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Temperance.—J. A. Sasportas, S. S. Lawton, F. W. Sasportas, A. W. Cummings, C. T. Hopkins.

Missionary Collections.—I. E. Lowery, A. W. Cummings, L. Arthur, L. M. Dunton, Willis Jenkins.

Freedmen's Aid Society.—A. C. Dutton, Burrell James, Zachariah Duncan, George Grey, Lewis W. A. Oglesby.

Church Extension.—J. A. Sasportas, J. W. Brown, C. W. Lucas, F. D. Smith, Elijah Chancellor.

Auditing Accounts.—T. J. Abbott, Samuel Weston, Anson W. Cummings, Wm. H. Pearson, Primus Young.

Public Worship.—T. J. Abbott, J. A. Sasportas, B. L. Roberts.

Memoirs.—B. L. Roberts, J. A. Brown, A. W. Cummings.

Conference Stewards.—Thos. Phillips, W. H. Scott, Lisbon Johnson, Jas. R. Rosemond, Abram Harris.

Bible Cause.—E. J. Snetter, Eugene C. Brown, Evander McDaniel, J. K. Wagoner, Joseph Simons.

Missionary Appropriations.—A. Webster, True Whittier, A. Middleton, W. F. Parker, V. H. Bulkley, E. J. Snetter.

Proper Observance of the Sabbath.—W. Darrington, Alex. Adams, Morris Stewart, A. W. Cummings, J. C. Middleton.

Publishing Minutes.—B. L. Roberts, J. A. Brown, J. B. Middleton, A. Webster.

Examination of Character.—Burrell James, A. C. Dutton, Samuel Weston, Henry J. Fox, L. Arthur, L. M. Dunton, Thos. Phillips, A. W. Cummings, J. R. Rosemond, J. E. Wilson, W. Darrington.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

For Admission on Trial.—The Presiding Elders.

First Year.—F. W. Sasportas, S. S. Lawton, Burrell James.

Second Year.—L. M. Dunton, J. R. Rosemond, E. M. Pinckney.

Third Year.—J. E. Wilson, T. J. Abbott, Jas. A. Brown.

Fourth Year.—E. Cooke, D. D., J. B. Middleton, S. Weston.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon.—Henry J. Fox, D. D.; alternate, Thos. Phillips.

Triers of Appeals.—S. Weston, Henry J. Fox, J. R. Rosemond, Thos. Phillips, T. J. Abbott, A. C. Dutton, J. B. Middleton.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

Question 1st. *Have any entered this Conference by Transfer or Re-admission?*

Edward Cooke, D. D.

Quest. 2d. *Who are admitted on Trial?*

J. R. Townsend, H. Cardozo, E. M. Baxter, Joseph Jenkins, Wm. McWillar, William Deas, Lorenzo McKinney.

Quest. 3d. *Who remain on Trial?*

Noah Brown, Erasmus Dimery, Francis E. McDonald, Eli Moses, Stephen Scarborough, Malachi Davis, Abraham Harris, Nephthalin Scott, Sanders King, John R. Beckham, Nicholas T. Bowen, Benj. Robertson, Absalom Cooper, Jeffrey Pendergass, L. W. A. Oglesby, George Beckham, George Toyrance, Gibbs Carter, Primus Young, Evander McDaniel, Wm. Evans, George Grey, M. K. Holloway, J. A. Cunningham, Julius Harris, Joseph Simmons, Benj. Robertson.

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

Eugene C. Brown, Richard F. Blakeney, Louis M. Dunton, Benj. Brown, Wm. H. Adamson, Waitus McIntosh, W. H. Pearson, Alexander Adams.

Quest. 5. *Who are the Deacons of the First Class?*

J. W. Brown, Scipio Green, Lisbon Johnson, Nathaniel Drayton, Sheppard Dunham.

Quest. 7. *Who have been Elected and Ordained Elders this year?*

Jas. A. Brown, Jerry McLeod, F. W. Sasportas.

Quest. 8. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

F. A. Smith, Stephen Jett, Pollydore Witherspoon, the last without claim.

Quest. 10. *Was the character of each Preacher examined?*

Yes.

Quest. 11. *Have any Located?*

Thos. Sowell, Elijah Chancellor.

Quest. 15. *Have any Died?*

Charles E. Butler.

Quest. 19. *Have any Local Preachers been Ordained?*

Robert L. Wilcock, Samuel Thompson, Wesley Dargan, Jacob Mills.

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

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

Quest. 23. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*

Sumter, S. C.

A P P O I N T M E N T S .

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

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

Charleston—Centenary.....	T. J. Abbott
“ Old Bethel.....	J. A. Sasportas
“ Wesley Church.....	B. L. Roberts
John's and Wadmalaw Islands.....	N. Brown, T. A. Smith, Sup.
Summerville.....	} I. E. Lowery, one to be supplied.
Cypress and Ridgeville.....	
St Paul's.....	W. H. Mitchell
Cattle Creek.....	Joseph Jenkins
Cherry Hill and Mt. Holly.....	William Evans
Enoch Station and Beech Hill.....	C. Wesley
St. Andrew's and Ten Mile Hill.....	N. Drayton
St. Stephen's and Pineville.....	James R. Townsend
St. John's Ct.....	Supplied by Scipio Brisbane
Cooper River.....	J. S. Garrett
Hickory Grove and St. Mary's.....	William Darrington
Branchville.....	R. F. Blakeney, E. M. Baxter
Orangeburg.....	Thomas Phillips
Orangeburg Ct.....	Lemuel Arthur
Kingstree.....	E. M. Pinckney
Black River and St. James.....	J. F. Pendergrass, one to be supplied
Turkey Creek.....	A. Cooper
Cedar Swamp.....	Benj. Brown
St. James Santee.....	To be supplied
E. Cooke.....	President of Claffin University and member of Wesley Church Quarterly Conference.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

True Whittier, P. E., Columbia P. O.

✓ Columbia.....	Henry Cardozo
Wateree.....	J. W. Brown
Rock Spring.....	Supply
Mt. Zion Ct.....	H. Baker
Camden.....	S. Weston
Camden Ct.....	David Jenkins
Sumter.....	S. S. Lawton
Sumter Ct.....	Scipio Orea
Mechanicsville and Statesburg.....	E. Dimery
Maysville.....	Supply
Bishopville.....	J. Burroughs
Lynchburg.....	J. McLeod
Lynch's Creek.....	J. Boston
Timmons ville.....	Wm. Days
✓ Florence.....	N. T. Bowen
Marion.....	M. K. Holloway
Marion Ct.....	Wm. H. Scott
Little Pedee.....	Eli Moses
Mars Bluff.....	J. E. Wilson
Great Pedee.....	J. Baxter
Darlington.....	E. C. Brown
Darlington Ct.....	Wm. Adamson
Society Hill and New Hope.....	J. W. Dargan
Cheraw.....	B. James
Bennettsville.....	W. McIntosh
Marlborough.....	A. Adams
Oro.....	Wm. McWillar
Jefferson.....	S. Scarborough
Horry.....	M. Davis
Clarendon.....	J. Cunningham
Henry J. Fox.....	Professor in State University and Member of the Columbia Quarterly Conference.

PORT ROYAL DISTRICT.

