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Orangeburg Circuit ..................................................... R. F. Blakeley.
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St. Paul ................................................................. W. C. Mitchell.
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Pineville ................................................................. A. D. Walker.
St. Thomas .............................................................. To be supplied.
St. John’s ............................................................... To be supplied.
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Orangeburg ............................................................. To be supplied.
Kingstree ............................................................... W. Darrington.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

True Whittier, Presiding Elder.—P. O., Columbia.

John Burroughs ........................................................ Stephen Jett.
Lynnhurst ............................................................... A. Boston.
Lynnhurst’s Creek ..................................................... J. A. Boston.
Timmonsville ............................................................ To be supplied.
Florence ................................................................. J. B. Middleton.
Effingham and Black Creek .......................................... To be supplied.
Marion ................................................................. To be supplied.
Marion Circuit .......................................................... M. K. Holloway.
Marr’s Bluff .............................................................. To be supplied.
Darlington .............................................................. J. B. Middleton.
Darlington Circuit ..................................................... W. Adamson.
Society Hill ............................................................ Burrell James.
Cheraw ................................................................. J. C. Brown.
Bennettsville .......................................................... J. McLeod.
Marlboro’ ............................................................... A. Adams.
Oro ................................................................. Thomas Sowell.
Jefferson ............................................................... J. S. Gary.
Horry ................................................................. Z. Duncan.
Clarendon ............................................................. J. Cunningham.

A. W. Cummings and Henry J. Fox, Professors in South Carolina University, members of Columbia Quarterly Conference.

Leon C. Fields, Professor in Claflin University, member of Orangeburg Quarterly Conference.

PORT ROYAL DISTRICT.

A. Middleton, Presiding Elder.—P. O., Midway.

Port Royal .......................................................... F. A. Smith.
Ashepoo ................................................................. To be supplied.
Upper Ashepoo ......................................................... C. Lucas.
Walterboro’ ............................................................ Morris Stewart.
Hickory Hill ........................................................... Lewis Rivers.
Allendale, Bronson and Yemassee . D. Minus, one to be supplied.
Allendale Circuit ...................................................... Primus Young.
Melletsville and Ellington .......................................... L. C. Chavis.
Blackville and Aiken ................................................ Lemuel Arthur.
Barnwell ............................................................... Lisbon Johnson.
Barnwell Circuit ...................................................... J. N. Middleton.
Edisto Forks ............................................................ To. E. Daniel.
Bull Swamp ............................................................. July Harris.
South Edgefield ....................................................... To be supplied.
Round O ................................................................. To be supplied.
Black River ........................................................... To be supplied.
Turkey Creek .......................................................... A. Cooper.
St. Mary ............................................................... J. Pendergast.
Cedar Swamp .......................................................... M. McCutcheon.
Georgetown ............................................................ To be supplied.

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.

W. F. Parker, Presiding Elder.—P. O., Welford.

Spartanburg .......................................................... F. D. Smith.
Spartanburg Circuit ................................................... W. H. Pearson.
Greenvile .............................................................. L. M. Dunton.
Greenvile Circuit ...................................................... J. R. Rosemond.
Marietta ............................................................... George Grey.
Golden Grove .......................................................... Samuel Thompson.
Redville ............................................................... A. Lester.
Welford ............................................................... L. McKinney.
Tyger River ........................................................... To be supplied.
Gowensville .......................................................... Patrick Fair.
South Pacolet ........................................................ L. H. Oglesby.
North Pacolet ........................................................ Thomas W. Bird.
Unionville and Jonesville ......................................... To be supplied.
Union ................................................................. J. A. Brown.
Gaffney ............................................................... Geo. Toyrance.
Yorkville ............................................................. C. E. Butler.
Yorkville Circuit ...................................................... J. K. Wagoner.
SYNOPSIS OF JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

The South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Wesley Chapel, Columbia, January 15th, 1874, at 9 A.M.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, which being over, the Conference was opened with the usual religious exercises by Bishop Gilbert Haven, the presiding officer.


Benj. L. Roberts was then elected Secretary and J. E. Wilson Assistant.

On motion the Presiding Elder, and one Elder from each District was appointed a committee to nominate the Standing and Special Committees.

Pending the Report, Dr. Dashiel, Missionary Secretary, addressed the Conference.

On motion, the hour of 10 A.M. was ordered as the hour of meeting, and 12:30 for closing Conference each day.

Rev. E. A. Bolles, District Superintendent of American Bible Society, addressed the Conference.

Wesley and Jackson of the A. M. E. Church, Mitchell of the Baptist, E. H. Stokes of New Jersey, and T. W. Price of Philadelphia, were introduced.

Took up the question of effective Elders.

True Whittier reported (Charleston District,) and his character passed.

The hour of closing having arrived, the several notices were read and the Conference adjourned.

Benediction by Brother J. A. Sasportas.
SECOND DAY.

The Conference met in the hall of the House of Representatives, Bishop Haven in the Chair.

Religious exercises by Bro. J. B. Middleton.
Minutes read and approved.
Considered the question, Who are continued on Trial? Who are admitted into full connection?

James A. Brown was elected to Deacon’s Orders. James Chatham and Dock Owens were discontinued. Absalom Thompson was discontinued at his own request.

On motion, Dr. Webster was appointed to receive all the money from benevolent collections, and Bro. A. Middleton to assist.

Committee on Missionary Appropriations was appointed, to consist of the following brethren: True Whittier, J. A. Sasportas, W. F. Parker, V. H. Bulkley, R. L. Dashiel.

Several distinguished visitors were introduced and addressed the Conference.

Notices were read and Conference adjourned.

Benediction by Dr. Cobleigh of the Methodist Advocate, Atlanta.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Session opened at the usual hour. Religious exercises by J. B. Middleton, Bishop Haven presiding.
Minutes read and approved.
Considered the 5th question.
Irving E. Lowery was granted a location, in order to pursue his studies.

On motion, a committee was appointed to inquire into the case of Bros. J. B. Peyton and Lewis Rivers.
Took up the question of Effective Elders, and their characters passed.

