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DAILY PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—Wednesday, March 15, 1911

CONFERENCE CONVENED.—The Philadelphia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in its one hundred and twenty-fourth session in the Park Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, at 9 a.m., Wednesday, March 15th, 1911, Bishop Charles W. Smith presiding.

OPENING SERVICES.—The hymn beginning, "And are we yet alive?" was announced and sung. At the request of Bishop Smith, prayer was offered by S. W. Thomas, and the Scripture lesson read by John F. Crouch.

THE LORD'S SUPPER ADMINISTERED.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered by Bishop Smith, assisted by the five District Superintendents and Linn Bowman, the pastor of the church.

ROLL CALL.—At the request of Bishop Smith, the secretary of the last Conference, S. G. Grove, called the roll of the Conference, and 252 members answered to their names.

MEMBERS DETAINED.—The following were reported as unavoidably detained: S. H. C. Smith, Joseph H. Smith, J. B. Mackay, George S. Kerr, James P. Shook.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE.—The organization of the Conference was then effected as follows: S. G. Grove was unanimously elected secretary by acclamation, on motion of S. W. Thomas, with permission to nominate his assistants. He nominated B. T. Callen, Robert C. Wells, and Henry Frankland as his assistants; F. E. Graeff as biographical secretary, and J. W. Sayers as railroad secretary.

On motion of W. L. McDowell, Maris Graves was elected statistician, with the privilege of nominating his assistants. He nominated F. E. Graeff and Henry Hess.

On motion of S. W. Thomas, T. Kirkpatrick was elected conference treasurer, to continue in office until the next session of the Conference, with the privilege of nominating his assistants. He nominated J. W. Harkins and E. W. Rushton as his assistants, and J. S. Hughes as treasurer of the Conference Claimants Fund.

CHORISTER ELECTED.—On motion of J. T. Satchell, Cornelius Hudson was elected chorister.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.—The nominations were confirmed.

ALLOWED TO BE RECORDED.—On motion of J. W. Sayers, members of the Conference absent at roll call were permitted to have their presence recorded on application to the secretary.

RULES ADOPTED.—On motion of W. B. Wood, the rules governing the last Conference were adopted for the government of the present session.

CHANGES ALLOWED IN STANDING COMMITTEES.—E. C. Griffiths, on behalf of the District Superintendents, presented list of changes made in the Standing Committees. The changes were approved. (See list.)

Table No 4.

DISTRICTS.	REVENUE COLLECTIONS. (DISCIPLINARY).										OTHER BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.									
	FOREIGN MISSIONS.		MISSIONS.		H. M. & CH. EX.		BOARD OF EDUCATION OF S. S.		BOARD OF C. C.		W. H. M. S.		Total		Total		Total			
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2 North	3687	3794	2650	2888	2818	269	548	280	119	24	896	196	2920	2889	481	18401	47022	327	48	47397
3 Northwest	2946	3078	1769	2197	2151	419	548	248	133	9	675	189	3337	2881	914	13761	40870	185	58	41013
4 South	1761	2065	1602	1024	2718	42	240	428	200	11	359	147	3025	2601	383	14406	32810	170	32	33012
5 West	2300	3536	3400	1769	3556	5277	342	503	369	25	618	169	1664	2231	296	9987	36488	244	58	36735
Total, 1911.	18584	21803	10784	10988	21167	6153	1603	2503	1151	774	169	353193	915	13949	130577	79232	203003	1108	250	204256
Total, 1910.	18916	21368	3704	11285	21155	3686	1704	2481	1081	705	208	82	29568	933	12195	60847	178705	683	275	179663
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 and some day I shall understand."

The funeral services were held at the residence of her son, Alfred,
 1214 N. Hancock Street, Philadelphia. Addresses were made by the Dis-
 trict Superintendent, Dr. E. C. Griffiths, Dr. C. W. Green and by her pastor,
 the writer, who had charge of the services. The remains were then taken
 to Westminster Cemetery for interment.

The portrait of a good woman, drawn by an inspired artist three
 thousand years ago, is a true likeness of Sister Catherine C. Bawden:

"The heart of her husband doeth safely trust her. She will do him
 good and not evil all the days of her life. She stretcheth out her hands
 to the poor; yea, she looketh well to the ways of her household and
 eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her
 blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

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MRS. LILLIE B. GRAULEY.

Lillie B. Grauley, daughter of Jno. F. and Henrietta Galbraith, was
 born at Bainbridge, Penna., January 12th, 1862.

When sixteen years of age she was happily converted, and was re-
 ceived during the same year into the Methodist Episcopal Church. She
 came to Philadelphia in 1882, transferring her church membership to the
 Twentieth Street Church.

Sister Grauley was possessed of a studious mind, which led her to
 prepare for the profession of teacher in the public schools, at the same time
 pursuing an advanced course in the study of music.

In the year 1885 she was united in marriage to the Rev. J. Edwin
 Grauley, a member of the Philadelphia Annual Conference, the Rev. Enoch
 Stubbs performing the ceremony. Four children blessed this union, two
 of whom have preceded the mother to the heavenly homeland. A son
 and daughter remain to grieve with their father over their mother's de-
 parture.

Sister Grauley was an affectionate wife, a loving mother, a reliable
 friend, a genial companion and a devout Christian. It was in the home
 where her beautiful life was seen at its best, and it was there where all
 her friends came to admire and love her.

For several years she had been battling against a tendency to mental
 and bodily infirmities, bearing up with marvelous fortitude for the sake
 of others. During the last three years of her life she gradually succumbed
 to the inroads of insidious disease and passed to her final rest and reward
 on December 10th, 1910, at Catasauqua, Pennsylvania.

During the months of great suffering our sister frequently expressed
 her perfect faith and trust in her Saviour, her last conscious words being
 two lines of the hymn:

"Jesus, lover of my soul,
 Let me to Thy bosom fly."

Funeral services were held at the Catasauqua Church, nine ministers
 of seven different denominations participating, the Rev. C. A. Benjamin
 preaching the sermon. A large audience paid loving tribute to the de-
 parted.

Interment was made in the Riverside Cemetery at Norristown, Pa.,
 District Superintendent Dr. G. H. Bickley, Rev. F. E. Graeff, Rev. A. A.
 Thompson and Rev. C. H. Rorer participating in the service.

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