A. Middleton, P. E., Midway P. O.

Port Royal Ct.....	Z. L. Duncan
Beaufort.....	J. B. Middleton
Ashepoo Ct.....	John Mitchell
Walterboro and Upper Ashepoo.....	Lewis Rivers
Walterboro Ct.....	Morris Stewart
Hickory Hill Ct.....	C. W. Lucas
Allendale, Brunson and Varnsville.....	To be supplied
Allendale Ct.....	To be supplied
Millettville and Ellenton.....	Daniel Minus

Blackville Ct.	F. W. Sasportas
Aiken	W. H. Pearson
Barnwell Ct.	E. J. Snetter and one to be supplied
Barnwell, Ebenezer and Orange Grove	George L. Johnson
Edisto Forks	E. McDaniels
Bull Swamp	To be supplied
South Edgefield	To be supplied
Wesley Grove Ct.	Abraham Harris
Lexington Ct.	Julius Harris

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.

W. F. Parker, P. E., Welford P. O.

Greenville Station	L. M. Dunton
Golden Grove	To be supplied
Greenville and Marietta Ct.	J. R. Rosemond, John Beckham
Welford Ct.	George Grey
Spartanburg Station	F. D. Smith
Spartanburg Ct	To be supplied
Cherokee Ct.	Sanders King
Gafney Ct.	George Beckham
Union and Jonesville	To be supplied
Yorkville and Chester Stations	A. C. Dutton
Yorkville Ct.	Shepherd Dunham, Naphalin Scott
Rock Hill Ct.	L. McKenney and George Taylor
Chester Ct.	George Toyrance
A. W. Cummings, D. D.	Professor in South Carolina University, and member of Spartanburg Ct. Quarterly Conference.

SALUDA DISTRICT,

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

Saluda Circuit	R. A. Fletcher
West Macedonia	Benj. Robertson
Shady Grove	Willis Jenkins
Keowee Circuit	To be supplied
Tugaloo Circuit	To be supplied
Walhalla	W. S. Bailey
Anderson and Belton	J. A. Brown
Seneca City	To be supplied
Seneca and Mt. Sinai	Scipio Green
Pendleton	Joseph Simmons
Mulwee Circuit	To be supplied
Williamston	C. T. Hopkins
Moore's Chapel	To be supplied
Ninety-Six and Edgefield	L. W. A. Oglesby
Greenwood	F. E. McDonald
Townville Circuit	To be supplied
Abbeville Circuit	To be supplied

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT-\$700 00	Timmons ville	28 00
Centenary	Florence	20 00
Old Bethel	Marion Ct.	32 00
Wesley Church	Little Peedee	40 00
John's Island and Wadmalaw	Darlington	20 00
Summerville Ct.	Darlington Ct.	20 00
St. Paul's	Society Hill and New Hope	70 00
Cattle Creek	Cheraw	20 00
Cherry Hill and Mount Holly	Bennettsville	100 00
Enoch Station and Beech Hill	Marlboro	20 00
St. Andrew's and Ten Mile Hill	Oro	40 00
St. Stephen's and Pineville	Jefferson	20 00
St. John's	Horry	40 00
Hickory Grove and St. Mary's	Clarendon	48 00
Branchville	Mar's Bluff	20 00
Orangeburg Ct.		\$1978 00
Black River and St. James	PORT ROYAL DISTRICT-\$600 00	
Cooper River Ct.	Port Royal	50 00
Cedar Swamp	Beaufort	130 00
St. James Santee	Ashepoo	25 00
Kingstree	Walterboro and Upper Ashepoo	50 00
Turkey Creek	Walterboro Ct.	50 00
	Hickory Hill	50 00
	Allendale, Brunson and Varnesville	60 00
	Allendale Ct.	45 00
	Milletttsville and Ellenton	80 00
COLUMBIA DISTRICT-\$800 00	Blackville Ct.	80 00
Columbia	Aiken	
Wateree Circuit	Barnwell, Ebenezer and Orange Grove	50 00
Mt. Zion Ct.	Barnwell Ct.	70 00
Camden	Edisto Forks Ct.	50 00
Camden Ct.	Bull Swamp Ct.	75 00
Sumter	South Edgefield	
Sumter Ct.	Wesley Grove Ct.	30 00
Mechanicsville & Statesburg	Lexington Ct.	30 00
Bishopville		\$1525 00
Lynchburg		
Lynch's Creek		

SALUDA DISTRICT.....	\$600 00	SPARTANBURG DIST.....	\$650 00
Saluda.....	40 00	Golden Grove.....	20 00
West Macedonia.....	40 00	Greenville and Marietta	60 00
Walhalla.....	50 00	Welford Circuit.....	40 00
Anderson and Belton..	75 00	Spartanburg Station...	40 00
Seneca and Mt. Sinai..	40 00	Spartanburg Ct.....	106 00
Pendleton.....	20 00	Cherokee Ct.....	40 00
Mulwee.....	20 00	Gaffney's Ct.....	40 00
Williamston.....	40 00	Union and Jonesville Ct	20 00
Ninety Six and Edgefield	50 00	Yorkville and Chester..	250 00
Greenwood.....	40 00	Yorkville Ct.....	40 00
		Rock Hill Ct.....	40 00
		Chester Ct.....	40 00
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			\$1386 00

recognized. On motion of J. E. Wilson, S. W. Beird was admitted into full connection, and his orders as elder in the A. M. E. Church recognized. On motion of I. E. Lowery, Henry M. Murphy, of the N. Carolina Conference, M. E. Church, was re-admitted into the traveling connection as an elder. On motion of J. E. Wilson, Henry M. Mathews, from the Reformed African Methodist Church, was admitted on trial, his orders not being recognized. Resolutions, by E. J. Snetter, requiring the Secretary to publish the names of contributors of 25 cts. were tabled. Resolutions of thanks to the secretaries were adopted. The Committees of Examination, Conference Trustees, and Board of Church Extension were nominated and confirmed. The Triers of Appeal were nominated and concurred in. Resolutions of thanks to the Presiding Bishop were adopted, by a rising vote, unanimously. The Bishop remarked that he hoped Conference would be equally as pleased after the appointments were read. He also complimented the Conference on the *esprit du corps*, and wished them a year of great success in winning souls to Christ. The following appointments were made: Committee on General Conference Expenses, Visitors to Gammon School of Theology, to preach the Missionary Sermon and to collect the accounts of the Book Concerns. The Committee on Missions reported. Resolutions relating to a memorial room in Clafin University were adopted. A collection for the janitor, amounting to \$6, was taken. The amount of \$5 was raised and paid to L. M. Dunton for the "Treasurer's Book." The minutes were read and approved. On motion of J. B. Middleton, it was voted that after the appointments are read the Conference stand adjourned *sine die*. On motion of L. Arthur, it was voted that the Bishop be requested to leave Moses Cook and Henry [unclear] without appointment, so that they may attend school. The appointments were read, the doxology sung, and the benediction pronounced by Bishop C. D. Foss.

CYRUS D. FOSS, President.

MIDDLETON, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

(B.)—Bishop.

