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Conference Officers and Committees.

BISHOP LEVI SCOTT, D. D., President.
BENJAMIN L. ROBERTS, Secretary.
JAMES B. MIDDLETON, J. E. WILSON, Financial Secretary.
F. W. SASPORTAS, J. E. WILSON, Financial Secretary.
L. M. DUNTON, Statistical Secretary.

Assistants.

TRUSTEES.

FOR ONE YEAR,
A. WEBSTER AND J. A. SASPORTAS.
FOR TWO YEARS,
A. MIDDLETON AND B. L. ROBERTS.
FOR THREE YEARS,
LEMUEL ARTHUR AND JOHN BURROUGHS.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES.

ALONZO WEBSTER, D. D., Orangeburg.
B. L. ROBERTS, Camden.
A. C. DUTTON, Greenville.
F. W. SASPORTAS, Beaufort.
J. B. MIDDLETON, Beaufort.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

For Admission on Trial.—The Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge in each circuit and station.
First Year.—L. M. Dunton, L. Arthur, R. A. Fletcher.
Second Year.—E. Cooke, E. C. Brown, E. J. Snetter.
Third Year.—D. Minus, S. S. Lawton, F. W. Sasportas.
Fourth Year.—J. A. Brown, A. Middleton, W. F. Parker.
To Examine Local Preachers for Deacons' and Elders' Orders.—The Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge.
To Preach the Annual Missionary Sermon.—L. M. Dunton; Alternate, H. Cardozo.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Education.—L. M. Dunton, J. B. Middleton, R. A. Fletcher, J. E. Lowery, E. Cooke.
Sunday Schools.—D. Minus, E. M. Pinckney, Jerry McLeod, J. A. Brown.
Missionary Collection.—J. E. Wilson, C. W. Lucas, J. A. Sasportas, J. E. Lowery.
Church Extension.—W. F. Parker, Burrell James, Morris Steward, William Darrington.
Auditing Accounts.—James Mitchell, W. F. Parker, J. B. Middleton.
Bible Cause.—A. Webster, E. Cooke, H. Cardozo.
Missionary Appropriations.—The Presiding Elders.
Public Worship.—H. Cardozo, V. H. Bulkley.
Publishing Minutes.—The Secretaries and H. Cardozo.
DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

Question 1st: Have any entered this Conference by transfer or readmission?
None.

Question 2d: Who are admitted on trial?

Question 3d: Who remain on trial?

Question 4th: Who are admitted into full connection?

Question 5th: Who are the Deacons of the first class?

Question 6th: Who are the Deacons of the second class?

Question 7th: Who have been elected and ordained Elders?
E. C. Brown, Lisbon Johnson, Richard A. Fletcher, Absalom Cooper.

Question 8th: Who are the supernumerary Preachers?
James K. Wagener, Pollydore Witherspoon, Stephen Jett, Francis A. Smith.

Question 9th: Who are the superannuated Preachers?
Thomas Phillips.

Question 10th: Was the character of each Preacher examined?
Yes.

Question 11th: Have any located?
Sheppard Dunham.

Question 12th: Have any withdrawn?
No.

Question 13th: Have any been transferred, and to what Conferences?
A. W. Cummings, to Genesee Conference; Henry J. Fox, to New England Conference.

Question 14th: Have any been expelled?
No.

Question 15th: Have any died?
No.

Question 16th: What is the statistical report?
See tabular returns.

Question 17th: What are the claims upon the Conference fund?
See tabular returns.

Question 18th: What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been applied?
See tabular returns.

Question 19th: Where are the Preachers stationed?
Greenville; time to be fixed.

Question 20th: Where and when shall the next Conference be held?
See list of appointments.

Question 21st: Have any Local Preachers been ordained?
William D. Middleton.

Question 22d: Are any of our Literary or Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of the Conference, and what is their condition?
Claffin University.

Question 23d: Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?

Question 24th: Where are the Preachers stationed?

ORANGEBURG DISTRICT.