The candidates for admission into full connection were then examined before the Conference and addressed by the Bishop, viz.: James K. Wagoner, P. Witherspoon, Lisbon Johnson, James A. Brown, Jerry McLeod, F. D. Smith.
Application of L. M. Bunch of the A. M. E. Church for admission into this Conference, was, on motion, laid on the table.
The following were elected to Elder’s Orders: Gibbs Carter, James W. Brown, Lisbon Johnson, Henry Cardozo.

The Committee on Appropriations reported, and report adopted.
The usual minute business attended to and Conference adjourned, with Benediction by Bro. L. Arthur.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened with devotional exercises by Dr. Cobleigh, Rev. A. Webster in the chair.
The Secretary read the exhibit of the book concern; received as information.

Dr. Cobleigh addressed the Conference in behalf of the Methodist Advocate, and, on motion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That each member of the Conference be requested to take a copy of the Methodist Advocate, and that each preacher, on reaching his charge the ensuing year, present and urge the claims of said paper.

Resolved, that we most cordially endorse the policy of Dr. Cobleigh, the editor of the Methodist Advocate.

The presiding Bishop resuming the chair, the following were elected to Deacon’s Orders: Lorenzo McKinney, J. A. Brown, L. M. Dunton, L. C. Field, E. Malachi, M. Davis, Franklin Phillips, Noah Brown.

The Benediction was pronounced by J. E. Wilson, and the Conference adjourned.

SABBATH SERVICES.

Love Feast conducted by Bro. S. Weston.
Bishop Ames preached the morning sermon from the text, 1 Corinthians, xiii: 13. It was an eloquent appeal to the Ministers who were to be sent to new charges mostly. Bishop Haven then ordained eight Deacons. At 3 o’clock, the various Sabbath-schools, which had responded to the invitation in city journal, assembled and were addressed by Judge Wright, Rev. E. H. Stokes, Dr. R. L. Dashiel and T. W. Price, Esq.

At night, after an interesting discourse from Bishop Haven, he, assisted by several Elders, ordained four Elders. It was a day seldom seen, and one surely never witnessed before in the city of Columbia, when the State House became the scene of Jehovah’s praises.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Session opened at the usual hour, Bishop Haven presiding.
Minutes read and approved.

Dr. Fox and S. Weston were elected Conference Stewards. The committee, in the case of J. B. Peyton, recommended that he be
granted a location without his consent. The same committee, in
the case of Lewis Rivers, recommended that the case be referred to
his Presiding Elder, to be dealt with according to the provisions of
the Discipline.

Considered the question, Who are admitted on trial?

The application of L. M. Bunch was then taken up, and on motion,
the Presiding Elders were allowed to employ him.

Thomas Sowell was readmitted. R. J. Donaldson was granted a
location at his own request. Bishop Ames and Dr. Dashiel ad-
dressed the Conference.

On motion, the Committee on Privileges was instructed to add
to their number one preacher, on the line of travel, and to con-
fer with the different R. R corporations, with the view of obtain-
ing, if possible, a reduction of fare, as in the case of other ministers.

Bro. W. H. Pearson was received from the Georgia Conference.

The Benediction was pronounced by Bro. S. Weston, and the Con-
ference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

H. J. Fox, D. D., in the Chair. Religious exercises by Bro. B.
James.

The Stewards presented their report, which was adopted.

Received from Circuits and Stations $30 18
Chartered Fund 55.00
Total $65 18

Disbursed as follows:
To E. J. Snetter $5 18
Placed in the hands of the Book Agents, New York, on
interest $50 00
Total $65 18

The several committees reported, and the reports adopted. Sev-
eral places were put in nomination; Camden having received the
greatest number of votes, it was unanimously voted the seat of the
next Conference.

The Committee on Publication of Minutes was instructed to print
an edition of not less than one thousand copies. The usual vote of
thanks to the several families, who entertained our ministers; rail-
road corporations, Presiding Bishop, to the venerable Bishop Ames
were voted; the parting hymn sung; the appointments read; the

Benediction pronounced by Dr. Nelson, and this highly interesting
session of the South Carolina Annual Conference adjourned.

During the session, the Conference was favored with several visi-
tors, among whom we note Chief Justice Moses, of the Supreme
Court of South Carolina, Associate J. J. Wright, Hon. R. H.
Gleaves, Lieut. Governor, and Hon. J. K. Jillson, State Superin-
tendent of Education, each of whom complimented the Conference.

Governor Moses presided at the meeting held on Friday night,
in behalf of the Church Extension Society.

Bishop Haven made the following kind offer, which was supple-
mented by Bishop Ames:

To the preacher who will raise $2.50 for the purchase of the
necessary books prescribed in the course of study, they will add
another $2.50.

Rev. E. H. Stokes, of the New Jersey Conference, offers a set of
Benson's Commentaries, worth $25, to the preacher who will
raise the greatest percentage of missionary money over last year's
collection, provided that last year's collection was not less than $15.

H. J. Fox offered to the preacher raising the greatest percen-
t, whose collection was not less than $5 last year, $5 worth of Stan-
dard Methodist Literature.

REPORTS.

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following:

That the foundation and support of the religion of Christ, is a
proper understanding or education.

That in order to create a proper interest among the masses of the
people for education, each preacher of this Conference should be
strictly charged to devote a great portion of his time and attention
in that direction; and to preach a sermon at least once in every
quarter in each Church under his charge, upon the subject of ed-
ucation. That if there be an institution of learning in connection
with the Church or Conference, the attention of the people should
be called thereto, and the importance of sustaining such institution
impressed upon them. That Claflin University being the institu-
tion connected with the Church and Conference, we would recom-
mand, as in the past, its support. An efficient Board of Instructors
is now connected with it, and if the ministers and people will rally
to its support, we will make it second to none in the State.

A. MIDDLETON.

S. WESTON.

L. M. DUNTON.
AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Audits beg leave to report, that after a careful examination of the vouchers of the Presiding Elders, they find the same to be correct. The committee at their second meeting invited the preachers who had any complaint to make as to the manner of paying the appropriations to meet them, no one appeared. The committee take great pleasure in commending the systematic manner in which the Presiding Elders have kept their accounts with the preachers.