That the thanks of this Conference are hereby extended to C. D. Foss for his able presiding over our Conference, his pains in all the business pertaining to the Conference, and the manifested in the hearing and deciding of all matters brought before the Conference. Our sympathy and prayers are his. May God preserve him and give him to the church.

J. WOFFORD, The
 J. B. MIF's Aid Society,
 Davie's reported

(C.)—Clafin University.

That the crowded condition of Clafin University be remedied by additional accommodations, and in view of the same, the Board of Church Extension be authorized to use every dollar collected for the purpose of building a building at Orangeburg; t

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Resolved, That a special effort be made during the present Conference year on every circuit and station to collect, at least, twenty-five cents per member for the Freedmen's Aid Society.

Respectfully submitted, L. M. DUNTON.

(C.)—Change of Conference.

Whereas, The weather is unusually severe this season of year, rendering it almost impossible to make our Conference collections; and whereas, all other Methodist bodies in this State hold their annual sessions from twenty to thirty days earlier than we do; therefore be it

Resolved, That we earnestly petition the Board of Bishops to consider the propriety of having our Conference meet between Nov. 20th and Dec. 10th, thereby enabling us to get the benefit of the best time in the year to make our collections, as per discipline.

L. ARTHUR.

(G.)—Gammon School of Theology.

Whereas, Education is an important factor in the progress of race development; and whereas, this Conference has always stood by the various institutions of learning, and, in fact, in the infancy of the re-organized South Carolina Conference, its early life seemed to be rocked in the cradle of Baker Institute, and the history of the Conference is almost a history of the development of our own Claffin; therefore be it

Resolved, That we do not neglect the interests of Gammon School of Theology, in Atlanta, Ga.

Resolved, That this Conference recognize the value and worth of the labors of Dean Thirkield in his successful administration of the a. the institution.

Resolved, That we appreciate the noble gift of the founder, Gammon.

Resolved, That a Conference Committee be appointed by the J attend the Annual Examinations and Commencement Exercises in June, and report to the Annual Conference.

J. B. SMITH.
J. WOFFORD
J. B. MIDDLE
E. B. BURRC

(M.)—Model Home.

Resolved, That the amount raised by this Conference for the Missionary Society this year be applied to the building of a Model Home, at Orangeburg, S. C., in honor of our lame S. Webster.

J. E.

(S.)—Sasportas.

Father J. A. Sasportas be requested to prepare a history of his life, and reminiscences of M.

J. WOFFORD
J. B. MIDDLE
J. E. WILSON

NAMES	MISSIONS
R. Brown.....	\$19 00
C. Pendergrass.....	18 00
fred Lewis.....	6 00
Edward Simmons.....	55 00
D. Dennis was continued on the first class and left without appointment to attend school. E. Dimery, \$2.02, was continued in first class.)	
B. Burrough.....	\$50 00
G. Johnson.....	75 00
passed to be deacons of 2d class.	
S. Garrett continued in 1st class.....	20 00
S. Harris (deceased).....	

18th question was called, and the following supernumeraries were reported in their present relation: A. C. Dutton, P. Witherspoon.

NAMES	MISSIONS
W. A. Oglesby.....	\$ 1 00
T. Hopkins.....	7 00

Sasportas—A resolution requesting Father Sasportas to prepare a history of his early life was passed—(See Resolutions). Stephen Jett—Secretary was instructed to write to him. Z. L. Duncan—Was reported on the superannuated relation. M. F. Black—Missions, was charged to effective relation. The 20th question was asked and the select number reported, S. A. King not guilty, and his case passed. The amount collected for a present for Father Sasportas was \$20. A. Middleton and J. E. Wilson were appointed to select the present for it. In the matter relating to a change in the ratio of representation in the General Conference the vote stood thus: 70 against and 20 in favor of the proposed change. Conference voted to inquire of the members whether they use tobacco. Took up the motion, and the following were recommended to the traveling conference: B. F. McLeod, S. Cottingham, John A. E. Keeler, Moses John Johnson, Jones, H. O. Frederick, J. B. Thomas, J. son, E. W. Adams, H. H. Hayne, B. G. Frederick. Voted that we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock P.M. On motion, it was decided that the President and the Secretary have leave to employ C. W. Wheeler. With was excused, F. B. Smith substituted on the Committee on the Methodist Messenger. Minutes were given. The minutes read and approved; and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Bishop

AFTERNOON SESSION.—FIFTH DAY. Conference met, pursuant to adjournment. Bishop C. D. Foss presided. Devotional exercises were conducted by F. L. Baxter. The report on Periodicals received. (See Report). Approved. The report of the Stewards reported on the report was re-committed. The report on Church Extension, Education, Freedman's Aid Society, Conference Paper, Meetings (N. C. Davis reported on the Country, submitted their reports, were discussed, that on the Meeting amended, and adopted. Conference Stewards reported on the report was adopted, and the amount disbursed as follows, to wit:

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Name	Amt. Pd.	To Whome
P. Witherspoon..	\$10 00.	Paid to E. M. Pinckr
A. Adams	10 00.	Paid to himself.
Lucas' children..	10 00.	Paid to E. J. Freder
M. F. Black.....	15 05.	Paid to himself.
Widow Hamilton.....	15 00.	Paid to J. E. Wilso
Widow Smith.	15 00.	Paid to J. E. Wilso
Widow Darrington's Children.....	20 00.	Paid to F. D. Smith
Widow Fair and children.....	18 00.	Paid to E. M. Pinc
Widow Cardozo	16 00.	Paid to I. N. Cardo
Widow Rivers and children.....	20 00.	Paid to J. E. Wilso
Widow Bulkley and children.....	20 00.	Paid to E. C. Brow
Widow Wright.....	12 00.	Paid to E. C. Brow
S. A. King.....	10 00.	Paid to himself.
John Burroughs.	10 00.	Paid to himself.
Z. L. Duncan	10 00.	Paid to A. E. Quic
L. W. A. Oglesby.	10 00.	Paid to himself.
E. Dimery..	5 00.	Paid to himself.
C. T. Hopkins..	10 00.	Paid to himself.

The Committee on Bible Cause reported. Adopted. The Com on Sunday School, Temperance, Memoirs and Auditing Presiding Accounts reported, and the reports were adopted. It was voted Conference convene to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Notice given; the long metre doxology sung, and the Conference adj with the benediction by Bishop C. D. Foss.

MORNING SESSION.—SIXTH DAY.

The Conference met at 9 o'clock A.M., pursuant to adjournm M. Dunton, D.D., presiding, by appointment of Bishop Fos. votional exercises were conducted by R. F. Blakeny. The minut preceding session were read and approved. The Statistical S submitted his report, which was adopted. (See Tables). Bisho Foss resumed the chair. The Committee on Publishing the Mi reported. Adopted. It was voted that \$40 be appropriated for pu in the minutes the names of contributors for missions of 50 cents wards. The Committee on Memoirs reported on the life of H. C Adopted. The Conference Roll was called, and the members su for 1,300 copies. Resolutions relating to Gammon School of T Atlanta, Ga., and of Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C., were Resolutions relating to the change of time of holding the sessio Conference were offered by L. Arthur, discussed, and adopted. tions of thanks to the citizens of Kingstree, to the R. R. Corporat an invitation to the Editor of the *South-Western Advocate* wer mously adopted. Officers of the Conference Missionary and Societies, and the Sunday School Union were nominated, and tl nations concurred in. The 7th question was taken up, and J Mobley, missions \$13, and Simeon Beird, missions \$18, were call chancel, and the usual disciplinary questions propounded to them answered in the affirmative, and on motion of L. Arthur, J. S. was admitted on trial, and his ord. as elder in the A. M. E. Z.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPIS-COPAL CHURCH met in Centenary Church, Charleston, January 13, 1876. Bishop Randolph S. Foster presiding.

