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Minutes  
of the  
South Carolina  
Annual  
Conference  
of ministers of the  
Methodist  
Episcopal Church  
Feb. 3, 1834

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*C. J. W. Moore*  
**MINUTES**

*Of the 4<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Session*

OF THE

*Book by M*  
**SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE**

OF THE

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**

FOR THE YEAR *1833*

*Held at Charleston, S. C.,*  
*Feb. 3, 1834,*

TO WHICH ARE ADDED,

THE REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

AND

THE CONSTITUTIONS AND BY-LAWS OF THE SEVERAL SOCIETIES  
AND TRUSTS CONNECTED WITH THE CONFERENCE.

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PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE CONFERENCE AND THE  
MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

**Charleston.**

PRINTED BY J. S. BURGESS, 183 KING-STREET.  
1834.

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**MINUTES, &c.**

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**Question 1. What Preachers are admitted on trial?**

George Wright, Robert J. Boyd, Alexander W. Walker, Charles S. Walker, Samuel Armstrong, Sampson Laney, Joseph H. Wheeler, Wm. Brockinton, Peyton G. Bowman, Whatcoat Asbury Gamewell, Campbell Smith, James C. Coggeshall, Henry H. Durant, Wm. C. Ferrrell, Willis Haltom, James W. Willborn, John N. Davis.

**Ques. 2. Who remain on trial?**

Bartlett Thomason, Whitefoord Smith, George W. Huggius, John L. Smith.

**Ques. 3. Who are admitted into full Connexion?**

Wm. M. D. Moore, John K. Morse, J. R. Anthony, Archibald B. McGilvray, Mark Russell, and Parley W. Clenny.

**Ques. 4. Who are the Deacons?**

Charles Wilson, Hugh A. C. Walker, Leonard Rush, and Wm. Whitby, who were ordained last year; and John K. Morse, Wm. M. D. Moore, Jacob B. Anthony, Archibald B. McGilvray, Mark Russell, and P. W. Clenny, who have been ordained at the present Conference.

**Ques. 5. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?**

Allen M'Corquodale, John W. M'Coll, Allen Hamby, Samuel Bozman, elect; Tracy R. Walsh, and James Stacy.

**Ques. 6. Who have located this year?**

F. C. Spraggius.

**Ques. 7. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?**

Joseph Moore and Wm. Kennedy.

**Ques. 8. Who are the Superannuated or worn-out Preachers?**

Isaac Smith, James Jenkins, Reddick Pierce, W. W. King, and W. T. Smith.

Ques. 9. Who have been expelled from the Connexion this year?  
None.

Ques. 10. Who have withdrawn from the Connexion this year?  
None.

Ques. 11. Were all the Preachers' characters examined?

This was strictly attended to, by calling over their names before the Conference.

Ques. 12. Who have died this year?

**ABSALOM BROWN.**—We have no certain information of the time or place of his birth. He was admitted on trial in the Itinerancy, and travelled Lincoln Circuit in 1828, Quincy in Florida 1829, Sugar Creek 1830 and 1831, Rocky River 1832, and Montgomery, where he died, in 1833.

Brother Brown's death was probably occasioned by paralysis; and for several months before that event, his reason was much impaired. During all that time, however, the delirious preacher was still occupied with preaching, and other holy services; and sometimes it seemed difficult to persuade one's self, that the wise remarks he made, could proceed from one in his circumstances.

He was an humble-minded, godly man; and an able and considerably successful preacher. We doubt not of his being with the Lord in glory.

**JAMES J. RICHARDSON.**—He was born in Marion District, South-Carolina, June 22, 1805. Born again, January 8, 1827. Licenced to preach, October 25, 1828. He travelled the Black River Circuit in the year 1829, Montgomery 1830, Hollow Creek (now Barnwell) 1831, Sugar Creek 1832, and York (where he ended his labors) in 1833.

Brother Richardson was a very amiable man, a highly gifted preacher, and a faithful and successful laborer in the great work of winning souls. In him, genius was blended with sweetness of spirit; and uncommon ability, with an humble mind. His brethren loved him greatly; and he enjoyed richly in his own soul, the blessings of the Gospel which he preached to others. It pleased God to favor him with extraordinary manifestations of grace in his last illness, so that he seemed to die almost literally in

sight of heaven. After commending his wife and child confidently to God, sending his affectionate farewell and dying exhortations to his father and his brethren in the ministry, and charging all about him to prepare to follow him, he departed this life at Yorkville, South-Carolina, July 9, 1833.

**THOMAS NEILL**, was born in Burke County, North-Carolina, January 8, 1806. Born again in September, 1822. He was licenced to preach January 8, 1831, and that year he travelled the Richford Circuit. In 1832, he was appointed to the Lincoln Circuit; and to Newberry for the year 1833. In this Circuit it pleased God to dismiss him from the labors of his calling, and take him early into his Master's rest. He died July 21, 1833. When one asked him, "are you afraid to die?" He seemed surprised at the question, and returned, "surely you do not think me a hypocrite!" "But you really are dying," said another;—"Then all is well," was the answer of our godly young brother.

Brother Neill was a sober, watchful, faithful man, who promised much usefulness in the Ministry; but it hath pleased God to take him from among us; and it behooves us who are continued a little longer in the field, to work watchfully and prayerfully; knowing that the Master needs us not, and will at his own time call us to the reckoning.

Ques. 13. What numbers are in the Churches?

