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MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTH SESSION
OF THE
SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

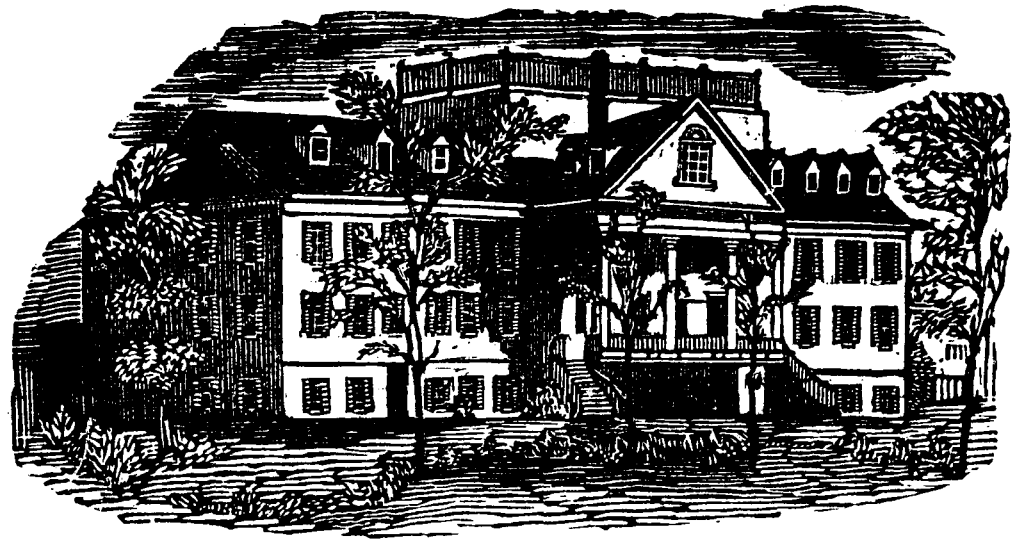
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

HELD AT CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY, ORANGEBURG, S. C.,

December 22, 1870.

PUBLISHED BY THE S. C. CONFERENCE.

CHARLESTON, S. C.:
REPUBLICAN BOOK AND JOB OFFICE.
1871.



CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY, ORANGEBURG, S. C.

SPRING TERM will commence Wednesday, April 5, 1871.

The College Year will close with Examination and Exhibition, June 21 and 22, and commence October 11, 1871, with an efficient Board of Instructors.

Students should be present the first day, if possible. There will be four Departments in the University:

THE COLLEGE PROPER,

Where the usual four years' course of College studies will be pursued, under able Professors, and Diplomas awarded to those who complete the course.

The usual preparatory studies will be required.

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

Studies and Lectures, especially adapted to training teachers of both sexes, and fitting them for their responsible work, will be pursued.

Persons to be admitted to the Normal Department must possess a good moral character, and be able to read and write well.

BAKER THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

The "Baker Theological Institute," removed from Charleston, constitutes this branch of the University. Members of the M. E. Church, who feel themselves called to the ministry, may be admitted to this Department on recommendation of a Quarterly Conference or their Presiding Elder. Students will be thoroughly drilled in the study of the Sciences, Theology, and Elocution, by recitation and lectures, under an experienced Professor.

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT,

To which will be admitted a limited number of bright and promising children of both sexes, and special pains taken in laying the foundation of a thorough education.

A small charge, ten cents per week, will be made to each student for incidental expenses.

The University buildings contain 56 rooms, just put in good repair at an expense of \$2,500, and will accommodate 200 scholars. We appeal to our friends and societies, North and South, to aid us in furnishing them.

We will name rooms after any individual or church who will send us \$50 to buy furniture and bedding for it. Who will respond?

Orangeburg is eighty miles from Charleston; and one of the most beautiful, central, and healthful country towns in the State.

The leading men in South Carolina, favorable to education and equal rights, have, without exception, commended this enterprise, his Excellency Governor R. K. Scott, heading our subscription to purchase, with \$500. Senator Sawyer and others have subscribed generously.

No charge will be made for tuition, room rent, or lectures to any of the students, but each and all must provide for their own board, washing and bedding.

A new boarding hall has been erected the past year, which is in charge of Professor Crogman, where students, male and female, can obtain wholesome board at \$2 per week, *in advance*. Fifty can be accommodated.

We propose to make Claflin University, by the blessing of God and the aid of friends, worthy of the patronage of all classes, and an honor to the State.

FACULTY.—A. Webster, D. D., President; T. W. Lewis, A. M., President Theological Department; J. Marcy, A. M., Professor in College and Normal Departments; W. H. Crogman, Professor in English Department; H. J. Fox, D. D., Lecturer on Elocution; Mrs. J. Marcy and Miss Ella Webster, Teachers in Preparatory Department; A. W. Cummings, D. D., Financial Agent.

