

DISTRICT MISSIONARY RETURNS.

Ballenger.....	50	Class No 15		Class No 23	
Naylor.....	66	Small sums	37	Alice Thorn.....	67
Colkitt.....	50			Small sums.....	83
Lovett.....	50				
Small sums.....	71	Class No 18			
		P H Scott.....	3 01	From the Church	147 00
		C W Thomas.....	64	Less expenses.....	5 00
		Small sums.....	89		
Class No 12				From the School	142 00
t Kirby.....	55	Class No 20			75 00
an Thorn.....	50	Florence S t a c k-		From C & S.....	218 00
Stackhouse.....	55	house.....	33	For W H M S.....	6 00
ice Willits.....	51	Sadie Cramer.....	50	For W F M S.....	6 00
e Ballenger.....	55	Small sums.....	59		
Small sums.....	90			Total.....	230 00
		Class No 21			
Class No 14		William B Friend	1 66		
Small sums.....	71	Small sums.....	39		

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1a McAnney..	60	T S Simmons	1 00	Hannah Robbins..	1 25
ie McAnney..	1 00	Lorella Simmons..	1 00	F L Reed.....	1 00
a Hay.....	2 50	Rebecca Stephens	1 75	Lydia Bateman ..	1 00
1a Shaw.....	2 75	Reuben Conover..	75	Julia Reeves	65
Hampton.....	1 00	Phebe Moore.....	75	Lottie Dunham ..	1 00
se L Doughty	1 00	Lida Murphey.....	1 00	Hattie E. Price....	1 25
Doughty	1 25	Elizabeth Brick....	50	J W Shaw	1 00
ie Brandriff..	1 00	B C Vanaman.....	75	Small sums.....	2 00
sie W Shaw... 1 00		Maggie Dunlap... 1 50		Total	62 35
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work was conscientious and faithful. During his supernu-
nd prayer meetings, visiting the sick, interesting the children,
lecting funds, and superintending all kinds of church work,
nest than when in the active ranks.

riter in both prose and verse, in a style clean, clear, precise
his devotional poems have passed into church hymnals and
r of the *Christian Advocate* published only three or four days
ined a profitable article from his prolific pen.

re than fifty years of his changeful history in which I knew
ere very marked. At one time lover in self-abandonment
er known, by the exercise of that faith which comes from God
om the horribleness of the pit, high as he had been low, with
ss and joy which never ceased.

at Ocean Grove, N. J., September 23, 1895, was peace, and
s true nobility had gone to dwell with Him forever.

E. H. STOKES.

REV. ROBERT GIVIN.



Of the early life of Robert Givin
very little positive knowledge is af-
tainable. It is known that his ances-
try were Presbyterian, and that his
early training was under the auspices
of that religion. In youthful man-
hood he removed to Pemberton and
worked at a mechanical occupation.

He entered the ministry and Con-
ference in the class of 1844. Bro.
Givin's first appointments were in the
hardest of Southern Jersey work. In
one of these, called Winslow, he so
distinguished himself in phenomenal
success as to call forth special mention
of ability. His religious associations
connected him with Philadelphia
families, from one of which he took
one of its most accomplished maidens,
n the person of Elizabeth, daughter
of Robert Hays, Esq., and sister to
Mrs. Rev. Samuel Vansant, for a life
companion in his work, who toiled
with him for the few years of his

t home to rest. Among his appointments were Haddonfield,
ity and Plainfield, in which places he labored while his com-

received an appointment as chaplain in the United States
ed during the larger part of his ministerial life. Before he
added again to Mrs. Harper, who still survives him. His
r civil war, and his stations were in the midst of its fiercest
r during that time was Farragut, who frequently commended
pious bravery in the hours of conflict. He was transferred
il he had visited all the quarters of the globe.

his intelligent adherence to Methodist doctrine and discipline.
his insistence, Methodism always led the divisions of its
ebater in the Conference, gentle and considerate to younger
views of the question.

mber of years, when on shore, was at Indian Mills. Later
Island Heights, in which he erected several residences. Later
Grove where he lived until disease made his return to Phila-
ich place he departed this life June 4, 1895.

ilege to visit him often, and to find him on every occasion

joyfully appreciative of the two nearest him, his wife and his Redeemer. In all his
despondencies he never wavered here. It was impossible for him to attend the last
two sessions of the Conference, but he sent his greetings and assurances of an
experience which walked with God.

Religious experiences in the closing days of life, whatever they may have been,
were impossible of expression, but the records of a life tell the story better. His
bark of existence sailing through many a stormy sea of providence, strained and
broken at last in the swirling waves of bodily disease, has found an abundant entrance
into the harbor whose veil once passed in safety opens the city of God to those whose
papers, made out by Jesus, accredit them to that port of the blessed. He has
disembarked in heaven to go out upon the stormy sea no more forever. He is wait-
ing now till the ships which shall bear his beloved ones of earth have crossed its
ocean foam and come sailing home to him at last.

A. E. BALLARD.

REV. JONATHAN BORDEN HEWARD.



