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BENJ. L. ROBERTS............................ Secretary.
JAMES B. MIDDLETON AND JAS. A. BROWN..... Assistants.

TRUSTEES.

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

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

FOR THREE YEARS.
LEMUEL ARTHUR,.............................. JOHN BURROUGHS.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

PRIVILEGES.

REV. B. L. ROBERTS.......................... Charleston, 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, Orangeburg, S. C.
SPECIAL COMMITTEES.


Statistics.—E. M. Pinckney, B. L. Roberts, Daniel Minus, Jas. A. Brown, W. S. Bailey.


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


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

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


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


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


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.
Quest. 15. Have any Died?
Charles E. Butler.

Quest. 19. Have any Local Preachers been Ordained?
Robert L. Wilcox, Samuel Thompson, Wesley Dargan, Jacob Mille.

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. W. J. Mitchell, 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.

APPOINTMENTS.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

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

Charleston—Centenary. T. J. Abbott
" Old Bethel. J. A. Sapp
" Wesley Church. B. L. Roberts
John's and Wadmalaw Islands. N. Brown, T. A. Smith, Sup.
Summerville. I. E. Lowery, one
Cypress and Ridgeville. W. H. Mitchell
St. Paul's. Joseph Jenkins
Cattle Creek. J. S. Garrett
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. F. Pendergrass, one to be supplied
Hickory Grove and St. Mary's. William Darrington
Branchville. R. F. Blakeney, E. M. Baxter
Orangeburg. Thomas Phillips
Orangeburg Ct. Lemuel Arthur
Kingstreet. 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 Sautee. To be supplied
E. Cooke. President of Claflin 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. MclLeod
Lynch's Creek. J. Boston
Timmonsville. 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
Marborough. A. Adams
Oro. Wm. McWillar
Jefferson. S. Searborough
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
Millettesville and Ellenton. Daniel Minus
### SPARTANBURG DISTRICT

- W. F. Parker, P. E., Welford P. O.
  - Greenville Station: L. M. Dunton
  - Golden Grove: George Grey
  - Spartanburg Station: F. D. Smith
  - Cherokee: W. A. Oglesby
  - Gaffney: George Beckha
  - Union and Jonesville: A. C. Dutton
  - Yorkville and Chester Stations: S. A. Oglesby
  - Yorkville: Shepherd Dunham, Naphthalin Scott
  - Rock Hill: L. Mc Kenney and George Taylor
  - Chester: George T. Yorke
  - A. W. Cummings, D. D.: Professor in South Carolina University, and member of Spartanburg Ct. Quarterly Conference.

### SALUDA DISTRICT

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

### MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS

**CHARLESTON DISTRICT:** $700.00
- Timmonsville: 28.00
- Centenary: 40.00
- Florence: 20.00
- Old Bethel: 100.00
- Marion Ct.: 32.00
- Wesley Church: 160.00
- Little Pee Dee: 40.00
- John's Island and Wadmalaw: 20.00
- Darlington: 20.00
- Summerville Ct.: 150.00
- Darlington Ct.: 20.00
- St. Paul's: 32.00
- Hope: 70.00
- Cattle Creek: 32.00
- Cheraw: 20.00
- Cherry Hill and Mount Holly: 20.00
- Bennettsville: 100.00
- Enoch Station and Beech Hill: 20.00
- Marlboro: 20.00
- St. Andrew's and Ten Mile Hill: 20.00
- Orito: 40.00
- St. Stephen's and Vineville: 32.00
- Jefferson: 20.00
- St. John's: 20.00
- Clarendon: 48.00
- Hickory Grove and St. Marv's Bluff: 20.00
- James: 40.00
- Branchville: 20.00
- Ashepoo: 25.00
- Orangeburg Ct.: 50.00
- Port Royal: 50.00
- Black River and St. James: 20.00
- Beaufort: 130.00
- Cooper River Ct.: 20.00
- Ashepoo: 50.00
- Cedar Swamp: 20.00
- Walterboro and Upper Ashepoo: 50.00
- St. James Santer: 20.00
- Walterboro Ct.: 50.00
- Kingtree: 40.00
- Hickory Hill: 50.00
- Turkey Creek: 20.00
- Allendale, Brunson and Varvilles: 60.00