TRUSTEES.—T. W. Lewis, A. M., President; A. Webster, Secretary and Treasurer; Rev. S. Weston, Camden; Gov. R. K. Scott, Columbia; Rev. T. Phillips, Orangeburg; Rev. A. Middleton, Midway; Hon. S. Corley, Lexington; Rev. J. A. Sasportas, Summerville; Hon. J. J. Wright, LL. D., Columbia; R. S. Rust, D. D. Cincinnati, O.; H. J. Fox, D. D., Oro; Rev. V. H. Bulkley, Columbia.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

Bishop M. SIMPSON, President.
T. MILLARD LEWIS, Secretary.
HENRY J. FOX, Asst. Secretary.

TRUSTEES.

FOR ONE YEAR.

A. WEBSTER. J. A. SASPORTAS.

FOR TWO YEARS.

H. J. FOX. J. R. ROSEMOND,

FOR THREE YEARS.

T. W. LEWIS. ISAAC DAVIS.

STEWARDS.

SAM'L WESTON, V. H. BULKLEY,
S. W. HAMPTON,

COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES.

Dr. Henry J. Fox, Chairman, Oro, S. C.

A. Webster, D. D., Orangeburg, S. C.

Hon. Wilson Cook, Greenville, S. C.

C. W. Blue, Esq., Jacksonville, Fla.

Rev. F. W. Sasportas, Summerville, S. C.

N. B.—This Committee has charge of all matters relating to Church Titles, Education, Rights as a Religious Body, Facilities of Traveling, &c.

Brethren wishing information in these matters, can address the Chairman.

APPOINTED TO PREACH NEXT CONFERENCE.

True Whittier—Conference Sermon.

Abram Middleton—Missionary Sermon.

H. J. Fox—On Ministerial Education.

MINUTES
OF THE
Sixth Session of the South Carolina
CONFERENCE
OF THE
M. E. CHURCH,
HELD IN CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY, ORANGEBURG, S. C.,
DECEMBER 22D, 1870.

FIRST DAY.

The Conference convened at 9 A. M., on Thursday, the 22d day of December, 1870, in the Chapel of the University.

Bishop Simpson led in the opening services, by reading the 52d chapter of Isaiah, singing the 220th hymn, and prayer by Rev. Dr. Vincent and T. W. Lewis.

T. W. Lewis was re-elected Secretary, and H. J. Fox Assistant Secretary.

The following Committees were then appointed:

Education.—T. W. Lewis, A. Webster, A. Middleton, H. J. Fox.

Sunday Schools.—J. B. Middleton, J. R. Rosemond, V. H. Bulkley, T. Whittier.

Statistics.—G. Newcomb, J. Garrison, E. M. Pinckney.

Bible Cause.—A. W. Cummings, Prof. J. Marcy.

Temperance.—J. C. Emerson, E. W. Jackson, J. Burroughs, S. Jett.

Auditing Committee.—H. J. Fox, T. W. Lewis.

Public Worship.—A. Webster, T. Phillips.

Missions.—E. J. Snetter, J. R. Rosemond, Wm. Darrington, T. Sowell.

Publishing Minutes.—T. W. Lewis.

Church Extension.—S. Weston, T. Wright, A. W. Cummings.

Missionary Appropriations.—Presiding Elders.

Freedman's Aid Society.—G. Newcomb, J. A. Sasportas, E. M. Pinckney.

Fraternal Relations with other Methodist Bodies.—A. Webster, J. R. Rosemond, Henry J. Fox, T. W. Lewis, V. H. Bulkley.

Memoirs.—A. Webster.

It was ordered that the preachers hand over their statistics, and pay over their benevolent moneys to the chairmen of the appropriate committees.

The Conference drew thirty dollars from the Chartered Fund, and twenty-four were paid in by the preachers, and the amount divided by the Stewards as follows:

Widow J. White, - - - - -	\$10
J. Davis, - - - - -	3
A. Cooper, - - - - -	5
J. Hamilton, - - - - -	5
W. J. Salmond, - - - - -	5
S. O'Rea, - - - - -	8
S. Cook, - - - - -	4
D. Wade, - - - - -	3
J. Boston, - - - - -	3
E. Carlisle, - - - - -	3
C. C. Managault, - - - - -	3
E. Greene, - - - - -	2

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\$54

S. WESTON, Chairman.

J. H. Vincent, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Methodist Sunday School Union, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Dr. E. W. Jackson, Agent of the Congressional Temperance Society, made earnest remarks in reference to his mission here in the South, and our duty in regard to the temperance reform.

SECOND DAY.

(DECEMBER 23.)

Bishop Simpson called the Conference to order at 9 o'clock.

Rev. J. G. Thompson, of the Liberia Conference, conducted the opening services. Records read and approved.

The following brethren were introduced by the Bishop:

Rev. Dr. A. W. Cummings, of Spartanburg; Rev. J. C. Aspinwall, West Wisconsin Conference; Rev. J. S. Spillman, Georgia Conference; Dr. Walden, Agent Western Book Concern.