R. L. DASHIEL,  
W. H. SCOTT,  
A. MIDDLETON.

THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause would submit the following:

Another year of toil and observations has passed away, and among the scenes witnessed by us was the great necessity of a more general distribution of Bibles and Testaments among the destitute.

It is gratifying to us to be able to report that while a large number of the illiterate are unable to appreciate as we would like the educational cause, they welcome to their ears and hearts the precious words of the Gospel when read unto them.

We rejoice in saying that there is strongly manifested on the part of our people a willingness to learn to read of the wonderful works of God, recorded in the Holy Scriptures.

We feel indebted to the American Bible Society, and its District Superintendent, Rev. E. A. Bolles, for placing in our hands copies of the Word of God for distribution on our several charges.

We are pleased to report to this Conference, that several of the Local Auxiliary Bible Societies, which were hitherto indifferent to our efforts in spreading Divine Truth, have during the past year placed at the disposal of some of our preachers a goodly number of Bibles and Testaments.

We would now recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That our preachers continue to be diligent in placing in the hands of the destitute in our work, copies of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2d. That in applying for Bibles and Testaments, we make our applications to the Local Bible Societies, located in our several counties.

3d. That we organize in our Sabbath-schools, classes for adults, and place at the head of each class one who shall be styled Bible Reader, whose duty it shall be to read and explain, as far as possible, the Word of the Lord.

4th. That each preacher take a collection during the year, in behalf of the American Bible Society.

Respectfully submitted.

E. M. PINCKNEY, Chairman.

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

The committee on Freedmen's Aid Society beg leave to report:

That the once oppressed people of these Southern States look upon that Society as a mighty lever in the hands of Almighty Providence, to elevate those who for more than two hundred years wore the shackles of slavery. We reflect that twelve years ago we were without rights; we were as caged birds turned out in mid-ocean, nowhere to rest us; we turned to those we once helped and whose fortunes we made, and they laughed us to scorn, saying, "Those who freed you must take care of you or you must die out;" but God, who neither slumbers nor sleeps, forsook us not. When the Union troops entered these Southern States the Freedmen's Aid Society had her pioneers following close behind.

To Charleston, So. Ca., they sent men, the most trusted of Massachusetts's sons, in the persons of the lamented T. W. Lewis, Dr. A. Webster and others, and behind these mighty engines of the M. E. Church, that ever faithful engineer, Dr. R. S. Rust. They established the Baker Theological Institute, from which came some of our best laborers; then Claflin University, which is doing great good. Therefore,

Resolved, That our preachers on their several circuits and stations, present the claims of this Society, to the efforts of which, under God, we are under great obligations for schools, teachers, churches, and for a free gospel.

Resolved, That a collection, in aid of the above named Society, be taken up on all the charges, and that we request that Society to make Claflin University a first class institution, that from its classic walls may come forth ministers thoroughly prepared for the Master's work.

E. J. SNETTER.

TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to offer the following report:
To fully comprehend the evils and crimes of making, vending and using intoxicating beverages, you must compute the hundreds of thousands whom the practice has consigned to the gloomy cell of the felon, to the hands of the hangman, and to the perdition into which all unreformed and unpardoned drunkards will be cast. You must know what untold numbers drag out life in almshouses and insane asylums. You must also know how many millions there are of anxious mothers, wretched and ruined wives, ragged, hungry, degraded children in this and other lands, made such by the drinking habits of their husbands, sons, fathers and brothers. Well authenticated statistics prove that nine-tenths (9-10) of crime, poverty, insanity, much of the ignorance, most of the cases of suicide, originate in the drinking habits of communities. The most lamentable fact in regard to the subject is, that public and private drinking is on the increase in our own State if not the entire nation. Guilty of a thousand crimes, slavery had at least one redeeming virtue; it restrained, almost prevented, drunkenness among its victims; you very rarely saw a drunken slave, but for shame be it now said, the habits of the colored are not much better than of the whites. Many whom God made and set free have enslaved themselves to a harder master than were the worst of the "Lazars" of the dark days of slavery, and unless restrained by considerations of religion, morality and philanthropy, the colored people are in imminent danger from the scourge of intemperance. The far-seeing Wesley fully comprehended the situation, both in his and in our day. He classed the buying or selling of spirituous liquors or the drinking of them, even in the smallest quantities "unless in cases of extreme necessity," with traffic in slaves, profaning the Sabbath, the name of God, and other kindred sins; and total abstinence from all these was made a condition of continued membership in his societies. Every Methodist of the Wesleyan type is pledged to total abstinence, but we must seek to win those not pledged to the cause. Hence, we urge on our ministers to earnestly co-operate with existing temperance societies, in so far as they can, and to form societies where none exist, to preach expressly against the manufacture, sale or use of all intoxicating beverages, and to rigidly enforce our rules against all violators of the temperance laws of our Church. Your committee would add, that petitions are now in circulation in various portions of South Carolina, addressed to our General Assembly, asking more stringent laws in regard to the license system. The petitioners ask two changes in the license law.

First. That the inhabitants of each county, city and incorporated town be allowed to decide at the ballot-box whether liquors shall or shall not be sold in such town, city or county.

Second. That all vendors of intoxicating liquors be made responsible through the courts for damages done to persons or property by persons intoxicated with liquors purchased of them. Your committee advise our ministers and people to unite with other citizens in pushing forward these reforms, and in securing such legislation as will protect our rights and restrain if not wholly overcome the terrible evils of intemperance.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. CUMMINGS,
JAMES B. MIDDLETON,
R. A. FLETCHER,
WM. DARRINGTON.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday-schools beg leave to report:

That in reviewing the Sabbath-schools generally, we find that there is still a great want of competent laborers in that department. Many of the persons who have been teaching these schools heretofore are those who have never spent a day in any institution of learning, and therefore have become greatly embarrassed since the establishment of the "free common schools" in this State, from the fact that while the scholars are in attendance at these schools, their teachers must necessarily be at work, in order to support themselves, and therefore cannot keep ahead of their Sunday-school scholars. The committee ask the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the Sunday-school Union for their efforts in this direction.

