

**Apportionment for Washington District, 1903.**

Washington — Presiding Elder, \$170; Bishops, \$28; Conference Claimants, \$80; Foreign Missions, \$175; Domestic Missions, \$130; Church Extension, \$65; Education, \$65; Paine Institute, \$8.

Bath Circuit—Presiding Elder, \$50; Bishops, \$10; Conference Claimants, \$30; Foreign Missions, \$55; Domestic Missions, \$40; Church Extension, \$35; Education, \$25; Paine Institute, \$4.

Aurora Circuit—Presiding Elder, \$75; Bishops, \$12; Conference Claimants, \$35; Foreign Missions, \$90; Domestic Missions, \$60; Church Extension, \$35; Education, \$30; Paine Institute, \$5.

Swan Quarter Circuit—Presiding Elder, \$75; Bishops, \$12; Conference Claimants, \$35; Foreign Missions, \$75; Domestic Missions, \$60; Church Extension, \$35; Education, \$30; Paine Institute, \$5.

Mattamuskeet Circuit—Presiding Elder, \$80; Bishops, \$12; Conference Claimants, \$35; Foreign Missions, \$85; Domestic Missions, \$65; Church Extension, \$35; Education, \$30; Paine Institute, \$5.

Fairfield—Presiding Elder, \$75; Bishops, \$12; Conference Claimants, \$35; Foreign Missions, \$80; Domestic Missions, \$60; Church Extension, \$35; Education, \$30; Paine Institute, \$5.

Greenville—Presiding Elder, \$120; Bishops, \$20; Conference Claimants, \$52; Foreign Missions, \$125; Domestic Missions, \$90; Church Extension, \$45; Education, \$43; Paine Institute, \$6.

Farmville Circuit—Presiding Elder, \$35; Bishops, \$8; Conference Claimants, \$16; Foreign Missions, \$35; Domestic Missions, \$30; Church Extension, \$20; Education, \$20; Paine Institute, \$3.

Grimesland and Vanceboro Circuit—Presiding Elder, \$35; Bishops, \$8; Conference Claimants, \$16; Foreign Missions, \$35; Domestic Missions, \$30; Church Extension, \$20; Education, \$20; Paine Institute, \$3.

Bethel Circuit—Presiding Elder, \$80; Bishops, \$14; Conference Claimants, \$45; Foreign Missions, \$80; Domestic Missions, \$65; Church Extension, \$35; Education, \$35; Paine Institute, \$6.

Tarboro—Presiding Elder, \$65; Bishops, \$12; Conference Claimants, \$40; Foreign Missions, \$75; Domestic Missions, \$60; Church Extension, \$30; Education, \$30; Paine Institute, \$5.

Rocky Mount—Presiding Elder, \$150; Bishops, \$25; Conference Claimants, \$80; Foreign Missions, \$155; Domestic Missions, \$125; Church Extension, \$65; Education, \$64; Paine Institute, \$7.

South Rocky Mount and Marvin—Presiding Elder, \$25; Bishops, \$5; Conference Claimants, \$15; Foreign Missions, \$30; Domestic Missions, \$25; Church Extension, \$10; Education, \$15; Paine Institute, \$2.

Nashville Circuit—Presiding Elder, \$80; Bishops, \$12; Conference Claimants, \$31; Foreign Missions, \$75; Domestic Missions, \$60; Church Extension, \$35; Education, \$30; Paine Institute, \$5.

Springhope Circuit—Presiding Elder, \$50; Bishops, \$9; Conference Claimants, \$22; Foreign Missions, \$60; Domestic Missions, \$50; Church Extension, \$30; Education, \$20; Paine Institute, \$3.

Wilson Station—Presiding Elder, \$170; Bishops, \$28; Conference Claimants, \$80; Foreign Missions, \$175; Domestic Missions, \$130; Church Extension, \$65; Education, \$65; Paine Institute, \$8.

Wilson Circuit—Presiding Elder, \$25; Bishops, \$5; Conference Claimants, \$15; Foreign Missions, \$20; Domestic Missions, \$15; Church Extension, \$10; Education, \$10; Paine Institute, \$3.

Fremont Circuit—Presiding Elder, \$110; Bishops, \$18; Conference Claimants, \$45; Foreign Missions, \$105; Domestic Missions, \$80; Church Extension, \$40; Education, \$35; Paine Institute, \$5.

