be canceled honorably in any other way than by payment, and to defer this longer must involve moral obliquity on the part of many who have given them in good faith. It is, moreover, due that the general work of the board during the year meet with your unqualified indorsement, and we therefore declare in this report that we are assured that they have done their work faithfully and well.

We would further urge in this connection that the Conference request the reappointment of the Rev. David Morton as agent of the Board of Education.

[Abstract of Treasurer's report inserted by Editor of Minutes.]

### BONDS ON HAND SEPTEMBER 18, 1879.

Muhlenberg County bonds.....	6,400 00
McCracken County bonds.....	3,200 00
Lyon County bonds.....	1,500 00
Caldwell County bonds.....	400 00
Louisville City bonds.....	3,000 00
Louisville Water Company bonds.....	2,000 00
Louisville and Cincinnati Short Line bonds.....	1,000 00
Which cost in cash.....	\$14,801 71
	\$17,500 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. CARTER,  
*Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Louisville Conference.*  
LOUISVILLE, KY., Sept. 18, 1879.]

Item 3. Logan Female College at Russellville is the cherished institution of the Conference, and we feel that when we touch upon its

These utterances are entitled to closest attention and most faithful obedience. Next to the family circle, we believe the Sunday School furnishes the best opportunities for the accomplishment of the end proposed by these eminent men of God.

We rejoice in the ample facilities and aids furnished us in our work by our own Church. From the Sunday School Magazine and Lesson Quarterly, the teacher may gain important assistance, while the Sunday School Visitor and Little People are well calculated to interest and instruct the children.

In conclusion we offer the following resolution:

1. *Resolved*, That we, as pastors, will look carefully after the interests of the Schools committed to our care, the mode of conducting, the literature used, and whenever necessity demands, try to secure the adoption by the Schools of our own denominational literature.
2. *Resolved*, That we will try more generally to enlist the parents and friends of the children in this great work.
3. *Resolved*, That J. B. Cottrell be appointed Corresponding Secretary, to represent the Sunday School interest of this Conference to Dr. W. G. E. Cunyningham, Sunday School Editor.

J. C. PETRIE.

### III.—EDUCATION.

No. 1. The Committee on Education deems it unnecessary to do more than briefly affirm what has been heretofore uniformly claimed as the province of the Church, in securing to society a cultus according to the sanctions of the revealed law of God; as also to make specific mention of the only institution of learning under the control of the Louisville Conference. From the genesis of Methodism, emphasis has been given to the importance of employing all legitimate agencies and instrumentalities that are disciplinary and educative. The Church realizing herself as the foster mother of the race, solicitous on behalf of a catholic sway in the realm of intellectual and moral, as well as of spiritual life. The Kingdoms of this world are to become the Kingdoms of God and of His Christ, not by mere accident, or by dispensation and power of Heaven arbitrarily superinduced; but is to be consummated through schemes conceived and plans ordained, "reverently, discreetly, advisedly," and efficiently operated by men and women, according to a thoroughly unifying principle of ultimate benevolence.

The report of the Trustees of Logan Female College, acquaints us with the fact that it is necessary to supplement to the amount of \$1,000, the bequest made by the late Hugh Barclay, in order to complete and

finish the College Building. Dr. A. B. Stark, with an excellent corps of teachers, is ready for any number of students that may be committed to them, and we would respectfully urge our preachers to make mention, not only privately, but publicly from their pulpits of the fact that this is our Conference institution, and deserving of their first consideration. Because of a false report that a malignant fever was epidemic at Russellville, numbers were deterred from sending their daughters the present session; and we take pleasure in testifying to the fact that Russellville is uniformly as healthful a place as may be found in the United States.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. David Morton be re-appointed Agent of Logan Female College.

No. 2. From the report to this Conference, of the Board of Education, we learn the terms of a contract made by it with the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University, whereby for \$100 per annum, a student in the Theological Department may have board, room rent, tuition, matriculation and library tickets. One-half of the amount payable on entrance, and the other half on the 15th of January, following. Under this provision four young men from the Louisville Conference are regularly entered and are at study in the Biblical Department. For lack of funds, two other applications could not be entertained by the Board.

Your Committee would recommend that of this plan, on behalf of young ministers, signal mention be made in our Church publications and elsewhere, so that considerate and generous friends may be prompted to favor liberally this foundation for ministerial education.

Our Conference is obliged by the munificence of Vanderbilt, and the availability to our young men, seeking qualifications for thorough efficiency in ministering the word of instruction and training under approved educators, will be no mean stimulant to the general cause, evangelical and pastoral.