J. E. Wilson, Presiding Elder—Postoffice, Florence, Darlington County.

Orangeburg—A. Middleton.
Orangeburg Circuit—R. F. Blakeley.
Summerville—W. R. Jervey.
Cattle Creek and Shady Grove—E. McDaniel.
Cherry Hill and Mt. Holly—J. S. Garrett.
Enoch Station and Beech Hill—J. A. Sasportas.
St. Andrew’s and Ten Mile Hill—J. Jenkins.
St. Stephen’s and Pineville—N. Brown.
St. John’s—Supplied by S. Brisbane.
St. Mary’s—William Darlington.
Foerster—Supplied by J. McCrutchin.
Turkey Creek and Hickory Grove—B. Brown.
Cedar Swamp and Jeremiah—A. Cooper.
St. James’ Santee—Supplied by S. Mootrie.
Georgetown—To be supplied.
Mount Pleasant—Supplied by William D. Middleton.
Kingstree—E. M. Pinkney.
Cooper River—W. Evans.
E. Cooke, President of Claflin University and member of Orangeburg Quarterly Conference.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

V. H. Bulkley, Presiding Elder—Postoffice, Sumter C. H.
Columbia—H. Cardozo.
Wateree—J. McLeod.
Rock Spring—W. Adamson.
Mt. Zion Circuit—To be supplied.
Camden—B. L. Roberts.
Sumter—E. C. Brown.
Sumter Circuit—H. Baker.
Mechanicsville and Spring Hill—B. Gupple.
Mayesville and Bishopville—E. Dimery.
Lynnhurst—A. Adams.
Timmonsville and Lynnh’s Creek—W. G. Deas.
Florence—A. G. Townsend.
Wesley Chapel and Effingham—Supplied by S. Jetts.
Marion and Little Pee Dee—J. Burroughs.
Mar’s Bluff—M. K. Holloway.
Great Pee Dee and New Hope—S. Scarborough.
Darlington—S. S. Lawton.
Darlington Circuit—W. McIntosh.
 Cheraw—N. J. Bowen; one to be supplied.

Bennettsville and Society Hill—B. James.
Marlboro—L. W. A. Oglesby.
Marion Circuit—M. Davis.
Oro and Jefferson—William McWillar.
Horry—W. H. Scott.
A. W. Cummings to Genesee Conference.

FORT ROYAL DISTRICT.

A. Webster, Presiding Elder—Postoffice, Orangeburg.
Charleston, Centenary—L. M. Dunton.
Old Bethel—Dr. Minus.
Wesley—S. Weston.
John and Wadmalaw Islands—J. R. Townsend.
Beaufort and Port Royal—F. W. Sasportas.
Combahee—Supplied by J. J. Jackson.
Walterboro and Ashepoo—To be supplied.
Colleton—L. Johnson.
Hickory Hill—C. W. Lucas.
St. Helena and Paris Islands—Z. L. Duncan.
Brunson and Mackey’s Point—To be supplied.
Allendale—L. Rivers.
Milletsville and Ellenton—W. F. Black.
Blackville—F. D. Smith.
Barnwell—W. S. Bailey, Postoffice—Buford's Bridge, Barnwell County.
Midway—E. J. Ewetter.
Edisto Forks—M. Steward.
Bull Swamp—T. Wright.
Williston and South Edgefield—E. J. Frederick.
Wesley Grove—A. Harris.
Lexington Circuit—Supplied by G. F. Frederick.
St. Paul’s—Supplied by C. Wesley.
Ravenel and Tugadoo—C. Wesley.
J. B. Middleton, Financial Agent of Claflin University and member of Beaufort Quarterly Conference.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.

A. C. Dutton, Presiding Elder—Postoffice, Greenville.
Greenville—J. E. Lowery.
Greenville Circuit—S. A. King.
St. Mark’s—George Gray and Patrick Fair.
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16TH, 1878.

The thirteenth session of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was held at Columbia, S. C., January 16th, 1878, Bishop L. Scott, D. D., presiding.

