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CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

BISHOP I. W. WILEY
BENJ. L. ROBERTSSecretary.
JAMES B. MIDDLETON AND JAS. A. BROWN Assistants.

TRUSTEES.

FOR ONE YEAR.

A. WEBSTER,

J. A. SASPORTAS.

FOR TWO YEARS.

A. MIDDLETON,

B. L. ROBERTS.

FOR THREE YEARS.

LEMUEL ARTHUR,

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John Burroughs.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

PRIVILEGES.

Rev. B. L. Roberts	
REV. A. WEBSTER, D. D	Orangeburg, S. C.
Rev. A. W. Cummings, D. D.	Columbia, S. C.
REV. TRUE WHITTIER	Columbia, S. C.
REV. F. W. SASPORTAS	Blackville, S. C.

Brethren desiring information in regard to Titles, Rights, &c., can address the Chairman, Charleston, S. C.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Education.—Thos. J. Abbott, Stephen C. Goosley, Daniel J. Minus, Lewis M. Dunton, Scipio Green, Edward Cooke, D. D.

Sabbath-schools.—William Darrington, Sheldon S. Lawton, Lemuel Arthur, James R. Rosemond, Richard A. Fletcher.

Statistics.—R. S. Rust, D. D., A. W. Cummings, D. D., L. M. Dunton, C. E. Butler, Lemuel Arthur.

Bible Cause.—E. J. Snetter, W. H. Scott, Daniel Minus, F. D. Smith, Joseph Simmons.

Temperance.—Samuel Weston, James C. Middleton, Lewis Rivers, George Gray, W. H. Pearson.

Missionary Collections.—J. A. Sasportas, J. E. Wilson, S. S. Lawton, W. H. Pearson, Willis Jenkins.

Freedmen's Aid Society.—Absalom Cooper, Jerry McLeod, R. S. Rust, James K. Wagoner, Benj. Robertson.

Church Extension.—Thomas Phillips, Burrell James, Joshua E. Wilson, Jas. A. Brown, Charles T. Hopkins.

Auditing Accounts.—L. M. Dunton, E. M. Pinckney, E. Q. Fuller.

Public Worship.—E. M. Pinckney, True Whittier.

Publishing Minutes.—B. L. Roberts, A. W. Cummings, A. Webster, L. M. Dunton, J. E. Wilson, A. Middleton.

Memoirs — Joshua Garrett, A. Webster, F. D. Smith, John Burroughs.

Conference Stewards.—S. Weston, Stephen Jett, J. Burroughs, L. Arthur, J. R. Rosemond.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

Applicants for Admission on Trial.—The Presiding Elders. First Year.—L. M. Dunton, T. J. Abbott, S. S. Lawton. Second Year.—B. L. Roberts, B. James, R. A. Fletcher. Third Year.—H. J. Fox, S. Weston, J. R. Rosemond. Fourth Year.—E. M. Pinckney, F. W. Sasportas, C. T. Hopkins.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon.—J. B. Middleton; alternate, T. J. Abbott.

Triers of Appeals.—True Whittier, A. Webster, A. Middleton, J. B. Middleton, Lemuel Arthur, V. H. Bulkley, E. M. Pinckney.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

- Question 1st. Have any entered this Conference by Transfer or Readmission?
 - T. J. Abbott, Stephen C. Goosley, I. E. Lowery, A. C. Dutton.
- Quest. 2d. Who are admitted on Trial?

Noah Brown, Abraham Harris, Nephthalim Scott, Sanders King, John R. Beckham, W. S. Bailey, Malachi Davis, E. Dimery, Nicholas T. Bowen, Stephen Scarborough, William H. Smith, Francis E. McDonald, Eli Moses.

Quest. 3d. Who remain on Trial?