Accompanying the report of the Board of Trustees of Warren College, were all the papers relating to the work of the Commissioner, Rev. David Morton; and we take pleasure in making mention of the tact, judgment and thoroughness with which he has served us. He has complied with all the conditions prescribed in making a settlement of the affairs of Warren College, and has so directed and managed the assets as to secure for the Bowling Green Station a comfortable parsonage.

Your Committee begs leave to express, in this report, the thanks of this Conference to all who contributed their pro-rata of the funds returning from the sale of Warren College, to the Bowling Green Parsonage Fund.

We ask, in conclusion, the appointment of a Visiting Committee, to attend the Commencement of Logan Female College. Also for the re-appointment of Rev. David Morton, as Agent of the Board of Education, in compliance with request of said Board.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH B. COTTRELL, *Chairman.*

#### IV.—WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' HOME.

The Committee find the financial condition of the Home, according to the Treasurer's report, to be as follows:

ASSETS.	
Real Estate, which cost . . . . .	20,000.00
Cash on hand . . . . .	289.55
Louisville City Railway stock, \$1000.00, worth . . . . .	300.00
Publishing House Bonds, par value . . . . .	150.00
Sundry notes now due, and to come due in the next three years . . . . .	8,066.00
Total . . . . .	\$28,805.55
In addition to the above the Ladies' Aid Society have on hand, to be used when the Home is opened . . . . .	5,370.59
Grand total . . . . .	\$34,176.14
LIABILITIES.	
Balance of debt on property . . . . .	4,285.72
Amount due for borrowed money . . . . .	1,800.00
Interest on same . . . . .	456.00
Total Liabilities . . . . .	\$6,541.72

This report shows a very considerable advancement over last year's report, and looks to a speedy consummation of this noble christian enterprise.

Your Committee would express their sympathy for your Agent, Rev. G. W. Brush, in the embarrassment under which he has labored the past year on account of his failing health, and at the same time feel greatly gratified with the success he has achieved, and regret that he is compelled to resign the Agency on account of feebleness of health.

We would express our confidence in the success of the wise and judicious management of the Board, whose labors have been unremitting, as well as of the lady friends of the Institution, whose toils we trust will soon be rewarded by seeing the work completed, and the Home opened and filled with homeless orphans and helpless widows of the Church.

We ask, in connection with the Board of Directors, that Bishop Kavanaugh appoint Rev. J. M. Lawson, as Agent of the Home, for the coming Conference year, and we will welcome him in our charges and co-operate with him in seeking the completion of the work during the present year, which we believe may be accomplished by proper effort.

T. D. LEWIS, *Chairman.*

#### V.—AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The magnitude of the work of the "American Bible Society," and its increasing success, can best be seen from the following statistics:

The issues of the Society in the first year of its existence was 6,410 vols. That of the sixty-fourth and last fiscal year, was 1,356,039 vols. Its receipts for the first year, \$37,779.35. That of the last year, \$608,342.28. The total receipts since its organization, being \$19,290,292.84. Its total issue, 37,408,208 vols; published in seventy different languages and dialects.

The increase in receipts for the last year, over the year previous, \$146,067.62. Increase in issue, over the previous year, 168,185 vols. Increase in distribution in Kentucky, over that of the previous year, 6,616 vols. Total distribution in Kentucky, under management of present Agent, in fourteen years, 281,898 vols.

The Society now has Agents, and is circulating the scriptures, in Mexico, South America, Russia, Turkish Empire, Persia, Messopotamia, China and Japan. The translation of the New Testament into the Japanese language has been completed during the past year; and a committee has been appointed to translate the Old Testament. Meanwhile, the home work is receiving the careful and zealous attention of the Society.

That there is a direct reciprocity of interest between the Churches and the Society, will be clearly seen, when we remember the fact—for it is a fact—that the most of the modern translations of the Scriptures are the result of modern missionary zeal and scholarship, and that many of the missionaries of co-operating Churches, now in foreign fields, are engaged at this time in translating the Scriptures, and revising old translations for the Society.

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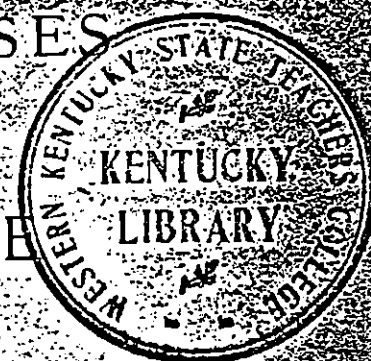
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## LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE

They are extinct. The proprietor dies; the school ceases to be. It is likely to be so, almost sure to be so with all private schools, no matter how excellent they may be for the time. But the perpetuity of the school that is *owned* and supported by a *Conference* is not dependent on any one individual. It is secured by the perpetuity of the Conference itself. This is where our training-school has the advantage of even such schools as the Webb School and the Wall and Mooney School, and our Logan Female College of private schools for girls.

