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W. F. Parker, E. M. Pinckney, V. H. Buckley.

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3d Year.—Henry J. Fox, B. L. Roberts, S. Weston.
4th Year.—A. Webster, E. M. Pinckney, T. Phillips.

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To preach the Annual Missionary Sermon.—A. Webster, J. B. Middleton, alternate.

Triers of Appeals.—A. Webster, T. Whittier, J. A. Sasportas, F. W. Parker, V. H. Buckley, S. Weston, W. Darrington.

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DEACONS.
The following were received on Trial—Primus Young, Alexander Adams, Gibbs Carter, Willis Jenkins, Benjamin Robertson, Andrew Glover, Elijah Chancellor, Charles E. Butler, George Taylor.
Continued on Trial.—William Evans, George Grey, Joseph Simmons, Dock Owens, Samuel Simmons, Absolom Thompson, Shepard Dunham, P. Witherspoon, M. K. Holloway, A. Walker, Ephraim Smith, James Wagner, James Chatman, July Harris, Lisbon Johnson, Jerry McCloud, James Brown, James A. Brown, Scipio Green, Waiters McIntosh, Francis D. Smith.

Received into Full Connexion.—Daniel Mimms, Burrel James, Irving E. Lowery, S. S. Lawton, Morris Steward, Absolom Cooper, F. W. Sasportas, Charles T. Hopkins, Joshua Garrett, B. L. Roberts, R. A. Fletcher, Joseph Peyton.


2d Class.—Samuel Simmons.

The Following were Ordained Local Deacons by Bishop Ames at Greenville:


APPOINTMENTS FOR 1873.

Charleston District.

TRUE WHITTIER, PRESIDING ELDER.

Charleston: H. J. Fox, (P.O. Box, 109.) S. Weston.
Mount Pleasant, to be supplied.
Beaufort, to be supplied.
Ashepoo, to be supplied.
Wadmalaw and John’s Island, Francis Smith.
Horry, Z. Duncan.
Waccamaw, to be supplied.
Branchville, Thomas Phillips.
Edisto Forks, L. Johnson.
Barnwell, A. Middleton.
Blackville and Aiken, L. Arthur.
Allendale, D. Mimms, P. Young.
Orangeburg, A. Webster, one to be supplied.

Camden, E. M. Pinckney.
St. Paula and St. Matthew’s, J. Brown, G. Carter.
Columbia, I. E. Lowery.
Lynch’s Creek, W. McIntosh.
Sumter, B. James, one to be supplied.
Maysville, J. Burrows.
Lynchburg, S. Jett.
Timmonsville, John Boston.
Florence, J. E. Wilson.
Effingham and Black Creek, F. D. Smith.
Marion, W. H. Scott, M. K. Holloway.
Marr’s Bluff, S. Lawton.
Darlington, J. B. Middleton.
Cheraw, supplied, W. O. Weston.
Bennettsville and Society Hill, Jerry McCloud.
Oro, S. W. Hampton.
Jefferson, A. Adams.
Bull Swamp, July Harris.
A. Webster, President Claflin University.
A. W. Cummings, Professor in South Carolina University, member of Columbia Quarterly Conference.
Henry J. Fox, Professor of English Literature in Claflin University.
E. W. Jackson, Agent of the Congressional Temperance Society, member of Orangeburg Quarterly Conference.
R. J. Donaldson, Financial Agent of Claflin University, member of Columbia Quarterly Conference.

Summerville District.

J. A. SASTORTAS, PRESIDING ELDER.

Summerville, F. W. Sasportas.
Round O, John Mitchell.
Cypress Circuit, James Haynes.
St. Paul’s, to be supplied.
Cattle Creek, Morris Stewart.
Mount Holly and Goose Creek, William Evans.
Enoch Station, Henry Daniels.
St. Andrews, E. J. Snetter.
Ten Miles Hill, to be supplied.
Black River, James Chatman.
Walterborough Station, Christopher Lucas.
Walterborough Circuit, Aaron Rivers.
Hickory Hill, Lewis Rivers.
Kingtree, W. Darrington.
Turkey Creek, March McCutcheon.
Worthing Church, to be supplied.
Cedar Swamp, A. Cooper.
Horsepen, to be supplied.
St. Stephen’s and Gourdin’s, A. D. Walker.
Cooper River, Thomas Evans.
Rimtou, Cato Waring.
St. John’s, Joshua S. Garrett.
Hickory Grove, to be supplied.