CHARLESTON DIST.		COLUMBIA DISTRICT.		Wh.	Col'd.
Charleston,	653	3249	Columbia,	150	308
Black Swamp,	570	418	Congaree,	427	454
Barnwell,	490	210	Sandy River,	843	537
Orangeburg,	888	699	Camden,	107	730
Cypress,	894	731	Santee,	762	1393
Cooper River,	527	456	Darlington,	666	442
			Chesterfield,	526	250
			Wateree,	784	325
	4022	5763			
SALUDA DISTRICT.				Wh.	Col'd.
Saluda,	840	549		4265	4430
Abbeville,	1509	522	SAYLEYSVILLE DISTRICT.		
Koewee,	749	109	Georgetown,	149	1518
Reedy River,	705	200	Black River,	648	1680
Union,	896	269	Pee Dee,	866	334
Laurens,	574	199	Cheraw,	63	101
Newberry,	470	529	Waccamaw,	615	292
			Brunswick,	640	555
	5748	2377	Wilmington,	92	476

	Whites.	Col'd.	Whites.	Col'd.
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT				
Bladen,	632	628	943	172
Fayetteville,	179	438	777	146
Rockingham,	874	353	693	125
			532	211
			791	261
	4758	6375	469	65
			296	108
			145	70
LINCOLN DISTRICT			6105	1598
Deep River,	593	204		
Montgomery,	866	136		
Mission on New and May Rivers,	-	-	-	17
" North and South Santee,	-	-	-	530
" Combahee and Pon Pon,	-	-	17	1155
" Beaufort and Islands,	-	-	-	196
" Cape Fear,	-	-	-	304
" King's Mountain,	-	-	276	34
			293	223
Total,	-	-	25186	22788
Total last year,	-	-	24773	22326
Increase this year,	-	-	413	462
Grand total,	-	-	47974	
Grand total last year,	-	-	47099	
Increase,	-	-	875	

Ques. 14. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?  
 CHARLESTON DISTRICT—Henry Bass, Presiding Elder.  
 Charleston—Wm. M. Kennedy, Wm. Martin, Geo. F. Pierce.  
 Cypress Circuit—Hugh A. C. Walker, Christian G. Hill.  
 Orangeburg—B. H. Capers, Theophilus Huggins.  
 Black Swamp—Henry W. Leadbetter, C. S. Walker.  
 Barwell—C. A. Crowell, W. M. D. Moore.  
 Cooper River—Samuel Dumrody, J. L. Smith.  
 Wadborough—Thos. E. Leadbetter, G. Wright.  
 Mission to Slaves on May and New Rivers—to be supplied.  
 Mission on North and South Santee—John Bunch.  
 Mission on Combahee and Pon Pon—R. J. Boyd, C. Wilcox.  
 Mission on Wadmalaw and St. John's—Thomas D. Turpin.

Mission on Beaufort and neighboring Islands—John R. Coburn.

MOUNT ARIEL DISTRICT—Malcom M. Pherson, P. E.  
 Abbeville Circuit—Wm. Murrah, W. C. Ferrell.  
 Edgefield—John H. Robinson, B. Thomason.  
 Pendleton—James Stacy.  
 Greenville—P. W. Cleary, and one to be supplied.  
 Union—James Dannelly, Henry H. Durant.  
 Laurensville—J. K. Morse, Alexander W. Walker.  
 Newberry—Jacob Ozier.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT—Bond English, P. E.  
 Columbia—Hartwell Spain.  
 Congaree Circuit—Elisha Calloway, W. R. Smith.  
 Wainsborough—Jos. Holmes, Jos. H. Wheeler.  
 Camden—Daniel G. McDaniel.  
 Santee—J. M. Bradley, J. S. Coggeshall.  
 Darlington—Angus M. Pherson, Whiteford Smith.  
 Chesterfield—Wm. Brockinton.  
 Lancasterville—Robert Adams, S. Armstrong.  
 Mission to Slaves on Wateree—Frederick Rush.  
 Mission near Manchester—to be supplied.  
 Mission on Pee Dee—John B. Chappel.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—Nicholas Talley, P. E.  
 Fayetteville—S. W. Capers.  
 Georgetown—Wm. Crook.  
 Black River—G. W. Moore, W. Haltom.  
 Pee Dee—J. W. Townsend, P. G. Bowman.  
 Rockingham—John Watts, J. W. Wellborn.  
 Waccamaw—John McCall, Mark Russell.  
 Bladen—Archibald B. McGilvray, J. N. Davis.  
 Brunswick—Leonard Rush, C. Smith.  
 Wilmington—James J. Alison.  
 Cheraw—Wm. J. Jackson.  
 Mission to Slaves on Cape Fear River—E. Leggett.  
 Mission on Black River—to be supplied.

LINCOLN DISTRICT—Charles Betts, P. E.  
 Lincoln—Thomas C. Smith, John Covington.  
 Deep River—A. McCorquodale, G. W. Huggins.  
 Montgomery—M. C. Turrentine, Sampson Laney.  
 Wadesborough—K. Murchison.

Centre—*David Derrick.*

Charlotte—*David J. Allen.*

Charlotte Circuit—*Tracy R. Walsh.*

Yorkville—*Josiah Freeman.*

Rutherfordton—*Allen Hamby, W. A. Gamewell.*

Morganton—*Benjamin Bell, J. B. Anthony.*

King's Mountain Mission—*Wm. Whitby.*

*Wm. M. Wightman*, Agent for Randolph Macon College.

*Jos. Moore* and *Wm. Kennedy*, Supernumeraries without claim, and without appointment, at their own request.

*Wm. Capers*, transferred to the Georgia Conference, and stationed in Savannah; also to superintend the Missions in that vicinity.