## SCHOOLS FOR BOYS.

After the organization of the Louisville Conference, in the year 1846, there was no concerted Conference effort for the education of young men till the year 1859, at the session held at Bardstown. Previous to that time schools for boys had been undertaken and conducted as private enterprises, and that in a very sporadic, spasmodic, and ineffectual way. For example, there was in existence at Hardinsburg a school for boys, which was at first called the Hardinsburg Male High School, and afterward the Louisville Conference High School. The Principal was Rev. R. G. Gardner, a member of the Conference, and he was appointed to the position by the presiding bishop. There was also what was at first called the Camden Seminary for boys, twelve miles north of Glasgow. In 1856 the Principal was Rev. J. P. Murrell, a local preacher. In 1863 this school was re-

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moved to Glasgow, its name changed to the Glasgow High School, and it is referred to in the Conference Minutes for 1863 as "this Conference Academy." J. P. Murrell was still Principal. With these exceptions there was no provision made for the education of boys in the Louisville Conference till we come, in 1859, to the beginning of that effort and movement which at last, after many discouragements and disappointments, found a temporary fruition in

## WARREN COLLEGE.

No review of the history of education in the Louisville Conference would be complete without an account of this movement, and for three reasons:

1. That effort, continuing through nearly twenty years, is an integral portion of our educational history, and ought to be of interest.
2. It represents one stage in the development of our present educational status and system.
3. It has for us instructive warnings and useful lessons. But of necessity our notice of it can be but brief, and that in the nature of a mere outline.

At the session of 1859, at Bardstown, a Board of Commissioners was appointed "to test the practicability of establishing an institution of learning at Bowling Green for the education of young men." This board consisted of five preachers and five laymen, as follows: Edward Stevenson, Z. M. Taylor, N. H. Lee, T. J. Moore, B. F. Wilson, Hon. Henry Grider, Dr. T. B. Wright,

James Hines, Hon. Warner L. Underwood and Presley Meguiar.

At the session of the Conference held in Bowling Green, in 1860, these commissioners reported that they had secured a transfer of the charter of the Southern College of Kentucky, a state institution, that had begun, continued, and ended its course at Bowling Green "many years" before. The charter had been transferred to the Louisville Conference, and with it lands, donations, and "reliable subscriptions" amounting to \$17,115.

These commissioners had gone farther: They had carefully investigated the matter through a special committee appointed for that purpose, and had interpreted the action of the Conference of 1859, creating their board, as giving them power to proceed to the erection of the buildings for the contemplated college.<sup>1</sup> They had employed an architect, accepted the plan of a building to cost \$33,000, laid the corner-stone on College Hill, with an eloquent address by Rev. Dr. C. B. Parsons, and pushed the work so that by the session of 1860 the greater part of the foundation had been laid.<sup>2</sup>

They issued an earnest and convincing appeal to the Church in behalf of the enterprise. But no amount of logical and convincing argument, no soundness of judgment, no strength of earnest and

<sup>1</sup> See "Record" of said Board of Commissioners, p. 14, Resolution 2.

<sup>2</sup> Minutes of 1860, p. 24.

solemn appeal could avail to arrest the horrors or to neutralize the demoralizing effects of the civil war, which very soon after the Conference of 1860 broke upon the country. For a time Bowling Green was one of the storm-centers; and, instead of the pleasant sound of the college bell calling young men to the peaceful pursuit of learning, the air was tremulous with the ominous rumble of the war-drum and the thrilling blare of the war-trumpet, calling soldiers to camp, to battle, and to death. The friends of our nascent college saw its foundations and rising walls marred by the hand of the destroyer like "castle walls in ruins."<sup>1</sup> But as soon as gentle peace returned, when "the war-drum throbbed no longer and the battle-flags were furled," our wise and earnest brothers of that trying time, undaunted, rallied once again, and heroically set about retrieving the damages and repairing the ravages of war. A new Board of Commissioners was appointed at the Conference held in Russellville, in 1865, consisting of Rev. S. P. Hinds, Henry Grider, P. W. Barclay, L. L. Cooke, David Morton, T. B. Wright, and Presley Meguiar. A new charter was obtained from the Legislature, in 1866, under the name "Warren College." A school was carried on in a building rented for the purpose, by Prof. S. T. Scott, pending the erection of the building and the fuller organization of the proposed college. However, the school under Prof. Scott's admin-

