

et Saviour inspired him in his preach a whole gospel. He Holy Spirit in his divine amid the restlessness of these his soul was kept in because it was stayed on God. with the might of an irresistible the doctrines of the Church, to the cardinal experiences of the part of the personal be- not need meretricious defini- caneous aids; and so, repent- eration, the witness of the and constant growth into the rist, were the themes upon patiated with thrilling voice; eye and gold-tipped winged. And to-day we recall the life venerable and glorified broth- old not shut out from our on his personality. By so made the world brighter, it clearer, man's duty sim- offerings easier to be borne, ire he was an incarnation of love. And we think of him ve glorify God for him, and t the apostolic and saintly God's great and gifted sons ase.

NOLEN, late President of the erence College, was born in th Carolina, April 22, 1863, esburg, Fla., November 27. n life he entered the Chris-), becoming a member of our ing formed no bad habits, ustrious, he was able to en- l Henry College, graduating tion in 1886 with the degree Arts. While in college he als for excellence in math- al science, and for the best given topic, from the Her- ry Society. After leaving ight school for two years, at Vanderbilt University, om that institution in 1891, onor, and taking his degree f Divinity. While in the won three prizes for best t F. Shepard prize for the essay; the Owen prize med- c theology, and the found- l for scholarship. Teach- n his native state, and also he was shortly afterwards nt of the Florida Confer- id entered upon the duties at the opening of the fall. He became a member of fference in December, 1896. d magnetic temperament, self his pupils, and from mind, enriched with the ssic lore, he poured out ht which were worthy to the pure gold of manly

character. It is rare that so young a man possesses the aptness of the teacher as did he. One of his students remarked at the late commencement, "One cannot help learning from Professor Nolen." Coming to the college at a critical time, when the hearts of its trustees were grieved and burdened over its condition, he began the delicate and difficult work of unifying sentiment in its behalf and composing differences. That he succeeded, illustrates his fitness to be a leader of men. Always optimistic in the best sense, because his faith was anchored on the Great Teacher, he went over the Conference in- spiring confidence and winning friends to the institution, until the bright star of hope was discerned rising on the horizon of the school. The work committed to Professor Nolen was no sinecure. The upbuilding of a young Church educational institution in a sparsely populated section, without endowment, without strong and influential friends, with antagonisms to be reconciled, and the daily problem of support confronting him, he yet wrought manfully and well. So much gratified were his brethren of the board of trustees that they accorded him honor for the faithful work he had done for God and Methodism in the Conference College. He had, by the force of his personality, attracted to the school an excellent corps of teachers, and, despite the financial stringency of the past two years, had secured for the college a commanding position as an educational foundation. The death of President Nolen came as a profound surprise. We knew of his illness, but, believing that his youth and vigor would prove victorious over disease, felt that he would soon be restored to health. There are no words with which to express our sense of loss at his departure. Christian faith assures us that God's hand is in this dispensation. It were well, however, that we recognize it; and if the sacrifice of a useful life such as was his means anything, perhaps God aims to bring our reluctant sense to realize that, useful and valuable as he was, he could dispense with his service: no man is so important that God depends upon him to carry on his work. We can never know the darkness of his Gethsemane: when tried and hampered and well-nigh overborne by the difficulties of his position, he went forward with hopeful words and winning smiles, and, for aught we know, with a breaking heart. Yet in the lives of his pupils the inspiration of his faith and devotion to duty, like a subtle power, was leading them to lay broad and deep foundations for future usefulness and blessing to the Church and the world. And so, he did not live in vain, though in the glory and strength of his manhood he laid down the work intrusted to him, and ceased to live among us in the flesh. We pour out our

thanks to God that his grace so mightily reënforces our spiritual natures that no labor is too difficult that he wishes us to undertake; and we thank him that, undaunted, Professor Nolen took up the heavy burden his brethren proffered him, because he believed he could serve God, and his generation in the work of education for the Church of his love and choice.