Religious exercises by Rev. J. M. Reid, Missionary Secretary. The Secretary of the preceding Conference called the roll. B. L. Roberts was re-elected Secretary, and J. B. Middleton and J. A. Brown assistants. The usual Standing and Special Committees were appointed. The Annual Exhibit of the Book Concern was ordered on file. The first question was taken up, and Dr. Cooke was received. Took up the tenth question. On motion, it was resolved that when Conference adjourn, it ad-journ to meet at 3½ P. M. On motion, the circulars relating to the Bishop's fund and ex-penses of lay delegates to the General Conference was referred to the Committee on Missionary Apportionments. Conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. F. A. Smith.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Foster in the chair. Religious exercises by Brother J. A. Sasportas. The chair stated that the meeting was in the interests of the Preachers' Aid Society. Rev. J. R. Rosemond preached from Luke VI., 38. Treasurer read report, &c. A committee consisting of the following brethren, A. Webster, H. J. Fox and V. H. Bulkley, was appointed to investigate certain titles to property held by the Society, and to hold the party responsible until matters are adjusted, also to procure from the present Gene-ral Assembly of the State a charter for the Society, and to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, and to make such investments of the Society's funds as will pay good interest, &c. Conference adjourned. Benediction by Dr. Cooke.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY, JANUARY 14TH.

Conference opened at 9.30 A. M., Bishop Foster in the chair.

Religious exercises by Brother S. Weston.

Minutes of the preceding day were read and confirmed.

Took up the Tenth Question, and the Committee on Examination of Character offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Conference highly disapproves and strongly condemns the practice of bringing charges against any of its members at its annual session, when there has been time between the commission of the alleged offence, to have had the accuser and accused face to face, and the charge investigated in the District, as required by the discipline.

Resolved, 2d. That the above resolution be printed in the Annual Minutes.

In behalf of Committee. HENRY J. FOX, *Chairman*.

The Charleston District was reported by the P. E., A. Webster.

Considered the Fourth Question.

The Bishop addressed the class in full and appropriate remarks, and the class were received into full connection.

A vote of thanks was offered to the Bishop for the address.

Mark McCutchen was discontinued.

Revs. A. T. Carr, M. B. Salters of the A. M. E. Church, Lansing and Trimmer, of Atlanta, were introduced.

Conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. A. T. Carr of A. M. E. Church.

THIRD DAY—JANUARY 15TH.

Conference opened at the usual hour, Bishop Foster in the chair.

Religious exercises by Rev. Henry J. Fox, D. D.

Minutes of preceding day were read and confirmed.

The Committees on Education and *Southeastern Advocate* reported, and the reports were adopted.

Took up the Third Question.

W. H. Smith was discontinued.

Considered the Fifth and Eighth Questions.

On motion, the Conference adopted the "Modified Course of Study for Ministers," and the Secretary was instructed to obtain and publish the same in the Minutes; also, to insert a notice to the classes to appear for examination, before the assembling of Conference.

The Conference went into an election for one delegate to the General Conference. Whole number of votes cast 53; necessary to a choice 27. Rev. A. Webster received 27, and was declared elected; Rev. E. M. Pinckney was then elected reserve.

The Lay Electoral Conference entered, and reported the election of W. R. Jervey, lay delegate, and C. H. Holloway, reserve.

Lieut. Gov. Gleaves, and Revs. R. H. Cain, W. M. Thomas, of the A. M. E. Church, were introduced.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Rev. A. C. Dutton.

SABBATH SERVICES.

In the morning the Bishop preached a powerful and instructive sermon in Centenary Church, and after ordained Deacons. In the afternoon, Dr. Cooke preached at Wesley Church, after which the Elders were ordained.

FOURTH DAY—MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH.

Conference met at 9½ A. M., Bishop Foster in the chair. Religious exercises by Rev. W. H. Pearson.

Minutes of preceding day were read and confirmed.

The following Committees reported—Sunday Schools, Church Extension, Temperance, Memoirs, Auditing Accounts, Bible Cause.

Took up the Tenth Question.

Rev. F. Brown, of the Methodist Protestant Church, was introduced, who also presented a donation from his congregation towards the support of indigent itinerant preachers.

On motion, the thanks of the Conference was given, and the Secretary instructed to present a copy to the reverend gentleman, to be read to his congregation.

Rev. F. A. Smith was granted a supernumerary relation.

The Committee on Examination of Character presented the following report:

Your Committee recommend the Conference to pass the character of Brother N. Drayton, and that his P. E. require him to submit the matter complained of to properly appointed arbitrators as soon as possible after the adjournment of Conference.

In the case of True Whittier against W. F. Parker, that Bro. Parker's character do pass.

In the case of True Whittier against S. C. Goosley, that Bro. Grosley be located.

The Conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for \$30.00.

The Constitution of the Preachers' Aid Society was referred to the proper Committee, who was also required to procure a Charter for the South Carolina Annual Conference from the present Legislature.

Conference adjourned. Benediction by the Bishop.

FIFTH DAY—TUESDAY, JANUARY 18TH.

Conference opened at the usual hour, Bishop Foster in the chair.

Religious exercises by Rev. L. M. Dunton.

Minutes of preceding day were read and confirmed.

Finance Committee reported. See report.

On motion the sum of \$4.50, for education, was given to Claflin University.

On motion \$50 was granted from the Missionary Fund towards the publication of the Minutes, in view of the special report and missionary apportionment.

One hour was devoted to the interests of Claflin University.

The Conference roll was called and pledges to the amount of \$470.00 from members of the Conference and \$206.00 from friends were obtained.

Elijah Chancellor was granted a location at his own request, also Thos. Sowell.

Resolutions of thanks to the Presiding Officer, families of the City Railroad Corporations, City Pastors, Secretary and Assistants, were offered.

Sumter, Spartanburg, Yorkville and Greenville were placed in nomination. Sumter having received the largest number of votes, was declared the seat of the next Conference.

Committee on Missionary Appropriations made their report.

Statistical Committee made their report.

Minutes were read and approved.

Hymn 712 was sung; the Bishop led in prayer.

The appointments were read, and Conference adjourned *sine die*.

B. L. ROBERTS, *Secretary*. R. S. FOSTER, *President*.

APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1876.

FOR BISHOPS.		FOR DELEGATES' EXPENSES.	
Charleston District	\$ 75 00	Charleston District	\$ 40 00
Columbia	75 00	Columbia	35 00
Spartanburg	50 00	Spartanburg	25 00
Saluda	50 00	Saluda	25 00
Port Royal	50 00	Port Royal	25 00
	<u>\$300 00</u>		<u>\$150 00</u>

REPORTS.

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

The Committee report as follows:

The amount collected for Missions during the year 1875.