Mansfield French, was represented and continued supernumerary.

FIRST YEAR.

The following were received on *trial*:

John E. Hills, Simon Welch, Edward Sabie, George Grey, Samuel Simmons, Ephram Smith, Isaac Adams.

The following were also received on *trial* and ordained DEACONS under the rule:

James Chatman, (being a Deacon,) Daniel Minus, Irving E. Lowry, Sheldon S. Lawton, Wm. Evans, Absalom Cooper, Morris Stewart, F. W. Sasportas, Joshua Garrett, Pollydore Witherspoon, Shepard Dunham, Joseph B. Peyton, Absalom Thompson, Richard A. Fletcher, Isaac Mazyck, James K. Wagoner, Tarlton Camp, Benjamin L. Roberts, Joseph Simmons, Dock Owens, George Maxwell.

The following were received on *trial* and elected to *Elders'* orders under the rule:

Burrell James, Wm. H. Scott, Charles T. Hopkins, Elijah Carlisle.

SECOND YEAR.

The following were *continued on trial*:

Francis Smith, London Roper, Alex. Devose, March Sturks, Joseph Howard, J. E. Wilson, Jr., Lemuel Arthur, John Boston, Stephen Jett, A. D. Walker, Thomas Evans, M. K. Holloway, Ephraim Greene, Zachariah Duncan, Lewis Rivers, Albert Ross, Thomas Sowell, D. Fuller.

THIRD YEAR.

The following brethren were examined before the Conference and addressed by the Bishop, and received into *full connection* :

Samuel Weston, Thomas Wright, John Burroughs, Edwin M. Pinckney, Charles C. Manigault.

FOURTH YEAR.

The following brethren belong to this class :

George Newcomb, J. B. Middleton, Joseph Garrison, S. W. Hampton, W. J. Salmond, E. Furgerson, Jackson Welsh, Thomas Holsendorff, Henry Walker, R. Small, J. Johnson, Isaac Davis, John Hamilton, Wm. Doby.

Brethren in the classes of each year, will be examined at the next Conference on the studies prescribed in the Discipline. (See pages 344 and 345.) The studies should be commenced early in the year.

The Bishop appointed the following Committee of Examination :

1st Year.—G. Newcomb, V. H. Bulkley, R. J. Donaldson.

2d Year.—T. W. Lewis, S. Weston, A. W. Cummings.

3d Year.—H. J. Fox, A. Middleton, T. Whittier.

4th Year.—J. C. Emerson, J. A. Sasportas, A. Webster.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to examine candidates for admission on trial and Local Deacons, and Elders' orders, in the studies required by the Discipline. (See pages 343 and 352.)

A. W. Cummings, D. D., and Rev. Wiley F. Parker, being Elders, were re-admitted on their certificate of location from the Holston Conference of the M. E. Church, South.

Dr. E. W. Jackson, being and Elder, was re-admitted on his certificate from the N. E. Conference.

B. F. Whittemore was discontinued at his own request.

Lymus A. Anders, having been expelled from the Church, returned his parchments.

The following brethren were elected by the Conference and ordained by Bishop Simpson :

DEACONS.

Wm. D. Middleton, Geo. W. Brabham, Sidney W. Dick, Waiters McIntosh, Silas Cook, Miles Bennett, Francis D. Smith, Joseph Singleton, Daniel Minus, Irving E. Lowry, Sheldon S. Lawton, Wm. Evans, Morris Stewart, Absalom Cooper, Fred. W. Sasportas, Joshua Garrett, Benj. L. Roberts, Joseph Simmons, Dock Owens, George Maxwell, Joseph B. Peyton, Absalom Thompson, Richard A. Fletcher, Isaac Mazyck, Shepard Dunham, Polydore Witherspoon, Tarlton Camp, James R. Wagoner.

ELDERS.

Benj. Garmon, Scipio O'Rea, Burrel James, Wm. H. Scott, Chas. T. Hopkins, Elijah Carlisle, Richard A. Fletcher, Chas. C. Managault, Zachariah Duncan, Edmund Furgerson.

THIRD DAY.

(DECEMBER 24.)

Bishop Simpson in the chair. Rev. S. Weston conducted the opening services. Minutes read and approved.

Charleston was fixed as the seat of the next Conference, and the Bishops were requested to appoint the time as near the first Wednesday in January, 1872, as possible.

On motion, the Committee on "Privileges" were instructed to secure, if possible, such favors in railroad travel as is accorded to clergymen of other religious bodies. (See 2d page of cover.) Also, they were instructed to nominate Trustees for this Conference, to consist of six members, two to hold their office for *one* year, two for *two* years, and two for *three* years, or, until elections are made to fill their places.

The following were nominated and elected :

1st Year—A. Webster, J. A. Sasportas.

2d Year—H. J. Fox, J. R. Rosemond.

3d Year—T. W. Lewis, J. Davis.