<sup>1</sup> Minutes for 1863, p. 12.

istration granted diplomas and conferred degrees.<sup>1</sup> At the Conference of 1867 the trustees were empowered to sell all or any part of the site of Warren College, and in 1868 to invest in real estate in Bowling Green, suitable for college purposes, any surplus that remained in their hands after meeting liabilities. J. F. Redford was made Agent for the Board of Education in 1868 to secure funds for the endowment of a Conference college.<sup>2</sup> This Board of Education had been chartered by the Legislature of Kentucky in 1867. The idea and purpose was to create and administer a fund that should not depend for its perpetuity or usefulness upon the success of any local school enterprise, and that could not be invested in brick and mortar. These points were carefully guarded in the charter.

The plan for this Board of Education had been proposed in the previous year at the Conference of 1866, in Elizabethtown. W. H. Anderson and David Morton were the committee who formulated the plan with the assistance of Hon. Ben Helm.

The first board that was organized consisted of Thomas Bottomley, John H. Linn, William H. Anderson, Bird C. Levi, and John A. Carter. The latter served as a member and as Treasurer of the board continuously until his death. David Morton was appointed first Agent of the board in 1866, and was instructed to direct his "efforts,

<sup>1</sup>"Record," pp. 38-40. <sup>2</sup>Minutes for 1868, p. 17.

first, to secure the funds necessary for the *endowment* of a male college." In 1867 Dr. S. W. Speer became Agent, and in 1868, as already pointed out, J. F. Redford. He was at the same time appointed Agent for Warren College. He was authorized to sell scholarships in that institution, and, as my friend W. F. Barclay says: "The few sold returned to plague the inventor after many days." He was continued as Agent, and, according to the report of the Committee on Education in 1870, had at that time "secured, in bonds and cash, nearly \$24,000."<sup>1</sup>

In February of the year 1872 a grammar-school was opened in the building known as the Calvert property under the principalship of Prof. G. B. Doggett, a son of Bishop Doggett. From the beginning the patronage was so large that the trustees determined to organize the school as a college; and in the fall of 1872 Warren College *bona fide* began to be and *was*. Rev. Dr. John G. Wilson, President of Huntsville Female College, Ala., was elected by the trustees as President. At the session of the Conference following (October 2-8, 1872) he was appointed pastor of Bowling Green Station. Dr. Wilson, whom I had the privilege of knowing personally and intimately, was a man of real scholarship, great force of character, an unusual gift and taste for teaching and undoubted ability for internal administration. He was, in my judgment, the most scholarly man the

<sup>1</sup>Exact language of the Minutes for 1870, p. 11.

Louisville Conference has ever had on its roll. But with all this he was lacking in ability for the practical and successful management of the business affairs of the college. Prof. Doggett was retained in the school and Wilbur F. Barclay, of Russellville, was added to the Faculty. At the opening of the first year eighty students were matriculated.

Meanwhile, the Agent of the Board of Education was successfully prosecuting the work of securing subscriptions and notes, so that at the session of 1872 he reported some \$30,000 thus promised for an endowment fund, which by resolution of the Conference "was to be invested as fast as collected till enough was obtained to endow a professorship."<sup>1</sup>

In 1873 the Treasurer of the Board of Education reported that he had in interest-bearing bonds the sum of \$10,800, at six and seven per cent. This interest the board by resolution appropriated to Warren College for the purpose of providing, as far as it would go, for the salary of an additional professor. By means of the assistance thus afforded another professor was actually employed; and, if the writer of this paper is not mistaken, that other professor *was* the writer of this paper—such as he was, twenty-three years ago.<sup>2</sup> The faithful and laborious man who had now for six years served as the successful Agent of the Board of Education, Brother Joseph F. Redford, re-

<sup>1</sup> Minutes for 1872, p. 23. <sup>2</sup> Minutes for 1873, p. 11.

signed at the Conference of 1874; and George R. Browder, who was also the Agent of the Logan Female College, was appointed in his place.

The Faculty for 1875-76 was: Rev. Dr. John G. Wilson, President and Professor of Mental, Moral, and Natural Science; Rev. C. F. Dillard, Commandant and Professor of Mathematics; H. A. Scomp, Professor of Languages; Rev. B. F. Cabell, Principal of Preparatory Department. At the close of this year (1875-76) Dr. Wilson, after having been President of the college and pastor of the church in Bowling Green for four years, 1872-76, resigned and was transferred to the St. Louis Conference and stationed at St. John's Church, in the city of St. Louis. The reason of Dr. Wilson's resignation and removal is not far to seek. The legal limit of his pastorate at Bowling Green had expired, and with it his salary as pastor ceased. It would have been impossible to make the meager income of the college meet all its expenses, including a salary for the President.