Ocracoke and Portsmouth—Presiding Elder, \$35; Bishops, \$6; Conference Claimants, \$20; Foreign Missions, \$50; Domestic Missions, \$35; Church Extension, \$20; Education, \$20; Paine Institute, \$3.

Robersonville Circuit—Presiding Elder, \$30; Bishops, \$5; Conference Claimants, \$15; Foreign Missions, \$30; Domestic Missions, \$25; Church Extension, \$10; Education, \$15; Paine Institute, \$2.

South Edgecombe Circuit—Presiding Elder, \$75; Bishops, \$12; Conference Claimants, \$36; Foreign Missions, \$70; Domestic Missions, \$55; Church Extension, \$30; Education, \$25; Paine Institute, \$5.

F. A. BISHOP, P. E.  
W. M. CHAUNCEY, Sec.

There may be some changes in the above assessments for Education and Paine Institute.

**Fayetteville.**

Before giving any account of the work and outlook for the year in this part of the moral vineyard, I wish to express the sincere thanks of my wife and myself for a handsome New Year's gift from the Hay Street congregation—a case of twenty-four pieces of solid silver. Intrinsicly, the gift is of such value as to make it prized by any one; but add to that the motive and spirit of the givers, and it becomes indeed priceless. The only adequate return and expression of appreciation on our part will be sterling service to them this year, and this we trust may be its quality.

The first Sunday after Conference, Dr. John R. Brooks stopped over on his return from Wilmington and gave his old congregation and friends two much-enjoyed sermons. He preached with ease and without any apparent fatigue afterwards. His visit was a blessing to us all.

The Epworth League begins the New Year auspiciously. Bro. M. F. Crawford is making a great success in this field of church work, and to him, more than to any other, we are indebted for what I consider the best League I have ever been in. A phrenologist, feeling Bro. Crawford's head, would find on it the bump of success or lay himself liable to being called a fraud.

Our first Quarterly Conference has

been held, and Bro. Hall preached a great sermon on an "Imperfect Sacrifice"—he calls it his "Scabby Sheep" sermon. The one at night was good, but the morning sermon has elicited an unusual amount of favorable comment.

I regret to say that our esteemed Presiding Elder is now in the hospital at this place for treatment for some liver trouble. I feel hopeful that he may be out in a week or ten days. To this end let all the brethren pray.

It will be remembered that Campbellton and Rose Chapel were left off the list of appointments at the recent session of the Conference, and so there were 135 church members pastorless. After conferring with Rev. Charles A. Jones, a local preacher of Graham, the Board of Stewards decided to endorse for Campbellton and Rose Chapel, and Bro. Jones' services were secured for the year. I believe the Fayetteville City Mission, as we will probably call the work, is going to justify the board's faith and action. It is hoped and desired to move Rose Chapel out to Holt's Hill, where there are perhaps seventy-five Methodist people already. Bro. Jones is a young man of faith, consecration and practical experience in mission fields. He knows mill people. I believe he has the key to the situation; already he is unlocking rusty doors.

T. A. SMOOT.

Drink is the mother of want and the nurse of crime.—Lord Brougham.

Drink is the greatest obstacle to the diffusion of education.—John Bright.

Men are seeking only for this life. A short life it is, and exceedingly imperfect and rudimentary at best. It is like a road which is good for traveling, but poor for sleeping. The world is magnificent for strangers and pilgrims, but miserable for residents. The very moment a man carries himself as though this were his home, and begins to build as though he would live here, that moment the world is not a fit place for a temporary residence for him.—H. W. Beecher.

It takes a hero to fight a battle knowing that it will be lost. Any coward can fight a battle when he is sure of winning, but rare is the man who has the pluck to fight when he knows he is losing. This is the quality that wins success, the grip that hangs on when everything seems to be hopeless.

The man who never makes any mistakes never makes anything. Many chips, broken instruments, cuts and bruises, belong to the history of any beautiful statue. Persist in spite of every thing.—Maltbie D. Babcock, D. D.

We must not close our eyes to the fact that by far the larger number of men in every civilized community are workers to whom a skilled hand is quite as important as a well-filled head, says President McAlister, of Drexel Institute.

It is not less absurd than wicked to treat manual labor with contempt, since to it we owe all the visible results of civilization.—C. H. Ham.

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