The following are the *Elders* whose characters passed, and are not included in the four year's classes, with post office address :

Mansfield French, 805 Broadway, N. Y.
 Henry J. Fox, Oro, S. C.
 A. Webster, Orangeburg, S. C.
 T. Phillips, Orangeburg, S. C.
 T. W. Lewis, Charleston, S. C.
 V. H. Bulkley, Columbia, S. C.
 R. J. Donaldson, Cheraw, S. C.
 J. Felder, Fernandina, Fla., care J. C. Emerson.
 Benj. Garmon, Nunansville, Fla.
 A. Middleton, Midway, S. C.
 J. R. Rosemond, Spartanburg, S. C.
 E. J. Snetter, Florence, S. C.
 Wm. Darrington, Marion, S. C.
 J. A. Sasportas, Summerville, S. C.
 A. W. Cummings, Spartanburg, S. C.
 W. F. Parker, Spartanburg, S. C.
 E. W. Jackson, Charleston, S. C., care of T. W. Lewis.
 True Whittier, Greenville, S. C.
 J. C. Emerson, Fernandina, Fla.

Dr. A. W. Cummings was commended to the Church Extension Society to labor, a portion of the year as an agent, if his services were needed.

Resolutions of the Baltimore Annual Conference, in reference to "changes in the restriction rules," were read and laid over for action at our next session.

The report of last year, on the "Religious condition and wants of the country," was re-adopted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

The Trustees of Claflin University reported to the Conference that, from the list nominated, the following gentlemen had been elected members of the Board, in conformity with the act of incorporation :

Hon. J. J. Wright, Columbia, S. C. ; R. S. Rust, D. D., Cincinnati, Ohio ; Henry J. Fox, D. D., Oro, S. C. ; Rev. V. H. Bulkley, Columbia, S. C.

Records read and approved, and the Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

CHRISTMAS, THE HOLY SABBATH.

Love Feast in the College Chapel, conducted by Brother Rosemond.

Bishop Simpson preached a "Christmas" sermon at half-past ten o'clock, after which he ordained *twenty-eight* Deacons.

Rev. Dr. Walden preached at three o'clock, after which the Bishop ordained *ten* Elders.

A. W. Cummings, D. D., preached at night. The services during the day were attended with a most blessed influence.

FIFTH DAY.

Dr. Fox in the chair. Opening services conducted by Brother Hampton.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ADOPTED.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Whereas, in many of our circuits the work is retarded and embarrassed for the want of comfortable houses of worship, and as our Church Extension Society has done much, and proposes to do still more, to aid us in this direction, therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That each preacher shall faithfully present the claims of this Society to his people, and take a collection during the year.

Resolved, 2d, That A. Webster, T. W. Lewis, T. Whittier, J. C. Emerson, F. Smith, Jacob Mills, M. G. Camplin and W. D. Middleton, be appointed and constituted a "Conference Board," as required by the Discipline. (See Discipline page 247.)

MEMOIRS.

Died at his residence in Sumterville, S. C., November 13th, Rev. JOSEPH WHITE, in the thirty-fourth year of his age.

Brother White was one of the young men who early sought an opportunity of connecting himself to the Methodist Episcopal Church, when in the Providence of God it came within his reach. Being impressed that God had called him to preach the Gospel, he connected himself with the Baker Theological Institute. During the few terms he had the privilege of attending this institution, he made the best of his opportunities. As the wants of the regular work were so pressing, he joined the traveling connection at the Conference held in Charleston, four years since, and was ordained by Bishop Scott, under the missionary rule, and appointed to Lynchburg Circuit. Here he labored with marked success for two years.

At our Conference held at Camden, he was admitted into full connection in the Conference, and ordained Elder by Bishop Janes. His next appointment was to the Sumter Circuit. Here he found a large and laborious field of labor, but he did not shrink from the work assigned him, but with commendable zeal went forward in the discharge of his multiplied duties. At the last Conference he was re-appointed to this field. During the latter part of summer he contracted a fever, by over-work and exposure, which proved fatal. During his protracted sickness he seemed to have but little hope or anxiety in reference to his recovery, but endured all in patient submission to the will of God. As his end approached, there seemed to be no cloud to darken his spiritual prospects. He took an affectionate leave of his wife and other friends, asking them not to weep for him, but prepare to meet him in Heaven. Thus, with an unfaltering trust in God, upon the evening of the holy Sabbath, he sweetly fell asleep in Jesus.

He was a good man, and occupied a large place in the confidence of all who knew him. He was studious, improving and useful as a preacher, attending to all departments of his work. His death is a serious loss to our Conference. He leaves an afflicted widow, other relations, and many friends to mourn their loss.

A. WEBSTER, Chairman.

REPORT ON THE RELIGIOUS CONDITION AND WANTS OF THE COUNTRY.

The barbarism of slavery and the demoralization of war, has left the field of our ministerial labor in a sad condition—politically, socially and morally.