Charleston District	\$1870 62
Columbia	423 76
Port Royal	222 98
Spartanburg	142 30
Saluda	67 40
	<u>\$2227 06</u>

Disbursed as follows—

Amount paid Bishop's draft	\$1875 00
" " postage, stationery, &c.	76
" forward to Rev. R. Nelson, Treasurer	351 30
	<u>\$2227 06</u>

The collections are mostly in small sums. To save time and liability to error in counting, the committee would suggest that the pastors exchange all the fractional currency for the largest bills they can secure, carefully envelope and write on the outside the name of district, circuit, name of preacher, and sum enclosed.

A. W. CUMMINGS, *Ch'n of Com.*

The Stewards of the Conference report as follows:

Received Chartered Fund	\$30 00
Conference collections	9 64
Protestant Methodest Church collections	4 50
	<u>\$44 14</u>

Paid to—

J. C. Middleton	\$ 2 50
J. Mitchell	2 50
C. W. Lucas	2 50
J. Harris	2 50
A. Harris	2 50
Scipio Green	2 50
J. Simmons	2 50
B. Robinson	2 50
Stephen Jett	2 50
W. McIntosh	2 50
J. Burroughs	2 50
S. Rea	2 50
W. H. Pierson	2 50
J. R. Rosemond	2 50
Widow Hamilton	6 00
Wm. Darrington	2 50
Silas Grey	64
	<u>\$44 14</u>

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave respectfully to report that the Conference has under its patronage and control, directly only one literary institution—the Claflin University at Orangeburg. To this Institution, the year has been one of mingled success and disaster. Just at the opening of what promised to be a most

prosperous term, the buildings at Orangeburg were destroyed by fire. Your Committee in this great and sad emergency, beg to refer the Conference to the report of the President, hereunto appended, and also to such action as may be taken at a meeting of the Board of Trustees designed to be held during this session.

Your Committee beg to express their gratitude to the State of South Carolina, for the wise and liberal provision it has made for the higher education of the people, irrespective of color or previous condition; and also beg to express its conviction that the work done by the State University is of the most thorough character, and cannot fail to promote in the most marked degree the interests of classical education in the State.

Resolved, That as a Conference, we believe in the Rev. Edward Cooke, D. D., as the right man in the right place, and that we pledge to him our unqualified and earnest support in his efforts for the prosperity of Claflin University.

Resolved, That we advise the Trustees to immediately take measures to erect suitable buildings in place of those recently burned.

Resolved, That we will give our earnest support to the measures that may be adopted by the Trustees for the above object, and will urge our people to aid in every possible way the efforts of the Trustees.

HENRY J. FOX, *Chairman*.

CLAFFLIN UNIVERSITY.

The Claflin University has prosecuted its work under the present administration—one academic year and one term, with increasing attendance and success. During the year 1875, it has enrolled 209 pupils, drawn from sixteen different counties of the State; numbering as its largest attendance at any one time 140. Several were pursuing a free classical course, intending to go to the State University; others were pursuing an elementary theological course, while the majority were preparing for the profession of teaching, or for industrial pursuits. A class in Burney's Theological Compend has been taught by the President during the year—made up of young men preparing for the ministerial work. But, perhaps, the greatest work of the Institution during the year, has been the sending out of a large number of teachers for the public schools of the State, all of whom have been advanced more or less in their studies. Considerable sums of money have been expended in improving the buildings, furniture and boarding accommodations, so that the Institution was in better condition than perhaps at any time since it came under the custodianship of the M. E. Church.

The Board of Instruction is able and devoted to its work, and as large as the present wants of the Institution demand.

The Winter term for 1876 commenced on the 4th of January, with a larger attendance than usual, and with every prospect of its reaching 150 or more during the term. With these increased fa-

cilities for usefulness and with brightening prospects before it, the term commenced, but on the third day (Thursday, January 6th, all the buildings occupied for school and dormitory purposes were laid in ashes—consisting of a centre building 50 ft.; a north wing and south wing, each 60 ft.; east wing 40 ft., and a recitation building 50 ft; making in all 260 ft. in length. How the fire originated is not known, but it spread so rapidly that extrication was impossible; efforts were put forth to save the furniture which were successful only in part.

E. COOKE, *Pres. Claflin University*.

MEMOIRS.

Charles E. Butler was born in the town of Spartanburg, So. Ca., February 17th, 1852. Prior to emancipation he did not acquire even a knowledge of the alphabet, but possessed of quite a remarkable memory. By hearing the ritual used in the services of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, he had so memorized it as to be able to repeat it at the early age of eight years, and could also repeat the answers to every question in Capers' Catechism, numbers one and two. He commenced attending school in 1865, and evinced great aptitude to learn. The early mornings and afternoons he employed as a chose boy, in any of the stores or offices where he could get employment. He was thus thrown into the company of intelligent men, and gathered up much general information. During these years he was wild and inconsiderate, but smart, and a favorite with all. In 1870 he joined the church, on probation, and in March, 1871, he was enabled to believe to the saving of his own soul. No one who knew him well ever doubted his sound conversion or subsequent piety. He was licensed near the close of 1872, and in January, 1873, was received on trial in the South Carolina Conference and appointed to Yorkville, where he continued two years, during which the church was quite prosperous. He completed his "first year's course of study," and passed a good examination the second; was admitted into full connection and ordained Deacon by Bishop Wiley, at Camden, January, 1875. His next and last appointment was to Gaffney and Union Circuit. Brother Butler was a constant student, and acquired a respectable acquaintance with the common branches of an English education. He earnestly desired classical learning, and several times corresponded with the writer in regard to pausing in his active ministry to attend one of the higher institutions of learning. He was fond of reading books of deep religious experience, and made himself familiar with the writings of Mrs. Palmer and Bishop Foster. He believed in and earnestly sought entire consecration to Christ. In his pastoral visits he carried his bible and a handful of tracts for distribution. It is said that two days before his death, he said on returning from what seemed to

him a fruitless visit, "Oh, how much I have lost by not having some tracts to leave with that family." To reach one of his appointments, he had to cross Gilkey Creek, in Union County. It was swollen by a recent rain, and as he was not familiar with the ford, or aware of the rapidity of the current, his horse was soon in swimming water, and horse, buggy and driver, was rapidly carried away by the current, and he and a friend who was in the buggy with him were drowned. His remains were recovered the next day, carried to Spartanburg and consigned to his last resting place, followed by a large concourse of sorrowing friends. Death came very suddenly and in a mysterious way, but doubtless it found him ready, and while his friends and companions of his former toils labor on below he rests above. He died on the 10th of November, 1875.

A. W. CUMMINGS, *Chairman.*

TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to report, that in their estimation the evils of Intemperance are so great and widespread, that they could scarcely be exaggerated. A large part of the crime, pauperism, ruin of families, and many of the most appalling disasters to travelers by railroads and steamboats, are traceable to Intemperance.

