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MINUTES
OF THE
FOURTEENTH SESSION
OF THE
South Carolina Annual Conference
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
HELD AT
GREENVILLE, S. C.,
JANUARY 22-27, 1879.

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1879.
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FOR THREE YEARS.
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J. B. MIDDLETON, MARION, S. C.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.—The Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge of the circuit or station.
FOURTH YEAR.—E. Cooke, Daniel Minus, I. E. Lowery.

TO EXAMINE LOCAL PREACHERS FOR DEACONS' AND ELDERS' ORDERS.—The Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge.
TO PREACH THE ANNUAL MISSIONARY SERMON,—V. H. Bulkley; Alternate, L. Arthur.
TO PREACH THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE SERMON.—A. Webster, D. D.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—E. M. Pinckney, J. McLeod, D. Minus, J. R. Beckham.
TEMPERANCE.—A. Middleton, B. James, L. M. Dunton, S. Green.
MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.—W. R. Jervey, H. Cardozo, H. Harris, F. E. McDonald.
AUDITING ACCOUNTS.—W. F. Parker, E. Q. Fuller, I. E. Lowery.
MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.—The Presiding Elders.
BIBLE CAUSE.—A. Webster, H. Cardozo, A. Middleton, V. H. Bulkley.
PUBLIC WORSHIP.—Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge.
PUBLISHING MINUTES.—The Secretaries.
MEMOIRS.—A Webster, F. L. Baxter, A. Middleton.
CONFERENCE STEWARDS.—L. Arthur, B. James, S. Weston, J. R. Rosemond.
DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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

Question 2nd: Who are admitted on trial?
Marion F. Black, Christopher Wesley, Richard A. Cottingham, Geo. F. Fredrick, Aaron McLees, Chas. F. McElwee.

Question 3rd: Who remain on trial?

Question 4th: Who are admitted into full connection?
York Goodlett, Lewis W. A. Oglesby, George Gray, Sanders A. King, George W. Beckham.

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

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

Question 7th: Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?
Nicholas T. Bowen, Abraham Harris, Benj. Brown, Scipio Green.

Question 8th: Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

Question 9th: Who are the Supernumerated Preachers?
W. W. Adamson.

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

Question 11th: Have any located?
Henry Cardozo.

Question 12th: Have any withdrawn?
No.

Question 13th: Have any been transferred and to what Conference?
No.

Question 14th: Have any been expelled?
No.

Question 15th: Have any died?
Christopher W. Lucas.

Question 16th: What is the statistical Report?
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?
See list of appointments.

Question 20th: Where shall the next Conference be held?
Charleston, Centenary church.

Question 21st: Have any Local Preachers been ordained?


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

APPOINTMENTS.

ORANGEBURG DISTRICT.

Joshua E. Wilson, P. E.—P. O., Florence, S. C.
Orangeburg—E. M. Pinckney.
Orangeburg Circuit—R. F. Blakely.
Branchville and Shady Grove—L. Arthur.
Summerville—W. R. Jerry.
Cattle Creek and Rosess—Thos. Phillips.
Enoch Station and Beech Hill—J. A. Sasportas.
St. Stephen's and Pineville—J. Jenkins.
St. John's—J. S. Garrett.
St. Mary's—A. Cooper.
Forreston—To be supplied.
Turkey Creek and Hickory Grove—B. Brown.
Cedar Swamp and Jeremiah—Wm. Darrington.
St. James Santee—Supplied by S. Moultrie.
Georgetown—To be supplied.
Mt. Pleasant—Supplied by W. D. Middleton.
Kingstree—F. W. Sasportas.
Cooper River—W. Evans.
E. Cooke, D. D., President of Claflin University and member of Orangeburg Quarterly Conference.
COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

V. H. Bulkley, P. E.—P. O., Sumter C. H., S. C.
Columbia—J. A. Brown.
Waterpee—J. McLeod.
Rock Spring and Mt. Zion—H. Baker.
Camden—B. L. Roberts.
Sumter—E. C. Brown.
Sumter Circuit—J. Burroughs.
Mechanicsville and Spring Hill—P. Gipple.
Mayesville Circuit—E. Dimery.
Lynchtburg—Wm. McWillar.
Timmonsville and Lynches Creek—A. Adams.
Florence and Wesley Chapel—Supplied by F. L. Baxter.
Marion and Little Pee Dee—J. B. Middleton.
Mars Bluff—Supplied by M. K. Holloway.
Darlington and Great Pee Dee—W. G. Deas.
Darlington Circuit—W. McIntosh.
Cheraw—N. T. Bowen.
Bennettsville and Society Hill—B. James.
Marlboro—L. W. A. Oglesby.
Marion Circuit—Supplied by I. J. Jackson.
Oro and Jefferson—R. A. Cottingham.
Horsey—W. H. Scott.

