

Table with 3 columns: State, Whites, Colored. Lists population statistics for Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia.

In these States dwell fifteen-sixths of the entire black population of the United States. Their total population is about 24,000,000, of whom about 17,000,000 are whites and about 7,000,000 black.

Superintendent Porter suggests the division of these States into two groups, a Northern or border group and a Southern group. The first will include Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri and Kansas.

All talk of the wholesale deportation of the blacks to Africa must cease. The black man is here to stay. He ought to stay. His removal will not contribute either to his own welfare or that of the white man.

The Northern States may be a better place for the black man than the Southern, but the black man himself evidently does not think so. The Southern whites have always believed this.

Without expressing any opinion as to the merits of the Federal Elections Bill, I may note that this measure makes it a dead issue. It will never be revived.

If Mississippi and South Carolina, with the aid of their sister Southern States, could adopt such measures as would secure a somewhat equal distribution of their surplus population of blacks over the entire area of the Southern States...

elections. Clerical wits degenerating into Quakerism on the one hand, or mounting into high Churchism on the other, may stigmatize our ordinations as a fetich and a farce...

SOUTHERN TAXATION FOR COLORED EDUCATION.

But you naturally inquire, Mr. President, what has been accomplished in the South during the quarter of a century which has elapsed since the war? I need not tell you of the more than \$16,000,000 which your own Freedman's Aid Society, the Baptist and Presbyterian Home Mission Societies, the Congregational Missionary Association, and liberality of smaller religious bodies and of individuals, have so freely and so seasonably expended for the education of the Southern black.

In 1838 the good ship Desire, built at Marblehead, sailed from the port of Boston on her first voyage as a slave ship, the slaves to be obtained by purchase, or the exchange of Indians captured in "just wars." Up to January, 1859, eleven of the former slave States had expended more than \$37,000,000 in the maintenance of normal and public schools for negro youth, poor Mississippi leading the van with \$1,336,800.

CONSTITUTIONAL DIFFERENCES OF THE TWO METHODISMS.

Southern Methodism, Mr. President, will contend with respect to the report of your able Constitutional Committee, and the action of this General Conference thereupon. In one of your most influential journals, however, the question has been raised, "Have we a Church Constitution?" You will pardon me, I am sure, if I respectfully hint that in our branch of Episcopal Methodism such a question would provoke a smile in our ministerial undergarments.

ship of Asbury in declining to accept office on such terms, that a General Conference—first general in fact and afterward delegated—was incorporated in the fundamental organization of American Episcopal Methodism.

Nearly four years elapsed after the organization of the Church with the adjective "Episcopal" in its title, and after the publication on Mr. Wesley's press of the minutes of the Christmas Conference, containing the word "Bishop" as a synonym for "Superintendent," before Wesley rebuked Asbury for permitting himself to be personally described and addressed as "Bishop."

Deliberately reviewing this question of American Methodist Episcopacy, Abel Stevens pronounces judgment: "No extant forensic argument, founded upon documentary evidence, is stronger than would be the claim of the American Methodists respecting this question."

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and extent of the constitution; and, secondly, the general superintendents are present to guard the constitution against infraction in any concrete instance of specific legislation. Hence, should a debate by any chance spring up it would be recognized as purely preparatory and tentative.

It would seem to us, Mr. President, that an act defining the constitution would be merely provisional until itself defined by the annual conference, which created both the constitution and the General Conference which legislates under it, and upon this course our Southern Bishops would doubtless speedily send its Southern Methodism, does not accept the principle that the General Conference is the final judge of the constitutionality of its own acts.

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loves him; the East, from the demands made upon him, evidently appreciates Wilson. The trade, I judge, is about even; neither Church asks boot.

Returning from Vermont to his professional duties at Athens, Ga., in the autumn of 1839, Dr. Olin, attacked with serious illness in Baltimore, was tenderly cared for at the hospitable home of Mr. Christian Keener. Partly out of the influences of this visit, it came to pass that when the lad of the household was ready for college, he was sent to Wesleyan, whence, in due time, he graduated. John Christian Keener is now the loved and honored Southern Bishop of Southern Methodism.

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Any one can see at once from the above that the editor frankly confesses that he does have to seek the "people of the street" lest he become "unpopular in the community" and "lose his place." He takes it for granted that all others are like him, and therefore when plain gospel preaching is needed an exhortation must be sent for. Once more I deny this, not only for myself, but for the great body of our pastors as well.

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THE CONFERENCES.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Beaumont Mission. T. H. Morris: Have just closed a gracious revival at Charley, on this mission.

Gatesville.