Ques. 15. Where and when shall our next Conference be held? In Columbia, S. C. to commence Feb. 11, 1834.

## RESOLUTIONS

*Ordered to be printed with the Minutes of Conference.*

### RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE.

*Resolved, 1st.* That the establishment of a well endowed College, purely literary and scientific, in a desirable place in the Southern Atlantic States, and under the direction and controul of a Faculty and Board of Trustees, consisting, and perpetually to consist, of the members and friends of our Church, is an object of the first importance, vitally interesting to our Zion, and deserving of the best wishes and assistance of all our friends.

*Resolved, 2d.* That the Randolph Macon College, of Mecklenburg, Virginia, instituted under an ample charter from the State, by the Virginia Conference, and now opened under the auspices of that Conference, possesses every reasonable prospect of soon becoming, in all respects, what the friends of religion and literature could desire; and is entitled, and ought to receive, the preference and patronage of this Conference.

*Resolved, 3d.* That this Conference will undertake to raise forthwith the sum of twenty thousand dollars, to

endow a Professorship in the Randolph Macon College, to be denominated the "Asbury Professorship of Moral Science." Provided, that in consideration of such endowment, this Conference shall be forever entitled to the tuition of five Students, whom it may nominate, free of all charge for tuition.

*Resolved, 4th.* That the Bishops presiding be requested to appoint a suitable Agent, to take up subscriptions for the above purpose, within the bounds of the Conference.

### A COURSE OF STUDY RECOMMENDED BY OUR BISHOPS.

With regard to a course of study on which the Presiding Elders had been appointed a Committee to confer with the Bishop, the following report was submitted, which, on motion, was concurred in by the Conference, viz:

*For the first year*—The Holy Bible and the Book of Discipline. In studying the Bible, the candidate must consult Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary, so as to be prepared to give some good account of the history of the Bible and its versions, of peculiar Biblical terms, and also of Biblical Biography, Chronology and Geography—the latter to be studied with special and constant reference to the Maps in Watson's Dictionary. As far as opportunity may serve, the marginal translations and references must also be examined and compared; and Coke's, Benson's, or Clarke's Commentary be consulted when practicable, especially on difficult passages, and Wesley's Notes throughout. Dr. A. Clarke's Clavis Biblica, contained in the Preacher's Manual, and also separately in a small volume, may aid both the student and the examiner.

*For the second year*—The Holy Bible and the Discipline as before; Wesley's Sermons, especially those of a doctrinal character; Fletcher's Portrait of St. Paul; Porteous' Evidences of Christianity; and Watson's Apology for the Bible, (the editions from our own press;) the Hymn Book, and any approved English Grammar.

*For the third year*—The Holy Bible and the Discipline as before; and Watson's Theological Institutes to be first read through, and then closely studied a second time

throughout, so as to be prepared to pass a satisfactory examination on the evidences, the doctrines, the morals, and the institutions of Christianity.

*For the fourth year.*—A summary review of the preceding studies, with the defence of our Fathers, and of the original organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary, under the appropriate heads, for a condensed view of ecclesiastical history, and of the various Christian denominations, together with the constitutions and latest reports of our Bible, Missionary, Sunday School and Tract Societies; the principles and object of the Publishing Fund, and of any work from our own press, on the best mode of forming and conducting Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.

Such as have leisure and means, whether before their advancement to Elder's Orders, or subsequently, to pursue a more extensive course, and to study also the Hebrew and Greek originals of the Holy Scriptures, provided it can be done consistently with health, and with a faithful attention to other duties, are advised to do so; and to such, also, the following additional works are recommended, but are not to be held indispensable in the examination of candidates: The residue of Wesley's and Fletcher's Works; Wesley's, Fletcher's, Coke's, Benson's, and Clarke's Lives, and Asbury's Journal, Smith on the Sacred Office, or Baxter's Reformed Pastor; Josephus; Pridaux's Connexions; Rollin's Ancient History; Russell's Ancient and Modern Europe; Bigland's View of the World, with his Letters on History; or Ramsay's Universal History, or Tytler's Elements of History; some approved work on Geography, (always using Maps in studying either Geography or History;) Mosheim's, Wesley's Hawses' or Milnor's Church History, with Neal's History of the Puritans, always recollecting the peculiarities of the several authors, as to their personal views and prepossessions; Duncan's, Andrew's, Watt's or Hedge's Logic; Blair's Lectures, and Maury on Eloquence; Reid, or Stewart, or Abercrombie on the Mind; Beattie on Truth; Campbell's Essay on Miracles; Paley's View of the Evidences of Christianity, his Natural Theology and Moral Philosophy, or Beattie's Moral Science; Newton on the Prophecies; Dick's Philosopher; the Methodist Magazine and Quarterly Review;

and the Books in general issued at our press, (as far as practicable and consistent with other duties) that we may not only ourselves be acquainted with their valuable contents, but be prepared also to recommend them to others.

In some of the works above recommended, not issued from our own press, it is to be understood, that there may, in some instances, be occasional sentiments not entirely in accordance with our views, and that such works are recommended only in view of their general value.

*It was further Resolved, 1st.* That the Committee for the examination of candidates for admission into full connexion in this Conference, shall always be appointed at the Conference preceding the examination, and shall meet at the place of the next Session, at 9 o'clock, A. M., two days previous to the Session; of which due notice shall be given to the candidate, whose duty it shall be to attend accordingly.

*2d.* No candidate neglecting to attend as aforesaid, without good and sufficient reason, in the judgment of the Conference, shall be admitted into full connexion at that Session.