Branch River District.

W. F. PARKER, Presiding Elder.

Spartanburg, to be supplied.
Reedy River, to be supplied.
Silver Hill, Tiger River and Fair Forest, J. R. Rosemond.
Golden Grove, to be supplied.
Greenville, B. L. Roberts.
Greenville Circuit, G. Gray.
Union, J. A. Brown.
Packolet and Thicketty, to be supplied.
Gold Mines, to be supplied.
Macedonia, J. R. Wagner.
Yorkville, C. E. Butler.
Yorkville Circuit and Rock Hill, T. Wright, P. Witherspoon.
Green Pond and Cherokee, E. Smith.
Chester Line, G. Taylor.
East Chester and Lancaster, S. Durham.

Saluda District.

V. H. BUCKLEY, Presiding Elder.

Saluda and Macedonia, D. Owens, S. Green.
Shady Grove, to be supplied.
Walhalla, R. A. Fletcher.
Tugaloo, A. Glover.
Pendleton and Anderson, G. T. Hopkins, B. Robertson.
Seneca, E. Chancellor.
Mount Sinai, to be supplied.
Mulwee, Samuel Simmons.
Williamston and Belton, J. B. Peyton.
Moorus Chapel and Lautens, J. Simmons.
Abbeville, R. H. Valentine.
Edgefield, A. Thompson.
Ninety-Six and Newberry, N. Drayton.
J. G. Thompson, transferred to Tennessee Conference.
SYNOPSIS OF JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

The South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Greenville, January 15th, 1873. Bishop Ames presiding.

The Bishop presiding opened the Conference by reading a selection from the Holy Scriptures, and offering prayer.

The Secretary of the preceding Conference called the roll.

On motion, Henry J. Fox was re-appointed Secretary, and V. H. Buckley and Louis Rivers, Assistant-Secretaries.

The presiding Elders were appointed a Committee to nominate the Standing Committees. While the Conference was waiting for the report, Chaplain McCabe delighted the Conference by singing one of his inspiring spiritual songs.

The Conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for Thirty-Five Dollars.

Several items of the minute business were attended to and the Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

Religious exercises were conducted by J. B. Middleton. The characters of effective were examined. Trustees for the Claflin University were elected. Answered the questions, Who are received into full connection? Who remain on trial?

The Rev. E. A. Bolles, Agent of the American Bible Society, addressed the Conference, which then adjourned.

THIRD DAY.


Considered the questions, Who are continued on trial? Who are the Deacons? The following places were put in nomination as the seat of the next Conference: Camden, Orangeburg, Columbia, Summerville. Columbia having received a majority of the votes cast, it was, on motion, unanimously resolved that it be the seat of the next Conference.

The reports of the Committees on Freedman's Aid Society, State of the Country, reported and reports adopted. Considered the question, Who are admitted on trial?

Edward Snetter made application for re-admission into the Conference. He was re-admitted.

Notices were read, the Doxology sung, Benediction pronounced by Brother Stevens of the M. E. Church South, and the Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.


The Bishop announced the Committees of examination, official preachers, and on nomination of the Conference, the Triers of Appeals, the Committee on Church extension reported, and was adopted. Deacons were elected. The Committee on Missions reported, and report adopted. The Auditing Committee made a detailed and extended report, which was adopted.

Henry J. Fox offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted: Whereas, it appears, from the report of the Auditing Committee, that one hundred dollars of the appropriation made to William H. Scott on the Kingstree charge, has been appropriated by the Presiding Elder, J. A. Sasportas, to the support of the other brethren laboring on the same charge, and, whereas, it appears that Brother Scott has received a better support than his brethren: Therefore be it Resolved, 1: That though the
Conference condemns the irregularity referred to, it recommends that the distribution of the money remain undisturbed. Resolved
2: That in the other cases of irregularity complained of in the Summerville District, Brother J. A. Sasportas make such a settlement with the brethren whose claims are unsatisfied as shall be fair and just.