The religious institutions of the South are corrupted, and her garments are moth eaten. We are therefore called upon as faithful watchmen in Zion, to lift up our voice like a trumpet, and show unto the people their sins, whether they will hear or forbear.

Necessity is laid upon us to preach the truth in love, counting not our lives dear unto ourselves; and to imitate those "who, through faith, subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword; out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, and turned to flight the army of the aliens." Still our weapons are not *carnal*, but *spiritual* and mighty, through God, to the pulling down of the strongholds of Satan.

We firmly believe that God's great means of a righteous reconstruction in this country are *religious*, rather than *political*.

Out of Zion the true light must shine if it shine at all; and Gospel leaven is the only power that can truly leaven the body politic. Therefore we avow our determination to preach the unadulterated truth as it is in Jesus, with a faith that *staggers not*, believing that

"Right is right since God is God,
And right the day will win."

We re-affirm our solemn conviction that the true basis of organization in State or Church is without distinction of *race* or *color*; and to pander to the prejudices of the white or black race in this regard, will displease our common Father, and bring only evil and disaster in the end.

We pledge ourselves to hold no entangling alliances with any party or organization, or accept of any political or secu-

lar office which may injure our influence and prevent our rebuking sin on account of party ties or obligations.

While we deplore the spirit of opposition among Southern people, "to the manor born," to the progress of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which they erroneously persist in calling the "Northern Church," still we give grateful thanks to God that there is evidently less bitterness and opposition than existed a year ago, and we hail with peculiar pleasure indications of brotherly love and good will from some of the chief ministers and most influential laymen of the Church, South.

We believe that, a most auspicious omen, and that, as a Conference, we do and should heartily respond to all such indications of co-operation and fellowship of every branch of the Church of Christ, and we proclaim as our motto:

"In essentials *unity*,
In non-essentials *liberty*,
In all things *charity*."

T. W. LEWIS, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee would earnestly call the attention of the Conference to the thousands of children within our bounds. We *must* secure them in early childhood as members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and then carefully instruct them in the Holy Scriptures. While faithful in the training of the children, we must remember that our old people should also be instructed in the Bible. We believe that every Methodist should seek to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, as well as in grace. To the old as well as to the young, the Master has said "Search the Scriptures." Your committee, while it regards the publications of our Sunday School Union as superior to every other, they believe that some plan should be devised by which Scripture lessons may be presented in a simple manner, adapted to both old and

young, and we therefore recommend the Conference to adopt the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we request the "Committee on Publication" of our Sunday School Union, to provide for our people a series of *Lesson Tracts*, for home and Sunday School use.

2. *Resolved*, That we request the Sunday School Union to donate a copy of the Sunday School Journal for 1871, to each of our members.

3. *Resolved*, That we will present the claims of the Sunday School Union to all our congregations, and take up collections in its behalf.

4. *Resolved*, That we request the Board of Managers to appoint a committee on application for aid, to be collected at Atlanta, Georgia.

5. *Resolved*, That the Board of Managers be requested to send us, Rev. J. S. Ossander, to spend some time among us in the interest of Sabbath Schools.

J. B. MIDDLETON, Chairman.

BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee beg leave to report that, in their estimation, the American Bible Society is a most important instrumentality in the great work of enlightening, reforming and Christianizing the world—and that as such, it should have the earnest support of all ministers and Christian people.

Resolved 1st, That as ministers we will give our influence and cordial support to the agents of the American Bible Society, in our several fields of labor, and wherever practicable, we will take collections in aid of its funds.

Resolved 2d, That we tender to Rev. E. A. Bolles, D. D., our sincere thanks for his very liberal aid in securing donations of Bibles and Testaments for our Sunday Schools, and in some cases, Bibles for our pulpits; and that we will welcome him to our charges and pulpits, whenever in the work of his agency he may find it convenient to visit us.

Resolved 3d, That the funds in the hands of the committee be paid over to Dr. Bolles for the parent society.

A. W. CUMMINGS, Chairman.

N. B.—Persons wishing to communicate with the Agent of the American Bible Society for South Carolina, will address Rev. E. A. BOLLES, Columbia, S. C.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

The use of intoxicating drinks is an evil most common and most fearful. It is most pernicious and debasing to health, morals and religion; therefore,

Resolved 1st, That we will stem the tide of this terrible scourge of the land, by our practice and our preaching.

Resolved 2d, That "*Total Abstinence*" is the only safe motto for temperance men, and *touch not, taste not, handle not* are three essential knots in the temperance rope, if we would rescue the drunkard and save our youth from destruction.

Resolved 3d, That it is the duty of all ministers of the Gospel to organize and encourage temperance societies, for both old and young, pledging them to total abstinence from all that can intoxicate, and to do all in our power to circulate temperance tracts and papers, and enlighten the people.