*3d.* The Committee shall consist of a number not less than the number of districts within the Conference; and not less than one-third thereof, shall be such as have not served on the same Committee for the year preceding.

*4th.* The work of examination shall be subdivided among the members of the Committee at the Conference preceding; and it shall be the duty of each member, to attend and take part in the examination accordingly; but in case any one be unavoidably prevented, he shall give the earliest notice in his power to the Chairman of the Committee, who shall, therefore, either appoint a substitute to perform that part of the examination, or perform it himself.

#### RESPECTING POST-OFFICES.

*Resolved, by the South-Carolina Annual Conference, 1st.* All the Preachers within this Conference, who had charge of Circuits or Stations during the past year, (or their colleagues, in case of the absence of such Preachers) are hereby directed to furnish to their respective Presiding El-



ders, within one day from this date, a written list of all the Post-Offices within their several Circuits or Stations, naming also the County and State opposite to each; the said list to be headed with the name of the Circuit or Station, and the District, and to be subscribed with the name of the person furnishing it, and to be dated.

*Resolved, 2d.* The Presiding Elders shall be a Committee to direct the whole of such schedules into one general tabular, on a single sheet, marking therein specially, those Post-Offices at which communications may be addressed to the Presiding Elders, and to the respective Preachers in charge; and to report the same to this Conference before its close. They shall also be authorized, in conjunction with the President, to make any such alterations in the plan of the said table, as may be required by any changes in the bounds, or names of the Circuits or Districts; which table, when completed, shall be forwarded to the General Book Agents at New-York, as speedily as possible, after the close of Conference.

*Resolved, 3d.* All amounts for periodicals transmitted by the General Book Agents to the respective Preachers in charge, through the Presiding Elders, or otherwise, shall be promptly attended to by said Preachers, with the aid of their colleagues, as far as practicable; such accounts to be collected or adjusted as early as possible, the subscription lists at the several Post-Offices to be regulated, and all necessary information respecting the death, removal, or insolvency of subscribers, changes of address, discontinuances, new subscribers, payment of arrears, or in advance, or refusals of payment, or whatever other information may be deemed important for the interest of the periodicals, to be communicated to the publishers at New-York as early as possible.

*Resolved, 4th.* The several Preachers in charge, (with the aid of their colleagues as above) shall annually and successively keep a fair, intelligible written exhibit of the state of the subscription lists, under the heads of the several Post-Offices within their respective Circuits, specifying particularly all payments made to them, with the date thereof, and all discontinuances, new subscriptions, and changes of address; which exhibit shall be brought to the ensuing Annual Conference, and be submitted to the Com-

mittee on Periodicals, for settlement and further adjustment, if necessary, and afterward handed over, with the plan of the Circuit, to the succeeding Preacher in charge, at the time of reading out the appointments.

*Resolved, 5th.* It shall be the duty of the Presiding Elders in the quarterly rounds in the ensuing year, and in each successive year, to make out a complete written exhibit of all the Post-Offices, (with the County and State opposite to each) within the several Circuits or Stations in their respective Districts, and to bring the same to the ensuing Annual Conference; from which several exhibits, the Presiding Elders, as a Committee, shall make out one general exhibit annually at the Conference as aforesaid, and report the same to the Conference, to be forwarded to the General Book Agents.

*Resolved, 6th.* The General Book Agents are hereby requested to forward in future, to each Annual Conference, all the accounts for periodicals within the bounds of the Conference, made out for the different Districts, Stations and Circuits within the Conference, under the appropriate heads of the several Post-Offices, within the respective Circuits or Stations, agreeably to the plan furnished; which accounts shall first be placed in the hands of the Committee on Periodicals for settlement, and for any correction which they may judge necessary on satisfactory evidence; and afterward to be placed in the hands of the Presiding Elders as a Committee, who shall divide and assort them in such manner, as to be prepared to deliver them over, with the plans of the Circuits, to the several Preachers in charge, at the time of reading out the appointments. It shall then be the duty of the various Preachers in charge, with the aid of their colleagues, to proceed in their collection or adjustment, and the regulation of the subscription lists, &c. as speedily as possible, and as before stated in the *third* and *fourth* resolutions; and this course shall be pursued from year to year successively.

*Resolved, 7th.* Each Presiding Elder shall also keep a fair written statement of all settlements made with him for any of our periodicals, and of any other business respecting them; which statement shall be furnished to the Committee on Periodicals at the ensuing Annual Conference, and be added to the exhibits from the respective Circuits

and Stations, previously to their being handed out with the plans, at the reading out of the appointments.

#### CONFERENCE SCHOOL.

The School Committee offered the following report and resolutions, which, on motion, were unanimously adopted:

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Conference, to inquire after the most eligible site within its limits for a School or Academy, under the direction of the Conference, having examined the subject as they were able, both as to the advantages and disadvantages connected with the different places proposed—Report as follows, viz:

*Resolved, 1st.* That, whereas we are informed through our esteemed Brother M. M'Pherson, that the inhabitants of Mount Ariel and its vicinity, have agreed to give at least six thousand dollars, including the two Academies at that place, and lands connected with them, provided the Conference will locate its School at that place: We, therefore, recommend to this Conference, that as soon as said amount, or more, shall be made sure to such Trustees as shall be appointed for said Institution, then, and on that condition, we select Mount Ariel as a suitable site for a Conference School, to be conducted on the Manual Labor System, preparatory to Randolph Macon, or any other College, and to be named The Dougherty Manual Labor School of the South-Carolina Conference.