The Committee on Education reported, and the report was adopted.

On motion the Committee on Publication of Minutes was instructed to print an edition of not less than one thousand: Five hundred for the Charleston District, the remainder to the other Districts, pro rata.

The Committee on Temperance reported, and the report was adopted.

Bishop Ames stated to the Conference that some friends of the church had placed in his hands funds to aid in the work of Church Extension within the bounds of this Conference, and that he held himself ready to grant fifty dollars to each of twelve churches as may be built during the present year, provided that they are free from debt on the day of dedication.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported, and the report was adopted.

Notices were given, and the Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Religious exercises by Dr. Webster. The Committee on Bible Cause reported, the report was adopted.

The Stewards made their report, which was adopted, as was the report of the Committee on Statistics. Various resolutions of thanks were adopted. The appointments was read by Bishop Ames.

On motion it was Resolved, That the first afternoon of the next session be set apart for the reception of Statistics, and that every preacher in charge be required to have his Statistics in readiness, and at the same time pay in all trust funds.

The journal was read and approved, and the Conference adjourned.

REPORTS.

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education would submit the following:

The past year, through the blessing of God, has been one of success in this cause, so fondly christened by our church. Since the last session of our Conference the Legislature of the State has located the State Agricultural College and Mechanics' Institute at Orangeburg, in connection with the Claflin University. The location and facilities there afforded to carry into practical operation this State institution clearly indicates the wisdom of this legislation, and gives promise of success and permanence to this Institution.

Hon. William Claflin of Massachusetts has exhibited a commendable interest in the success of the University, named in honor of his father, by personally visiting the Institution, suggesting improvements and giving liberally to carry them into successful operation. By his aid a new building has been erected, affording four ample recitation rooms. These rooms have been furnished with modern school furniture through Dr. Rust of the Freedman's Aid Society of our church. This addition was greatly needed for the comfort and success of those connected with the Institution in its increasing prosperity.

The number of students in attendance from different portions of the State was never so great as at the present time. Many are there with a commendable zeal to be fitted for the position of teachers in our State Schools, while others are feeling that God has called them to preach the gospel, and they wish to be prepared in

SABBATH SERVICES.

In the morning the Bishop preached a pungent and powerful sermon, after which the Deacons were ordained. In the afternoon Dr. Webster preached to a large and much edified congregation. At night the church was crowded to hear the Missionary Sermon by Dr. Fox.
turn to instruct others and be successful in winning souls to Christ. This number might be greatly increased if the means were only provided to aid in defraying their expenses while at the Institution. Some of our preachers have begun the good work of taking collections to aid young men of promise in securing the advantages of this Institution, and the fruit of such commendable efforts will be seen after many days.

The press and material purchased by Hon. Lee Claffin, for the publication of the Charleston Advocate, has been returned from Atlanta to the University, and will be included in the Mechanical Department of the Institution to afford facilities for students to learn the art of printing and a medium of access to public attention. The Trustees design to demonstrate that as good a school for all the purposes of a practical education may be found in our State as exists in any other section of the country.

Your Committee would offer for your consideration the following resolutions:

1. Resolved: That we feel a deep interest in the practical working of the free school system of our State, and will use our best efforts to make it so successful that its advantages shall be within the reach of all.

2. Resolved: That we feel deeply our lack of educational facilities in the want of competent teachers for our State and Sabbath Schools, and that we respectfully ask the Freedman’s Aid Society of our church to give special attention to this matter and use their best efforts to meet this pressing demand.

3. Resolved: That we will encourage and aid by collections and other means the attendance of our young people upon the advantages afforded by the Normal and Theological Departments of the Claffin University.

4. Resolved: That we ask the special attention of the Educational Society of our church to the peculiar wants of our work in this section, and respectfully ask that our young men here as well as elsewhere may receive needed aid in fitting them for useful labors in serving the interests of the cause of God and humanity.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. FOX.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Last year the Conference adopted, among other resolutions upon the subject of Church Extension, the following:

Resolved: That we will present the claims of the Church Extension Society on all our charges, and take collections for the same during the next year.