Resolved 4th, That we have received with great pleasure the visit of Rev. Dr. Jackson, agent of the Congressional Temperance Society, and that we have listened with interest and profit to his eloquent addresses, and to his statement of the plans and purposes of the society he represents, and we will most gladly co-operate with him or any other agent the Society may send to lecture and circulate temperance literature among the people.

J. C. EMERSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

As Christian ministers we still believe that sanctified education is essential to our healthful growth, as a Conference or a Church; therefore,

Resolved 1st, That it was a favoring providence that brought Claffin University into being thus early in our

history as a Conference. We believe that God led us by His Providence, and raised up friends for us, so that the Trustees hold the ample buildings and their improvements, with the beautiful site of six and a half acres of land, *without debt*, at this present.

A new boarding hall has been erected the past year, which will accommodate fifty students, for which we are chiefly indebted to our friend and patron Hon. Lee Claffin, of Massachusetts.

The Legislature granted an act of incorporation at its last session, and seven rooms have been furnished by societies or friends, after whom they have been named. The Methodist Freedman's Aid Society, through Rev. R. S. Rust, D. D., their efficient Secretary, has done nobly in sustaining our Professors and Teachers. We congratulate the Trustees on their success in procuring so able a board of instructors. Prof. J. Marcy, a graduate of Wesleyan University, and W. H. Crogman, of Massachusetts, were added to the Faculty at the commencement of last term, and have already made their mark as competent and faithful educators.

A piano of superior compass and tone has been donated to the Trustees, by the friends of the University in Boston.

Miss Ella Webster, a competent teacher in vocal and instrumental music, will give instruction in her department. Mrs. J. Marcy has a well drilled class in the Preparatory Department.

We look upon Claffin University as our fathers did upon Middleton and Cokesbury. We believe it supplies an essential want in the present state of our work, and under God and by the favor of those whose hearts he will open, it will prove a glorious success. Your Committee offer the following resolutions:

1ST. That we approve the doings and *plans* of the Trustees, so far as published, and assure them of our cordial support.

2ND. We will make known to the people of our charges, the wants and advantages of this institution, and induce the youth, as far as possible, to avail themselves of its benefits.

3RD. We will do our best to send at least one student from each circuit, even if we have to take collections to defray expenses of board and incidentals.

4TH. That we will use our influence and aid to establish and sustain public *free schools* throughout the State, and co-operate with School Commissioners and Trustees, and urge parents to educate their children.

T. W. LEWIS, Chairman.

APPOINTMENTS.

Charleston District.

A. WEBSTER, PRESIDING ELDER,
(Post office, Orangeburg, S. C.)

		<i>Raise for Missions.</i>
Charleston :		
Centenary Church, } T. W. Lewis, {		\$400
Old Bethel, } Wm. O. Weston, {		200
Wesley Chapel, } Assistant. {		100
Mount Pleasant, Suplied by W. D. Middleton,		10
Beaufort, Joseph Garrison, - - - - -		100
John's Island and Wadmalaw, J. Hamilton, -		25
Ashepoo, F. Smith, - - - - -		10
Georgetown and Waccamaw, Z. Duncan, - -		25
Branchville, T. Phillips, - - - - -		40
Edisto Forks, Supplied by L. Johnson, - -		20
Barnwell, L. Arthur, - - - - -		100
Blackville, A. Middleton, D. Minus, - - -		50
Orangeburg, to be supplied - - - - -		80
Camden, Samuel Weston, - - - - -		125
* Columbia, V. H. Bulkley, - - - - -		25
Lynch's Creek, J. Boston, - - - - -		25
Sumter, Burrel James, Scipio O'Rea, - -		100
Lynchburg, John Burroughs, - - - - -		50
Timmons ville, Stephen Jett, - - - - -		30
Florence, Joshau E. Wilson, Jr., - - -		80
Effingham, E. J. Snetter, - - - - -		10
Marion, Wm. Darrington, M. K. Holloway, -		80
Mar's Bluff, S. S. Lawton, - - - - -		20
Darlington, J. B. Middleton, - - - - -		100
Society Hill, to be supplied, - - - - -		10

Cheraw, R. J. Donaldson, J. E. Lowery, - - -	100
Bennettsville, E. M. Pinckney, - - - - -	25
Oro, H. J. Fox, Wm. H. Scott, - - - - -	50
Chesterfield, Thomas Sowell, - - - - -	15

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Summerville District.

J. A. SASPORTAS, PRESIDING ELDER,
(Post office Summerville, S. C.)

		<i>Raise for Missions.</i>
Summerville, F. W. Sasportas, - - - - -		\$40
Walterboro', supplied by Dennis Rivers, -		30
Cyprus, to be supplied, - - - - -		10
Round O, to be supplied, - - - - -		10
St. Paul's Parish, L. Rivers, - - - - -		15
Cattle Creek, M. Stewart, - - - - -		15
Mount Holly and Goose Creek, Wm. Evans, -		30
Cooper River, J. Garrett, - - - - -		35
St. Stephen's and Gourdin's, A. D. Walker, -		15
Kingstree, S. W. Hampton, - - - - -		80
Turkey Creek, James Chatman, - - - - -		20
St. Andrew's and Horsepen, to be supplied, -		10
St. Luke's and Enoch Station, to be supplied, -		10
Taveaux Church, Thomas Evans, - - - - -		20
Cedar Swamp, A. Cooper, - - - - -		10

Greenville District.