*Resolved, 2d.* That an Executive Committee of seven be appointed, who shall be members of this Conference, and act as a Board of Trustees for this School; and further, that this Committee be empowered, and they are hereby empowered and instructed to elect four lay members of our Church, in the vicinity of the School, the whole of whom shall constitute a Board of Trustees for the Academy, with power to fill any vacancy or vacancies that may occur in the Board, during the recess of the Annual Conference.

*Resolved, 3d.* That the Board of Trustees meet on \_\_\_\_\_ at Mount Ariel, and make arrangements for the erection of suitable buildings, the purchase of lands, &c. &c. &c., so as that the Academies be ready to go into operation on the first January, 1835.

*Resolved, 4th.* That the Agent employed in behalf of the Randolph Macon College, together with the Presiding Elders of the several Districts, be, and they hereby are authorized to raise contributions, and make collections in behalf of the Conference Seminary throughout our boundaries, and otherwise forward its interests, as they may be able.

Wm. Capers, Wm. M. Kennedy, Malcom M'Pherson, Wm. M. Wightman, James Daenelly, Bond English, and Nicholas Talley, were elected a Board of Trustees and an Executive Committee.

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That the Trustees elected by the Conference, and the lay Trustees to be elected, be empowered to adopt such regulations as they shall jointly deem proper, on such advice as they shall obtain for the benefit of the Dougherty School, and to apply, if they deem necessary, to the Legislature, for an Act of Incorporation.

#### CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That every Preacher who has charge of a Circuit, who may neglect Conference Collections, shall be publicly rebuked, and be allowed no claim on Conference.

#### UNIFORMITY IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF DISCIPLINE.

*Resolved*, That this Conference will co-operate with the Bishops in the following measures for promoting uniformity in the administration of discipline:

1. The Preachers in charge, are to converse or correspond freely with their respective Presiding Elders, on points of administration and discipline; to consult them in all cases of doubt or difficulty: and to report to them, *in writing*, at their respective Quarterly Meetings, all official decisions made by themselves, on any disputed points of discipline.

2. The Presiding Elders, in cases of doubt or difficulty, are to consult, by letter or otherwise, the most convenient Bishop; to keep a *written record* of all their own official

decisions, and those of the Quarterly Meeting Conferences, they may attend, on any disputed points of discipline; and to report the same *in writing*, with an abstract of those made by the Preachers under their charge, to the Bishop who may preside at their next ensuing Annual Conference.

3. In cases in which time cannot be had for the consultations above mentioned, the respective officers will act according to their best judgment,—but are still to report and consult on such cases as before provided for, in order to any corrections of administration which may be judged necessary, or for the better understanding of future similar cases.

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#### FAST DAYS.

*Resolved*, That the first Fridays in April and September next, be set apart as days of solemn Fasting and Prayer, (in all the Churches within our Conference limits;) for the peace and prosperity of our Zion.

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#### CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS.

##### THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE S. C. CONFERENCE.

*Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church.*

*Officers and Managers*—Wm. Capers, *President*; Wm. M. Kennedy, *1st Vice-President*; Samuel Duwoody, *2d Vice-President*; Wm. M. Wightman, *Secretary*; Joseph Holmes, *Treasurer*.

*Managers*—Malcom McPherson, Henry Bass, Nicholas Talley, Hartwell Spain, Charles Betts, Bond English, Wm. Murrah, Joseph Moore, and Robert Adams.

The Anniversary of this Society, was held in Trinity Church, Charleston, on the evening of the 10th of February. An appropriate Sermon was preached by the Rev. E. Drake, of Virginia; after which, the Report of the Board of Managers was read by the Secretary, (by whom it had been prepared,) and a collection was taken up, amounting to eighty-two dollars.

The following is the Report:

The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the South-Carolina Conference, beg leave respectfully to present their Report:

The attention of the Missionary Society, and of the community in general, is once more invited to a special consideration of a subject important in all its bearings. Within the bounds of the South-Carolina Conference, there lives an immense coloured population, which, while it constitutes a capital part of the wealth of the country, and deserves to be cared for, as to its temporal welfare, is, at the same time, gifted with the high attributes of a rational and immortal nature, and must, therefore, ever be a subject of highest interest, and profoundest anxiety to the statesman, the political economist, and, above all, to the Christian. Now, whatever proposes to advance their proper interests, ought to address a strong claim upon the attention particularly of those on whom rests the responsibility of owning them, and of caring for their weal. Christian philanthropy looks upon this class of human beings with peculiar concern; and especially as the misguided zeal, and imprudent efforts of some at a distance, who profess to be anxious to serve their cause, only tend to multiply the embarrassments which surround it. Now, in view of all the delicacies of this subject, if any thing can be done which shall improve their moral condition, and, at the same time, offer sufficient securities to their owners, and to society at large, who does not perceive at once its importance and its value?

After years of delay and solicitude,—after meeting a host of difficulties, mustered up by prejudice, passion and interest, at length the day of a fair experiment dawns upon us, and we bring forward this subject, not as a theme for doubtful speculation, or debatable argument, but as a subject on which the purest Christian philosophy, is borne out by the strongest facts. We found the negro ignorant—superstitious—unbred. And had we a right to look for any thing else in the absence of all cultivation, save an education in vice? When no good seed had fallen, was it not idle to expect the “fruits of righteousness? We have brought to him the simple elements of religious instruction: we have implanted in the soil of his heart the germ of Christian principle. He has been pointed away from

his superstitions to the God who made him, and the Redeemer who died to save him from sin and hell. The notion of *principled* duty has thrown its light upon his awakened mind; and from God, we have pointed him to his master, explaining the nature and extent of a master's claims. Now, we present the negro under remedial influences—the subject, to some small extent at least, of Christian cultivation—of religious instruction. And we ask if the review is not grateful to the heart of philanthropy, and cheering to the spirit of Christian charity? If, indeed, the experiment had been less successful than it is,—still there would have been cause for triumph: and although the improvement in heart and life be not universal, yet does it present to every unprejudiced eye, points of observation sufficiently multiplied, to sustain public confidence in our present policy, and to furnish fresh and influential motives for exertion.