CLARENCE F. MELLOR was born at Clarence Hollow, New York, August 15, 1865, and died at Weatherford, Tex., December 15, 1896. Brother Mellor was educated at Clarence Academy, and graduated from Lima Seminary in his twenty-first year. Entering the ministry shortly thereafter, he was stationed at Lockport, N. Y. Realizing the need of the highest equipment possible to be secured, he the following year entered Rochester University. While pursuing his studies at the university he was attacked with a serious illness which speedily developed into pneumonia. This laid the train which was eventually to end his useful life. Recovering sufficiently to travel, he went to Kansas, and for three years served a circuit in that Conference. Thinking that his health was now reëstablished, he returned to New Jersey, and completed his theological course in Drew Theological Seminary, graduating from that institution in 1893. So devoted was he to the work of the ministry that while a student at Drew he served as pastor at Anderson, N. J. Again admonished to seek a milder climate, he came to Florida in the winter of 1893. Our Conference was in session at Palatka, and he was received on trial among us. His first appointment was to the Interlachen and St. John's River Mission. This charge he served with great acceptance for two years, building a church at the first-named place, and remodeling and beautifying the church at Francis. During these two years his health greatly improved, and he cherished the hope that many years of usefulness lay before him as a minister of our Lord Jesus Christ. His next appointment was to the Callahan Mission. Here he contracted malarial fever. Soon his strength was exhausted. At the late session of our Conference at Tallahassee, brother Mellor was granted a supernumerary relation. It was hoped that a year of rest would result in his restoration to health, but alas! he went out from the blessed fellowship of that occasion to wrestle with the last enemy. His vitality was so depleted that he was unable to throw off the malady which attacked him; but thinking that a colder climate might eliminate the malarial poison in his system, he went to Texas, only to realize that no earthly refuge can avail when death storms the fortress of a human life. Dying among strangers as he did, we have every right to believe

that his unseen Lord sustained him in the last agony, wiping the dew of death from his face, and himself bore his servant's spirit to the changeless and sorrowless land of eternal life. Thus early in the struggle did our brother hear the command, "Come up higher!" and obedient to the voice of his Master, laid down his sword to receive the earnest of his heavenly knighthood. There are no accidents in providence, nor are there graves in heaven. We, in our poor way, misunderstand the divine methods of promotion. When one has wrought with valor and made many captives whom our King enfranchises, we think he has earned the right to a long and glorious life of warfare. But our view is hampered by many limitations. Beyond our horizon stretch vaster fields of enterprise and conquest. Who knows but the soldiers of the cross—the knights of Calvary—are promoted for more strenuous and noble effort in the land beyond the reach of mortal sight? It must be that this incomplete life is to be endlessly vivified in a higher sphere, so that the divinest thing for which the spirit can aspire is bound up in the words, "His servants shall serve him; and they shall see his face; and they shall be like him." For those who are so grievously smitten in this visitation, no human sympathy is adequate. In the life where death makes havoc only God can minister comfort. Vain seems the most beautiful tributes of respect and affection when the harp-strings of a life are broken, but it comforts us to know that the Lord thinketh upon us. We sorrow, because we are men, and mortal: there is no sorrow to those who have entered upon the rewards of immortality.

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?

Tallahassee District.

	White Mem's	Colored Mem's	Loc'l Pr's.
Tallahassee.....	957	.....	1
Leon Circuit.....	167	.....	.....
Monticello.....	205	.....	.....
Madison Station.....	346	.....	4
Madison Circuit.....	460	.....	2
Mosely Hall and Taylor Mission.....	209	.....	1
Waukeenah Circuit.....	319	.....	4
Wakulla Mission.....	262	.....	1
Concord Circuit.....	361	.....	1
Midway Mission.....	170	.....	.....
Quincy.....	126	.....	1
Gadsden Circuit.....	410	.....	4
Liberty Circuit.....	143	.....	2
Aucilla Circuit.....	220	.....	1
Apalachicola.....	149	.....	.....
Carabelle Mission.....	121	.....	.....
Woodville.....	55	.....	.....
	4,064	2	20

Live Oak District.