Rev. Jonathan Borden Heward died
of paralysis, on Thursday, August
8, 1895, at Elmer, N. J., where he
spent the early days of his youth and
the closing years of his life. He was
born sixty-eight years ago and born
again at Olivet Methodist Church at
the age of eighteen years. He en-
tered the ministry of the Methodist
Episcopal Church and joined this
Conference in 1853, continuing in
the active work for nearly forty years.
Bro. Heward's first appointment was
in connection with Rev. Edwin
Waters, on Port Elizabeth Circuit.
He then joined the Newark Confer-
ence and was stationed at Elizabeth-
port, afterwards at Flanders, where,
for the first time, he had the assist-
ance of a newly-wedded wife, in the
person of Miss Mary A. Gamble, who
survives him.

Leaving Flanders, he served the
churches of New Germantown, Pea
Pack, Stanhope, Quakertown, Cokes-
bury, Branchville, Frankford Plains, Hope, Sufferin's, Mount Hope, Denville and
New Providence. While stationed in the vicinity of Drew Theological Seminary he
availed himself of its advantages, entered the seminary and graduated with honors,
at the same time attending to his pastoral work. Subsequently he was transferred
to this Conference and stationed at Unionville, Tabernacle and Cassville. In 1889 Bro.
Heward took a supernumerary relation, with health impaired, but still holding himself
in readiness to enter every open door to preach the Gospel and supply the work for
which he was well-prepared by mental endowments, moral discipline and spiritual
power. Seven children blessed the home of our dear brother, five of whom are still
living on this earth. Two promising sons, in the strength of their manhood, came
to a violent death in a railroad accident in the West, and the world never seemed
quite the same to him after that. He was an active temperance worker and an
earnest Prohibitionist, with pronounced views of many years' standing on the subject
of the liquor traffic, and indeed he was foremost in every good word and work. In
the midst of failing health he retained his faculties and maintained his Christian
integrity to the last. In the midst of great and protracted suffering, on Sabbath
evening, he said to the pastor: "Tell the congregation, to-night, I am trusting in
Jesus and He saves me. Glory to God!" The funeral services were conducted by

Dr. George B. Wight, P. E., in the M. E. Church of Elmer. Dr. John Atkinson, of the Newark Conference, delivered an impressive address, followed by Rev. A. E. Ballard, Rev. H. M. Brown, pastor, and several other ministers of the Conference, after which devout men carried him to his burial in the Elmer cemetery, awaiting the resurrection of the just.

H. M. BROWN.

REV. GEORGE HITCHENS.



Rev. George Hitchens was born in Cromwall, England, June 4th, 1815. When twelve years of age he was converted under the ministry of Rev. Mr. Davis, then superintendent of Liscard Circuit. While still a child he came to this country with his brothers who settled in Pemberton, N. J.

Bro. Hitchens was licensed to exhort when only nineteen years old, by Rev. Charles Ford. Two years later he received license as a local preacher from Rev. R. W. Petherbridge, P. E., and entered the New Jersey Conference on trial in 1837, being the first probationer received after the New Jersey Conference was set off from the Philadelphia Conference. In 1839 he was admitted into full connection and ordained Deacon by Bishop Waugh, and in 1841 ordained Elder by Bishop Hedding.

The New Jersey Conference was the ecclesiastical home of Bro. Hitchens. In this Conference he held an honored place for over fifty-eight years; fifty-two of which were spent in the active work of the itinerancy, serving twenty-seven charges as follows: New Germantown and Somerset mission, Springfield, Camptown and Middleville, Flemington Circuit, Asbury Circuit, Northfield, Staten Island, New Prospect Circuit, New Providence, Nyack and Rockland Lake, Lower Penn's Neck and Pennsgrove, Fifth Street, Camden; Glassboro, Swedesboro, Red Bank, Pennsgrove, First Church, Millville; Broadway, Camden; Pennington, Allentown, Union Street, Trenton; Woodbury, Pedricktown and Centre Square, Bethesda, New Egypt, Oceanport and St. John's, Keyport. In many of his pastorates wonderful revivals of religion took place. In one charge 526 probationers were reported. The number of conversions under his ministry aggregated nearly three thousand souls. There are churches and parsonages in a number of places that remain as monuments of his efforts, and in all departments of ministerial activity he was uniformly successful. As a theologian and preacher Bro. Hitchens ranked among the leading ministers of his time. A thorough student of the Scriptures and ever in his sermons bringing a "thus saith the Lord" to clinch every assertion and argument, his ministrations were exceedingly impressive and effective. As a pastor he took a deep and judicious interest in all great questions of a public character. He was an earnest advocate of the temperance cause. During his long ministry he passed through various phases of this reform, but maintained that the church was the best promoter of the cause. As a patriot he was always true to God and the country. No native-born American was ever more loyal to the government than George Hitchens. When the civil war broke out he was stationed in a locality where it required great courage to stand firmly by the stars and stripes, but Bro. Hitchens loved God and the country more than mere personal popularity, and, to use the language of another who wrote concerning those stirring times, "Bro. Hitchens covered himself with immortal honor, at the time, by his bold stand for the Union." He was a loyal Methodist minister, never seeming to seek prominence, but earnestly aiming to serve the cause of Christ among men.