It must be manifest to all, that the spiritual and eternal good of the slaves, is the object of concern with us. In the absence of all motives of ease, wealth and enjoyment, where shall the Missionary who enters into the work, find adequate motives, apart from the moral and eternal interests involved? Who, we may be allowed to ask, would expose himself to be harassed with trouble—to be burnt with fevers—to be debarr'd from cultivated society—to go down to an early and a senseless grave, in a work which offered no other conceivable inducements, than those that gather their light and emphasis from eternity,—but the man who looked to spiritual and immortal relations? That God has raised up for us men who can brave all these hazards—and trusting to the grace and Providence of God, are willing to get them down to the negro's cabin and fireside—call together his little ones, and teach them the fear of the Lord,—preach Jesus and the Resurrection, and the hope of eternal life to thousands of souls, sitting in the gloom of a rayless night of desolation—this is the standing and the lofty pledge on the part of God, that he will never be wanting to his Church in this department of her work. The cloudy pillar rests upon this field of the wilderness—the cheering token of divine approbation—the sign from Heaven to guide us—the pledge of final success.

We invite attention to the statements and facts, which our Report of the present state of the Missions under the care of this Society, embraces. The Missions to the blacks are five in number.

1. That on North and South Santee, embraces 18 plantations—14 appointments—and 530 coloured members, of whom many have exhibited good proofs of the reality of their professed conversion. About 500 children receive catechetical instruction on this Mission. The little negroes learn readily and with interest. On a plantation of Mrs. Rutledge, the children, 40 or 50 in number, have learned the entire catechism, prepared for the use of the Missions, so as to be able to repeat with fluency any answer. And we may be allowed to remark, that although the results of these instructions given to the negro children, may require time to develop themselves, yet upon this basis rests much of our hope of enlarged and lasting success. The mind of childhood, full of young curiosity, holds with tenacious grasp the lessons that come to it clothed with interest; and no scenes of after life can entirely efface the impressions then formed.

A letter from a distinguished gentleman within the bounds of this Mission, to the President of the Society, was read to the Board, in which, we are happy to state, the writer expresses his decided conviction of the utility of Missionary operations on his plantations, and solicits a continuance of the labors of the Missionary employed the last year.

One such testimony from an eye and ear witness—competent to judge—and voluntarily expressed—is worth a world of conjecture and speculation.

2. The Cempahee and Pon Pon Mission, contains 10 regular preaching places, embracing 21 plantations. There are reported 1155 coloured members and 17 whites. 288 children receive catechetical instructions. Most of the little negroes can say the Lord's Prayer—repeat the creed, and seem increasingly interested in the instructions of the Missionary; and some of them are believed to have been made the subjects of regenerating grace.

This Mission is regarded as being in decidedly more healthful condition at this time, than ever. The gem of an

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immortal spirit, has been dug up out of the ruins of many a poor negro's imbruted condition, "all radiant with the hues of Christian virtues—and flashing with the light of intellect."

Several communications are before the Board from gentlemen of the highest respectability, whose names would do honor to any cause; in which we receive continued assurances of their cordial approbation of our plan of operations, of their satisfaction as to the success of Missionary labours, and their solicitations for a continuance of those labours.

3. The Mission near Beaufort. This contains 196 church members, and 365 children under catechetical instructions: 20 adults were baptized during the year. The prospects on this Mission are good. Many meetings, full of interest and profit we trust, were held among the negroes, in the regular visitations of the Missionary. Their habits are manifestly improved, especially as far as intemperance is concerned. Owners, we are glad to learn, are still favorable to the religious instruction of their slaves, and furnish us with their testimony as to the benefits accomplished by the Mission.

4. The Mission on May and New River. This covers new ground to which we have had access with some difficulty. 17 preaching places—17 members, and 300 children under catechetical instruction, are reported.

5. The Mission on Cape-Fear River, in North-Carolina. This, likewise, was established at the last Conference. A Missionary has labored here during the past year, and reports his work, as embracing 20 plantations—247 members of the Church, and 50 little negroes under catechetical instruction.

These are the Missionary Stations now occupied by this Conference among the blacks of the low country. Other openings are developing themselves, which, as we have men and means, shall be occupied.

There is a Mission in the upper part of the Conference, —the King's Mountain Mission, returning 17 appointments and 276 white members; which, in the course of another year, will, we trust, be able to support itself.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

## THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

### MONIES RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST ANNIVERSARY.

1833	
Jan. 30.	Balance in hand to meet the cost of Missions for the ensuing Conference year. - - - \$1040 51
Feb. 23.	From Rev. Thomas E. Ledbetter, Annual Subscription, - - - - - 1 00
April.	Do. Wm. Aiken, Esq. by Rev. J. R. Coburn, - - - 50 00
June 4.	Do. Col. Lewis Morris, for the Pon Pon and Combahee Mission, by the Rev. Wm. Capers, - - - 50 00
1834.	
Feb. 4.	Do. Charles Baring, Esq. by Rev. Wm. Capers, 150 00
	Do. Wm. Aiken, Esq. by Rev. J. R. Coburn, 15 00
	Do. Thos. M. Smith, Esq. by Rev. J. R. Coburn, 7 00
	Do. Female Missionary Society of Mount Ariel, by Rev. Malcom McPherson, - - - 50 00
	Collected on the King's Mountain Mission, by Rev. D. G. McDaniel, - - - 19 00
	Collected on the Cape-Fear Mission.
	From J. C. Baker, Esq. - - - \$20 00
	Do. A Baker, Esq. - - - 10 00
	Do. W. A. Rourk, - - - 3 00
	Do. Rev. J. J. Gause, - - - 10 00
	Do. Dr. F. Hall, - - - 15 00
	Do. Mr. Saul, - - - 50
	Do. Mr. Berry, - - - 1 00
	59 50
	Do. Miss Eliza Herron, (Columbia) Annual Subscription, - - - - - 1 00
	Donation from ditto, - - - - - 4 00
	Amount collected in Columbia, S. C. by Rev. B. English, - - - - - 80 00
	Contributed on the N. and S. Santee Mission.
	From C. C. Pinckney, Esq. - - - \$40 00
	Do. James Ladson, Esq. - - - 20 00
	Do. Mr. A. V. Keene, - - - 1 00
	61 00
	Contributions from Sugar Creek Circuit, by Rev. J. Watts, - - - - - 8 75
	Do. Wm. Aiken, Esq. by Rev. J. R. Coburn, 50 00
	Donation from Sister Dawson, by Rev. J. R. Coburn, - - - - - 50
	Do. Cooper River Meth. Missionary Society, by Rev. F. Rush, - - - - - 35 00
	Do. from a friend, by Rev. Benjamin Bell, - - - 1 00
	Contributed by the colored people of Fayetteville, 24 00
	Amount carried forward, - - - - - \$1707 26



1834.	Amount brought forward,	- - -	\$1707 26
Feb. 4.	Jacob Hoyle, Annual Subscription,	- - -	1 00
	Donation from ditto,	- - -	5 00
	Rev. Samuel Lauder, Annual Subscription,	- - -	1 00
	Rev. Henry Asbury, ditto,	- - -	1 00
	Meth. Missionary Society, (Orangeburg Circuit,) by Rev. Thomas E. Ledbetter,	- - -	116 50
	Abel Hole, Annual Subscription,	- - -	1 00
	Black Swamp Meth. Missionary Society, by Rev. H. Bass,	- - -	46 37
	Cypress Circuit Meth. Missionary Society, ditto,	- - -	48 10
	Amount collected on the Newberry Circuit, by Rev. J. Covington,	- - -	19 50
	Meth. Miss. Society of Waccamaw Circuit, by Rev. C. Wilson,	- - -	13 75
	Collected on same Circuit, by Rev. C. Wilson,	- - -	20 00
	Donation from a friend, by Rev. C. Wilson,	- - -	7 00
	Barnwell Missionary Society, by Rev. John H. Robinson,	- - -	24 50
	Darlington Meth. Missionary Society, by Rev. W. Martin,	- - -	60 00
	Rocky River Meth. Missionary Society, by Rev. J. Freeman,	- - -	33 31½
	Donations from several Ladies, by Rev. W. Martin,	- - -	1 00
	Collected on the Chesterfield Circuit, by Rev. A. B. M'Gilvry,	- - -	3 75
	Donation from Sister Elizabeth Birchett, by Rev. A. Hamby,	- - -	5 00
	Donation from Rev. Charles Smith, by Rev. A. Hamby,	- - -	1 00
	Do. from Miss Mary-Ann F. Bowen,	- - -	1 00
	Do. from John H. Bedford,	- - -	1 00
	Collected on the Rutherford Circuit,	- - -	1 31½
	Collected on the Wateree Circuit, by Rev. A. M'Pherson,	- - -	52 00
	Donation from Mrs. Mary Crawford, by Rev. W. M. Wightman,	- - -	10 00
	Thomas Williams, Esq. Life Subscription, by Rev. W. M. Wightman,	- - -	10 00
	Blacks of Abbeville Court-House, by Rev. W. M. Wightman,	- - -	3 00
	Gabriel Hodges, Esq. Annual Subscription, by Rev. W. M. Wightman,	- - -	1 00
	Eli Bowie, Esq. Annual Subscription, by Rev. W. M. Wightman,	- - -	1 00
	Christian Ruff, Annual Subscription, by Rev. W. M. Wightman,	- - -	1 00