	White Mem's	Colored Mem's	Loc'l Pr's.
Live Oak.....	150	.....	1
Jasper.....	156	.....	.....
Hamilton Mission.....	141	.....	1
White Springs.....	230	.....	2
Welborn Circuit.....	338	.....	4
Pine Mount Mission.....	224	.....	1
Fort White Circuit.....	179	.....	1
La Fayette Mission.....	.....	.....	1
Newnansville Circuit.....	208	.....	4
Columbia Circuit.....	647	.....	1
Lake City.....	152	.....	.....
Lake Butler Circuit.....	154	.....	2
McClenny Mission.....	150	.....	1
Starke.....	128	.....	2
Waldo Mission.....	90	.....	2
High Springs Mission.....	170	.....	3
	3,097	.....	26

Jacksonville District.

	White Mem's	Colored Mem's	Loc'l Pr's.
McTyeire Memorial.....	162	.....	2
St. Matthew's.....	157	.....	.....
Riverside.....	122	.....	.....
Fernandina.....	94	.....	.....
King's Ferry Circuit.....	70	.....	.....
Callahan Circuit.....	170	.....	3
Mandarin Mission.....	73	.....	.....
Green Cove and Middleburg.....	95	.....	1
Palatka.....	217	.....	1
Interlachen.....	62	.....	1
St. John's Mission.....	49	.....	.....
St. Augustine.....	112	.....	.....
Fruitland Circuit.....	166	.....	.....
Volusia and De Land Mission.....	252	.....	.....
Sanford.....	170	.....	.....
New Smyrna.....	166	.....	1
Titusville and Cocoa.....	120	.....	.....
Indian River Mission.....	95	.....	1
Oviedo Circuit.....	165	.....	.....
Biscayne Bay Mission.....	37	.....	.....
De Land.....	64	.....	2
	2,558	.....	12

Gainesville District.

	White Mem's	Colored Mem's	Loc'l Pr's.
Gainesville.....	286	.....	1
Bronson Circuit.....	215	.....	1
Orange Springs Circuit.....	184	.....	2
Melrose Circuit.....	270	.....	.....
Citra.....	96	.....	.....
Micanopy Circuit.....	158	.....	1
Ocala.....	240	.....	3
Reddick Mission.....	163	.....	.....
Cotton Plant Circuit.....	181	.....	3
Wildwood Circuit.....	304	.....	2
Anthony Circuit.....	301	.....	2
Inverness Circuit.....	162	.....	.....
Sunter Circuit.....	211	.....	2
Stewart's Chapel.....	150	.....	.....
Brooksville.....	327	.....	3
Leesburg.....	201	.....	8
Marvin Circuit.....	127	.....	.....
Levy Mission.....	243	.....	5
Summerfield Circuit.....	104	.....	.....
Lady Lake Circuit.....	74	.....	.....
	3,997	.....	33

Orlando District.

	White Mem's	Colored Mem's	Loc'l Pr's.
Orlando and Fairview.....	372	.....	1
Maitland Mission.....	115	.....	.....
Kissimmee Mission.....	151	.....	.....
Apopka Circuit.....	177	.....	1
Clermont Circuit.....	131	.....	2
Umatilla Circuit.....	211	.....	.....
Bartow.....	181	.....	.....
Kathleen and Greenwood Mission.....	266	.....	2
Lakeland and Plant City.....	308	.....	3
Homeland and Fort Meade.....	187	.....	2
Bowling Green Circuit.....	277	.....	4
Wauchula Mission.....	88	1
De Soto Circuit.....	400	2
Arcadia.....	176	1
Punta Gorda Mission.....	64

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