The great question is, how can the evils be lessened, and Intemperance be banished from our country? First, your Committee recommend that our church law on Temperance be rigidly observed by ourselves, and enforced against all violators in our churches. Second, that we hold frequent Temperance meetings and have addresses delivered on the subject, and induce as many as possible to sign the pledge, viz: "We do individually pledge our word and sacred honor, that we will neither make, buy, sell, give away, or use as a beverage any spirituous or malt liquor, wine or cider." Third, your Committee recommend that the members of this Conference and our church members, do earnestly co-operate with any of the existing State or national Temperance organization in arresting this great national scourge. Fourth, that in the exercise of the elective franchise, we will give a decided preference to candidates for office who practice Temperance and are known as Temperance men, and that we will frown upon and seek to induce our people to refuse to support for office, men who offer to voters intoxicating liquors or any other form of bribe.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. CUMMINGS, *Chairman.*

AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

The Committee report: We examined the accounts of Rev. A. Webster, P. E. of Charleston District, and found it correct; also,

that of Rev. True Whittier, P. E. of the Columbia District, and found it correct; also, that of Rev. A. Middleton, P. E. Port Royal District, and Rev. V. H. Bulkley, of the Saluda District, and found them correct. We examined the accounts of Rev. W. F. Parker, of the Spartanburg District, and so far as the accounts are concerned was correct, but he did not use the book furnished by the Missionary Society; he also connected his personal account with the appropriation. Respectfully submitted,

T. J. ABBOTT, *Chairman.*

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Committee on Church Extension beg leave to report:

That after carefully considering the great and unbounded benefit to our church, as one of the main driving wheels by which our work has been so successfully carried on, do recommend that liberal collections be taken up by all the preachers of this Conference yearly, in aid of Church Extension Society.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SASPORTAS, *Chairman.*

BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on Bible Cause beg leave to report: Another year of toil and observation has passed away, and we are greatly impressed with the necessity of a more general distribution of the Word of God to the poor. It is gratifying to us to report the intellectual improvement among the people, and the great thirst for copies of the Scriptures, and yet the majority are unable to purchase copies. We, therefore, submit the following:

Resolved, That the Conference Bible Society at their annual meeting, bring the Bible Cause before the public and beg liberal collections for the same.

Resolved, That the amounts collected be forwarded to the A. M. B. S., and that donations of the Bible be asked for distribution among the poor on our work. Respectfully submitted,

E. J. SNETTER, *Chairman.*

SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools respectfully report:

We greatly rejoice because of the increasing disposition of the people, old and young, to study the word of God. The careful and prayerful study of the scriptures, instead of hindering, very greatly helps the minister's success in preaching the gospel, by enlightening the mind and preparing the heart for the reception of the truth. Ignorance of Divine Truth is a great barrier to our

success. We urge all to search the scriptures, as they furnish the only infallible text book of faith and practice.

Resolved, The Sabbath Schools as now arranged furnish fine opportunities for persons of all grades of intellect to study the word of God.

Resolved, That while approving the International Series of Lessons, and the general method of study, we take as timely, the caution found in the Bishop's Address, that we should not be unduly bound to any one system.

Resolved, That we earnestly urge our Sunday Schools to use more freely the Standard Hymns found in our Church Hymn Book, which are so full of sound theology and correct sentiment.

Resolved, That as ministers we will use all our efforts to keep all our Sunday Schools in successful operation the entire year, as the best interests of the cause demand, and according to the direct instruction of the discipline.

LEWIS RIVERS,
F. A. SMITH,
W. H. PEARSON.

FREEDMEN'S AID.

Your Committee on Freedmen's Aid beg leave to report:

This Society deeply regret the meager collections of the past year. Our necessities continue. The thanks of this Conference is cordially tendered to the Parent Society in view of the benefits secured to our people through the agency of this Society.

Resolved, That we will instruct our people with reference to the operations of this Society, and urge a liberal collection the coming year.

A. C. DUTTON,
B. JAMES,
Z. DUNCAN,
L. W. OGLESBY, } Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, We do hereby express our hearty thanks to Rev. Bishop Foster, for his christian and gentlemanly bearing among us and the valuable instruction given, and when in the providence of God he shall visit us again, we will extend to him a most cordial greeting.

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, advocate more strongly our sincere support of the *Methodist Advocate*, now established at Atlanta, Geo., and ask the General Conference that Dr. Tuller be returned at its head.

Resolved, That in view of the demands of our work on the Atlantic Coast, that the next General Conference of our Church be

respectfully solicited to establish a Church Paper and Book Depository at Charleston, So. Ca.

Resolved, That our Delegates to the General Conference be instructed to make a special effort to secure the facilities mentioned in the previous resolution.

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

Resolved, That this Conference extend their most grateful thanks to the citizens of Charleston for their kind and hospitable entertainment during the session of the same, and to the Trustees for the use of their church, and to the various railroad companies over which the members of this Conference pass.

SPECIAL REPORT.

Missionary money contributed from Wesley Church on the basis of one cent per week.

Sarah Ann Parker,.....	52	Josephine Jackson.....	\$2 19
Sukey Green,.....	54	Isabella Patrick.....	52
Ann Cole,	63	Martha Carter.....	52
Primus Frazer,.....	52	Ralph Bennett.....	52
Isabella Govan,.....	52	Elizabeth Bennett.....	52
Philis Jackson,.....	52	Elizabeth Jenkins.....	52
Judith Rivers,.....	52	Venus Smalls.....	52
Ishmael Hamilton.....	52	Lucinda Frazer.....	55
Henry Edwards.....	52	John E. Ancrum.....	52
George Thomas.....	60	Harriet Allston.....	52
Jas. W. McLeish.....	52	Ann Stewart.....	52
Sarah Thompson.....	52	Nancy Nesbit.....	52
Benj. L. Roberts.....	52	Joseph Berry.....	52
Henrietta McLeish.....	52	Satira Berry.....	52
Richard Spencer.....	52		

Statistics for Charleston District, South Carolina Conference, for 1875.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			SABBATH-SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.					For Bishops.		
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all Ages.	For Conference Claimants.	FOR MISSIONS.		For Board Church Extension.		For S. S. Union M. E. Church.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.																				\$28 30
Centenary Church	115	1,575	3	41	111	66	1	\$ 75,000			1	35	300		\$ 454 74	\$51 00	\$ 5 60	5 65	\$ 5 41	
Old Bethel	9	300	1	10	13	10	1	2,000			1	16	185		93 70		1 00		1 00	
Wesley Chapel	59	362	3	7	44	10	1	8,000	1	200	2	13	196		38 72	16 93				
Wadmalaw and John's Island	116	543	11	15	45	110	4	3,500			5	12	302	75	75 60		1 00	1 60	1 00	
Cypress and Ridgeville	9	68	2		2						1	2	14		8 00					
Cattle Creek	22	280	2	8	39	18	2	100			4	8	115		8 00			50		
St. Andrew's and Ten-Mile Hill	15	70	2	2	14		1				1	1	30	2 00	10 00		2 75			
Enoch Station and Beech Hill															12 75					
St. John's		300	2	7	17	2	2	500			2	2	20		21 16					
Tavo's Church																				
Branchville	87	1,000	4	16	17	38	9	500			7	11	300		50 00					
Orangeburg Circuit	80	475	3	12	75	20	5	4,000	1	1,000	5	16	300	2 00	95 00		3 00	1 00	2 00	
Cherry Hill	9	129	2	2	14	2	1	150			1	3	30		17 00					
Summerville	83	156	3	4	20	3	3	1,200			2	9	100		51 26		2 00		55	
St. Paul's															2 00					
Mt Holly and Goose Creek															14 10					
Cooper River and St. Thomas															50 00					
Gourdin's and Black River	23	120	2	3	23		2	150			2	5	40		29 25		2 00		25	
Pineville and St. Stephen's	30	100	4	2	5	3	2	200	1	300	2	2	55		17 93		50			
Hickory Grove and St. James															25 50					
Kingtree	45	550	5	4	30	15	3	1,500	1	200	3	6	200		80 00		2 00		2 00	
St. Mary	30	250	2	8	45	50	3	115			3	8	150		10 00		1 25			
Cedar Swamp	12	125	5	12	24	8	3	500			3	14	150		9 00					
Turkey Creek	52	450	15	19	33	9	3	2,000			3	17	259		49 00			1 20	1 60	
Total	808	7,025	74	178	601	276	46	\$99,415	4	\$1,700	50	176	2,866	4 75	\$1221 71	\$67 93	\$23 10	6 72	\$14 81	\$28 30

