

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

HELD AT BRENHAM, TEX., DECEMBER 4-9, 1895.

BISHOP KEENER, *President*; SETH WARD, *Secretary*.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Charles U. McLarty, Ellie C. Keith, George Southwell. 3.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? R. L. Williams, W. R. Campbell, Clyde B. Garrett, E. P. Newsom, M. L. Lindsay, E. A. Potts, B. W. Allen, H. R. Kimbler. 8.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? S. W. Holt, A. M. Eubanks. 2.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? John C. Stewart, J. L. Yeats, M. F. Daniel, C. E. Simpson, J. W. Thompson, R. T. Blackburn, J. R. Murray, E. M. Myers. 8.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? E. A. Tabor. 1.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? J. M. Crutchfield, from the New Mexico Conference; S. W. Holt, from the Southwest Missouri Conference; F. E. Hammond, from the Baltimore Conference; Jesse A. McIver, from the Arkansas Conference. 4.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? None.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? John C. Stewart, Chas. E. Simpson, Robert T. Blackburn, Erastus M. Myers. 4.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? John C. Stewart, Charles E. Simpson, Robert T. Blackburn, Erastus M. Myers. 4.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Thomas J. White, Henry W. Cox. 2.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Thomas J. White, Henry W. Cox. 2.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? E. L. Shettles, J. W. Morris, J. W. Cullen, W. H. Brooks, W. T. McDonald, J. L. Russell, T. R. Cain. 7.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Elijah L. Shettles, John W. Morris, James W. Cullen, William H. Brooks, William T. McDonald, John L. Russell, Thomas R. Cain. 7.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? John F. Sullivan, D. W. Gardner. 2.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? John F. Sullivan, Dempsey W. Gardner. 2.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? S. M. Godbey, A. J. Wheeler, John W. Morris. 3.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? G. C. Stovall. 1.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? F. A. McShan, D. H. Linebaugh, T. W. Blake, J. H. Davidson, J. M. Wesson, Wesley Smith, W. K. Turner, W. G. Nelms, E. S. Smith, Gideon Powledge. 10.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? C. W. Thomas. 1.

CHARLES WARNER THOMAS went to his reward in heaven at 3:30 p.m. July 6, 1895, from the residence of his daughter in San Marcos, Tex. His struggle with the last enemy was short, and his victory was complete. He was born in Litchfield county, Conn., April 1, 1816. He was the eldest of five children, and shared with the other members of the family in the industrial activities common to country farm life in the days of his youth. His early education was limited to the elementary studies usually taught in the schools of his county. Country life and farm labor contributed to the development of a robust body and a vigorous constitution. He grew up to early manhood under the religious instruction of a Christian mother, to whom he confided his desires for future usefulness, and in whom he found a prudent guide and a safe counselor. At about eighteen years of age he entered the grammar school at Hartford, Conn. In the fall of 1835 he entered Yale College, where he remained over two years. Failing health forced him to leave Yale and seek a warmer climate, which he found in Georgia. In the spring of 1840 he landed in Ruttersville, Fayette county, Tex. During that year he was appointed one of the teachers in Ruttersville College. On October 3, 1840, he was licensed to preach by Robert Alexander, who was that year presiding elder of the Ruttersville District. He was present as a local preacher at the organization of the Texas Conference at Ruttersville, Tex., December 25, 1840. He preached his first sermon at Rabb's Prairie, November 15, 1840, using as a text John ii. 35: "Jesus wept." On June 27, 1841, he was happily married to Miss Susanna Amanda Hill, in whom he found a true helpmeet indeed. This pious woman always cheerfully submitted to whatever hardships and privations his holy calling imposed upon them, rejoicing with him under his crosses. He