PORT ROYAL DISTRICT.

A. Webster, P. E.—P. O., Orangeburg, S. C.
Charleston, Centenary—L. M. Danton.
Charleston, Old Bethel—D. Minn.
Charleston, Wesley—S. Weston.
John's and Wadmalaw Islands—J. R. Townsend.
Beaufort and Port Royal—A Middleton.
Combahee—E. J. Frederick.
Walterboro and Ashepoo—Supplied by G. W. Brabham.
Colleton—L. Johnson.
Hickory Hill, (Postoffice, Orangeburg)—A. Harris.
St. Helena and Mackey's Point—Z. L. Duncan.
Allendale and Brunson—L. Rivers.
Millettville and Ellenton—G. F. Frederick.
Blackville and Williston—E. J. Smetter.
Barnwell—S. S. Lawton.
Midway—F. D. Smith.
Edisto Forks—T. Wright.
Bull Swamp, (Postoffice, Orangeburg,) W. S. Bailey.
South Edgefield—To be supplied.
Wesley Grove—M. Stewart.
Lexington Circuit—M. F. Black.
St. Pauls—Supplied by Cato Waring.
Ravanel and Toogoodoo—C. Wesley.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.

A. C. Dutton, P. E.—P. O., Greenville, S. C.
Greenville—I. E. Lowery.
Greenville Circuit—S. A. King.
St. Marks—George Gray.
Welford—N. Scott.
Cherokee—G. W. Beckham.
Spartanburg—F. E. McDonald.
Spartanburg Circuit—W. F. Parker. One to be supplied.
Gaffney—A. G. Townsend.
Yorkville—To be supplied.
York Circuit—J. R. Rosemond and A. McLees.
Chester Circuit—C. F. McElwee.
Saluda—S. B. Dorrough.
Macedonia—J. W. Jenkins.
Wallhull—York Goodlet.
Seneca—B. Robertson.
Tugaloo—To be supplied.
Anderson—J. R. Beckham.
Mt. Sinai—R. A. Fletcher.
Williamston—Supplied by Perry Thompson.
Ninety-Six, Edgefield and Greenwood—S. Green and P. Fair.
Abbeville—Supplied by E. Carlile.
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22d, 1879.

The Fourteenth Session of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was held at Wesley Church, Greenville, S. C.; Bishop Jesse T. Peck, D. D., presiding.

The Bishop opened the Conference by reading the 4th chapter of Timothy and the singing of the 707 Hymn. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, after which the Secretary of the last Conference called the roll.

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

L. M. Dunton was re-elected Statistical Secretary.

On motion the usual standing and special Committees were appointed: See List.

L. M. Dunton was appointed Conference Treasurer, and all collections ordered to be paid to him.

The Bishop made some pertinent remarks on the subject of Conference relations.

The Conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund from thirty dollars.

The accounts of the Book Concern were referred to A. B. Jones, Book Agent, who was in attendance at the Conference.

The appointment of the Episcopal Fund was referred to the Presiding Elders.

Rev. J. B. Ford, Agent of the Sunday School Union, was introduced and requested to address the Conference, which he did in a pleasant and impressive manner. The thanks of the Conference were on motion tendered him, and he was requested to spend some time during next Summer within the bounds of this Conference.

The tenth question was taken up and Rev. J. E. Wilson, P. E., of the Orangeburg District, reported the work on his District. His character passed, and the following Elders' character passed, they reporting Missionary money: L. Arthur, J. A. Sasportas, E. M. Pinckney, W. Darrington. A. Middleton reported a difference between himself and one of the brethren.

A committee of nine to consider all cases of arrest of character was ordered.

The name of Dr. Cooke was called and in his absence was passed over.

