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RESOLUTIONS OF THE EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE. Resolved, That in consequence of the death of Bishop Bascom, the increasing infirmities of Bishop Soule, and the great importance of a Bishop at every session of our Conference, and other important interests of the church, we recommend to the Bishops to call a General Conference to meet next May, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

For the T. W. Banner. MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY. Dear Bro. Richardson: The tenth anniversary of the Texas Conference Missionary Society, proved an occasion of great interest. It was held in the Methodist church, Richmond, Dec. 14th. The services were opened by the President, Rev. R. Alexander, with reading of a portion of Scripture, singing and prayer.

These have been converted during the past fifty years, than during the first fifty years after the day of Pentecost. The history of missions is fraught with evidence that this work is of God. The guiding hand divine is seen preparing the fields—selecting the agents to be employed, designating the points of attack—holding in check the powers of darkness, and superintending the entire work. In nature we see great results reached through various instrumentalities, acting successively in apparent confusion, but real concert.

This mission has been several years in existence. The past year has been one of great prosperity. There is reported a net increase of 70 members. The Missionary, and the official Board, think the mission fully able to sustain itself in the future. Georgetown Mission.—J. W. LLOYD, Missionary. This is an interesting field of labor in a fine section of the country, which is destined soon to be densely populated. The missionary reports an increase of 89 members.

be a thorough revision of this department of our work, and a rigid inquiry into the gifts, grace, and usefulness of the agents employed in it. At our last conference no one was appointed to labor especially among the colored population. Still much attention is paid to them—192 church members are reported in the different stations and circuits. This shows that this class of our population are neither forgotten or neglected in our regular ministrations. There are points in our conference bounds, where we ought to have ministers to labor especially among the slaves, but we have not the men to spare.

Victoria Dist, Corpus Christi, returned, by Rev Daniel Carl, 100.00 Amounts from circuits, stations and missions, \$942.37 Amount raised at Anniversary, 200.00 Total amount, \$1142.37 At the Anniversary Bishop Andrew was made a L. M. Pa. So., by the following persons giving five dollars each: Rev. J. W. Whipple, Rev. B. L. Peel, Rev. George Tittle, Rev. G. W. Rabb. To make Bishop Andrew's wife a L. M. Pa. So., Mrs. Long gave \$5, Mrs. D. Ayers gave \$5, and several ladies gave \$10.

Whereas, It has pleased the great Head of the church to call from our beloved Bishop Bascom D. D. L. D. who was an ornament to the church and society generally, famed as he was for his eloquence and usefulness; Resolved this Conference mournfully regret the afflictive dispensation of providence, which has taken from the church, one of her executive heads; and particularly regret, that this infant body is deprived of his counsels and services.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE. Resolved, That the first Friday in May, be observed as a day of fasting and prayer, for the prosperity of our beloved Zion, and particularly for the great Head of the church who would raise up, commission and send forth more laborers into his vineyard; and that the preachers in charge be required to read this resolution, in each congregation, and that the secretary be requested to have it published in the T. W. Banner.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE. Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to our beloved brother S. A. Williams for his patient and impartial manner in presiding over our deliberations, placed as he has been in the peculiarly trying situation of President in the absence of our Bishop.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE. Resolved, That this Conference highly esteem the Southern Methodist pulpit, and appreciate the talent of its Editor; and that we recommend it among our preachers, as an able auxiliary in their labors.

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