Your Committee regret to report that the response to this resolution has been very meagre. Only thirteen charges out of sixty-five have reported collections. The entire amount collected has been but $48.65. Many of our churches have been erected through the aid extended in time of need by the Parent Board. Homeless congregations have been sheltered, Sabbath Schools have been organized and Methodism securely planted by the timely help thus afforded.

This Conference is surely under the greatest obligation to deal faithfully by the Parent Board, and to render it hearty and enthusiastic support, and to prove our sincerity by raising the entire assessment made upon us as a Conference by the General Committee.

Therefore be it Resolved: That we request the Presiding Elders to assess the entire amount asked of us by the General Committee upon the various charges early in the year, and to furnish each preacher in charge with a statement of the amount he is expected to raise, and we pledge ourselves to use every effort to raise the same.

Resolved: That the following persons be appointed officers and managers of the Conference Board of Church Extension for the ensuing year:

ALONZO WEBSTER, D.D., President.
REV. TRUE WHITTIER, Vice-President.
HENRY J. Fox, D.D., Recording Secretary.
A. W. CUMMINGS, D.D., Corresponding Secretary.
REV. R. J. DONALDSON, Treasurer.


C. C. McCABE.
AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We have examined the accounts of Rev. Alonzo Webster, Presiding Elder of the Charleston District, and find that the appropriations have been paid in full, as they were made by the Committee to the preachers appointed to the charges upon his district.

We have examined the accounts of Rev. True Whittier, and find:
1st. That there is an error of $18.00 in the footing of the appropriations made to the charges. The true footing is $2,858. It stands upon the record $2,840. The missionary drafts were drawn by the Bishop for the latter amount. The vouchers of Brother Whittier account for $2,831.90, leaving in his hands a balance of $8.10.

We have examined the accounts of Rev. J. A. Sasportas, and find the total amount of the appropriation to his District accounted for, but not according to report of Committee on Appropriation.

HENRY J. FOX.

BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause respectfully report, that after another year's labor as a Conference we are more than ever impressed with the necessity of placing the Holy Scriptures in the hands of all our people.

We are also pleased to report an increasing desire on the part of our people to possess and read the Bible. They are rapidly learning to read, and the progress that has been made in their education thereby enabling them to have the Scriptures read in their homes, is one of the grounds of our present success and the guarantee of our future prosperity. Next to the preaching of the word, we urge the reading of the word from house to house as the best means to establish and perpetuate godliness.

Our thanks are due to the American Bible Society and its Agent in this State, the Rev. E. A. Bolles, for valuable help in placing at our disposal Bibles and Testaments for distribution among our destitute congregations. The Local Auxiliary Bible Societies in many sections are inimical or at least indifferent to our efforts, but Mr. Bolles has overstepped this indifference and tacit opposition and cheerfully and heartily co-operated with us in the work, in accordance with that Christian liberality which has always been and is the chief glory of the American Bible Society. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That each preacher shall endeavour to place a Bible in every family in his charge, either by purchase or donation.
2. That in every pastoral visit the preacher shall read to the family a portion of God's Word.
3. That a collection be taken in each charge during the ensuing year for the Bible Cause.

W. J. DONALDSON.

FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

The Committee upon the Freedman's Aid Society beg leave to offer the following report:

When the oppressed race of the South awoke to the idea that in God's wonder-working Providence they were really free, they discovered also that freedom was their only inheritance. Of earthly means, experience and skill they were almost totally destitute. What to do, where to go, how to live, became the all engrossing questions forced upon them by their new and changed relations. At first they were puzzled, perplexed and annoyed. Their extremity became God's opportunity. Under His guidance the agencies were at hand to furnish at least temporary supplies for their physical, mental, moral and religious wants. The commissary stores of the government, when other resources failed, provided them food. The ministers and teachers (among them are some lives of precious memory), sent here by the philanthropists and christians of the free States were here on the ground to furnish them sympathy, instruction and guidance in their heroic efforts to guide their own bark upon the tempestuous ocean of free life. The Freedman's Aid Society became a necessity of the emancipated and enfranchised race, and nobly has it executed its high and holy commission. The Methodist Episcopal Church has re-organized it as one of its providential agencies in diffusing light, disseminating truth and in
leading the thousands committed to its care to the fountains of knowledge and the mansions of eternal life. Supported by its means schools have been opened and teachers provided in various parts of the South, and as the income of the Society shall increase, these schools and teachers will be multiplied.