Rev. V. H. Bulkley, P. E., of the Columbia District, reported his district. The hour fixed for adjournment having arrived, he was requested to finish his report at the next day's session.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23d, 1879.

Conference assembled at the appointed hour, Bishop Peck in the chair. Religious services by Dr. Webster.

The roll of absentees was called.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and confirmed.

The tenth question was resumed, and P. Elder Bulkley finished his report.

The character of the following Elders passed, they reporting missionary money: J. McLeod, B. L. Roberts, J. W. Brown, E. C. Brown, B. James.


Rev. A. Webster, Presiding Elder of the Port Royal District, reported his District and the character of the following Elders passed, they reporting missionary money: L. M. Dunton, D. Minus, S. Weston, F. W. Sasportas, Lisbon Johnson, Z. L. Duncan, Lewis Rivers, F. D. Smith, Thos. Wright, Morris Stewart.

The name of E. J. Smetter was called and referred to the "Committee of nine."

Rev. A. C. Dutton, P. E. of the Greenville District, reported his work; and the character of the following Elders passed, they reporting missionary money: J. E. Lowery, W. F. Parker, Jas. A. Brown, J. R. Rosemond, R. A. Fletcher.

Bishop Haven, Dr. E. Q. Fuller, Dr. R. S. Rust and Rev. J. Coke Smith were introduced to the Conference.

Dr. E. Cooke addressed the Conference in the interests of Claflin University.

The third question was taken up, and the following brethren advanced to the class of the second year: W. R. Jervey, Nephilim Scott, S. F. Darrough, Benj. Gapple, Joseph Jenkins, A. G. Townsend.

The following were continued in the class of the first year: Patrick Fair, C. Wesley, M. F. Black, H. Baker.

Erasmus Dimery was continued and elected to Local Deacon's Orders.

The following were discontinued: Evander McDaniel, P. W. Bobo, Stephen Scarborough.

The usual notices were read, the doxology was sung and Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. J. Coke Smith, of the M. E. Church, South.
THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24th, 1879.

Conference met at the usual hour, Bishop Peck in the chair. Religious Exercises by W. H. Scott.
The minutes of the preceding day were read and confirmed.
On motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.
The sixth question was taken up, and the following brethren advanced to the second class of Deacons: J. R. Townsend, H. Cardozo, Wm. McWillar, J. R. Beckham, F. E. McDonald, Benj. Robertson.
The eighth question was taken up, and the following brethren continued in the supernumerary relation: J. R. Wagoner, F. A. Smith, P. Witherspoon, Stephen Jett.
The ninth question was taken up, and Thos. Phillips, by a vote of Conference, was restored to the list of effective preachers.
The fourth question was taken up, and York Goodlet, Geo. W. Beckham, L. W. A. Oglesby, Sanders A. King and George Gray were admitted to full connection.
The following were continued on trial and elected to Deacon's orders: E. J. Fredrick, W. S. Bailey, W. B. Jenkins, Wm. Evans, W. Dow, Joshua S. Garrett.
The Trustees of Claflin University made the following report:
At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Claflin University, held at Orangeburg, S. C., June 11th, 1878, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved: That the Claflin University be transferred to the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and that the Board of Trustees clothe the proper officers of the Board with authority to make such transfer."

But in order to make said transfer legal, it is necessary to obtain authority from the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church: Therefore, we submit the following Resolution, and ask its passage by a vote of this Conference.

Resolved: That we as members of the S. C. Conference of the M. E. Church, grant permission to the Trustees of Claflin University to transfer said University to the Freedmen's Aid Society of the M. E. Church, and that we hereby concur in, and ratify such transfer.