was admitted on trial into the Texas Conference at San Augustine in December, 1841. In the years 1842-43 he was appointed professor of ancient and modern languages in Ruttersville College. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Soule at Houston, Tex., January 11, 1846, and elder by Bishop Paine at Seguin, Tex., December 11, 1849. During his connection with the Texas Conference, besides his two years' service as professor in Ruttersville College, he received the following appointments: Ruttersville Circuit, four years; Independence Circuit, one year; La Grange circuit, four years; Navadad Circuit, two years; Fayetteville Circuit, four years; La Grange District, one year; Washington Circuit, two years; Bastrop Circuit, four years; Brenham Circuit, two years; Egypt Circuit, two years; Colorado Circuit, two years; Alleyton Circuit, four years; Columbus Circuit, two years; Eagle Lake Circuit, four years. At the Conference held in Houston in December, 1887, where he had received deacon's orders forty-one years before, he asked for and received the supernumerary relation. His wife passed away August 3, 1886, and left him a sad old man. At the Conference held in La Grange in December, 1889, he was placed on the superannuated list, and sustained that relation to the Conference until his death. For more than forty-five years brother Thomas labored in the wilds of Texas, teaching and preaching the unsearchable riches of the gospel of the Son of God. His love for our Methodism led him to do all in his power for the preservation of its purity. He observed an inflexible but a gentle and loving enforcement of discipline, which always vindicated the character of the Church and generally secured the restoration of the offender. He was as bold to defend the Church against outward attacks as he was careful to guard against internal dissensions. He was steady, faithful, and true, candid and devout. He was the last link that bound us to the organization of Methodism in Texas—the last who started at the beginning. He has joined the company of heroes who have gone up through tribulation to inherit the kingdom of our Father. He was one of the company who through God has given us vineyards which we planted not and cities which we did not build. They opened the highways for us, leveling the hills and filling the valleys, smoothing the rough places and making ready for the advancement of the higher civilization. He died with his children weeping around him, and as he bade each an affectionate farewell he fell on sleep and was gathered to his fathers, dying as a Christian minister might wish to die.

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, except those of E. H. Harman and W. Wimberly, who were expelled from the ministry and membership of the Church.

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

	Mem- bers,	Loc'l Pr's,
<i>Houston District.</i>		
Houston: Shearn Church.....	668	2
Tabernacle.....	187	3
Washington Street.....	247	3
McKee Street.....	247	2
City Mission.....	65	.....
Galveston: St. John.....	247	3
St. James.....	158	.....
West End.....	142	.....
Richmond.....	144	.....
Alvin and Sandy Point.....	300	6
Wharton and Hungerford.....	112	.....
Columbia and Brazoria.....	87	1
Velasco Circuit.....	295	2
Patterson Circuit.....	248	1
Cedar Bayou Circuit.....	267	1
Eagle Lake Circuit.....	180	2
Matagorda.....	195	.....
Harrisburg Mission.....	200	.....
Damon's Mound.....	99	.....
Bolivar.....	84	1
	4,162	28
<i>Austin District.</i>		
Austin: Tenth Street.....	632	.....
Twenty-fourth Street.....	187	.....
First Street.....	104	1
Merrilltown Circuit.....	306	2
Manchaca Circuit.....	300	1
Webberville Circuit.....	290	3
Manor.....	164	.....
Elgin.....	119	.....
McBade Circuit.....	215	2
Bastrop.....	153	1
Smithville.....	211	.....
Winchester.....	288	.....
La Grange.....	194	.....
Columbus.....	190	.....
Weimar.....	312	2
Flanonia.....	239	1
	3,980	18
<i>Calvert District.</i>		
Calvert.....	251	1
Marlin.....	265	.....
Bremond and Reagan.....	366	.....
Kosse.....	278	2
Alto Circuit.....	250	2
Bald Prairie Circuit.....	127	4
Hearne and Mumford.....	128	1
Franklin.....	170	.....
Wheelock Circuit.....	320	.....
Mt. Vernon Circuit.....	362	4
Jewett and Buffalo.....	2	1
Oakwoods Circuit.....	11	1
Fairfield Circuit.....	336	2
Personville Circuit.....	153	3
Centerville Circuit.....	.....	.....
Rogers Prairie Circuit.....	.....	1
Rosebud.....	325	1
Chilton and Lott.....	141	.....
Durango.....	292	2
	4,814	25
<i>Brenham District.</i>		
Brenham.....	298	2
Chappell Hill.....	180	1
Giddings.....	155	.....