

joined the Memphis Conference at Somerville, Tenn. The fall of that year he was sent to the Coffeenville Circuit in Mississippi, that part of Mississippi being in the bounds of the Memphis Conference. In 1845 he was assigned to what was known as the Delta Mission on the Mississippi River. At the close of that year he was transferred to the Arkansas Conference and appointed to Helena Circuit. At the Conference in 1846 he was sent to Washington Circuit. In 1847 he was appointed agent for the Washington Male and Female School. In 1848 he served the Eldorado charge; at the close of that year he was stationed at Van Buren, Arkansas. The following year he was stationed at Fayetteville. At the close of 1851 he was appointed presiding elder of the Fayetteville District. For twelve consecutive years he served districts in the Arkansas Conference, viz.: Fayetteville, Fort Smith, and Clarksville. While in Arkansas he went as delegate for several times to the General Conference, and for years before he left that state he was to the front in leadership. He stood side by side with such men as A. R. Winfield, Andrew Hunter, and Thomas Stanford. His name all over that state was a household word. I have heard some of the old people of that country grow eloquent as they would refer to the wonderful sermons they heard him preach at camp meetings to the delighted and admiring thousands. In 1863 he refuged to Texas. In 1865-6 he served as a supply on the Smith Circuit in the East Texas Conference. That fall he was transferred by Bishop Early to the East Texas Conference. In 1867 he was appointed to Palestine District as presiding elder, which he served in that capacity for three years. From the Palestine District he went to the Marshall, and was on that district the following three years. His health failing at that time, he took a supernumerary relation for two years. In 1873-4 he was on Wills Point Circuit. In the fall of 1874 he was appointed presiding elder of Kaufman District, which he served for four years. From Kaufman he went to the Gainesville District, serving the latter one year. He was then appointed to Cochran and Caruth, where he remained four years. Leaving Cochran and Caruth, he was appointed to the Wills Point Station, remaining two years, and where he closed his active ministry. For some twenty years he was a superannuated member of the North Texas Conference. During the years of his superannuation he preached frequently, always to the delight of those

who heard him. The pulpit was his throne, and in it he reigned as king. He spoke with authority and the people always heard him with great joy and profit. He was my presiding elder when I came to Texas thirty years ago. I have heard him on many occasions, and regarded him in every sense as a great preacher. I have heard him when his efforts would have done credit to any of our bishops. Sometimes he reminded me of an eagle with broad and steady wings, soaring toward its mountain home; or a storm in its majestic tread, sweeping everything before it. His long and eventful life has closed. The soldier has laid aside his armor, the grand old hero sleeps his last, long sleep. The sword is exchanged for the crown. "Servant of God, well done; rest from thy loved employ." I was with him often during the last remaining weeks of his life. He had no fever—seemed not to be sick. The machinery that had been working so long gave way, and as an infant reclining on its mother's breast goes to sleep, so this grand old man ceased to live. A few weeks before his death he said: "Thomas, I can't live long. I am ready to go. Write my obituary, and tell the brethren to meet me in heaven." Once I sang "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord," and with uplifted hands he shouted, "Glory, glory, glory! Come, Lord Jesus." On a beautiful hill in the College Mound Cemetery he sleeps beside the mother of his children, to await the voice of the great archangel.—O. P. Thomas.

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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?

Dallas District.

	Mem- bers.	Loc'l Pr's.
Dallas: First Church.....	989	2
Trinity.....	702	1
Grace.....	950	3
Erway Street.....	225	2
Oak Lawn.....	185	.....
Oak Cliff.....	514	4
Clark's Chapel.....	35	.....
Cochran and Maple Avenue.....	172	1
Wheatland Circuit.....	160	.....
Lancaster.....	210	.....
Cedar Hill and Duncanville.....	463	.....
West Dallas and Grand Prairie.....	140	.....
Argyle.....	200	.....
Denton.....	552	1
Lewisville.....	183	.....
	5,630	14

Terrell District.

Terrell.....	720	2
Kaufman.....	327	.....
Mesquite.....	333	.....
Forney.....	352	.....
Pleasant Mount.....	395	.....
Tate.....	385	.....
Rockwall.....	350	1
Royse.....	334	.....
Crandall.....	318	.....
College Mound.....	211	.....
Garland.....	533	.....
Mabank.....	120	2
Kemp.....	384	1
Chisholm.....	426	1
Elmo.....	347	1
Rheinhardt.....	216	1
Rosser.....	100	.....
	5,631	9

Greenville District.

Wesley.....	443	2
Kavanaugh.....	336	1
Commerce Station.....	424	3
Commerce Mission.....	385	.....
Wolfe City.....	278	1
Leonard and Orange Grove.....	313	1
Merit.....	388	.....
Floyd.....	296	2
Kingston.....	284	1
Campbell.....	426	1
Quinlan.....	306	.....
Lee Street and Jones Bethel.....	193	.....
Lone Oak.....	353	.....
Fairlie.....	336	.....
Greenville Mission.....	260	.....
Celeste and Lane.....	337	2
	5,358	14

McKinney District.

Blue Ridge.....	225	.....
Pilot Point.....	249	1
Renner.....	353	2
Farmersville.....	344	1
Nevada.....	169	.....
Josephine.....	356	.....
Copeville.....	201	.....
Wylie.....	303	.....
Allen.....	269	.....
Frisco.....	347	2
Prosper.....	257	1
Celina.....	322	1
Weston.....	300	2
Anna.....	219	1
McKinney.....	430	2
Plano.....	268	1
Farmer's Branch.....	126	.....
Princeton.....	420	1
	5,238	15