Your Committee therefore urge upon all the pastors of our churches to annually present the claims of this Society to their people, and secure as liberal collections as possible in aid of its funds, remembering that every dollar given is returned ten, twenty or fifty fold in the support of our cherished Claflin University, and other denominational schools. Your Committee take great pleasure in referring to the zeal, efficiency and success attending the labors of the Corresponding Secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society, Rev. R. S. Rust, D.D., and they devoutly implore Heaven's blessing upon him in the work entrusted to his care by the General Conference, and cordially solicit the continuance of his visits to our annual sessions. Respectfully submitted,

A. W. CUMMINGS.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

Intemperance tends to degradation, poverty and want, blinds the sensibilities and drags its victims below the brute creation, reducing them to the level of demons. It has entered all classes and is found among all societies. And whereas, it is greatly on the increase among us and is the prime cause of much of the crimes committed, thereby filling our prisons and almshouses with inmates. Therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That we recommend our preachers to organize Temperance Societies on their several circuits and stations, among the children and youths especially.

2. That a committee of two be appointed from this Conference, to confer with the authorities of the National Division Sons of Temperance, for the purpose of establishing said order among the colored people of our State.

3. That we earnestly request the Congressional Temperance Association to send their Agent, Rev. E. W. Jackson, D.D., on a lecturing tour in our State, and also a continuance of their valuable tracts, so generously bestowed heretofore. Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. MIDDLETON.

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

The Committee on the State of the Country beg leave to report that, under the wise administration and faithful execution of the laws of Congress, those acts of violence by the oath-bound secret klians which rendered life and property so insecure in portions of our Conference territory during the ever memorable years 1870-71 have terminated and peace again reigns in all our borders. Some of the leaders in that terrible conspiracy, which sought by controlling the ballot-box to overthrow our State government and practically enslave thousands of freemen, have been arraigned, convicted and are now serving out their term of imprisonment. Many others pled guilty to the charges of violence and outrage and are receiving merited punishment. It is sad to contemplate, in the light of the facts established by the proceedings of the highest courts of our country, the great numbers engaged in these atrocious acts and especially the positions that some of the leaders occupied in the various communities, while many of the perpetrators were ignorant and evidently mis-led by the better informed. Others were of the former governing classes among us, legislators, magistrates, teachers, graduates of our colleges, and sad to say, ministers in some of our churches. The scandal to religion, the injury to public morals growing out of this state of facts is most melancholy and humiliating. But we rejoice to feel assured that the reign of terror and alarm is ended. Our country and State is blest with general prosperity. The laws are enforced, industry is encouraged, the rights of all are guaranteed. This season of peace and prosperity should be improved by us as ministers in building up the waste places of Zion, extending the fields of religious
activity, and aiding so far as we are able in pushing forward all the enterprises of the church, and hastening the day when all shall know the Lord. Respectfully submitted,

A. W. CUMMINGS.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools would report that there is still a great demand for efficient labor in this department and would ask the Conference to adopt the following resolutions:

1. Resolved: That the preachers on their several circuits or stations bring the subject more directly to the people and in render all the aid in their power to effect perfect organizations.

2. Resolved: That we tender our sincere gratitude to the Sunday School Union in their endeavors in this direction.

3. Resolved: That a special sermon be preached in all the churches and a collection be taken up in aid of the Sunday School Union. Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN L. ROBERTS.

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.
(Special Report.)

