

year? Robert Grandison Lee Edwards, Robert Elijah Pittman, John E. Blalock. 3.

Ques. 10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Julian Lewark Midyette, Baxton Boone Slaughter, Nathan Martin Wright, George Washington Perry, William Vogle McRae, James Allen Morris. 6.

Ques. 11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Julian Lewark Midyette, Baxter Boone Slaughter, Nathan Martin Wright, George Washington Perry, William Vogle McRae, James Allen Morris. 6.

Ques. 12. What local preachers are elected deacons? Hubbard Braxton Porter, Melvin Brainerd Andrews, Hiram Earl Myers, Frederic Arthur Lupton, Henry Iverson Glass. 5.

Ques. 13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Hubbard Braxton Porter, Melvin Brainerd Andrews, Hiram Earl Myers, Frederic Arthur Lupton, Henry Iverson Glass, Arthur Marcus Proctor. 6.

Ques. 14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Jesse Marvin Ormond, Lewis De Maro Hayman, Costen Jordan Harrell, Bernard Talmage Hurley, George Milton Daniel, Kirby Formy Duval. 6.

Ques. 15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Jesse Marvin Ormond, Lewis De Maro Hayman, Costen Jordan Harrell, Bernard Talmage Hurley, George Milton Daniel, Kirby Formy Duval. 6.

Ques. 16. What local preachers are elected elders? George Reid Andrews. 1.

Ques. 17. What local preachers are ordained elders? George Reid Andrews. 1.

Ques. 18. Who are located this year? H. M. Jackson, J. W. Martin, W. H. Smith. 3.

Ques. 19. Who are supernumerary? J. O. Guthrie, R. W. Townsend, W. H. Townsend. 3.

Ques. 20. Who are superannuated? A. D. Betts, T. J. Browning, G. D. Langston, T. P. Bonner, W. H. Kirton, W. A. Forbes, M. A. Smith, W. H. Moore, J. D. Pegram, J. Y. Old, P. Greening, C. C. Brothers, T. J. Dailey. 13.

Ques. 21. What preachers have died during the past year? John E. Thompson. 1.

JOHN ERVIN THOMPSON was a man of quiet spirit and bore a good name. He was self-sacrificing and keenly alive to the needs of the common people. Always a welcome guest in the best homes of the pastoral charges he served, he did not

neglect the poor; and they, too, were glad at his coming. As a preacher he was sometimes strong, always edifying, and clear and persuasive in his purpose to win men to Christ. He attained more than average success in revivals, and usually those converted under his ministry became useful members of the Church. Brother Thompson, son of Hugh and Lucy Thompson, was born in Robeson County, N. C., January 21, 1840. One of a family of five boys and four girls, he was brought up on his father's farm, and attended first the common schools of the county, then a high school near the present site of Maxton, and Trinity College, which he left in the spring of 1862 to enter the Confederate Army. He enlisted as a private in Company E, Fifty-first Regiment, North Carolina troops, Clingman's Brigade, and served through the war. He was in the battles around Charleston, S. C., and Richmond, Va., and was taken prisoner at Cold Harbor in June, 1864, and carried to Elmira, N. Y., where he remained a prisoner until July, 1865. He was a good soldier in the ranks, a man who did his duty, as did his ancestors who came from England before our Revolution and fought in both our wars with Great Britain. But it is his religious life, and the forty-seven years he preached the gospel that especially invite our attention. Both his parents and grandparents were old-fashioned Methodists, who believed in a religion that produced results—that made people both good and happy. Brother Thompson himself was converted at about the age of seventeen one night in his room during a revival meeting in old Providence Church (now Asbury) on the Robeson Circuit, conducted by Revs. Paul J. Carraway and Joseph B. Martin, and joined the Church, of course. He was licensed to preach in September, 1865, and was admitted on trial into the North Carolina Conference at its session in Raleigh the same year, Bishop Early presiding. He was ordained deacon at Wilmington in 1867, and elder at New Bern in 1869, by Bishop Doggett, who held both Conferences. His appointments were: Cumberland Circuit, 1866; Asheboro Circuit, 1867; Uwharrie Circuit, 1868-9; Smithville (now Southport), 1870; Smithfield Circuit, 1871-3; Rolesville Circuit, 1874; Cary Circuit, 1875-6; Granville Circuit, 1877-80; Amity (now Mattamuskeet) Circuit, 1881; Clinton Circuit, 1882-4; Buckhorn Circuit, 1885-8; Snow Hill Circuit, 1889-90; Jonesboro Circuit,

