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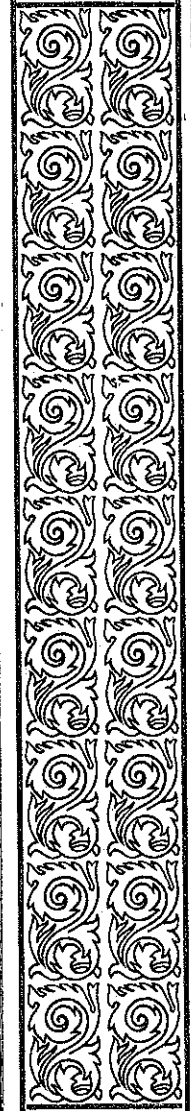
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SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE.

| No. | Year. | DATE. | PLACE. | BISHOPS. | SECRETARIES. | Ministers | Churches | Members |
|-----|-------|---------|---------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| 1 | 1873 | Jan. 29 | Jacksonville | Ames | Darnel, S. B. | 25 | 16 | 70 |
| 2 | 1874 | Jan. 29 | Gainesville | Haven | " | 51 | 18 | 70 |
| 3 | 1875 | Jan. 28 | Monticello | Wiley | " | 34 | 18 | 40 |
| 4 | 1876 | Jan. 27 | Fernandina | Poster | " | 55 | 18 | 98 |
| 5 | 1877 | Jan. 31 | Jacksonville | Harris | " | 55 | 18 | 98 |
| 6 | 1878 | Jan. 9 | Gainesville | Scott | " | 37 | 23 | 13 |
| 7 | 1879 | Jan. 8 | Monticello | Peck | " | 38 | 23 | 55 |
| 8 | 1880 | Jan. 7 | Fernandina | Simpson | " | 39 | 24 | 48 |
| 9 | 1881 | Jan. 10 | Jacksonville | Warren | " | 31 | 25 | 97 |
| 10 | 1882 | Jan. 5 | Gainesville | Poster | " | 32 | 26 | 95 |
| 11 | 1883 | Jan. 13 | Jacksonville | Merrill | " | 29 | 28 | 72 |
| 12 | 1884 | Jan. 19 | Fernandina | Bowman | " | 28 | 32 | 35 |
| 13 | 1885 | Jan. 22 | Jacksonville | Walden | " | 28 | 32 | 85 |
| 14 | 1886 | Jan. 21 | Jacksonville | Andrews | Grant, J. | 37 | 32 | 75 |
| 15 | 1887 | Jan. 13 | Ocala | Foss | " | 35 | 33 | 40 |
| 16 | 1888 | Jan. 18 | Fernandina | Mallalieu | " | 34 | 35 | 25 |
| 17 | 1889 | Jan. 24 | Cedar Key | Newman | " | 34 | 36 | 58 |
| 18 | 1890 | Jan. 23 | Jacksonville | Bowman | " | 36 | 36 | 88 |
| 19 | 1891 | Jan. 22 | Gainesville | Warren | " | 35 | 36 | 38 |
| 20 | 1892 | Jan. 21 | Fernandina | Ninde | " | 38 | 37 | 57 |
| 21 | 1893 | Jan. 29 | Palatka | Poster | Patterson, J. P. | 44 | 38 | 49 |
| 22 | 1894 | Jan. 24 | St. Augustine | Joyce | Deas, J. M. | 48 | 40 | 72 |
| 23 | 1895 | Jan. 24 | Jacksonville | Fowler | Patterson, J. P. | 48 | 42 | 18 |
| 24 | 1896 | Jan. 22 | Gainesville | Foss | " | 59 | 42 | 83 |
| 25 | 1897 | Jan. 14 | Tampa | Hurst | Deas, J. M. | 50 | 42 | 63 |
| 26 | 1898 | Jan. 13 | Jacksonville | Andrews | " | 54 | 50 | 57 |
| 27 | 1899 | Jan. 12 | Fernandina | Ninde | " | 64 | 59 | 40 |
| 28 | 1900 | Jan. 17 | Gainesville | Walden | " | 57 | 50 | 32 |
| 29 | 1901 | Jan. 17 | Tampa | Mallalieu | " | 59 | 51 | 54 |

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

BALTIMORE—1876.

Clerical—N. Webster.
Lay—C. L. Robinson.Clerical Reserve—W. J. Salmond.
Lay Reserve—Tilman Valentine.

CINCINNATI—1880.

Clerical—S. B. Darnell.
Lay—Tilman Valentine.Clerical Reserve—W. J. Salmond.
Lay Reserve—L. E. Chestnut.