Resolved, That the preachers on their several charges bring the subject more cogently to the attention of the people, and do all in their power to obtain efficient teachers.

Resolved, That two special sermons be preached in all the Churches, and a collection be taken each time for the Sunday-school Union.

SHELDON S. LAWTON.

DESECRATION OF THE SABBATH.

The Committee on the Desecration of the Sabbath beg leave to report:

Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy is the proclamation of Heaven. God blessed the Sabbath-day and hallowed it, in it no work is to be done.
The non-observance of this day is the cause of untold wickedness, crime and moral desolation throughout the world; therefore, 

Resolved, That the preachers of this Conference warn the people against travelling on railroads for pleasure, business, or to and from camp meetings on the Sabbath.

Resolved, That preachers discourage Sabbath visiting, feasting or other social entertainments, which do not tend to the glory of God, as also the discussion of secular matters on that day.

CHAS. E. BUTLER,  
F. W. SASPORTAS,  
A. WEBSTER,  
R. A. FLETCHER.

MEMOIRS.

Whereas, Almighty God in his wise Providence has taken from our midst our devoted co-laborer, Rev. E.W. Jackson; and whereas, he has been distinguished among us more especially as a successful warrior against the great national evil, Intemperance, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Rev. E. W. Jackson, the South Carolina Conference has lost a faithful and efficient laborer, and the cause of temperance a staunch supporter and successful defender.

Resolved, That we acknowledge the hand of God in his removal from our midst, and that we bow in humble submission to His supreme direction.

Resolved, That a blank page in our minutes be inscribed to his memory, and that his family, with whom we sympathise, be furnished with a copy of these resolutions.

A. WEBSTER,  
J. B. MIDDLETON.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this body gratefully acknowledge the valuable services rendered us, by the presence and labors of our venerable friend, Bishop Ames, and we solicit a renewal of his visit next year; also to Dr. Dashiel, Dr. Cobleigh, Dr. Nelson, and to Brothers Stokes and T. W. Price, for their presence and valuable services.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to Bishop Haven for the patience and dignity with which he has discharged the duties of President of this Conference during our present session, and we beg to assure him that his future visits to our body will be most welcome, and we trust they will be more frequent.

A. W. CUMMINGS.

Resolved, That our thanks are especially tendered to the various families of Columbia who have extended such a generous hospitality to the members of this Conference, during our present session, and we invoke heaven's choicest blessings upon them.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the various railroad corporations of this State in the line of travel, for their kindness in returning our members to their several stations free of charge.

BENJ. L. ROBERTS.

Resolved, That the warmest thanks of this body are hereby tendered to Hon. S. J. Lee, Speaker of the House of Representatives, for the use of this hall, and for his hearty support and sympathy with our work, and that the Secretary be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Gen. Lee.

A. W. CUMMINGS.

Whereas, The prosperity of a "charge" and the support of the preacher, depends much upon his being familiar with the membership and citizens of the community to which he is appointed; and

Whereas, A minister who does not live among his people, is regarded as not having the proper amount of interest in them; be it therefore,

Resolved, That every one of our preachers move to their respective charges as soon after Conference as possible.

Resolved, That on refusing to live among the people to whom he may be sent, he forfeits his claim on the Missionary Society.

E. M. PINCKNEY.
Statistics of the South Carolina Conference, reported at the Ninth Annual Session, Jan. 19th, 1874.

## CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

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## RECAPITULATIONS.

### Number of Members.
- Charleston District: 2,378
- Wadmal and John's Island: 240
- Harry Wimberly: 11
- Northville: 40
- Edisto Forks: 200
- Barreth: 4,035
- Blackville and Allen: 272
- Allendale: 150
- Orangeburg: 150
- Sumter: 149
- Columbus: 160
- Lychee Creek: 169
- Snutters: 200
- Mayerville: 15
- Lynwood: 53
- Transeas and Allen: 153
- Florence: 1,990
- Kepharm and Black Creek: 196
- Martin: 197
- Darlington: 197
- Cherw: 96
- Branchville: 1,222

### Other Statistics.
- Full Members: 2,090
- Full Prelims.: 4,054
- Affiliates: 1,070
- Adults: 1,500
- Children: 176
- Probable Value: $49,000
- Church Property: $107,250
- Miss. Society: 25
- Conference Claim: $2,000

### BENEFOLNT CONTRIBUTIONS.
- Sunday School: $250
- Benevolence: $200
- Preachers' Aid: $100
- Education: $50
- Schools: $25

### BAPTISMS.
- Total: 240
- Male: 120
- Female: 120

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- Sunday School: $100
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### SUNDAY-SCHOOL.
- Total: 1,200
- Male: 600
- Female: 600

### PREACHERS' AID.
- Total: $200
- Male: $100
- Female: $100

### EDUCATION.
- Total: $50
- Male: $25
- Female: $25

### SCHOOLS.
- Total: $25
- Male: $12.50
- Female: $12.50
The non-observance of this day is the cause of untold wickedness, crime and moral desolation throughout the world, therefore,

Resolved, That the preachers of this Conference warn the people against travelling on railroads for pleasure, business, or to and from camp meetings on the Sabbath.

Resolved, That preachers discourage Sabbath visiting, feasting or other social entertainments, which do not tend to the glory of God, as also the discussion of secular matters on that day.

CHAS. E. BUTLER,
F. W. SASPORTAS,
A. WEBSTER,
R. A. FLETCHER.

MEMOIRS.

Whereas, Almighty God in his wise Providence has taken from our midst our devoted co-laborer, Rev. E. W. Jackson; and whereas, he has been distinguished among us more especially as a successful warrior against the great national evil, Intemperance, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Rev. E. W. Jackson, the South Carolina Conference has lost a faithful and efficient laborer, and the cause of temperance a staunch supporter and successful defender.

Resolved, That we acknowledge the hand of God in his removal from our midst, and that we bow in humble submission to His supreme direction.