Alex. Adams, Primus Young, Gibbs Carter, July Harris, Waiters McIntosh, George Grey, Joseph Simons, Willis Jenkins, Benj. Robertson. Elijah Chancellor, Geo. Taylor, M. K. Holloway, Evander McDaniel, Stephen Garey, R. F. Blakeney, L. M. Dunton, A. Cunningham, Leonard D. Chavis, Absalom Cooper, Joshua F. Garrete, Jeffry Prendergast, Benj. Brown, Mark McCutcheon, L. W. Oglesby, George Toyrance, George Beckham, Wm. H. Adamson, Eugene C. Brown.

- Quest. 4. Who are admitted into Full Connection?

 Chas. E. Butler, James W. Brown, Scipio Green.
- Quest. 5. Who are the Deacons of the First Class?

 Scipio Green, Lisbon Johnson, Paul Witherspoon, Sheppard Dunham, Nathaniel Drayton.
- Quest. 6. Who are the Deacons of the Second Class?

 James A. Brown, F. D. Smith, Jerry McLeod.
- Quest. 7. Who have been Elected and Ordained Elders this year?

 D. Minus, Burrell James,* S. S. Lawton, B. L. Roberts,* John Boston,* Lewis Rivers, Morris Stewart, Christopher W. Lucas.
- Quest. 8. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

 James K. Wagoner.
- Quest. 12. Have any Withdrawn?
 George Brabham.
- Quest. 13. Have any been Transferred, and to what Conference?

 Leon C. Field, to New Hampshire Conference.

^{*}Elected, but not ordained, being already Elders.

Quest. 15. Have any Died?

Thos. Evans.

Quest. 19 Have any Local Preachers been Ordained?

Chas. E. Butler, Peter Presley, Cyrus Rivers, James Summers, Scipio Green, John McCutcheon, Samuel Mays, George Brown, Wm. Adamson, Thos. Richardson, Isaac J. Jackson, Henry Baker, Robert Jordan, Meredith Trusler, Aaron Ancrum, Nephthalin Scott, Richard F. Blakeney, Evander McDaniel, W. H. Pearson, W. Evans, David Jenkins, Daniel Gass, Lewis M. Dunton, Nathaniel Drayton.

Quest. 21. Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?

H. Cardozo, President; Rev. True Whittier, Vice-President; B. L. Roberts, Recording Secretary; J. B. Middleton, Corresponding Secretary; A. Webster, D. D., Treasurer. Managers—S. Weston, S. C. Goosley, E. J. Snetter.

Quest. 23. Where shall the next Conference be held? Charleston, S. C.

APPOINTMENTS.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

A. Webster, P. E., Orangeburg P. O.

Charleston—Centenary	T. J. Abbott
" Bethel	J. A. Sasportas
" Wesley Chapel	B. L. Roberts
John's Island and Wadmalaw	E. J. Snetter and N. Brown
Cherry Hill	Williams Evans
Summerville	I E Lowery
Cypress and Ridgeville	H Daniala
St. Paul's	W. H. Mitchell
Cattle Creek	A Rivers
Mt. Holly and Goose Creek	J. Havnes
Enoch Station and Beech Hill	C. Wesley
St. Andrew's and Ten Mile	To be supplied
St. Stephen and Pineville	To be supplied
·Cooper River and St. Thomas	J S Garrett
St. John's	F A Smith
Hickory Grove and St. James	Reni Brown
Branch VIII e	P F Dialian
Orangeburg CtThomas	Phillips and one to be supplied
Kingstree	W Dorrington
Gourdin's and Black River	I Pondament
	rendergast

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Turkey Creek	A. Cooper
Cedar Swamp	Mark McCutcheon
Georgetown	A. C. Dutton
St. James Santee	To be supplied
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COLUMBIA	DISTRICT.
T. Whittier, P. I	E., Columbia P. O.
Columbia. X	S. C. Goosley
Columbia Ct.	Stephen Garey
Wateree	Stephen Garey J. W. Brown
	G. Carter
Camden	S. Weston
	To be supplied
Sumter	
Sumter Ct. and Statesburg	C. Dimery and one to be supplied
	To be supplied
Bishopville	J. Burroughs
	J. McLeod
Timmonsville	
	E. M. Pinckney
	To be supplied
Marion	M. K. Holloway
_	W. H. Scott and T. E. McDonald
	Eli Moses
Mar's Bluff	
Darlington	W Administration
Darlington Ct.	To be smalled
Great Pedee	W Malntanh
Society Hill	R Tomos
Cheraw Bennettsville	Nicholas T Rowen
Marlboro'	
Oro	
Jefferson	S Scarborough
Horry.	Malachi Davis
Clarendon	J. A. Cunningham
Henry J. FoxProfessor	in the South Carolina University.
Member of Columbia Quarter	
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Port Roya	L DISTRICT.
A. Middleton, P.	E., Midway P. O.
Port Royal	Z. Duncan
Beaufort	J. B. Middleton
Ashepoo	