The Bishop opened the session by reading 2 Corinthians, 3d chapter, and seven verses of the 4th chapter, and Revs. A. C. Dutton and A. Middleton led the devotions of the Conference.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll.

B. L. Roberts was re-elected Secretary, and J. B. Middleton and F. W. Sasportas, Assistants.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee to nominate Standing Committees.

During their absence, Rev. J. Mitchell, of the Georgia Conference, addressed the Conference in general yet impressive remarks.

The Committee on Nominations made their report, which was adopted.

The Conference was authorized to draw on the chartered fund for thirty dollars.

The eighth question was taken up, and J. K. Wagener, P. Witherspoon, Stephen Jett and F. A. Smith continued in the supernumerary relation.

The annual exhibit of the Book Concern was read and ordered on file.

A letter from the Book Concern relative to the Episcopal fund was read, and, on motion, referred to the Standing Elders.

On motion, it was voted to organize a Conference Bible Society.

The classes of the several years were called and the Committees announced. The usual notices were read, the doxology sung, and Conference adjourned with the benediction by J. A. Sasportas.
SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 1878.

Conference met, Bishop Scott in the chair. Devotional exercises by J. A. Sasportas.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and confirmed.

Rev. E. Q. Fuller, D. D., of the Methodist Advocate, and Jones, of the Western Book Concern, were introduced.

On motion, a Committee of Inquiry was appointed, to whom all questions of character were referred.

The tenth question was taken up and the several Presiding Elders reported their districts in labors abundant, in results glorious. Their characters passed, and also of all the Elders on the several districts.

On motion, Thomas Phillips was granted a superannuated relation.

Revs. Sidi H. Browne, editor of the Christian Neighbor, and J. W. Kelly, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, were introduced, and the latter addressed the Conference in fraternal remarks and contributed fifty cents toward aiding a student at Claflin University.

On motion, H. Cardozo was appointed Conference Treasurer.

A Committee on the State of the Church was ordered, consisting of the following brethren: E. M. Pinckney, J. A. Brown, J. E. Lowery.

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

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 1878.

Conference met at the usual hour, Bishop Scott in the chair. Religious services by L. M. Dunton.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and confirmed.

Messrs. E. H. Dibble and Wilson Cooke were introduced and the latter addressed the Conference.

The third question was taken up, and E. J. Frederick and York Goodlett continued in the class of the second year. The following were discontinued: Joshua Aldridge, L. McKinney, Eli Moses and M. R. Holloway.

The fourth question was taken up, and J. R. Townsend, H. Cardozo, William McWillar, Noah Brown, J. R. Beckham, F. E. McDonald and Benjamin Robertson received into full connection. The Bishop addressed this class in pertinent and feeling remarks.

Revs. B. H. Williams, Dardis, Young, Rice, Goosley, of the A. M. E. Church, Johnson, of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. J. T. Wightman, D. D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, were introduced, and the latter, by invitation, addressed the Conference.

The usual notices were read, doxology sung, and Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. E. Q. Fuller.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19TH, 1878.

Conference met at the usual hour. Religious services by S. Weston.

The fifth question was taken up, and N. T. Bowen, A. Harris, W. W. Adamson, Benjamin Brown, R. F. Blakeley passed to the class of the fourth year.

The seventh question was taken up, and E. C. Brown, Lisbon Johnson, *R. A. Fletcher, Absalom Cooper elected to Elder's orders. Sheppard Dunham was granted a location at his own request.

The twenty-first question was taken up, and the following elected to Local Deacon's orders: Joseph Jenkins, Quaintance Mower, †Elijah Williams, †Joseph Way, M. F. Black, Allen Beattie. To Elder's orders: William D. Middleton.

Aaron Ancrum, having left the church, returned his credentials.

Revs. J. Walter Dickson, W. Bass and Sidi H. Browne, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, were introduced, and the latter addressed the Conference in words of good cheer.

*Already Elders. †Not ordained.
The following Committees presented reports: Temperance, Audit, Freedman's Aid, State of the Church, Sunday Schools. The reports were adopted.