Resolved, That a blank page in our minutes be inscribed to his memory, and that his family, with whom we sympathise, be furnished with a copy of these resolutions.

A. WEBSTER,
J. B. MIDDLETON.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this body gratefully acknowledge the valuable services rendered us, by the presence and labors of our venerable friend, Bishop Ames, and we solicit a renewal of his visit next year; also to Dr. Dashiel, Dr. Cobleigh, Dr. Nelson, and to Brothers Stokes and T. W. Price, for their presence and valuable services.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to Bishop Haven for the patience and dignity with which he has discharged the duties of President of this conference during our present session, and we beg to assure him that his future visits to our body will be most welcome, and we trust they will be more frequent.

A. W. CUMMINGS.

Resolved, That our thanks are especially tendered to the various families of Columbia who have extended such a generous hospitality to the members of this Conference, during our present session, and we invoke heaven's choicest blessings upon them.

BENJ. L. ROBERTS.

Resolved, That the warmest thanks of this body are hereby tendered to Hon. S. J. Lee, Speaker of the House of Representatives, for the use of this hall, and for his hearty support and sympathy with our work, and that the Secretary be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Gen. Lee.

A. W. CUMMINGS.

Resolved, That the prosperity of a "charge" and the support of the preacher, depends much upon his being familiar with the membership and citizens of the community to which he is appointed; and

Whereas, A minister who does not live among his people, is regarded as not having the proper amount of interest in them; be it therefore,

Resolved, That every one of our preachers move to their respective charges as soon after Conference as possible.

Resolved, That on refusing to live among the people to whom he may be sent, he forfeits his claim on the Missionary Society.

E. M. PINCKNEY.
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CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

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TRUSTEES.

FOR ONE YEAR.
A. WEBSTER, J. A. SASPORTAS.

FOR TWO YEARS.
A. MIDDLETON, B. L. ROBERTS.

FOR THREE YEARS.
LEMUEL ARTHUR, JOHN BURROUGHS.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

REV. HENRY J. FOX, D. D., Columbia, S. C.
REV. A. WEBSTER, D. D., Orangeburg, S. C.
HON. WILSON COOK, Greenville, S. C.
REV. A. W. CUMMINGS, D. D., Columbia, S. C.
REV. F. W. SASPORTAS, Summerville, S. C.

Brethren desiring information in regard to Titles, Rights, &c., can address the Chairman, Columbia, S. C.
Education.—A. Middleton, S. Weston, F. W. Sasportas, L. M. Dunton, L. C. Field

Sunday-Schools.—S. S. Lawton, John Burroughs, M. D. Herrick, James A. Brown, Burwell James.


Temperance.—A. W. Cummings, J. B. Middleton, R. A. Fletcher, Wm. Darrington.

Church Extension.—A. Webster, Burwell James, J. R. Remond, T. Wright.

Freedmen’s Aid.—E. J. Snetter, F. D. Smith, Lemuel Arthur.


Public Worship.—Henry Cardozo, H. J. Fox, True Whittier.


Memoirs.—A. Webster, J. B. Middleton.

Desecration of the Sabbath.—A. Webster, R. A. Fletcher, C. E. Butler, F. W. Sasportas.

Conference Board of Church Extension.—George Shrewsbury, President; Rev. True Whittier, Vice-President; Rev. Henry J. Fox, Recording Secretary; Rev. A. Middleton, Corresponding Secretary; Rev. A. Webster, Treasurer.


Committees of Examination.—Applicants for Admission on trial—The Presiding Elders.

1st Year.—B. L. Roberts, B. James, R. A. Fletcher.

2nd Year.—H. J. Fox, S. Weston, J. R. Remond.


4th Year.—A. W. Cummings, J. B. Middleton, E. J. Snetter.

Applicants for Local Deacon’s and Elder’s Orders.—The Presiding Elders.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon.—A. Webster; J. B. Middleton, alternate.

Triers of Appeals.—A. Webster, T. Whittier, J. A. Sasportas, W. F. Parker, V. H. Bulkley, Samuel Weston, Wm. Darrington.


Continued on Trial.—July Harris, George Grey, Waiters McIntosh, William Evans, Joseph Simmons, Samuel Simmons, Ephraim Smith, A. D. Walker, M. K. Holloway, James W. Brown, Willis Jenkins, Benj. Robertson, Elijah Chancellor, George Taylor, Scipio Green.

Received into Full Connection.—James K. Wagoner, Lisbon Johnson, Jerry McLeod, Francis D. Smith, Sheppard Dunham, J. A. Brown, P. Witherspoon.


Elders.—James W. Brown, Gibbs Carter, Henry Cardozo, Lisbon Johnson

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1874.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Alonzo Webster, Presiding Elder.—P. O., Orangeburg.

Charleston—Centenary and Bethel...S. Weston, one to be supplied.

Wesley Chapel — Benjamin L. Roberts.

Wadmalaw and John’s Island — To be supplied.

Cypress — Christopher Wesley.

Cattle Creek — A. Rivers.

Enoch Station — E. Pierson.

St. Andrew’s — E. J. Snetter.

Ten Miles’ Hill — To be supplied.

Horsepen — John Mitchell.
Leon C. Fields, Professor in Claflin University, member of Orangeburg Quarterly Conference.

PORT ROYAL DISTRICT.

A. Middleton, Presiding Elder.—P. O., Midway.

Port Royal and Beaufort .................................................. M. D. Herrick.
Ashepoo ................................................................. F. A. Smith.
Upper Ashepoo .............................................................. To be supplied.
Walterboro' ............................................................... C. Lucas.
Walterboro' Circuit ....................................................... Morris Stewart.
Hickory Hill ............................................................... Lewis Rivers.
Allendale, Bronson and Yemassee ... D. Minus, one to be supplied.
Allendale Circuit ......................................................... Primus Young.
Melletsville and Ellington ............................................... L. C. Chavis.
Blackville and Aiken .................................................... Lemuel Arthur.
Barnwell ................................................................. Lisbon Johnson.
Barnwell Circuit ....................................................... Supplied by J. N. Middleton.
Edisto Forks .......................................................... E. Daniel.
Boo Swamp ............................................................. July Harris.
South Edgefield ......................................................... To be supplied.
Round O. .............................................................. Supplied by S. Moore.
Black River ............................................................ To be supplied.
Turkey Creek ............................................................ A. Cooper.
St. Mary .......................................................... J. Pendergast.
Cedar Swamp ........................................................... M. McCutcheon.
Georgetown ........................................................ To be supplied.