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Statistics for Columbia District, South Carolina Conference, for 1875.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.																				\$7 60
Columbia	2	106	2	2	10	6	1	\$ 2,000			1	12	75		\$ 10 30	\$ 1 00	25	2 50	\$ 50	
Wateree	250	380	7	5	39	34	5	1,300			5	8	260		25 75					
Rock Spring	80	200	5	1	24	4	5	800			3	6	149		4 50			48		
Camden	50	300	3	4	40	10	1	3,500	1	400	1	14	200	1 00	11 50	3 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	
Camden Circuit	100	280	8	25	100	30	4	900			4	27	190		7 25		1 00	4 30	1 00	
Sumter	12	398	6	7	15	40	3	4,450			2	12	225		16 45		1 00	1 00	1 00	
Sumter Circuit and Statesburg	72	470	14	15	45	20	2	1,300			4	30	235		31 15			95		
Maysville	6	85	3	6	9	10	2	400			3	6	84		17 00	50	1 00		75	
Lynchburg	155	449	4	9	27	15	3	1,100			4	13	300		27 28					
Lynch's Creek	68	237	1	8	14	7	2	400			3	6	72		16 76		1 22	4 55		
Timmonsville	44	246		2	10	26	3	300	1	7,500	3	11	130		18 35	1 55	1 00			
Florence	90	456	3	4	11	27	2	3,600	1	200	2	19	236	50	6 00	50	1 00	1 00	1 00	
Black Creek	1	31		1	11										30					
Marion	11	194	1	2	7	5	11	1,300	1	200	1	4	60		24 18					
Marion Circuit	84	905	7	13	120	125	8	500			8	15	417		15 75					
Mars Bluff	88	420	3	9	52	64	2	1,300			2	12	200		13 00		7 00	2 00		
Darlington	149	281	5	9	1	15	1	3,500			2	20	200	50	18 85		1 00	1 50	1 00	
Darlington Circuit	100	300	5	7	37	50	3	1,600			5	15	200		26 10		2 00	3 65	2 00	
Society Hill	5	36	1			5	1	750			1	1	14		30	32	10 50			
Cheraw	150	500	5	4	47	59	3	1,000			5	20	250		42 00		1 00	25	50	
Bennettsville	82	300	8	9	27	3	4	1,200	1	200	6	21	160		15 06		1 00	50	1 00	
Marlboro	30	550	7	12	12	50	5	1,500			5	13	275		10 00				1 00	
Jefferson	6	200	3		10	6	4	1,200			4	8	131	10	3 00			2 00		
Oro	7	130	3	1	7	10	1	500			2	8	86		10 00		1 07	25	57	
Horry															9 95					
Clarendon	12	20	2	3	18						1	12	27		1 25					
Bishopville	2	25	1	4	3	5	1	200							4 00	50				
Great Pee Dee	150	140	4	2		33	1	500			3	10	80		4 00					
Little Pee Dee	70	100	2	10		14	3				2	3	55		8 60					
Total	1876	8,120	113	174	697	673	73	\$35,500	5	\$8,500	82	326	4,271	2 10	\$ 403 18	\$ 7 37	\$29 04	27 93	\$11 32	\$7 60

Statistics for Saluda District, South Carolina Conference, for 1875.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			SABBATH-SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.					For Bishops.		
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all Ages.	Per Conference Claimants.	FOR MISSIONS.		For Board Church Extension.		For S. Union M. E. Church.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.
															Churches.	Sabbath-schools.				
SALUDA DISTRICT.																				
Saluda Circuit.....	20	205	2	4	9	51	3	\$ 4,000			5	20	150							
West Macedonia and Pendleton	20	139	1	4	15	20	4	600			4	12	100		\$ 8 00		\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$10 29
Shady Grove.....	25	57	1	1		12	1	500			2	8	50		4 25					
Keowee.....	15	60	2		12	3	2	150			4	10	40	30	1 00				1 00	
Tugaloo.....	14	50	2	3		8					2	6	40		2 50		50			
Walhalla.....	30	100	1	1	9	6	1	550			1	7	72		50	50		50	2 00	
Anderson and Belton.....	53	204	3	13	13	13	2	1,500			2	6	60	100	2 18			1 00		
Seneca City.....	3	15			2		1	150			2	3	25		15 00	2 00	2 00		1 00	
Seneca and Mt. Sinia.....	23	254	2	4	2	16	2	300			3	19	100		25					
Mulwee.....	20	75	2	2		7	2	100			2	5	80		15 00		50	50	50	
Williamston.....	52	59	2	2		15	3	300			2	5	80		6 00		1 00	25	25	
Moore's Chapel and Laurens.....	2	604	2	2			1	36			2	10	83		5 00					
Ninety-Six and Edgefield.....	148	323	1		23	13	4	275			1	4			2 85					
Greenwood.....	80	56	1	1	2	34	1	700			4	10	119	300	6 55		1 00	55	40	
Total.....	505	2,200	20	37	87	198	27	\$ 9,161			35	128	969	430	70 08	2 50	\$6 50	\$3 80	\$6 15	\$10 29

Statistics for Port Royal District, South Carolina Conference, for 1875.

PORT ROYAL DISTRICT.																				
Beaufort.....	5	142	4	3	1	8	2	\$1,000			2	8	120		\$26 78		\$5 00		\$5 00	\$5 75
Ashepool.....	8	42	1	4	15	6	2	600			1	2	41		2 00				5 00	
Walterboro and Upper Ashepool	13	82	2	2	18	14	2	1,400			2	4	27	2 00	13 75		4 00	70		
Walterboro Circuit.....	23	280	2	7	23	17	5	1,000			5	10	175		13 00		1 00		50	
Allendale.....	52	175	2	1	13	30	3	1,400			2	5	36		19 38				1 35	
Allendale Circuit.....	67	290	1	1	20	18	3	1,200			3	4	150		17 80					
Millettville and Ellington.....	58	113	1	2	3	15									2 00					
Blackville.....	267	405	5	3	36	69	5	3,500			5	14	227		25 00		2 00	\$1 00	1 00	
Barnwell and Ebenezer.....	38	288	3		35	16	3	1,000			5	12	220		10 85				1 50	
Barnwell Circuit.....	101	633	3	8	19	10	5	2,100			6	17	260		80 00		1 05	1 50	1 75	
Port Royal.....	27	170	6	8	47	17	2	500			4	5	39		11 50		5 95			
Hickory Hill.....	19	630	4	11	64	36	4	1,000	1		5	11	120	50	24 00		2 00	25	2 00	
Lexington.....	13	167	1	3	8	7	3	400			4	8	108		6 00		1 00		5 00	
Wesley Grove.....															11 00					
Total.....	696	3,407	35	53	302	243	39	\$15,100	1		44	100	1,523	2 50	\$254 06		\$22 00	\$3 45	\$23 10	\$5 95

Statistics for Spartanburg District, South Carolina Conference, for 1875.