**$1596.00**

**COLUMBIA DISTRICT:** $800.00
- Port Royal: 80.00
- Columbia: 400.00
- Blackville: 80.00
- Wateree Circuit: 20.00
- Aiken: 80.00
- Mt. Zion Ct.: 20.00
- Barnwell, Ebenezer and Orange Grove: 50.00
- Camden: 20.00
- Barnwell Ct.: 70.00
- Camden Ct.: 20.00
- Edisto Forks Ct.: 50.00
- Sumter: 20.00
- South Edgefield: 75.00
- Sumter Ct.: 20.00
- Bull Swamp Ct.: 75.00
- Mechanicville & Statesburg: 20.00
- South Edgefield: 80.00
- Bishopville: 80.00
- Wesley Grove Ct.: 80.00
- Lynchburg: 20.00
- Lexington Ct.: 80.00
- Lynch's Creek: 20.00

**$1525.00**
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 de 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 Claflin 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 Munis without appointment, so that they may attend school. The moments were read, the doxology sung, and the benediction pronounced by Bishop C. D. Foss.

CYRUS D. FOSS, President.

IDDLETON, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

(B.)—Bishop.

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

J. WOFFORD, Secretary.

(C.)—Claflin University.

Davies reported the crowded condition of Claflin University, adopted, and the resolution of the Board of Directors, and in addition, for additional accommodations, and the request of the Society to use every dollar collected for a building at Orangeburg;
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 labors of Dean Thirkield in his successful administration of the institution.

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

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

J. B. SMITH.
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(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 late Bishop Webster.

(S.)—Sasportas.

Father J. A. Sasportas is requested to give his reminiscences of his life, and simultaneous with the benediction by Bishop Webster.

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Fred Lewis ................................................... 6 00
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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 received in their present relation: A. C. Dutton, P. Witherspoon.

MISSIONS
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T. Hopkins .................................................. 7 00
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MORNING SESSION.—SIXTH DAY.

The Conference met at 9 o'clock A.M., pursuant to adjournment, M. Dunton, D.D., presiding, by appointment of Bishop Foster, votional exercises were conducted by R. F. Blakney. The minutes preceding session were read and approved. The Statistical Statement submitted his report, which was adopted. (See Table). Bishop Foster resumed the chair. The Committee on Publishing the Minutes reported. Adopted. It was voted that $40 be appropriated for publishing in the minutes the names of contributors for missions of 50 cents each. The Committee on Memoirs reported on the life of H. (H. D.) Cooper. Adopted. The Conference Roll was called, and the members surnamed, M. Dunton, A. Webster, H. D., and W. S. Adams, were admitted. Resolutions relating to Gammon School of Divinity, Atlanta, Ga., and of Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C., were adopted. Resolutions relating to the change of time of holding the sessions of the Conference were offered by L. Arthur, and adopted. Resolutions of thanks to the citizens of Kingstree, to the R. R. Corporation, and to the Smith-Western Advocate were adopted. Officers of the Conference Missionary and Societies, and the Sunday School Union were nominated, and the report of the Committee on Memoirs was adopted. The seventh question was taken up, and J. M. Mobley, mission $13, and Simeon Beird, missions $18, were called to the ringing of the chancel, and the usual disciplinary questions propounded to them answered in the affirmative, and on motion of L. Arthur, J. S. Mobley was admitted on trial, and his ordination as elder in the A. M. E. Z. was for the annual conference.
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.

Rev. A. T. Carr, M. B. Salter's of the A. M. E. Church, Lansing and Trimmer, of Atlanta, were introduced.


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. Giles, 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.

FOURTH DAY—MONDAY, JANUARY 17th.


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.


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 $265.00 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

$300 00 $150 00

REPORTS.

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

The amount collected for Missions during the year 1875.

Charleston District.... $1870 62
Columbia " 428 76
Port Royal " 222 98
Spartanburg " 142 30
Saluda " 67 40

$2227 06

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 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.

CLAFLIN 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 fac-

Memories.

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 chaste 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 passing 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 lay 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 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. Bulkeley, 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.

LEVUS 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, S.C. A.

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
Sukey Green.............. 54
Ann Cole............... 63
Primus Frazer........... 52
Isabella Govan.......... 52
Philis Jackson.......... 52
Judith Rivers........... 52
Ishmael Hamilton....... 52
Henry Edwards.......... 52
George Thomas.......... 60
Jas. W. McLeish........ 52
Sarah Thompson......... 52
Benj. L. Roberts....... 52
Henrietta McLeish..... 52
Joseph Berry.......... 52
Richard Spencer........ 52

Josephine Jackson......... $2.19
Isabella Patrick......... 52
Martha Carter........... 52
Ralph Bennett.......... 52
Elizabeth Bennett..... 52
Elizabeth Jenkins...... 52
Venus Smalls........... 52
Lucinda Frazer......... 55
John E. Ancrum........ 52
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