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.

W. F. Parker, Presiding Elder.—P. O., Welford.

Spartanburg .......................................................... F. D. Smith.
Spartanburg Circuit .................................................. W. H. Pearson.
Greenville ............................................................. L. M. Dunton.
Greenville Circuit ..................................................... J. R. Rosemond.
Marietta ............................................................. George Grey.
Golden Grove .......................................................... Samuel Thompson.
Reidville ............................................................. A. Lester.
Welford ............................................................. L. McKinsey.
Tyger River ............................................................ To be supplied.
Gowensville ........................................................ Patrick Fair.
South Pacolet ........................................................ L. H. Oglesby.
North Pacolet ........................................................ Thomas W. Bird.
Unionville and Jonesville .......... To be supplied.
Union .............................................................. J. A. Brown.
Gaffney ............................................................. Geo. Toyrance.
Yorkville .......................................................... C. E. Butler.
Yorkville Circuit ...................................................... J. K. Wagoner.
SYNOPSIS OF JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH met in Wesley Chapel, Columbia, January 15th, 1874, at 9 A.M.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, which being over, the Conference was opened with the usual religious exercises by Bishop Gilbert Haven, the presiding officer.


Benj. L. Roberts was then elected Secretary and J. F. Wilson Assistant.

On motion the Presiding Elders and one Elder from each District was appointed a committee to nominate the Standing and Special Committees.

Pending the Report, Dr. Dashiel, Missionary Secretary, addressed the Conference.

Rev. E. A. Bolles, District Superintendent of American Bible Society, addressed the Conference.

On motion, the hour of 10 A.M. was ordered as the hour of meeting, and 12:30 for closing Conference each day.

Rev. E. A. Bolles, District Superintendent of American Bible Society, addressed the Conference.

Wesley and Jackson of the A. M. E. Church, Mitchell of the Baptist, E. H. Stokes of New Jersey, and T. W. Price of Philadelphia, were introduced.

Took up the question of effective Elders.

True Whittier reported (Charleston District,) and his character passed.

The hour of closing having arrived, the several notices were read and the Conference adjourned.

Benediction by Brother J. A. Sasportas.
SECOND DAY.

The Conference met in the hall of the House of Representatives, Bishop Haven in the Chair.

Religious exercises by Bro. J. B. Middleton.

Minutes read and approved.

Considered the questions, Who are continued on Trial? Who are admitted into full connection?

James A. Brown was elected to Deacon's Orders. James Chat- ham and Dook Owens were discontinued. Absalom Thompson was discontinued at his own request.

On motion, Dr. Webster was appointed to receive all the mon­

teys from benevolent collections, and Bro. A. Middleton to assist.

Committee on Missionary Appropriations was appointed, to con­

sist of the following brethren: True Whittier, J. A. Sasportas, W. F. Parker, V. H. Bulkley, R. L. Dashiel.

Several distinguished visitors were introduced and addressed the Conference.

Notices were read and Conference adjourned.

Benediction by Dr. Cobleigh of the Methodist Advocate, Atlanta.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Session opened at the usual hour. Religious exercises by J. B. Middleton. Bishop Haven presiding.

Minutes read and approved.

Considered the 5th question.

Irving E. Lowery was granted a location, in order to pursue his studies.

On motion, a committee was appointed to inquire into the case of Bros. J. B. Peyton and Lewis Rivers.

Took up the question of Effective Elders, and their characters passed.

The candidates for admission into full connection were then examined before the Conference and addressed by the Bishop, viz.: James K. Wagoner, P. Witherspoon, Lisbon Johnson, James A. Brown, Jerry McLeod, F. D. Smith.

Application of L. M. Bunch of the A. M. E. Church for admission into this Conference, was, on motion, laid on the table.

The following were elected to Elder's Orders: Gibbs Carter, James W. Brown, Lisbon Johnson, Henry Cardozo.

The Committee on Appropriations reported, and report adopted.

The usual minute business attended to and Conference adjourned, with Benediction by Bro. L. Arthur.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened with devotional exercises by Dr. Cobleigh, Rev. A. Webster in the chair.

The Secretary read the exhibit of the book concern: received as information.

Dr. Cobleigh addressed the Conference in behalf of the Methodist Advocate, and, on motion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That each member of the Conference be requested to take a copy of the Methodist Advocate, and that each preacher, on reaching his charge the ensuing year, present and urge the claims of said paper.

Resolved, that we most cordially endorse the policy of Dr. Cobleigh, the editor of the Methodist Advocate.

The presiding bishop resuming the chair, the following were elected to Deacon's Orders: Lorenzo McKinney, J. A. Brown, L. M. Dunton, L. C. Field, E. Malachi, M. Davis, Franklin Phillips, Noah Brown.

The Benediction was pronounced by J. E. Wilson, and the Conference adjourned.

SABBATH SERVICES.

Love Feast conducted by Bro. S. Weston.

Bishop Ames preached the morning sermon from the text, 1 Corinthians, xiii: 13. It was an eloquent appeal to the Ministers who were to be sent to new charges mostly. Bishop Haven then ordained eight Deacons. At 3 o'clock, the various Sabbath-schools, which had responded to the invitation in city journals, assembled and were addressed by Judge Wright, Rev. E. H. Stokes, Dr. R. L. Dashiel and T. W. Price, Esq.

At night, after an interesting discourse from Bishop Haven, he, assisted by several Elders, ordained four Elders. It was a day seldom seen, and one surely never witnessed before in the city of Columbia, when the State House became the scene of Jehovah's praises.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Session opened at the usual hour, Bishop Haven presiding.