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.																				
Spartanburg.....	49	410	2	6	12	42	1	\$2,000			1	12	120		\$12 00					\$5 15
Spartanburg Circuit.....		6					1	300												
Greenville Station.....	131	535	1	7	26	27	1	5,000	1	\$1,000	3	20	200		60 00	\$5 00	\$10 00	\$2 00	\$2 00	
Greenville Circuit.....	195	547	8	6	4	75	10	7,000			9	21	187		34 30		3 00		50	
Welford and Reedville.....	153	425	4		8	20	2	595			5	14	162		8 00		2 00			
Union and Gaffney.....	110	540	3		40	50	4	1,900							7 00		2 00			
Yorkville.....	59	158	2	8	6	2	1	3,000			1	9	70	1 00	12 00		3 00	1 00	1 80	
Rock Hill Circuit.....	75	408	1	3		4					1	4	55		4 00					
Chester and Blackstock.....	12	24			7	4	3				1	2	10							
Winnboro.....	9																			
Golden Grove.....	65	155	1	4	18	56	2	200			3	12	130		8 00					
Total.....	8 88	3,208	22	33	122	266	29	\$19,795	1	\$1,000	24	94	934	1 00	\$145 30	\$5 00	\$20 00	\$3 00	\$4 30	\$5 15

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.			BAPTISMS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.			SABBATH-SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.														
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all Ages.	For Conference Claims.	Churches.	Sabbath-Schools.	For Board Church Extension.	For S. S. Union M. E. Church.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Bishops.							
Charleston District.....	808	7,023	74	178	601	272	46	99,415	4	1,700	50	176	2,866	.....	1,221	71	68	96	23	10	9	15	14	81	28	30	
Columbia District.....	1876	8,120	122	174	697	673	73	35,500	5	8,600	82	326	4,271	2	10	403	18	7	37	29	04	4	93	11	32	7	60
Saluda.....	505	2,200	20	37	87	198	27	9,161	.....	.....	35	118	969	4	30	70	08	.....	6	50	3	80	6	15	10	29	
Port Royal District.....	696	3,417	35	53	302	243	39	15,100	1	.....	44	100	1,523	2	50	254	06	2	50	22	00	5	43	23	10	5	75
Spartanburg District.....	333	3,208	22	33	122	266	29	19,793	1	1,000	24	94	934	1	00	145	30	5	00	26	00	3	00	4	00	5	15
Grand Total.....	4,773	24,071	273	473	1809	1665	187	179,371	11	11,300	246	110	10,566	9	90	2,137	05	84	83	106	64	26	31	59	38	57	09

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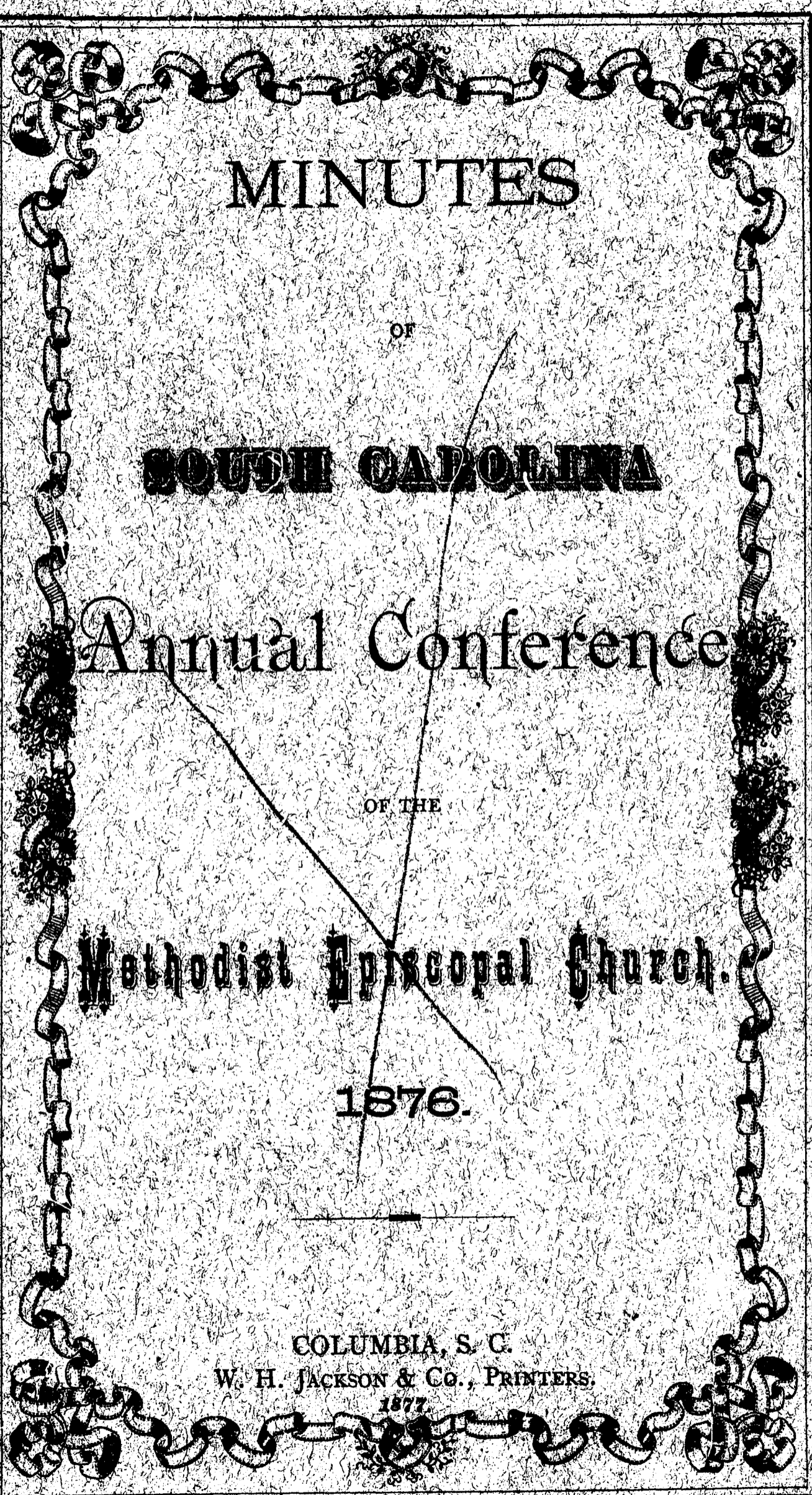
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