Charleston City,

Brother Gradduck's Class,.................................................. $30 00
" Holloway's Class,.................................................. 18 00
" Mill's Class,.................................................. 21 75
" Wigfall's Class,.................................................. 53 50
" Middleton's Class,.................................................. 20 00
" Weston, (W. O.,).................................................. 44 50
" Howard,.................................................. 20 00
" Hazel.................................................. 23 11
" Ford.................................................. 21 00
" Gibbs,.................................................. 15 00

Brother Austin.................................................. 8 40
" Ryan,.................................................. 7 00
" Cochran,.................................................. 10 80
" Cole,.................................................. 4 61
" Jones,.................................................. 11 75
" Scott,.................................................. 13 00
" Drayton,.................................................. 6 25
" McNeil.................................................. 5 60
" Small,.................................................. 20 50
" Johnson,.................................................. 6 50
" Gadsen.................................................. 6 78
" Rivers,.................................................. 8 45
" Matthews,.................................................. 9 00
" Richardson, (R.,).................................................. 5 65
" Bird.................................................. 6 65
" Simmons.................................................. 8 20
" Camplin.................................................. 20 25
" Saunders.................................................. 20 00
" Richardson, (S.,).................................................. 4 75
" Holman.................................................. 1 30
" Murrow.................................................. 9 00
" McLain.................................................. 5 00
" Smith.................................................. 31 45
" Patterson.................................................. 50
" Perry.................................................. 11 75
" Wilson, (John,).................................................. 8 62
" Wilson, (Joshua,).................................................. 17 50
" Miller.................................................. 26 00
" Berry.................................................. 10 50
" Pickenspack.................................................. 15 50
" Cochran.................................................. 12 75
" Brown.................................................. 18 25
" Brazamom.................................................. 29 95
" Perry.................................................. 10 50
" Miles.................................................. 6 00

Sunday School Bethel,.................................................. 22 50
Resolutions of Thanks.

Resolved: That our thanks are hereby tendered to our venerable President, Bishop Ames, who has presided over our present session with so much dignity and pre-eminent ability, and we beg to assure him that his presence will ever be highly gratifying to us at our annual sessions, and we will ever be grateful for his kind offices in behalf of our educational and other church enterprises. We earnestly pray that he may be preserved from accidents, and be aided by large measures of grace and spiritual comfort during his present arduous Episcopal tour.

A. W. CUMMINGS.

Resolved: That our thanks are especially tendered to J. P. Southern, Esq., Proprietor of the Mansion House in this city, to Hon. James M. Allen and family, and the other kind families of Greenville who have extended such a generous hospitality to the Bishop and members of this Conference during our present session, and we implore upon each of them heaven's richest blessing.

Resolved: That we have been greatly pleased and benefited by the presence and labors of Rev. C. C. McCabe, Assistant Secretary of the Ch. Ex. Soc., to our session, and request the renewal of his visit next year.
SAVINGS DEPARTMENT.

Deposits of One Dollar and upwards are received, and Pass Books furnished by this Bank, upon which the amount can be drawn at any time.

Next in importance to the advancement of the people in Religion and Education, is their advancement in material prosperity. This can only be accomplished by a careful saving of their earnings, and it is the duty of their Teachers to inculcate habits of saving and explain how it can be done.

One of the surest modes is to persuade the people to place their savings in Bank. Savings Banks have been found by practical experience to be among the grandest agencies in the world for the elevation of the laboring people.

Those at a distance can remit any amount through their Pastors or Post Masters to this Bank, and Pass Books will be returned free of expense to the Depositor. The Deposits will bear the usual interest and can be drawn by letter at any time.
### Statistics of the South Carolina Conference, reported at the Eighth Annual Session, January 15-19, 1874.

#### CHARLESTON DISTRICT

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**APPENDIX**

- **Circuit and Stations**
  - Charleston: 360 members, property $1,000, missions 200, school 200.
  - Georgetown: 400 members, property $1,000, missions 200, school 200.
  - Sumter: 350 members, property $1,000, missions 200, school 200.

- **Circuit and Stations**
  - Summerville: 550 members, property $1,000, missions 200, school 200.
  - Walterboro: 400 members, property $1,000, missions 200, school 200.
  - Sumter: 350 members, property $1,000, missions 200, school 200.

- **Greenville District**
  - Greenville: 320 members, property $1,000, missions 200, school 200.
  - Sumter: 350 members, property $1,000, missions 200, school 200.
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- **various stations**
  - Various charges, by Bro. Roberts, $1,000. Total, $3,000.
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