PHILADELPHIA—1884.

Clerical—S. B. Darnell.
Lay—Tilman Valentine.Clerical Reserve—P. Swearingen.
Lay Reserve—A. R. Jones.

NEW YORK—1888.

Clerical—S. B. Darnell.
Lay—L. E. Chestnut.Clerical Reserve—J. Grant.
Lay Reserve—Tilman Valentine.

OMAHA—1892.

Clerical—B. Dilworth.
Lay—A. R. Jones.Clerical Reserve—J. F. Elliott.
Lay Reserve—R. R. Robinson.

CLEVELAND—1896.

Clerical—S. A. Huger.
Lay—R. B. Ayer.Clerical Reserve—P. Swearingen.
Lay Reserve—R. R. Robinson.

CHICAGO—1900.

Clerical—P. Swearingen.
Lay—L. C. Hale.Clerical Reserve—J. P. Patterson.
Lay Reserve—R. R. Robinson.

MEMOIRS.

BISHOP WILLIAM XAVIER NINDE, D. D.

Our great Methodism has again been called upon to face a deep sorrow and bear a great loss in the sudden and surprising death of our beloved and honored Bishop, William Xavier Ninde. The sad tidings has fallen like a cloud upon many hearts, and a great church bows in humble submission to the unalterable decree of an almighty, wise and compassionate God and a tender, loving father. Bishop Ninde was born in New York June 21, 1832, the son of a Methodist preacher. He graduated at the Wesleyan University and sowed in the pastorate until 1878, when he was appointed Professor of Practical Theology in Garrett Biblical Institute. This position he continued to fill till chosen President of the same institution. It was while President of this institution that he was elected a Bishop at the General Conference, held in Philadelphia in 1884, when a class of four general Superintendents were chosen, the other three being Bishop J. U. Walden, our presiding Bishop, W. F. Mallalieu, and Bishop C. H. Fowler. Bishop Ninde was a much noted man among his brethren for the great depth of piety and spiritual power in his life. He was eminently meek and Christ-like in all his bearing. To come in touch with him was at once to realize yourself in the presence of a good and holy man. As a preacher, he was quiet and deliberate, but always charming and winning, and occasionally moved and carried his audience with his eloquence. Those of our brethren who were present at the Conference held at Fernandina, January, 1899, will never forget how this sainted man of God enraptured and electrified the entire audience. As a presiding officer, he was calm, painstaking and easily approached. He was tenderly sympathetic and entered fully into the sorrows as well as the joys of his brethren. The Florida Conference esteemed it a great and precious privilege to be favored with his presidency twice in ten years. But alas! Bishop Ninde is no longer among his toiling brethren. On January 3 the clouds parted, the chariot and the angels of God descended, and he was not, for God had taken him. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Conference learns with deep sorrow the death of one of our chief pastors in the person of Bishop Ninde, D. D.

Resolved, That while we bow in humble reverence and Christian faith to the will of Him who doeth all things well, yet we deplore his death and feel deeply the loss the entire church sustains.

Resolved, That this Conference expresses its deepest sympathy for the bereft and sorrowing family, and will ever pray that the God of comfort will be with them and strengthen them in this their time of grief.

Respectfully,
THE PRESIDING ELDERS,
J. B. L. WILLIAMS.

THE HONORED DEAD.

"Transferred to the Conference above."

| Entered Ministry | NAMES. | PLACE OF DEATH. | Year of Death | RELATION. |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------|
| 1877 | George Roberts | Jacksonville, Fla. | 1879 | Deacon. |
| 1858 | Daniel Wade | Lake City, Fla. | 1883 | D. Spr. |
| 1871 | Robert Michel | Cotton Plant, Fla. | 1883 | E. |
| 1865 | C. C. Manigault, Sr. | Jacksonville, Fla. | 1892 | E. |
| 1863 | Richard Smalls | Levyville, Fla. | 1892 | E. |
| 1870 | Joseph G. Howard | Jacksonville, Fla. | 1893 | E. |
| 1892 | Joseph R. Howard | Jacksonville, Fla. | 1895 | D. |
| 1871 | Peter McCray | Gainesville, Fla. | 1896 | E. |
| 1877 | Fristell Johnson | Gainesville, Fla. | 1895 | E. |
| 1895 | Samuel J. McCray | Lacrosse, Fla. | 1898 | D. |
| 1882 | Israel Moody | Citra, Fla. | 1899 | E. |
| 1888 | Robert E. Pinkney | Reddick, Fla. | 1900 | E. |
| 1873 | Benjamin Dilworth | Jacksonville, Fla. | 1900 | E. |