1891-3; Mount Gilead Circuit, 1894-7; Aberdeen Circuit, 1898-1901; St. John's Station (Goldsboro), 1902-03. With great fidelity he served all these charges, and in them all the people loved him much. Pure, gentle, firm, he lived the gospel he preached, and the people took constant knowledge of him that he had been with God. At the session of our Conference held at Goldsboro in 1903, on account of failing health, Brother Thompson asked for and was granted the superannuate relation. From then until a short time before his death he lived in his own home in the town of Aberdeen, where all the folks, notably the Pages, were kind to him and regarded his presence in their midst as a benediction. On November 14, 1866, Brother Thompson was happily married to Miss Jennie Buie, of Fayetteville, N. C., the ceremony being performed in Hay Street Church by the pastor, Rev. T. W. Guthrie. They lived happily together with the children that were born to them until 1881, when she was called from the Church militant to the Church triumphant, and her body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Amity Church in Hyde County, where her husband was then pastor. Soldier of the Cross that he was, it was fitting that he should leave his beloved dead on the line of march as he went from place to place fighting the good fight that should earn at last a golden crown and a mansion not made with hands. In 1882 Brother Thompson again plighted his troth to a worthy daughter of good old Fayetteville, Miss Mary Buie, sister of his first wife. She, too, was a real helpmeet to him and a devoted mother, and it was given him to enjoy her companionship till his Lord called him over the river. His children still living are: J. E. Thompson, Hamlet, N. C.; Mrs. W. C. Kinsland, Waynesville, N. C.; Mrs. Archie McLaughlin, Riverdale, Ga.; Mrs. S. E. Mercer and Mrs. A. M. Norton, Maxton, N. C.; Albert L. Thompson, Fayetteville, N. C.; and Gerald B. Thompson, Princeton, W. Va. There survives him also a brother, Rev. Wesley Thompson, McDonald, N. C. In his last illness Brother Thompson was in the home of his son Albert in Fayetteville, and every attention of skillful physician, trained nurse, and loving wife and children was his. Patiently and gently he waited for his change, and heard the last clear call on December 27, 1913. The next day, which was Sunday, he was buried from Hay Street Church, Fayetteville,

the services being conducted by Rev. W. R. Royall, the pastor, assisted by Rev. T. H. Sutton, of Siler City. And they laid his body away in old Cross Creek Cemetery, to await the resurrection morn, when he shall see "the far-away home of the soul," of which he so delighted to sing. During the four years Brother Thompson was on the Granville Circuit I was on the adjacent Oxford Circuit, and we frequently helped each other in our revival meetings. I never had a more genial associate or more faithful fellow-laborer. Later, I was eight years his presiding elder, and there was only sweet comradeship and earnest work for the Master in it all. I knew his home life, and it was simply beautiful. He was the most devoted of husbands and the most loving of fathers. May God comfort his widow and each of his children. I look forward to meeting him again in our Father's house, where we shall talk over the incidents of our journey and gladly recall our joint labors for the Master.—J. T. Gibbs.

Ques. 22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? One by one their names were called, and all passed the examination of character, except W. E. Hocutt, who had surrendered his credentials and withdrawn from the ministry and Church.

Ques. 23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Durham District.

	Local Pr's.	Members.
Burlington	1	494
Burlington Circuit	...	622
Chapel Hill	...	200
Durham: Branson	...	...
Carr	...	459
Lakewood	...	79
Mangum Street	...	187
Memorial	8	868
Trinity	6	900
West Durham	1	462
Durham Circuit	1	835
Graham	1	173
Hillsboro Circuit	1	842
Leasburg Circuit	...	446
Milton Circuit	...	578
Mount Tirzah Circuit	2	612
North Alamance Circuit	...	397
Pearl Mill and Bethany	1	402
Pelham and Shady Grove	1	277
Person Circuit	...	458
Roxboro	...	297
South Alamance Circuit	2	488
Yanceyville Circuit	...	299
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