T. WHITTIER, PRESIDING ELDER,
(Post office Greenville, S. C.)

		<i>Raise for Missions.</i>
Greenville, B. L. Roberts, - - - - -		\$60
Greenville Circuit, C. T. Hopkins, - - -		50
Williamston, Ephraim Greene, - - - - -		10
Saluda, D. Owens, - - - - -		10
Reedy River, George Gray, - - - - -		10

Eureka Grove, J. Simmons, - - - - -	\$10
Morris Chapel, to be supplied, - - - - -	10
Pickens Circuit and Court House, to be supplied, - - - - -	10
Shady Grove, Isaac Mazyck, - - - - -	10
Walhalla, R. A. Fletcher, - - - - -	10
Tugaloo, to be supplied, - - - - -	10
Pendleton, George Maxwell, - - - - -	10
Seneca, J. B. Payton, - - - - -	10
Anderson, E. Carlisle, - - - - -	20
Mulwee, S. Simmons, - - - - -	10
Mt. Sinai and Belton, to be supplied, - - - - -	10
Abbeville, to be supplied, - - - - -	10
Edgefield, A. Thompson, - - - - -	10
Newberry and Union, to be supplied, - - - - -	10
Spartanburg, J. R. Rosemond, - - - - -	25
Spartanburg Mission, to be supplied, - - - - -	10
Spartanburg Circuit, W. F. Parker, - - - - -	10
Packalet, Tiger River and Cedar Springs, to be supplied, - - - - -	10
Yorkville, Thomas Wright, - - - - -	25
Macedonia, J. K. Wagoner, - - - - -	10
Cherokee, J. Adams, - - - - -	10
Green Pond, E. Smith, - - - - -	10
Copper Mine, T. Camp, - - - - -	10
Rock Hill, P. Witherspoon, - - - - -	10
Harmony, S. Dunham, - - - - -	10
Chester, to be supplied, - - - - -	10

A. W. CUMMINGS,

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Spartanburg Quarterly Conference.

St. John's District, (Fla.)

GEO. NEWCOMB, PRESIDING ELDER.

Post office, Jacksonville, Fla.

	<i>Raise for Missions.</i>
Jacksonville, C. C. Managault, - - - - -	\$70
Greenfield, Dennis Fuller, - - - - -	15
St. Augustine, Joseph Howard, - - - - -	10
Ocala, J. Felder, L. Roper, - - - - -	40
Orange Creek, H. Walker, - - - - -	20

Owens and Flemington, E. Sabie, - - - - -	\$20
Micanopy and Ft. Crane, J. E. Hills, - - - - -	40
Gordon, A. Ross, - - - - -	20
Gainsville, to be supplied, - - - - -	30
Archer, M. Sturks, - - - - -	10
Levillie, J. Welch, - - - - -	10
Cedar Keys and Brunson, Wm. Doby, - - - - -	10
Free Canaan, Waldo and Stark, E. Ferguson, - - - - -	25
Orange Spring, to be supplied, - - - - -	10

Suwanee District, (Fla.)

J. C. EMERSON, PRESIDING ELDER.

Post office, Fernandina, Fla.

	<i>Raise for Missions.</i>
Fernandina, Isaac Davis, - - - - -	\$50
King's Ferry, T. Holsendorff, - - - - -	10
Lake City and Saunders, W. J. Salmond, - - - - -	25
Columbia, I. Johnson, - - - - -	20
Pleasant Plain, S. Welch, - - - - -	15
Liberty Hill, A. Devose, - - - - -	15
Newnansville, B. Garmon, - - - - -	30
Lafayette, R. Small, - - - - -	10
Cornell's Pond, supplied by D. Wade, - - - - -	10

N. B.—The Conference voted to raise \$3,000 missionary money the coming year, and it *can be done*, if each preacher will raise the amount set against his charge in the foregoing appointments. Let each Pastor set aside one Sabbath a month for missionary collections, and every leader collect a "penny a week" from each member, and every Presiding Elder fire the hearts of the people on this subject, at every Quarterly Conference.

As an incentive to exertion, T. W. Lewis proposes to give "Porter's Compendium of Methodism," or some other valuable book, to each preacher who brings to Conference the full assessment for his charge the coming year, providing the brethren who are successful will write him at least two weeks before the Conference.