Bishop Haven and Dr. Rust addressed the Conference on the subject, and the resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.
The following names were put in nomination as Trustees of Claflin University: Bishops Haven and Wiley; Mrs. Lee Claf lin, Jas. W. Woolson, W. F. Clafflin, D. Minus, A. C. Dutton, I. E. Lowery.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th, 1879.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and confirmed.
The fourth question was taken up, and the following brethren elected to Elder's orders: N. T. Bowen, A. Harris, R. T. Blakely, C. T. Hopkins, Benj. Brown, Alexander Adams, Scipio Green, Waiters McIntosh.
On motion of the Presiding Elder of the Columbia District, W. W. Adamson was granted a supernumerary relation.
The twentieth question was taken up, and Charleston unanimously voted the seat of the next Conference.
The twenty-first question was taken up, and the following elected to Local Deacon's orders: A. G. Townsend, E. Dimery, Geo. F. Fredrick, Samuel Moorer, Perry Thompson; and the following to Elder's orders: Scipio Brisbane, Geo. W. Brabham, Isaac J. Jackson.
The second question was taken up, and the following admitted on trial: Richard A. Cottingham, Geo. F. Fredrick, Aaron McLees, Charles F. McElwee.
The Auditing Committee reported, (see report.) The report was adopted.
The "Committee of nine" recommended that the Conference pass the character of A. Middleton and E. J. Swetter.
Dr. Fuller addressed the Conference in the interests of the Methodist Advocate, and Bishop Haven added some valuable remarks thereto.
On motion the Conference requested a copy of Bishop Haven's address before the Freedmen's Aid Society on the night previous, for publication.
The presiding Bishop called attention to the necessity of meeting the required $300, in order to secure the entire amount appropriated by the Church Extension Society, and the following sums were collected and pledged:

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Total, $247.76

*Already Deacons, fAlready Elders.
Amount to be secured,........................ $300.00
Secured,...................................... 247.75

To be provided for,............................ $52.24

The whole matter was referred to Revs. A. Webster and L. M. Dunton, who were appointed to confer with Dr. Kynett and secure the entire appropriation, the deficiency to be provided for by the Charleston churches.

The Conference Stewards made their report which was approved by a vote of the Conference, (see report).

The usual notices were read, the doxology sung, and conference adjourned with the benediction by W. H. Scott.

**SABBATH SERVICES.**

A well attended Lovefeast at 9 o'clock a. m., was conducted by the venerable Samuel Weston, when the testimonies of warm hearts fired the congregation and prepared them for the further services of the day.

At 11 o'clock Bishop Peck preached from Rev. 21:5. Subject: "Jesus enthroned." It was one of those feasts that occurs occasionally and was enjoyed by all. To the shouts of the congregation the Bishop responded, "Hallelujah for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth."

The Bishop then ordained to the office of Deacon the following persons: York Goodlet, Sanders A. King, Geo. W. Beckham, E. Dimery, Geo. Gray, Edward J. Fredrick, Sabie Moultrie, Alonzo G. Townsend, Samuel Moorer, Perry Thompson.

At 3 o'clock p. m., B. L. Roberts preached from 1 Peter iv. 12, after which the following were ordained Elders by Bishop Peck, assisted by the Presiding Elders: Nicholas T. Bowen, Abraham Harris, Scipio Green, Scipio Brisbane, George W. Brabham, Isaac J. Jackson.

At night Dr. E. Q. Fuller preached an admirable sermon to a well filled house.

**FIFTH DAY.**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1879.**

The Conference assembled at the usual hour, Bishop Peck in the chair. Religious services by Scipio Green.

The minutes of Saturday were read and confirmed.

The ordinations of the Sabbath were read and ordered on file.

The eleventh question was taken up, and after some feeling remarks by the Bishop and statements from Bro. Cardozo as to the necessity which led to his request, Bro. Cardozo was granted a location.

The several committees reported as follows, and the reports were adopted: Temperance, Missionary collections, Freedmen's Aid Society, Church Extension, Sunday Schools, Bible Cause, Statistics, Memoirs, Missionary Appropriations, State of the Country.

The "Committee of nine" reported no case against S. S. Lawton, and his character passed.

Some appropriate remarks were made by Brother Morris Stewart on the death of Brother C. W. Lucas, and the Conference rose and sung one verse of the hymn—"Servant of God, well done."

On motion 1200 copies of the minutes were ordered to be distributed, as follows: Orangeburg District, 200 copies; Port Royal, 400 copies; Greenville, 300 copies; Columbia, 300 copies.

Resolutions, of regret at parting from Brother Cardozo; of thanks, to Bishop Peck for the courteous manner in which he presided over the Conference; to the various Railroad corporations for passing the members of the Conference over their several roads at reduced fare; to the citizens of Greenville for their liberal hospitality; and to the Secretaries for the faithful discharge of their duties, were adopted by a rising vote.

On motion it was voted that after religious services and the reading of the appointments, the Conference adjourn sine die.