Walterboro' and Upper Ashepoo	C. W. Lucas
Walterboro' Ct.	Morris Stewart
Hickory Hill	Lewis Rivers
Allendale, Brownson, and Yemassee	D. Minus
Allendale Ct.	Primus Young
Millettsville and Ellington	L. Arthur
Millettsville and Ellington	F. W. Sasportas
Aiken	To be supplied
Barnwell, Ebenezer, and Orange Grove	Johnson
Barnwell CtR. N. Valentine and	one to be supplied
Edisto Forks	E. McDaniel
Bull Swamp	L. C. Chavis
South Edgefield	Abraham Harris
Wesley Grove Ct.	To be supplied
Braxton and Evansville	To be supplied
Lexington	
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SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.	
W. F. Parker, P. E., Welford I	P. O.

Spartanburg	F. D. Smith
Spartanburg Ct.	W. H. Pearson
	L. M. Dunton and N. Scott
Greenville Ct.	J. R. Rosemond and G. Grey
Welford and Reedville	S. Kingly and one to be supplied
Gaffney Ct., Union C. H	C. E. Butler and one to be supplied
Yorkville	J. A. Brown
Yorkville Ct.	G. Toyrance and P. Witherspoon
Rock Hill	G. Beckham and J. Beckham
Chester and Blackstock	To be supplied
Lancaster	S. Dunham and one to be supplied
Winnsboro'	To be supplied
Chester Ct.	G. Taylor
A. W. CummingsProf	essor in South Carolina University,
Member of Spartanburg Ct	
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SALUDA DISTRICT.

V. H. Bulkley, P. E., Greenville P. O.

×Saluda	R. A. Fletcher
West Macedonia, Pendleton	B. Robertson
Shady Grove	W. Jenkins
keowee Keowee	
Tugaloo	John Jenkins
+Walhalla	L.L. H. Oglesby
+Anderson and Belton	C. T. Hopkins
s. Seneca City	Isaac Mazvck
Sereca and Mt. Sinai	S. Green

x Mulwee	E. Chancellor
≁ Williamston	
✓ Moor's Chapel and Laurens	Perry Thompson
Abbeville	To be supplied
Abbeville Ct.	To be supplied
≠Ninety-Six and Edgefield	W. S. Bailey
Newberry	To be supplied
#Greenwood	W. H. Smith
Townville	
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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH met in Trinity Church, Camden, January 14, 1875, at 9½ A. M.

Religious exercises by Bishop Isaac W. Wiley, the presiding officer, accompanied by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

The Secretary of the previous Conference called the roll.

B. L. Roberts was re-elected Secretary, and J. B. Middleton and Jas, A. Brown assistants.

The usual Standing and Special Committees were appointed.

Took up the first question. Rev. T. J. Abbott, of the New England Conference, and Stephen C. Goosley, of the British M. E. Church (Canada), were received.

On motion, the hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed as

follows: 9½ A. M. and 12½ P. M.

The Exhibit of the N. Y. Book Concern was received as information.

Dr. E. Q. Fuller, of the Methodist Advocate (Atlanta), addressed the Conference in the interests of said paper.

Considered the tenth question, and after the examination of character, the usual notices were read.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by Brother J. A. Sasportas.

In the evening Rev. S. Weston preached the Sermon of the Preachers' Aid Society.

SECOND DAY-FRIDAY, JANUARY 15.