Resolutions were passed thanking Bishop Simpson for his efficient services for us, and his affectionate interest in us as a Conference, and requesting the Episcopal Board, if possible, to assign him to this Conference another year, also to Dr. Fox, for his valuable lecture on "Self Culture;" to the railroad agents for reducing the fare to and from Conference, and to the good people of Orangeburg, for their hospitable entertainment.

The seat of our next Conference was fixed at Charleston, and the Bishop was requested to make the *time* of the session the first Wednesday in January, 1872, if practicable.

Conference adjourned.

Statistics of the South Carolina Conference, reported at the Sixth Annual Session, January 20, 1870.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults Baptized.	Children Baptized.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Collected for Missions.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.
Centenary, Charleston.....	1563	31	313	5	161	175	1	40000	428 28	1	27	550
Old Bethel.....	471	14	78	1	58	90	1	4000	130 62	1	19	325
Wesley Chapel.....	449	16	70	2	36	51	1	5000	50 66	1	14	275
Mt. Pleasant.....	40	.....	54	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	48
Beaufort.....	675	11	64	12	37	68	4	2250	80 00	4	14	268
Cooper River.....	540	8	62	18	58	68	2	1000	35 00	4	8	150
John & James Islands	600	20	50	8	40	28	3	800	22 80	4	11	115
Ashapoo.....	67	6	5	.....	10	47	1	100	3 60	1	3	18
Georgetown & Waccamaw..	120	10	22	8	8	10	2	600	20 00	1	3	32
Branchville.....	500	4	70	3	30	75	4	500	35 00	5	15	213
Edisto Forks.....	225	3	50	.....	.....	.....	1	300	15 20	2	4	100
Barnwell.....	513	4	250	6	53	19	5	1315	85 00	6	12	226
Blackville.....	342	4	225	4	71	61	3	800	35 00	4	9	158
Orangeburg.....	700	5	75	4	37	100	5	700	85 00	5	15	285
Camden.....	820	15	236	6	150	220	7	5000	102 65	10	30	600
Columbia.....	15	1	15	.....	.....	1	1	1600	15 90	1	2	37
Lynch Creek.....	50	7	30	.....	11	34	1	300	25 00	2	4	85
Sumter.....	900	11	125	9	39	40	8	1000	50 00	5	10	250
Lynchburg.....	447	15	46	5	47	100	1	800	50 00	4	6	168
Timmons ville.....	229	9	60	.....	7	16	1	300	22 36	2	5	40
Florence.....	741	2	8	7	10	8	1	600	60 00	3	5	95
Marion.....	589	4	260	9	41	59	3	1650	60 00	4	20	250
Marr's Bluff.....	342	2	191	2	19	9	1	700	30 00	2	6	160
Darlington.....	1054	7	218	13	67	32	2	2400	50 00	9	24	700
Society Hill.....	38	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	25
Cheraw.....	350	4	191	3	30	70	2	1500	55 00	3	24	286
Bennettsville.....	222	1	133	4	39	32	2	100	8 00	3	9	146
Oro.....	79	2	90	.....	59	28	2	250	40 00	2	18	120
Chesterfield.....	190	3	26	1	39	24	1	100	10 00	2	6	45
Total.....	13881	219	3019	131	1158	1455	66	73665	1604 17	93	328	5769

FLORIDA DISTRICT.

Fernandina.....	115	9	19	4	10	20	1	2000	25 00	2	6	90
Jacksonville.....	165	2	25	2	25	14	2	3250	35 00	1	8	35
Greenfield.....	75	2	16	2	8	4	1	200	.....	1	5	35
St. Augustine.....	18	1	4	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	15
Ocala.....	240	2	101	4	62	120	2	550	18 70	3	8	150
Orange Creek.....	50	8	30	2	9	10	1	200	.....	.....	.....	.....
Owens.....	268	.....	9	3	26	14	3	1400	8 00	1	2	64
Micanopy.....	300	8	50	2	35	40	2	100	20 00	2	14	150
Nunansville.....	218	1	43	3	15	37	2	300	10 00	2	6	40
Columbia.....	62	.....	115	.....	20	17	2	200	9 80	3	4	66
Gordon & Freedom.....	70	2	28	1	14	4	3	400	8 00	2	5	110
Gainesville.....	100	4	25	1	5	25	1	1830	20 00	1	6	65
Fort Craze.....	33	8	14	.....	6	19	.....	.....	4 00	1	3	60
Liberty Hill.....	96	1	43	3	12	41	1	350	10 00	1	2	30
Pleasant Plains.....	100	6	30	3	15	58	2	500	.....	2	2	115
Archer.....	20	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	200	4 00	.....	.....	.....
Leviville.....	100	.....	250	1	.....	.....	3	400	.....	2	3	91
Free Manan.....	34	.....	11	1	.....	.....	1	200	.....	1	4	22
Walton & Stark.....	35	1	20	1	4	6	3	450	10 00	2	2	55
Lalanty.....	133	2	21	3	11	91	3	300	12 00	3	4	75
Ki.....	35	1	15	1	5	30	1	3	20
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