Minutes read and approved.

Dr. Fox and S. Weston were elected Conference Stewards. The committee, in the case of J. B. Peyton, recommended that he be
granted a location without his consent. The same committee, in the case of Lewis Rivers, recommended that the case be referred to his Presiding Elder, to be dealt with according to the provisions of the Discipline.

Considered the question, Who are admitted on trial?

The application of L. M. Bunch was then taken up, and on motion, the Presiding Elders were allowed to employ him.

Thomas Sowell was readmitted. R. J. Donaldson was granted a location at his own request. Bishop Ames and Dr. Dashiel addressed the Conference.

On motion, the Committee on Privileges was instructed to add to their number one preacher, on the line of travel, and to confer with the different R. R. corporations, with the view of obtaining, if possible, a reduction of fare, as in the case of other ministers.

Bro. W. H. Pearson was received from the Georgia Conference.

The Benediction was pronounced by Bro. S. Weston, and the Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.


The Stewards presented their report, which was adopted.

Received from Circuits and Stations .................................................. $30 18
" " Chartered Fund ................................................................. 35 00

Total ............................................................................... $65 18

Disbursed as follows:
To E. J. Snetter ................................................................. $ 5 18
Placed in the hands of the Book Agents, New York, on interest .................................................. 60 00

Total ............................................................................... $65 18

The several committees reported, and the reports adopted. Several places were put in nomination; Camden having received the greatest number of votes, it was unanimously voted the seat of the next Conference.

The Committee on Publication of Minutes was instructed to print an edition of not less than one thousand copies. The usual vote of thanks to the several families, who entertain ministers; railroad corporations, Presiding Bishop, to the venerable Bishop Ames were voted; the parting hymn sung; the appointments read; the

Benediction pronounced by Dr. Nelson, and this highly interesting session of the South Carolina Annual Conference adjourned.

During the session, the Conference was favored with several visitors, among whom we note Chief Justice Moses, of the Supreme Court of South Carolina, Associate J. J. Wright, Hon. R. H. Gleaves, Lieut. Governor, and Hon. J. K. Jillson, State Superintendent of Education, each of whom complimented the Conference.

Governor Moses presided at the meeting held on Friday night, in behalf of the Church Extension Society.

Bishop Haven made the following kind offer, which was supplemented by Bishop Ames:

To the preacher who will raise $2.50 for the purchase of the necessary books prescribed in the course of study, they will add another $2.50.

Rev. E. H. Stokes, of the New Jersey Conference, offers a set of Benson's Commentaries, worth $25, to the preacher who will raise the greatest percentage of missionary money over last year's collection, provided that last year's collection was not less than $15.

H. J. Fox offered to the preacher raising the greatest percent, whose collection was not less than $5 last year, $5 worth of Standard Methodist Literature.

REPORTS.

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following:

That the foundation and support of the religion of Christ, is a proper understanding or education.

That in order to create a proper interest among the masses of the people for education, each preacher of this Conference should be strictly charged to devote a great portion of his time and attention in that direction; and to preach a sermon at least once in every quarter in each Church under his charge, upon the subject of education. That if there be an institution of learning in connection with the Church or Conference, the attention of the people should be called thereto, and the importance of sustaining such institution impressed upon them. That Claflin University being the institution connected with the Church and Conference, we would recommend, as in the past, its support. An efficient Board of Instructors is now connected with it, and if the ministers and people will rally to its support, we will make it second to none in the State.

A. MIDDLETON,
S. WESTON,
L. M. DUNTON.
AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Audits beg leave to report, that after a careful examination of the vouchers of the Presiding Elders, they find the same to be correct. The committee at their second meeting invited the preachers who had any complaint to make as to the manner of paying the appropriations to meet them, no one appeared. The committee take great pleasure in commending the systematic manner in which the Presiding Elders have kept their accounts with the preachers.

R. L. DASHIEL, W. H. SCOTT, A. MIDDLETON.

THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause would submit the following:

Another year of toil and observations has passed away, and among the scenes witnessed by us was the great necessity of a general distribution of Bibles and Testaments among the destitute.

It is gratifying to us to be able to report that while a large number of the illiterate are unable to appreciate as we would like the educational cause, they welcome to their ears and hearts the precious words of the Gospel when read unto them.

We rejoice in saying that there is strongly manifested on the part of our people a willingness to learn to read of the wonderful works of God, recorded in the Holy Scriptures.

We feel indebted to the American Bible Society, and its District Superintendent, Rev. E. A. Bolles, for placing in our hands copies of the Word of God for distribution on our several charges.

We are pleased to report to this Conference, that several of the Local Auxiliary Bible Societies, which were hitherto indifferent to our efforts in spreading Divine Truth, have during the past year placed at the disposal of some of our preachers a goodly number of Bibles and Testaments.

We would now recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That our preachers continue to be diligent in placing in the hands of the destitute in our work, copies of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2d. That in applying for Bibles and Testaments, we make our applications to the Local Bible Societies, located in our several counties.

3d. That we organize in our Sabbath-schools, classes for adults, and place at the head of each class one who shall be styled Bible Reader, whose duty it shall be to read and explain, as far as possible, the Word of the Lord.

4th. That each preacher take a collection during the year, in behalf of the American Bible Society.

Respectfully submitted.

E. M. PINCKNEY, Chairman.

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

The committee on Freedmen's Aid Society beg leave to report:

That the once oppressed people of these Southern States look upon that Society as a mighty lever in the hands of Almighty Providence, to elevate those who for more than two hundred years wore the shackles of slavery. We reflect that twelve years ago we were without rights; we were as caged birds turned out in mid-ocean, nowhere to rest us; we turned to those we once helped and whose fortunes we made, and they laughed us to scorn, saying, "Those who freed you must take care of you or you must die out;" but God, who neither slumbers nor sleeps, forsook us not. When the Union troops entered these Southern States the Freedmen's Aid Society had her pioneers following close behind. To Charleston, So. Ca., they sent men, the most trusty of Massachusetts' sons, in the persons of the lamented T. W. Lewis, Dr. A. Webster and others, and behind these mighty engines of the M. E. Church, that ever faithful engineer, Dr. R. S. Rust. They established the Baker Theological Institute, from which came some of our best laborers; then Claflin University, which is doing great good. Therefore,

Resolved, That our preachers on their several circuits and stations, present the claims of this Society, to the efforts of which, under God, we are under great obligations for schools, teachers, churches, and for a free gospel.

