

from the North Georgia Conference; H. T. Ethridge, from the Los Angeles Conference; J. H. Scruggs, from the Tennessee Conference; Alonzo Monk, from the Memphis Conference. 4.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? D. D. Bateman, G. P. Riviere, Rufus M. Allison, Charles E. Crawley, John C. Griner, Gordon T. Roberts, M. F. Beals. 7.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Herman C. Jones, Robert S. McCord, George W. Childress, Jeremy M. Glenn, William N. Ainsworth, Robert M. Wesley, John M. Outler, Jefferson A. Weathers, Edward L. Tucker. 9.

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Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? James A. Adams, Elias M. Pafford. 2.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? I. C. G. Rabun, at his own request. 1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? S. S. Sweet, C. J. Toole, W. C. Davis, J. H. Burke, L. B. Payne, L. A. Snow. 6.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? F. R. C. Ellis, S. G. Childs, W. H. Thomas, T. P. Lanier, W. F. Bearden, W. E. Roberts, W. S. Baker, J. B. Wardlaw, T. K. Leonard, J. J. Giles, W. T. McMichael, J. M. Austin, W. W. Tidwell, D. R. McWilliams, B. F. Breedlove, J. O. Langston. 16.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? John M. Marshall, Robert B. Lester. 2.

JOHN M. MARSHALL was born at Augusta,

Ga., February 26, 1822; and closed his long and useful life at Waycross, Ga., May 14, 1893. He enjoyed some educational advantages at Oxford, Ga., where he spent a number of years in his early life following the avocation of a merchant tailor. Under the excellent religious influences surrounding his young manhood at Oxford, he made a sincere consecration of his life to Christ, and soon heard the divine command: "Follow me." No training of schools, no acquaintance with books, no skill in speech, no equipment from social life, with oftentimes embarrassing domestic surroundings, seem to constitute overwhelming reasons why his conscience may have misinterpreted the impulses of a loving heart for a call of the Holy Ghost. He battled with honest doubts as to the genuineness of his call to preach the word until at last, under a great baptism of grace, he gloriously triumphed and gave himself, without reservation, to the work of his divine Master. God signally blessed his servant in this decision to preach the gospel by such visible tokens of his approval as left no room in his heart for distrust or doubt. He started his itinerant ministry on the Screven Circuit in 1847, and diligently prosecuted his holy work until he was called home. During his ministry of forty-seven years, one of which was in the local ranks, he never wavered in his loyalty to Christ. In 1849 he was married to Miss Amanda Wade, a lady of deep piety and rare Christian excellence. Of the thirty-nine appointments which he received as a regular itinerant, twenty-eight of them were served only one year, thus necessitating almost annual removals during his long ministerial life. He was presiding elder for four years on the Waycross District. With this exception his entire ministry was as a circuit preacher. He wrought well in this field. A gentleman by nature and grace, he was a welcome guest in every home. Dignified and courteous, he won the respect of the old and the admiration of the young. His life was pure, his character stainless. No obscene anecdotes ever fell from his lips. He commended religion and morality not only in the pulpit, but in his daily walk and conversation. His preaching was clear, methodical, simple, and to the use of edifying. He was thoroughly conversant with the Scriptures, and drew his illustrations from that holy book. The loss of his devoted wife cast a shadow over his hopes, and for a season his faith was staggered; but God's grace was sufficient, and with his motherless children as a new burden on his heart he still persevered in his holy work. In 1870 he was married a second time, to Mrs. A. Houston Sims. Four children were the fruit of this marriage, who, with their mother, are still living. His last pastoral work was at Bainbridge in 1885. There he began to realize as never before that his toiling days were over. The approach of

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death did not alarm him. He calmly waited and could say with the great apostle: "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." With this sublime trust, in the bosom of his family, he laid aside his armor and found his glorious rest.