At the opening of the school year, 1877-78, Warren College *was no more!* The building was still standing, to be sure; but it was occupied by a school different in its name, different in its aim, different in its history, different in its affiliations, and different in its Faculty. By the will of a prominent citizen of Bowling Green, a bequest of \$150,000 was left the County of Warren for the establishment of an institution of collegiate grade for the free education of the youth of the county. The

organization of a college at Bowling Green thus amply endowed and furnishing the means of *free* education and the opening of Vanderbilt University made the suspension of Warren College an unavoidable necessity. The trustees had rented the building to the authorities of this new Ogden College for the year. They were, moreover, instructed by the Conference of 1877 (Henderson) to sell the college property as soon and as advantageously as possible. It was sold the next year to the trustees of Ogden College.<sup>1</sup> The proceeds, which after meeting the liabilities were not large, about \$1,000, were ultimately, in 1880, appropriated to the purchase of a parsonage property for the Bowling Green station.<sup>2</sup> So once again their best-laid plans went thus agley; and the Louisville Conference, after twenty years of effort and suspense, found itself without a college, without any sort of school for young men.

It was at this juncture, in 1880, that the Louisville Conference and the young Vanderbilt University began to be interested in each other. A specific agreement was entered into between the Conference and the Board of Trust of the university, concerning the education of students for the ministry,<sup>3</sup> and at the same time the Conference directed that the income from the accumulated endowment fund in the hands of the

<sup>1</sup> Minutes for 1879, p. 20.

<sup>2</sup> Minutes for 1880, p. 23.

<sup>3</sup> Minutes for 1880.

Board of Education of the Conference be used to aid theological students at Vanderbilt. This arrangement was continued for four years, leading in the end to the admission and inclusion of the Louisville Conference, by a specific and memorable act of the University Board of Trust, as one of the patronizing and proprietary Conferences. For the proprietorship of Vanderbilt University is not vested in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as such, or in representatives of said Church, as such, but in representatives of certain Conferences of said Church, eight in number at present, which are known as "patronizing Conferences." However, authority is given in the charter to the Board of Trust to modify, within certain limits, its own composition. This authority the board exercised in 1884, by admitting the Louisville Conference as one of the patronizing Conferences, and in accordance with said action elected two representatives from the Louisville Conference as members of the Board of Trust—to wit, Rev. Robert W. Browder and Wilbur F. Barclay, Esq. These elections were confirmed by the action of the Louisville Conference at the session of 1884, in the city of Louisville,<sup>1</sup> and thus the process was completed by which the Louisville Conference was made a joint owner of Vanderbilt University.

The authority and right of the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University to modify its own compo-

<sup>1</sup> Minutes of 1884, pp. 22, 23.

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(FROM BIOGRAPHY OF DAVID MORTON BY BISHOP E.E. HOSS PAGE 85-87)

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The breaking out of the war put an end to the plans so well begun. Mr. Morton, when finally convinced that the raising of money for college purposes was impossible, especially so with the proposed seat of the college an important strategic military point contended for by both armies, withdrew from his labors and retired to Russellville, his old home, until the next Conference, of 1861, when he was appointed to the Elkton Circuit.

And so the matter rested until after the close of the war, when the Conference met at Russellville in 1865, when a new Board of Commissioners was appointed, as follows: S. P. Hines, Henry Grider, P. W. Barclay, L. L. Cooke, David Morton, T. B. Wright, Presley Meguiar. A new charter was obtained under the name of Warren College. The fate of the school is thus briefly told by Mr. Morton:

The movement to build Warren College at Bowling Green was inaugurated just as the great Civil War began and, of course, was suspended till hostilities ended. With the return of peace the effort was revived; and after several years of Herculean labor by its friends, a building was bought and the college opened. For a time there was a prospect that the very earnest canvass for an endowment which was instituted would be successful and that the accomplished President and faculty would, in spite of the disabilities under which they were laboring, build up a prosperous and permanent college. When the victory seemed almost in sight, the munificent bequest of a deceased citizen of Warren County established a free college, which absorbed the local patronage, and the opening of Vanderbilt University diverted the support of the

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Church, and the only alternative was to yield to the inevitable and go into liquidation.

And so in 1878 the college ceased to be, after many years of effort to establish it by the Conference and that, too, as Mr. Morton says, when success was just ahead.