Conference opened at 9½ A. M., Bishop Wiley in the Chair. Religious services by Rev. J. A. Sasportas.

On motion, the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Minutes of the preceding day read and adopted.

The Conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for \$30.

On motion, the Conference was authorized to organize a Conference Missionary Society, and the Committee on Missionary Collections to nominate officers.

Resumed the tenth question. Took up the third question.

The Bishop, in well-timed remarks, addressed the candidates, and they were received into full connection.

Samuel Simons and Ephraim Smith were discontinued at their own request.

Took up the seventh question. Took up the sixth question.

Notices were read, and Conference adjourned with benediction by

In the evening Rev. A. Webster, D. D., preached the Missionary Sermon to a densely crowded house.

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY, JANUARY 16.

Bishop Wiley in the Chair. Religious exercises by Brother J. R. Rosemond.

Minutes read and approved.

Considered the third, fourth, and fifth questions.

Lorenzo McKinney, Malcolm D. Herrick, and Cyrus Adams were discontinued.

Answered question six.

Archibald D. Walker was discontinued at his own request.

Answered questions seven and eight.

Considered question nineteen.

O motion, a Committee of Three was appointed on the Southeastern Advocate—T. J. Abbott, B. L. Roberts, A. Webster.

Dr. Webster was called to the Chair.

Drs. Fuller and Cooke addressed the Conference.

The usual notices were read, and Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Cooke.

At night Drs. Fuller and Rust spoke in behalf of the Freedmen's Aid Society. Rev. J. B. Middleton spoke also.

FOURTH DAY—MONDAY, JANUARY 18.

Bishop Wiley in the Chair. Religious exercises by Brother A. Middleton.

Minutes read and approved.

Resumed the third question. Considered and answered the thirteenth question.

S. S. Lawton was ordained Elder.*

Geo. W. Brabham having resigned returned his parchments.

On motion, Dr. Webster was appointed to preach the Centennial

The following Committees reported: Missions, Southeastern Adrocate, Statistics, Temperance, and Education.

The following was nominated for Trustees of Clafflin University: R. F. Blakeney, Thomas Phillips, B. L. Roberts, L. M. Dunton, George Shrewsbury, V. H. Bulkley, C. M. Wilder, Esq., F. W.

^{*}Omitted by oversight on Sunday.

Sasportas, T. J. Abbott, E. M. Pinckney, S. C. Goosley, W. F. Parker, A. Middleton, H. J. Fox, D. D., Hon. J. K. Jillson, A. W. Cummings, D. D., A. Webster, D. D., E. Cooke, D. D., Hon. J. J. Wright, Henry Cardozo, E. J. Snetter.

The doxology was sung, and benediction pronounced by S. C.

Goosley.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. T. J. Abbott in the Chair. Religious exercises by Brother Darrington.

The Conference Stewards reported as follows:

Received from Chartered Fund	. \$30 - 20	00 05
Disbursed to—	\$50	05
Widow T. W. Lewis	. \$5	00
" J. Hamilton	io	00
Rev. F. W. Sasportas		00
" J. B. Middleton	. <i>U</i>	
" T Anthron	. 5	00
L. Armur.	. 5	00
" Scipio Orea	5	00
" E. J. Snetter	5	00
" Morris Stewart	. <i>U</i>	•
" C W Trans	. Э	05
" C. W. Lucas	. 5	00
	\$50	05

The Committee on Bible Cause reported the formation of a Conference Bible Society, of which the Presiding Bishop shall be President, and the following Vice-Presidents: True Whittier, A. Webster. B. L. Roberts, E. J. Snetter, Samuel Weston; Secretary, J. B. Middleton; Corresponding Secretary, T. J. Abbott; Treasurer, I. E. Lowery.

The several Committees reported, and Conference adjourned with

the benediction by Brother Sasportas.

EVENING EXERCISES.

Bishop Wiley in the Chair. Devotional exercises.

Considered the first and second questions,

The Committee on Missionary Appropriations read their report. On motion, the moneys in the hands of the missionary collectors was turned over to Rev. A. Webster, Conference Treasurer, with instructions to pay the drafts and forward the balance to the proper place.