The religious exercises were conducted by Rev. L. M. Dunton, after which the Bishop addressed the Conference in a few pleasant and stirring remarks, announced the appointments, and Conference adjourned with the benediction.

JEFF T. PECK, 
President.

BENJ. L. ROBERTS, 
Secretary.
MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

ORANGEBURG DISTRICT...............................$650 00
Orangeburg ........................................ 2 50 00 St. John's .................................... 2 50 00
Orangeburg Circuit ............................... 4 00 00 St. Mary's .................................... 4 00 00
Branchville and Shady ............................ 4 00 00 Forreston .................................... 2 50 00
Grove .................................................. 4 00 00 Turkey Creek and Hickory ......................... 2 50 00
Summerville ....................................... 100 00 Grove ........................................ 2 50 00
Cattle Creek and Rosser ............................ 32 00 Cedar Swamp and Jeremiah ......................... 2 00
Eexels Station and Beech ............................ 100 00 St. James' Santee .............................. 1 00
Hill ..................................................... 100 00 Kingstree .......................... 100 00
St. Andrews and Ten-mile ........................... 40 00 Cooper River .......................... 40 00
Hill ..................................................... 40 00
St. Stephen's and Pineville .......................... 40 00

COLUMBIA DISTRICT..................................$700 00
Columbia ............................................. 350 00 Marion and Little Pee Dee ........ 125 00
Waterco .......................... 40 00 Darlington and Great Pee .......................... 20 00
Rock Spring and Mt. Zion ............................ 30 00 Dee .................................... 20 00
Camden ............................................. 40 00 Darlington Circuit .......................... 30 00
Camden Circuit .................................. 20 00 Cheraw ..................................... 20 00
Sunter Circuit .................................. 40 00 Bennettsville and Society ..................... 20 00
Mechanosisville and spring ............................. 100 00 Hill ...................................... 1 00
Hill ..................................................... 100 00 Marlborough .......................... 27 00
Mayville Circuit ................................ 20 00 Marion Circuit ......................... 20 00
Lynchburg .......................................... 26 00 Orr and Jefferson ....................... 30 00
Timmonsosville and Lynch's ............................. 40 00 Horry .................................... 50 00
Creek ................................................. 20 00
Eleazar and Wesley ................................ 20 00
Chapel ............................................... 30 00

PORT ROYAL DISTRICT..............................$800 00
Old Bethel ........................................... 315 00 Blackville and Williston ........ 80 00
Wesley ............................................... 100 00 Barnwell ................................ 50 00
Beaufort and Port Royal .............................. 172 00 Midway ................................ 70 00
Combatee ........................................... 80 00 Edisto Forks ................................ 54 00
Walkerboro and Ashpo ............................... 50 00 Bull Swamp ................................ 50 00
Colleton ............................................. 50 00 Wesley Grove ................................ 50 00
Hickory Hill ......................................... 50 00 Lexington Circuit .......................... 50 00
St. Helens and Mackey's Point ...................... 50 00 St. Paul ................................ 14 00
Allendale ............................................. 60 00 Ravenel's and Tugaboo ........ 20 00
Millersville and Ellenton ............................ 50 00

GREENVILLE DISTRICT..............................$700 00
Greenville Circuit ................................ 40 00 Macedonia .............................. 40 00
St. Marks ........................................... 40 00 Walhalla ................................ 40 00
Golden Grove .................................. 40 00 Seneca .................................. 40 00
Welford ............................................. 40 00 Tegnoo .................................. 25 00
Cherokee ............................................ 40 00 Anderson ................................ 40 00
Spartanburg ......................................... 70 00 Mt. Sinai ................................ 40 00
Spartanburg Circuit ................................. 200 00 Williamston .......................... 40 00
Gaffney ............................................. 60 00 Ninety-Six, Greenwood and .... 60 00
Yorkville ............................................. 100 00 Edgefield ................................ 60 00
York .................................................... 100 00 Abbeville .......................... 40 00
Chester ............................................... 40 00
Saluda ................................................. 40 00

$1,858 00


Collections for 1878:
Missions ($2,44 for Women's Foreign) .................. $1,832 43
Church School Extension Board .................. 300 00
Tract Society ...................................... 14 54
Sunday School Union .......................... 48 47
Freedmen's Aid Society ....................... 40 62
Education ........................................ 8 53
Bible Cause ...................................... 4 50
Episcopal Fund ................................. 126 73
$2,375 81

Paid to A. B. Jones, Agent Methodist Book Concern $1,970 07
Forwarded to Treasurer of Church Extension Society 281 50
Receipts for funds forwarded to Treas. during the year 124 18
$2,375 81

Respectfully submitted,
L. M. DUNTON,
Financial Secretary.