ROBERT B. LESTER was born near Culloden, Ga., March 18, 1823; and finished his work and waiting May 28, 1893. He received his scholastic training in the town near where he was born, under the tutorage of some of Georgia's brightest minds, and was well fitted for places of the highest trust in the Church and State. Under the ministry of Rev. Dr. J. R. Thomas, at a camp meeting near Culloden, he was soundly converted to God. A few years later he settled in Macon, Ga., and began the practice of law in co-partnership with Mr. Thomas P. Stubbs. In 1849 he was married to Miss Gussie, the only daughter of Judge Barnard Hill. About a year later he yielded to a call to the ministry, and in 1851 was admitted on trial in the Georgia Conference. He was ordained a deacon by Bishop Capers in 1854, and consecrated an elder by Bishop Andrew in 1856. In many respects he was a rare man and one of our best preachers. He loved thought and discussion, but in the most animating debates in his social intercourse he always maintained the same humorous and genial spirit, free from passion and cutting sarcasm. His first charge was to the colored people in the city of Macon, after which he served the Culloden Circuit. In 1854-55 he served the Perry Circuit; in 1856-57, the Talbotton Circuit; in 1858-59, Trinity Church, Atlanta; in 1860, Americus; 1861-62, divided between the Waynesboro Circuit and the chaplaincy of the Third Georgia Regiment; 1863 and part of 1864, presiding elder of the Americus District; parts of 1864 and 1865, army missionary. During a part of 1865 he filled the unexpired term of W. B. Merritt on the Randolph Circuit; then for four years he served as presiding elder of the Columbus District. In 1870 he was stationed at Mulberry Street Church, Macon, and the following year at Outhbert. Then came three years of work as presiding elder on the Dawson District, two as pastor at Fort Valley, three at Waynesboro, two at Camilla, one on Randolph Circuit, four as presiding elder on the Eastman District, and in 1887 he gave his last year's active work to Brunswick. In 1889 he was superannuated, but in answer to his earnest entreaties he was made effective in 1890, and assigned to the Butler Charge. He gladly accepted the offer of a work among his brethren in proof of his ability to still help in uplifting humanity to God; but the work was too much for him, and he was soon forced to another and sadder field, where, amid the sunlight and shadows, he waited

until the Master said: "It is enough; come up higher."

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Savannah District.

	White Mem's.	Colored Mem's.	Loe'l Pr's.
Savannah: Trinity	380		
Wesley Monumental.....	514	1	
Grace Mission	331		
Marrin and Mission.....	219		1
Eden	355	1	2
Guyton	236		
Springfield	414		2
Bethel	534	1	1
Sylvania	619		2
Rocky Ford	255		
Millen	393		
Barke	622		
Waynesboro.....	283		
Summertown.....	443		1
Bryan Mission	260		
	6,066	3	9

North Macon District.

Mulberry Street.....	714		2
Vineville	176		3
Manchester.....	141		
East Macon	315		
Gordon	272		1
Irwinton	216		
Jeffersonville.....	354		
Washington.....	432		1
Sandersville.....	331		1
New Hope.....	332		
Warthen	315		
Gibson.....	503		2
Hinton	544	2	7
Jefferson.....	572		1
Louisville and Davisboro.....	240		
Bartow and Wadley	223		1
	5,080	2	19

South Macon District.

First Street	550		1
Grace Mission.....	222		
South Macon Mission.....	421		
Centenary.....	391		2
Bibb.....	416		
Byron.....	438		1
Elko.....	327		1
Snow.....	644		1
Vienna.....	339		1
Hawkinsville.....	205		2
Fort Valley.....	338		1
Knoxville.....	491		
Marshallville and Montezuma.....	325		1
Oglethorpe.....	339		2
Butler.....	722		1
Perry.....	266		
	6,434		14

Columbus District.

St. Luke.....	342		1
St. Paul	450		
Pearce Chapel.....	181		3
Broad Street Mission.....	367		
Rose Hill Mission	278		
East Highlands Mission	313		4
Cataula	480		1
Hamilton.....	249		1
Talbotton	234		1
Talbot	400		
Waverly Hall.....	378		1