Vote of thanks to the presiding officer, the families of Camden, railroad corporations, and the Secretaries.

The appointments were read.

Brother Sasportas led in prayer. Benediction pronounced by the Bishop, and the Conference adjourned sine die.

I. W. WILEY, President.

B. L. Roberts, Secretary.

SABBATH SERVICES.

A well-attended Love Feast opened the exercises of the day and prepared the people for its further enjoyment. After an eloquent and pungent sermon from the Bishop, the following Deacons were ordained:

Chas. E. Butler, Scipio Green, Peter Pressley, Cyrus Rivers, James Summers, John McCutcheon, Samuel Mays, George Brown, Wm. W. Adamson, Thos. Richardson, Isaac J. Jackson, Henry Baker, Robt. Jordan, Meredith Trusler, Nephthalim Scott, Rich. F. Blakeney, Evander McDaniel, Wm. H. Pearson.

The afternoon was devoted to the Sunday-school. Addresses

were delivered by Drs. Cooke and Fuller.

At night, after a sermon from Dr. Rust, the following Elders

were ordained by Bishop Wiley, assisted by several Elders:

Daniel Minus, Morris Stewart, Lewis Rivers, Christopher W. Lucas, William Evans, David Jenkins, Daniel Gass, Lewis M. Dunton, Nathaniel Drayton.

REPORTS.

EDUCATION.

This is one of the most comprehensive words in the English language—it embraces our whole being. We are what we are by education. Our physical, intellectual, moral, and religious natures are completely under its control. It means to draw out, to develop our whole life. To learn to think—think correctly, think for good and for God—is a great acquirement, for education, without grace, is infidelity. Hence the Church ought to take a very lively interest in all our institutions of learning. It is with most profound gratitude that we look upon our common-school system, not only dotting our State with school-houses, but developing our children's minds for future usefulness, and we most heartily commend the effort the State is now making under its efficient Superintendent, Hon. J. K. Jillson, to extend this system to every neighborhood in this commonwealth.

Your Committee learn with pleasure that the State University is in a more prosperous condition than at any former period within the past twelve years. All departments—preparatory, academic, law, and medical schools—are open free from expense, except for

text-books and board, to all young men of good moral character, and able to pass the requisite examination, without distinction as to nationality, religion, or political opinions, and we rejoice in the advanced public sentiment of this State as evinced in these facts. So far as your Committee are informed, the experiment of the co-education of the different races on a large scale in an institution of a higher grade is more successful here than at any other institution. This Conference has a large interest in this University and looks with pride on its success. We also would express our gratitude for the Scholarship offered by the State, and hope our young men will avail themselves of this favor.

The Clafflin University sustains a more intimate relation than any other institution to this Conference, and we congratulate the Conference on the good fortune of the Trustees in securing the services of Rev. Edw. Cooke, D. D., whose eminent abilities as an educator are well known in connection with several first-class institutions in the Church, and we extend to him a most cordial welcome, and as-

sure him as a Conference our hearty co-operation.

The property of the institution is a valuable one, and with suitable means and appliances will become a first-class institution. Its aim is to furnish thorough instruction in common and higher English studies, natural sciences, mathematics, and classics, so far as required for entering the higher institutions of this and other States.

The State Agricultural College, connected with it by legislative enactments, has as yet but partially gone into operation; but if perfected as contemplated, it will sustain by its ample means a first-class scientific department. The term recently opened with increasing numbers give assurance of promise for the future.

The Baker Institute, so successfully conducted in Charleston, is continued as a theological department in the University. We would call especial attention to this department, and hope all our young men called by God to preach will avail themselves of this

provision.

We congratulate our people in having in their bounds an institution so fully meeting all our educational wants, and having so cordial a friend and liberal supporter as ex-Governor Clafflin, of Mas-

sachusetts. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Clafflin University has our entire confidence in its thorough scholarship and general management. We hereby pledge ourselves as a Conference to induce our young people of both sexes to avail themselves of its present opportunity for acquiring an education.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday-schools beg leave to report:
The Sunday-school is the nursery of the Church, and as such ought to be taken care of.