The Conference Stewards report as follows:
Received from Chartered Fund .................. $30 00
Received from Conference Claimants ...... 6 40

$36 40

Disbursed as follows:
E. J. Snetter .................. 2 00 W. H. Darrington ........ 2 00
John Burroughs .......................... 2 00 K. M. Pinckney .......................... 2 00
Thomas Phillips .................. 2 00 Pollydore Witherspoon .. 2 00
L. W. A. Oglesby .................. 2 00 Lewis Rivers .......................... 2 00
J. W. Brown .................. 2 00 Lemuel Arthur .................. 2 00
James B. Middleton .................. 2 00 J. R. Townsend .... 1 20
Benj. L. Roberts .................. 2 00 Widow Hamilton ........ 2 00
W. W. McWillar .................. 2 00 Widow Lucas .................. 2 00
Abram Harris .................. 2 00 Scipio Orea .................. 1 20
James K. Wagener .................. 2 00

$36 40

L. ARTHUR,
Chairman of Committee.

A. WEBSTER, President.
J. E. WILLSON, Secretary.

I approve the above appropriations.
(Signed,)
JESSE T. PECK.
STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Your committee on the State of the Country report:

They recognize the importance of the subject submitted, and have considered it not as partisans, but as Christians, not by party shibboleths, but by the word of God. Where it is written, "The powers that be are ordained of God. Rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil." By this standard we measure the country's duty, and ask, Does it recognize its responsibility?

In the providence of God, America was discovered, and the independence of the United States established—that in this fair land might be found an asylum for the oppressed, and a home for the free. But, through pride of caste, love of power, and greed of gain, the divine purpose was ignored, and the teachings of his word perverted. "Judgment was turned away backward, and justice stood afar off; truth was fallen in the street, and equity could not enter. And the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment. And his prophets had healed the hurt of the daughter of his people slightly, saying, Peace, Peace! when there was no judgment." By the terrible scourge of war God severely chastised the nation for its sins, and taught it by a bitter experience, that Whose hearkeneth unto him shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

Have we been made wiser by this experience? Are we purified of our covetousness, pride, oppression and violence? Conscience, echoing the voice of Sinai, cries, No! Pointing to the continued oppression of the hirer in his wages; the frauds at the ballot-box; the denial of civil and political rights, the relentless persecutions for opinion's sake; the violence, bloodshed and murders, through partisan zeal, and race hatred, pointing to these, the voice of conscience, and of history alike, warn us that we are weighed in the balances and found wanting. The blood of many Abels cry from the ground, in the southern section of our country and God is their avenger! "Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished." To the patriot and the Christian, the state of the country gives cause for the deepest concern and alarm!

"God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him." "And what doth the Lord require of thee, O man, but to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God." Of what avail is a nation's achievements and resources, its wealth and power, if sin is countenanced and nourished? The punishment of individuals is chiefly future, that of nations is present.

Israel was strong and powerful, not because of the wisdom of Solomon and the wealth of his kingdom, but because "they did right in the sight of the Lord." When they forsook the Lord, the Lord forsook them. "To whom much is given, of him much will be required." With the light of truth, of history and of experience before it, God is holding this nation to a strict accountability. Its opportunities are magnificent. Here men of every race and nation find a home, sitting every man under his own vine and fig-tree, and none should make him afraid "for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it." Political parties, as such, have nothing to commend them to the divine favor, except as they comply with the teachings of truth and justice. With God, it is not names and platforms, but facts that are considered. It is not wise statutes, but the enforcement of them that prove a nation's sincerity. "The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable." A true and lasting peace is only to be found in "doing unto others as we would they should do unto us." The country wants less party zeal, and more discrimination in the choice of its rulers; less self-seeking, and more of the courage that knows no man after the flesh. Less dependence upon men, and more fear of God, and faith in him. Only as it approaches this standard have we hope of its continuance and prosperity. In this hope we will watch and wait, work and pray; maintain and defend the rights with which we are endowed, trusting in the justice of God and the power of divine truth over the hearts of the people.