A resolution to memorialize the Legislature of South Carolina to pass a bill to prohibit or restrict the sale of liquors was adopted.

The usual notices were read, doxology sung, and Conference adjourned with the benediction by V. H. Bulkley.

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**SABBATH SERVICES.**

Love feast at 9 o'clock prepared the way for a better enjoyment of the other services. At 10 o'clock Bishop Scott ordained to the office of Deacons J. R. Townsend, William McWillar, John R. Beckham, F. E. McDonald, Joseph Jenkins, Q. Mower, Allen Beattie, M. F. Black.

At 11 o'clock the Bishop preached from Hebrews, vi, 1-3, with power, and afterwards dedicated the house just completed to the worship of Almighty God.

Rev. J. B. Middleton preached at 3½ P. M., after which the following Elders were ordained: Eugene C. Brown, A. Cooper, W. D. Middleton.

At night Rev. J. Mitchell, of Georgia, preached from Hebrews, vii, 24-25.

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**FIFTH DAY.**

MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 1878.

Conference met at the usual hour, Bishop Scott in the chair. Religious exercises by J. Mitchell.

The second question was taken up, and the following admitted: W. R. Jervey, E. McDaniel, A. G. Townsend, Henry Baker, P. W. Bobo, S. P. Dorrough.

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The following Committees made reports: Bible Cause, Education, Church Extension.

The twentieth question was taken up, and Greenville voted the seat of the next Conference.

The Conference went into an election for officers of the Conference Bible Society: President, A. Webster, D. D.; Vice-President, B. L. Roberts; Secretary, V. H. Bulkley; Treasurer, H. Cardozo. Board of Managers—L. Arthur, E. C. Brown, C. W. Lucas, J. E. Lowery, E. Cooke and the Presiding Elders.

It being found necessary to hold an afternoon session, the doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by Dr. Wightman, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

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**AFTERNOON SESSION.**


On motion, the Trustees of the preceding year were re-elected, as also the Committee on Privileges, substituting A. C. Dutton in lieu of A. W. Cummings, transferred to another Conference.

The following Committees reported: Statistics, Missionary Collections, Missionary Appropriations, Conference Stewards.

John Boston was located at his own request.

On motion, the Secretaries and H. Cardozo were appointed to publish the minutes, and one thousand copies ordered.

Resolutions of thanks to the families of Columbia, railroad companies and the presiding Bishop were voted.

The closing hymn was sung, the appointments read, the benediction pronounced by the Bishop, and the Conference adjourned sine die.

LEVI SCOTT, PRESIDENT.

BENJAMIN L. ROBERTS, SECRETARY.
MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

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FINANCIAL REPORT.

Collections for 1877 are as follows:

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$1,944 96

The Conference Stewards report as follows:

- Received from Chartered Fund: $30 00
- Received for Conference Claimants: 3 80

Disbursed as follows:

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Total: $33 80

(Signed) S. WESTON, J. R. ROSEMOND, WM. S. BAILEY.
REPORTS.

EDUCATION.

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have given mature consideration to the subject presented them, and conclude that we cannot hesitate on the deep interest heretofore manifested in the education of our sons and daughters, and we reaffirm our earnest conviction as to its prime necessity. Claflin University, the child of our Conference, under the excellent management of Dr. Cooke, is having deserved success. It has, however, passed through a severe trial in the burning of its buildings, and for a time disorganizing its machinery. An excellent new building has been completed, which, with other adjacent buildings, will accommodate a large number of pupils. The erection of the new building, fitting up old ones and out-buildings, providing furniture, repairing that injured by the fire, insurance and other incidentals attending, have cost about twelve thousand dollars, leaving a debt on the University of about twenty-five hundred dollars. The school, we are pleased to say, is steadily improving in both numbers and scholarship and is far advancing on the road to perfection. It now numbers nearly one hundred and fifty scholars and has an able Faculty whose hearts are devoted to the work in which they are engaged. The theological department is also meeting with unparalleled success, and many worthy young men, called of God, are offering themselves to prepare for the ministry. Material aid is very much needed for these young men, and we recommend that each preacher be requested to raise on his charge, if possible, ten cents per member during the year, to be applied to this desirable purpose.