The great difficulty environing this subject is that of securing competent teachers. Few persons take pleasure in Sabbath-school teaching, and those who do are mostly of that class who need to be taught. Those who attend the day schools take little or no pleasure in the Sunday-school. The Committee ask the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That we tender our sincere thanks to the Sunday-

school Union for their efforts in this direction.

2d. That the preachers in their several charges do all in their power to impress upon the people the importance of the Sabbathschool, and that sermons be preached in all the churches and collec-

tions taken in aid of the Sunday-school Union.

3d. That we hail with joy the "Pastoral Address" of our Bishops, and especially that in reference to our Sabbath-schools; and while we appreciate all of the improvements sent out by our Sunday-school workers, such as the International Bible studies, &c. we cherish the Catechism of the Church, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, as invaluable, and trust that the Sunday-school Union will send to all of our work a large supply of these and other help.

S. S. LAWTON, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee would report that Intemperance, the great crying sin of the day, is on the increase. It is filling the land with widows and orphans, Penitentiary with criminals, Lunatic Asylums with destroyed intellects, distressing once happy homes, and peo-

pling the regions of darkness with all ages of both sexes.

Considered religiously, we are commanded to touch not, taste not, handle not. St. Paul spoke of Righteousness, Temperance, and Judgment to come. St. Peter said, "add to your Faith Temperance." As ministers of the Gospel of the Son of God we should preach against it in every sermon, on all occasions and under every circumstance. We should bring it into our Sunday-schools and teach the children the great necessity of resisting all temptations, and if we cannot reform the aged let us seek to save the young.

Your committee would advise our ministers and people to unite with other citizens in pushing forward these reforms, and in securing such legislation as will if possible overcome the terrible evils of

Intemperance. We offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That we organize open Temperance Societies in all our congregations on the basis of total abstinence from all that will intoxicate, and will use our influence to get the aged and young to sign the following pledge: "We pledge ourselves each to the other and in presence of Almighty God, that we will not manufacture, buy, sell, or drink anything that will intoxicate."

SAML. WESTON, Chairman.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Committee on Church Extension beg leave to report that after prayerful consideration upon this subject, we are under the impression that it deserves the attention and support of all our people. Therefore,

Resolved, That a special collection be taken up by each preacher the ensuing Conference year for the support of this Society.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. A. BROWN, Chairman.

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

The Committee beg leave to report:

We look upon this Society as one sprung from the hand of Providence for the elevation of a once down-trodden and oppressed people, and we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. That each preacher be requested to inform his people with reference to the object and work of this Society, and take a collection for the same during the year.

2d. That the aid rendered by this Society to Clafflin University we consider of vast importance, and inspires our hearty thanks, knowing as we do the great good accomplished by this institution.

3d. That gratefully acknowledging the liberal benefactions of the past, we earnestly request the Society, so far as practicable, to aid in making Clafflin University a first-class institution at the earliest possible date.

JERRY McLEOD, Chairman.

BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on Bible Cause beg leave to report:

That they appreciate the efforts of the worthy Distributing Superintendent of the American Bible Society in this State, Rev. E. A. Bolles, in distributing the Holy Bible among the poor. We regret to say, however, that there is still a great want in this direction. Many families there are in whose houses not a copy of God's Holy Word is found, being too poor to purchase one. While fulfilling one part of our duty, viz.: preaching the Gospel, our mission would be greatly aided if in our pastoral visits we could tak with us copies of God's Word, either the Bible or New Testament, ardistribute to the necessitous. As a Committee, we are happy to report a favorable collection from the several districts, which has been handed over to the proper officer. We offer the following resolutions:

1st. That we organize a Conference Bible Society.

2d. That the officers shall consist of a President, five Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary, who shall be elected annually.

3d. That the Presiding Bishop be ex officio President, and that the annual meeting take place on the closing evening of the session

of the annual Conference.