W. R. JERVEY.
H. CARDozo.
L. RIVERS.
I. E. LOWEY.

EDUCATION.

The success of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South depends largely upon her educational institutions.

Fortunately the S. C. Conference has enjoyed the privileges of Baker Institute and Claflin University, and the fact that this Conference has the largest church membership of any Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South, is largely attributable to the aid afforded to our ministry and to the leading men in all of our Societies, by these institutions of learning.

There is at present an increasing demand for schools of high grade.

Claflin University is the only institution in the state that offers to our people a collegiate course of training.

This school is located at Orangeburg, S. C., one of the finest
and most healthful as well as the most central sections of the State.
The buildings are new, newly furnished and commodious.
The president and associate teachers, seven in number, are persons of marked ability and experience.
The course of study is thorough, and the discipline and general management of the school commendable.
While the doors of this institution are open to all, yet special inducements are offered to students preparing themselves for teaching and the ministry.
Arrangements have been made so that students can aid themselves, and thereby complete their entire course of study by giving a portion of their time to the agricultural farm connected with the University.
While we congratulate ourselves on being able to present so favorable a report, we would urge the adoption of the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: That we, the members of the S. C. Conference, heartily recognize the efficient labors of the President, Rev. E. Cooke D.D., in rebuilding, organizing, classifying and bringing the school up to its present high standard of scholarship.

RESOLVED: That we will support the President and Trustees in every measure that will enhance the interests of the school and develop it to meet the increasing demands of the times.

RESOLVED: That we will recommend and secure patronage for the institution as far as possible, on all of our appointments.

Respectfully submitted,
L. M. Denton,
E. M. Pinckney,
J. B. Middleton.

CHURCH EXTENSION.
The committee on Bible cause would report that: In seeking the widest diffusion of the work of God and a more active interest by the members of the Conference, they sought the formation of a Conference Bible Society, auxiliary to the American Bible Society, and accordingly, made application to that body, but received a reply from the Corresponding Secretary in the following words:

"I am sorry to inform you that we cannot see our way clear to depart in this particular from the long established usage of the Society. We are sure that the pastors of your Conference will see that it is for the best interests of the cause to continue to co-operate with the auxiliaries already established, and through them promote a wide circulation of the Scriptures."

Your committee would express the hope that notwithstanding this declaration, the Conference will, with undiluting zeal and more vigorous efforts do its share in the circulation of the Bible among the people; and would urge upon the brethren that as they visit from house to house, they would see that every family is provided with a Bible, and read it for them, especially where there are no readers in the family. They recommend, also, that the preachers make the collections for this cause among the most important of the benevolent collections.

A. Webster,
H. Cardozo,
A. Middleton,
V. H. Buckley.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee to whom was assigned the subject of Sunday Schools, would respectfully present the following:

We confess our inability to estimate the good work done by this grand auxiliary of our Church, and as its record shows that many good men and women have gone from thence to be able workers in the Church, and from their fields to glory, we would urge upon each member of this Conference the importance of establishing Sunday Schools at each appointment in his work; and proclaim to the people the necessity of this nursery being dearly fostered by them.

We would recommend the organization of County conventions throughout our Conference and the occasional holding of joint Sunday School concerts, at which the merits of the Sabbath School work may be presented by the best speakers available. The Committee would add this resolution:

RESOLVED: That on Children's Day, the disciplinary collection be taken in all of our Sunday Schools.

E. M. Pinckney.
TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, The liquor traffic in this state, and particularly among our people, is an unmitigated evil and enemy to the Church, Country, and Society—a destroyer of domestic happiness of body and of soul, and is worse than wasting the hard earnings of the masses of our people. Therefore,

RESOLVED: That we, the members of the S. C. Conference, will discontinue the use of whiskey as a beverage and as a medicine, except in cases of extreme necessity. See Discipline, General Rules.

RESOLVED: That we will discourage the use of wine, both by precept and example, at parties, dinners and weddings. See Proverbs, XX. and XXIII. chapters.