J. B. MIDDLETON, Secretary.

BIBLE SOCIETY.

1. Resolved, That this Conference has the fullest confidence in the American Bible Society as an evangelizing agency for the conversion of the world.

2. Resolved, That we form a Conference Bible Society, auxiliary to the American Bible Society.

3. Resolved, That we will take collections in all our charges the ensuing Conference year, and bring the money to Conference and pay it over to the Treasurer of our Conference Society.

Your Committee recommend the following constitution for the organization of the South Carolina Conference Bible Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the Bible Society of the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, auxiliary to the American Bible Society.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to promote the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, "without note or comment," and, in English, those of the commonly received version.

ART. 3. All persons contributing any sum to its funds shall be a member for one year; those contributing one dollar or more shall receive (if called for within twelve months) a common Bible in return; those contributing fifteen dollars at one time or twenty dollars at two payments shall be members for life.

ART. 4. All funds not wanted for circulating the Scriptures within the Society's own limits shall be paid over annually to the Parent Society to aid distributions among the destitute in other parts of the country and in foreign lands.

ART. 5. Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, whose duties shall be such as their respective titles import.

ART. 6. The management of this Society shall be intrusted to an Executive Committee of——, including the Secretary and Treasurer, which shall appoint its own Chairman and fix its own by-laws. The Presiding Elders of this Conference shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Managers, and shall superintend in collecting money and distributing Bibles within the bounds of their respective districts, duly accounting for the same to the Secretary and Treasurer of this Society. All orders drawn for books on the Parent Society shall be approved by the Treasurer of this Society, and no order shall be repeated until full and satisfactory returns are made on all previous orders.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of this Committee to meet frequently on adjournment, or on call of the Chairman; to keep a good supply of books on hand; to appoint local distributors; to see that collections in some way are made annually in every congregation, and that all funds are forwarded early to the Parent Society, with a statement as to the portion designed for the payment of books and that as a free donation.

ART. 8. There shall be a general meeting of the Society on the second day of the meeting of the South Carolina Conference of each year, when a full report of their doings shall be presented by the Committee, a copy of which shall be furnished to the Parent Society, and when a new election of officers and committee shall take place. Should the Society fail of an annual meeting, the same officers and Committee shall be continued until an election does occur.

ART. 9. Any Branch Society or Bible Committee formed within the bounds of this auxiliary, by paying over its funds annually, shall receive Bibles and Testaments at cost prices.
ART. 10. No alteration shall be made in this constitution except at an annual meeting and by consent of two-thirds of the members present.

CHURCH EXTENSION.
The Committee on Church Extension report:
1. That the Methodist Episcopal Church has no organization more peculiarly adapted to the development of our Saviour's kingdom than the Church Extension Society.
2. That this Society creates the greatest central power of attraction which brings to and keeps within the fold of Christ the members of His mystic body.
3. That all moneys given to and disbursed by the Church Extension Society is only receiving and appropriating those assets which our Heavenly Father has placed in our hands as His own loyal custodians; therefore, be it
   1. Resolved, That the Presiding Elders make it a specialty to see after the title deeds to the lands upon which our members build houses of divine worship, within their respective districts.
   2. Resolved, That said Presiding Elders see that dower's relinquishment of inheritance be taken when necessary, and that said deeds are properly witnessed, probated, audited, recorded, and the originals kept on file with the records of the church.
   3. Resolved, That the Preachers in charge of those circuits and stations which have received help by loans from the Church Extension Society be, and are hereby, requested to collect and pay over promptly all interests and installments as they fall due.
W. F. PARKER, Chairman.