4th. That the annual meeting be public, and a collection be taken up for the Bible cause—arrangements for such meeting be made by the officers.

5th. That the Society make such By-Laws as they deem proper. E. J. SNETTER, Chairman.

THE SOUTHEASTERN ADVOCATE.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the South-

eastern Advocate, beg leave to report:

They have carefully considered the subject submitted to them. In their judgment the Southern Atlantic slope, representing the interests of the M. E. Church, embraces an extent of territory and membership that requires a paper that shall be the especial organ of those living within its limits. It is by this means only that our wants can be known, our work represented and defended, and our oeculiar measures and interests vindicated. We need a paper that shall be emphatically our own. In such a paper our people would be more interested and identified than in one coming to us from a distance. The religious paper in the family, is next in importance to that of the family Bible, and is one of the valuable means of a righteous reconstruction, and family education. It is the opinion of your Committee that a paper can be sustained which shall grow with our growth, and by the blessing of God accomplish important ends which could not be reached without its influence and aid. In our view it is to be regretted that the Charleston Advocate was ever removed from us. If a paper is published to meet our wants, it should be no individual enterprise, but be the property and under the control of an association, representing our Church and Conference, who will use it to promote the dearest interests of the cause of Christ.

Your Committee would recommend the passage of the following

resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we approve of the publication of the South-easter, Advocate, as an organ of this Conference, provided an associated can be formed who will assume the financial responsibility.

Resolved, 2. That a plan be drafted for such an association, to include a plan both for the publication of a paper and the establishment of a Book Depository, and the same be submitted for the approval and subscription of members of this Conference, at such time and place as the Conference direct.

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Resolved, 3. That in the event of said Advocate being published, under the control of an association, as contemplated, we pledge to the same our hearty co-operation and support.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. ABBOTT, Chairman.

MEMOIRS.

Rev. Thomas Evans, a member of the South Carolina Conference, died suddenly at his residence, near Monck's Corner, S. C., December, 1874.

Brother Evans was one of the many who hailed with grateful thanksgiving to God the long prayed for blessings of freedom. These blessings were prized by him, not so much in view of his temporal interests, as in his greater opportunities to serve God, and preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. His first church connection, after emancipation, was with the African M. E. Church. Here he labored with good success for the Master, but when he found an opportunity to connect himself with the M. E. Church, he gladly came within this fold, feeling that here all of the rights of his manhood were duly respected, and all the blessings of Christian fellowship and labor freely extended without invidious distinction, on the account of race or previous condition.

The fields of his labor to which he was assigned by this Conference, and cheerfully went to do the work of the church, was upon the rice lands of the Cooper River. Here he found a large class to whom his ministrations were as refreshing as water to the thirsty, or bread to the hungry and starving. But he could not escape the effects of the malaria of that unhealthful region. Repeated attacks of the fever broke down his constitution, but he would not abandon his work. His wife first fell a victim to disease, and so impaired was his physical system that he immediately sank under this last fatal attack. He went seemingly in his usual health from his supper table to his room, to which attention was soon after called by an unusual noise; when his son went to his room he was found insensible, and soon after he fell quietly asleep in death. His friends and brethren have the record of his life to afford them the comforting assurance that for him to die was gain.

Brother Evans was a good man, a faithful minister, and a valuable worker for the cause of Christ, and although dead yet speaketh.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. GARRETT, Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference is hereby tendered to Bishop I. W. Wiley for the able and impartial manner in which

he presided over our Conference; and we pray the good Lord to prolong his useful life, preserve his health, and that of his family. We pray, also, that the House of Bishops will oblige by returning him to us in January, 1876.

Resolved, That this Conference tender its thanks to the citizens of Camden for their kind hospitality during our session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be, and is hereby, tendered to those railroad corporations that have granted traveling accommodations at reduced fare.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be extended to our worthy Secretary, Rev. B. L. Roberts, and assistants for their able and efficient services during its session.

L. M. DUNTON.

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The statistics report \$2,584 58; the missionary collections \$2,638 05—a difference of \$53 47—which is in the hands of the Conference Treasurer.