RESOLVED: That we will preach, form societies, and do all in our power to break down and destroy forever this giant evil, and save the people from certain destruction. See 1. Cor. VI. 10.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. DUNTON,
A. MIDDLETON,
B. JAMES,
S. GREEN.

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

Your committee on the Freedmen's Aid Society beg leave to report: That having considered the great want of education among the Freedmen, and the defects in the Common School System, we see the necessity of making the claims of this Society second to that of missions. We are indebted to the Society for aid granted in the past, and implore the continuance of the same.

Therefore, be it RESOLVED: That we, the preachers of the South Carolina Conference, of the M. E. Church, present the claims of this Society earnestly, on the charges, and urge liberal collections therefor.

RESOLVED: That the thanks of this Conference are due to this Society for the interest manifested towards us, and that we pledge our hearty co-operation in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

L. ARTHUR,
J. W. BROWN,
F. D. SMITH,
YORK GOODLETT.

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

Your Committee would report, that after a careful examination, we have found that most of the brethren of the Conference have not done their full duty in taking the missionary collection. Most of the trouble has arisen from delaying this most important collection until nearly the close of the Conference year.

Your Committee would urge upon the brethren the importance of taking this collection early in the year and continuing the same until its close.

We would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: That the members of this Conference be requested to take the necessary steps to obtain, during this coming year, the full missionary apportionment to each charge, and that the effort be begun as soon as they reach their respective appointments.

RESOLVED: That our brethren use the Missionary Collector's Books, according to the Discipline.

RESOLVED: That all the preachers shall report to the Conference the names of those members who contribute twenty-five cents or more to the cause of missions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. JERVEY,
H. CARDOZO,
A. HARRIS,
F. E. MCDONALD.

AUDITING P. E.'S ACCOUNTS.

The committee appointed to audit the Presiding Elders' accounts report as follows, to wit:

The accounts of the Presiding Elders have been carefully examined and compared with the appropriations to the several missions within the Conference and are found to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. PARKER,
IRVING E. LOWERY,
E. Q. FULLER.
MEMOIR.

CHRISTOPHER W. LUCAS, the subject of this memoir, was born in Colleton County, S. C., on the "Round O," and at the time of his death was about 30 years of age.

Soon after his conversion to God, he felt called to the ministry and was licensed as a Local preacher by Rev. J. A. Sosportas, P. E. of the Summerville District. He joined the South Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church in 1870, and was ordained Deacon by Bishop Simpson in 1871, under the Missionary Rule.

He was a faithful worker for the Lord. He was first appointed to Walterboro C. H., where he built a church, there being none there previous to his appointment.

He was ordained Elder by Bishop I. W. Wiley, at Camden, in 1875, and appointed to Walterboro and Upper Ashpoo. Here, he built a comfortable house of worship.

His last appointment was Hickory Hill, and here, he fell in full vigor of manhood, a victim to exposure and over-work—contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints.

Just before he departed, he called his family around his bed and sang "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

His work was entrusted to one of the Local preachers, with all necessary instructions, and he was gone. Therefore, be it

Resolved: That a page in the Journal be inscribed to his memory, and his family be furnished with a copy of the Memoir and the Resolution.

A. MIDDLETON, Chairman,
A. WEBSTER,
F. L. BAXTER.

MEMOIR.

EDWARD M. BAXTER was born in Charleston, S. C., in the year 1847. At the early age of 12 years, he was happily converted to God, and led an exemplary life. Believing himself called of God to preach the gospel, he responded as the way became opened to him. In the year 1867, while in Florida, he was made a Local preacher, and labored earnestly for four or five years. He returned to his native State in 1875, and in the year following joined the S. C. Conference of the M. E. Church. His first appointment was the Branchville Circuit. His zeal being of a fiery order, he would take no denial.

In going to one of his appointments in very inclement weather, he was drenched with rain, and his clothes became frozen on him, and in this condition he traveled several miles. A severe cold ensued from which he never recovered. After nearly seventeen months of extreme suffering—at which he murmured not, he entered into rest, leaving us this legacy:

"The memory of the just is blessed."

The Conference has lost a promising member, a zealous christian worker and an affectionate brother. But our loss is his gain.

After warfare, rest is pleasant;
Oh, how sweet the prospect is.

Respectfully submitted,
A. MIDDLETON, Chairman,
A. WEBSTER,
F. L. BAXTER.
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