FREEDMAN'S AID.
Your Committee on the Freedman's Aid Society report as follows:
The Freedman's Aid Society has done much to assist in our efforts to educate ourselves and children, and is still doing a good work for us. We feel indebted to that institution for the help afforded and solicit the continuance thereof, and pledge ourselves to present and urge the claims of the Society on our people.
   Resolved, That each Minister take the collection for the Society as the Discipline requires.
L. ARTHUR, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.
Your Committee on Sunday Schools report as follows:
We have carefully considered the unbounded benefits realized through the instruction and religious influence obtained in the Sunday Schools, and we regard them as full of promise for the future of the church. We have noticed that those who are properly trained in the Sabbath Schools fill their places more efficiently as leaders, as stewards and as members of the church. Therefore let there be greater interest and co-operation manifested by the Pastor; let him meet the teachers as often as possible, say once a week when this can be done, to suggest the best plans for the advancement of the schools.
   1. Resolved, That we will carry out in good faith the instructions given in the Discipline and the late General Conference relative to the Sunday Schools.
   2. Resolved, That remembering the donations of books and papers to needy schools by the Sunday School Union, we will not forget to take collections upon all of our charges for the Sunday School Union.
D. MINUS, Chairman.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.
Your Committee on the State of the Church would respectfully submit the following:
From the reports of our Presiding Elders submitted to us for perusal, we find sufficient to warrant us in stating that we have just closed another successful year in South Carolina. Churches have been built. Accessions in some parts of the work have exceeded those of last year. Camp meetings have been held with wonderful success, conversions numerous, collections in several instances large, and most of the Preachers, though their salaries were small, have toiled faithfully in discharge of their several duties.
Our Sunday Schools, the nursery of the church, in most cases are doing well. Church literature is being disseminated, and our people are having higher views of the service of Almighty God.
While the above is indeed very gratifying, yet there are portions of South Carolina where clouds of ignorance and superstition hang over the minds of the people, and your Committee hereby earnestly call on all of our people to implore the divine blessing in dispelling them by His light and truth.
E. M. PINCKNEY.
TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to report that the evil of intemperance is ruinous to the church, the country and our families, and to the rising generation. The evil of intemperance is practiced and encouraged too much by church members, by the unnecessary use of ardent spirits, and thus influencing others to do the same to the shame of the church and the injury of the community and to common humanity, and thus thwarting efforts to stop the evil; therefore,

1. Resolved, That each Preacher be requested to enforce the Discipline of our church against the use of strong drinks.
2. Resolved, That the members of this Conference give their influence in behalf of the Order of Good Templars.
3. Resolved, That the Conference hold a temperance meeting this evening.
4. Resolved, That a committee be appointed to arrange the programme.

PRESIDING ELDERS' ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Auditing Accounts beg leave to report:

1. We have examined the accounts and receipts of the Presiding Elders and find them correct as required by Discipline.
2. And are happy to report that all the traveling Preachers have been able to write their names in the mission books.

W. F. PARKER.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas there is pending before the Legislature of the State of South Carolina a bill the purport of which is to restrict the sale of intoxicating liquors in this State, be it

Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed to draft and present to the Legislature a memorial praying the passage of some stringent law prohibiting the sale of all intoxicating liquors.

E. M. PINCKNEY.

Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed to receive any information in writing relating to the history of the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

J. B. MIDDLETON.

Resolved, That each member of this Conference shall ascertain, immediately on going to his appointment, where his postoffice address will be this conference year, and that he shall inform the Secretary of the same and enclose ten cents to pay the expenses for printing the same in the minutes.
## Statistics of the South Carolina Conference for 1877-78

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COURSE OF STUDY.

CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION.

English Branches, Bible and Discipline; Porter's Compendium of Methodism.

FIRST YEAR.
Wakefield's Theology, First Part; Wesley's Plain Account of Christian Perfection; Ruter's Church History; Kidder's Homiletics; Bible and Discipline continued.

SECOND YEAR.
Wakefield, Second Part; Hibbard on Baptism; Bible and Discipline continued; Written Sermon.

THIRD YEAR.
Wakefield, Third Part; Nast's Introduction; Morris' Sermons; a Written Sermon.

FOURTH YEAR.
Wakefield, Fourth Part; a Written Sermon; Questions laid down for fourth year in Discipline.

Wesley's Sermons to be read during the whole course.
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