Resolved, That a collection, in aid of the above named Society, be taken up on all the charges, and that we request that Society to make Claflin University a first class institution, that from its classic walls may come forth ministers thoroughly prepared for the Master's work.

E. J. SNETTER.

TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to offer the following report:
To fully comprehend the evils and crimes of making, vending and using intoxicating beverages, you must compute the hundreds of thousands whom the practice has consigned to the gloomy cell of the felon, to the hands of the hangman, and to the perdition into which all unreformed and unpardoned drunkards will be cast. You must know what untold numbers drag out life in almshouses and insane asylums. You must also know how many millions there are of anxious mothers, wretched and ruined wives, ragged, hungry, degraded children in this and other lands, made such by the drinking habits of their husbands, sons, fathers and brothers. Well authenticated statistics prove that nine-tenths (9-10) of the crime, poverty, insanity, much of the ignorance, most of the cases of suicide, originate in the drinking habits of communities. The most lamentable fact in regard to the subject is, that public and private drinking is on the increase in our own State if not the entire nation. Guilty of a thousand crimes, slavery had at least one redeeming virtue, it restrained, almost prevented, drunkenness among its victims; you very rarely saw a drunken slave, but for shame be it now said, the habits of the colored are not much better than of the whites. Many whom God made and set free have enslaved themselves to a harder master than were the worst of the "Lazars" of the dark days of slavery, and unless restrained by considerations of religion, morality and philanthropy, the colored people are in imminent danger from the scourge of intemperance. The far-seeing Wesley fully comprehended the situation, both in his and our day. He classed the buying or selling of spirituous liquors or the drinking of them, even in the smallest quantities "unless in cases of extreme necessity," with traffic in slaves, profaning the Sabbath, the name of God, and other kindred sins; and total abstinence from all these was made a condition of continued membership in his societies. Every Methodist of the Wesleyan type is pledged to total abstinence, but we must seek to win those not pledged to the cause. Hence, we urge on our ministers to earnestly co-operate with existing temperance societies, in so far as they can, and to form societies where none exist, to preach expressly against the manufacture, sale or use of all intoxicating beverages, and to rigidly enforce our rules against all violators of the temperance laws of our Church. Your committee would add, that petitions are now in circulation in various portions of South Carolina, addressed to our General Assembly, asking more stringent laws in regard to the license system. The petitioners ask two changes in the license law.

First. That the inhabitants of each county, city and incorporated town be allowed to decide at the ballot-box whether liquors shall or shall not be sold in such town, city or county.

Second. That all vendors of intoxicating liquors be made re-
The non-observance of this day is the cause of untold wickedness, crime, and moral desolation throughout the world, therefore,

Resolved, That the preachers of this Conference warn the people against travelling on railroads for pleasure, business, or to and from camp meetings on the Sabbath.

Resolved, That preachers discourage Sabbath visiting, feasting or other social entertainments, which do not tend to the glory of God, as also the discussion of secular matters on that day.

CHAS. E. BUTLER,
F. W. SASPORTAS,
A. WEBSTER,
R. A. FLETCHER.

MEMOIRS.

Whereas, Almighty God in his wise Providence has taken from our midst our devoted co-laborer, Rev. E. W. Jackson; and whereas, he has been distinguished among us more especially as a successful warrior against the great national evil, Intemperance, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Rev. E. W. Jackson, the South Carolina Conference has lost a faithful and efficient laborer, and the cause of temperance a staunch supporter and successful defender.

Resolved, That we acknowledge the hand of God in his removal from our midst, and that we bow in humble submission to His supreme direction.

Resolved, That a blank page in our minutes be inscribed to his memory, and that his family, with whom we sympathise, be furnished with a copy of these resolutions.

A. WEBSTER,
J. B. MIDDLETON.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this body gratefully acknowledge the valuable services rendered us, by the presence and labors of our venerable friend, Bishop Ames, and we solicit a renewal of his visit next year; also to Dr. Dashiel, Dr. Cobleigh, Dr. Nelson, and to Brothers Stokes and T. W. Price, for their presence and valuable services.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to Bishop Haven for the patience and dignity with which he has discharged the duties of President of this conference during our present session, and we beg to assure him that his future visits to our body will be most welcome, and we trust they will be more frequent.

A. W. CUMMINGS.

Resolved, That our thanks are especially tendered to the various families of Columbia who have extended such a generous hospitality to the members of this Conference, during our present session, and we invoke heaven’s choicest blessings upon them.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the various railroad corporations of this State in the line of travel, for their kindness in returning our members to their several stations free of charge.

BENJ. L. ROBERTS.

Resolved, That the warmest thanks of this body are hereby tendered to Hon. S. J. Lee, Speaker of the House of Representatives, for the use of this hall, and for his hearty support and sympathy with our work, and that the Secretary be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Gen. Lee.

A. W. CUMMINGS.

Whereas, The prosperity of a “charge” and the support of the preacher, depends much upon his being familiar with the membership and citizens of the community to which he is appointed; and

Whereas, A minister who does not live among his people, is regarded as not having the proper amount of interest in them; be it therefore,

Resolved, That every one of our preachers move to their respective charges as soon after Conference as possible.

Resolved, That on refusing to live among the people to whom he may be sent, he forfeits his claim on the Missionary Society.

E. M. PINCKNEY.
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**Charleston District**

- Number of Members: 250
- First Members: 2,900
- Local Members: 4,240
- Adults: 170
- Children: 198
- Probable Value: $49,000
- Presentations: 8
- Conference Charge: $17,750

**Statistics of the South Carolina Conference, reported at the Ninth Annual Session, Jan. 19th, 1874.**

- **CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.**
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