J. E. Vinson, May 24: On the first Sunday in this month, we opened up a protracted meeting in Broadway Church.

Fetty.

F. C. Pearson, May 25: Though from home, I wish to give a few facts concerning the Chico circuit.

Dye.

D. W. Gardner, May 25: We are just from Chico. We found Rev. F. C. Pearson and P. W. Byrd, junior preacher, at peace with their people.

Pittsburg.

R. A. Morris, May 25: Children's Day was rained out on the third Sunday, but our superintendent, Bro. D. H. Abernathy, was not going to let the rain make his Sunday-school misshapen.

Carr.

B. T. Hayes: My second quarterly conference was held at Centenary May 14 and 15 by Rev. W. L. Clifton, presiding elder.

Dalby Springs.

W. B. Walker, May 25: I am glad to say that we are moving along splendidly on this work. The revival has begun already, and we are just getting started.

Lake Creek Circuit.

R. M. Patterson, May 25: Yesterday was Children's Day at Brushy Mountain.

who had come from a distance. After dinner Rev. J. B. Powers made a short address to the young people.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Hockley.

J. R. Nichols, May 22: Hockley is on the rise. We have just closed a two weeks' meeting here; it was glorious to many.

Atlanta.

S. A. Ashburn, May 25: Our meeting began on the 8th and continued till the 23d. We had three services per day.

Sulphur Springs.

J. A. Weaver, May 25: We have had at last a glorious revival in our Church here—100 conversions and reclamations.

Twenty-Fourth Street, Austin.

G. Carroll, May 25: For some time I have read in the ADVOCATE numerous accounts of "poundings" received by our brethren.

The Flight at Caldwell.

E. Mouton, May 25: After a week during which we conducted a series of cottage prayer-meetings, and after a day of fasting and prayer, we began a meeting at this place May 1, and continued until May 15.

Scraps from North Texas.

John H. Allen: We are all glad to know that the editor has so far recovered from his attack of rheumatism as to be able to resume his work.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Amarillo.

R. H. H. Burnett, May 23: Good meeting here. Twenty-three joined the Church in two days.

Salado.

C. G. Shutt, May 25: It is now sixty well established that Prairie Dell, six miles south of Salado, is to have a new church building.

Thornton.

G. J. Irvin, May 23: We have just closed a meeting in Thornton, which was protracted one week.

Carton Circuit.

John A. Gardner, May 23: Bro. Reeves on baptism again at Oak Grove.

San Antonio.

W. W. Pinson, May 23: We are in the midst of a gracious revival at Travis Park.

We have many tender-footed Methodists who are afraid of their own shadows.

HUMORS OF THE BLOOD, SKIN AND SCALP. It is the best remedy for... CUTICURA

Mable Falls. R. H. Simpson, May 24: After twelve days we closed our meeting at Mable Falls.

Santa Anna. J. W. R. Bachman, May 26: I believe I can say we are moving along smoothly on Thrifty circuit.

Goldthwaite Station. W. C. Hillburn, May 27: Last Sunday night we closed a glorious meeting at this place, which has been in progress for fifteen days.

Freedom. M. J. Allen, May 29: Another preacher pounded in shape of a cow. Some time ago Sisters Thomas, Knifton, and Williams, started out for the purpose of making up money to buy a cow.

Benton Circuit Camp-Meetings. W. R. Crockett: Our self-supporting camp-meetings are arranged to commence as follows: At Thuacana, Friday night before the fourth Sunday in June.

T. C. Capell, May 23: Children's Day was observed at Shiloh, Erath county, on the 21st ult.

Pleasant Grove Mission. M. A. Turner, May 23: Our second quarterly conference for this charge was held at Colony, May 14 and 15.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE. Welder. John T. Graham, May 23: Our third quarterly conference was held at Denton Creek yesterday and day before.

crowded; we may have to seek larger quarters. Men's service at 4 p. m. was a scene long to be remembered.

W. R. Crockett, May 25: The pounding season is not yet over. One recent afternoon this parsonage was invaded by a throng of happy people.

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WEDDING RING ALWAYS ON HAND. You can't tell when you will most need it—the POND'S EXTRACT—

DISTRICT CONFERENCE. Palestine District. The district conference of the Palestine district will meet and organize on Wednesday evening, July 30, in the town of Lufkin.

Waco District. Cuero District Conference will convene at Weller, June 18, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Paris District. The pastors of the several churches of this district will convene in McGregor, June 18, by private conveyance.

Marshall District. The Marshall District Conference will convene at Beckville August 4, at 2 o'clock p. m.

POND'S EXTRACT. WEDDING RING. ALWAYS ON HAND. SANGER BROS.

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