Amount carried forward, - - - \$2196 35½

1834.	Amount brought forward,	- - -	\$2196 35½
Feb. 4.	Dr. F. G. Thomas, Annual Subscription, by Rev. W. M. Wightman,	- - -	1 00
	Donation by S. Hughes,	- - -	50
	Donations from Rev. B. A. Wallace, by Rev. Joseph Moore,	- - -	2 00
	From L. T. Moore, by Rev. Joseph Moore,	- - -	5 00
	Donation from Charles Cochran,	- - -	50
	Collected on the Yadkin Circuit, by R. D. Derrick,	- - -	11 00
	Donation from Mrs. Catharine Richardson,	- - -	5 00
	Do. Miss Barbara Schenck,	- - -	1 00
	Do. Mrs. Elizabeth M'Daniel,	- - -	1 00
	Amount collected on Congaree Circuit, by Rev. Churchwell A. Crowell,	- - -	136 25
	Amount collected on Santee Circuit, by Rev. Robert Adams,	- - -	38 00
	Donation from Mr. John Campbell, by Rev. Robert Adams,	- - -	50
	Do. John W. Powell, Esq. by Rev. Jacky M. Bradley,	- - -	5 00
	Collected on Rockingham Circuit, by Rev. Joel W. Townsend,	- - -	10 00
	Collected on Chesterfield Circuit, by Rev. A. M'Gilvry,	- - -	3 00
	Collected on Sandy River Circuit, by Rev. Wm. T. Smith,	- - -	64 87½
	Meth. Missionary Society of Wilmington, by Rev. N. Talley,	- - -	15 87½
	Donation from Mrs. Mary Waters, by Rev. N. Talley,	- - -	3 00
	Do. from Sunday School Scholars of Wilmington, by Rev. N. Talley,	- - -	1 66
	Do. from Miss Catharine G. Rosette, by Rev. N. Talley,	- - -	3 00
	From several coloured persons of Wilmington, by Rev. N. Talley,	- - -	21 72
	Rev. Samuel W. Capers, Annual Subscription,	- - -	1 00
	Rev. Nicholas Talley, Annual Subscription,	- - -	1 00
	Collections taken up at Concert Prayer Meetings in Camden, by Rev. W. Murrah,	- - -	4 50
	Donation from Mrs. Porter, Lincolnton, N. C.	- - -	1 00
	Annual Subscription from J. S. Depass,	- - -	1 00
	Elisha Dorsey, Burke County, N. C. to constitute him a life member, by Rev. D. G. M'Daniel,	- - -	10 00
	Dr. John F. Baskerville, Burke County, N. C. Life Subscription, by Rev. D. G. M'Daniel,	- - -	10 00

Amount carried forward - - - \$2554 73½



1834.	Amount brought forward,	- - -	\$2554 73½
Feb. 4.	Collected on the Laurens Circuit, by Rev. J. Stacy,	- - -	4 25
	Do. on the Morganton Circuit, by Rev. L. Rush,	- - -	2 00
	Do. in Georgetown, by Rev. C. Betts,	- - -	31 31½
	Donation from Sister Sarah Warnock,	- - -	3 00
	Collected on the Pee Dee Circuit, by Rev. R. Walsh,	- - -	5 37½
	Asbury Meth. Missionary Society of free persons of colour, Charleston,	- - -	60 00
	Contributed on the Mission near Beaufort, by Rev. G. W. Moore.	- - -	
	By Dr. Fuller, for himself and others,	- - -	215 00
	Henry Stewart, for himself and others,	- - -	130 00
	Young Ladies' Working Society, through Miss Means,	- - -	70 00
	Wm. Eddings, Esq.	- - -	25 00
	Rev. Mr. Fields,	- - -	30 00
	Stephen Elliott, Esq.	- - -	20 00
	Contributed on the May and New River Mission.	- - -	
	From Wm. Baynard, Esq.	- - -	50 00
	Do. a Lady on Bull's Island,	- - -	10 00
	Do. Mrs. J. E. Pope,	- - -	15 00
	Wm. Pope, Esq.	- - -	30 00
	Do. Thomas Hardy, Esq.	- - -	10 00
	Do. Mrs. Agnew,	- - -	5 00
	Do. Launcelot B. Guerin, Esq.	- - -	5 00
	Do. John Stoney, Esq.	- - -	30 00
	Meth. Missionary Society, Charleston,	- - -	76 12½
	Donation from Robert Barnwell Smith, Esq.	- - -	20 00
	Missionary collections from Mrs. M. Wightman's Class,	- - -	5 50
	James J. Allison, Annual Subscription,	- - -	1 00
	Collected on Black River Circuit, by Rev. B. H. Capers,	- - -	6 50
	Francis L. Kennedy, Life Subscription, by Rev. R. Adams,	- - -	10 00
	Rev. Elisha Calloway, ditto,	- - -	10 00
	Mrs. Rebecca Calloway, ditto,	- - -	10 00
	Rev. Benjamin Wafford,	- - -	10 00
	From Annual Subscribers at Anniversary,	- - -	76 00
	Donations at ditto,	- - -	40
	Do. from Mrs. Stephen Elliott,	- - -	2 00
	Rev. D. J. Allen, Annual Subscriber,	- - -	1 00
	Wm. C. Ferrel,	- - -	1 00
	Collection taken up at Anniversary Meeting, at Trinity Church, Charleston,	- - -	82 00
	Thomas C. Blake, Esq. Annual Subscription,	- - -	1 00

Amount carried forward. - - - \$3618 19½

1834.	Amount brought forward,	- - -	\$3618 19½
Feb. 4.	Rev. Malcom M'Pherson, Annual Subscription,	- - -	1 00
	Caroline A. Landershine,	- - -	1 00
	Joseph Holmes, Annual Subscription,	- - -	1 00
	Wm. Fletcher, ditto,	- - -	1 00
		- - -	\$3622 19½

MONIES PAID AWAY.

1833.			
Jan. 31.	Paid Rev. N. Talley, per order Bishop Andrew, for Mission to the Blacks on Cape Fear River,	- - -	125 00
	Paid to the order of Bishop Andrew, for the King's Mountain Mission,	- - -	110 00
Feb. 27.	Amount paid Rev. George W. Moore, Missionary to the Negroes about Beaufort, order of Dr. Capers,	- - -	87 50
	Paid Rev. Wm. Capers, Superintendent of Missions,	- - -	33 33
	Paid for printing Missionary Report for last year,	- - -	15 00
	Do. of the present year,	- - -	25 00
April 26.	Paid Dr. Capers first quarter's allowance of the Rev. J. R. Coburn, Missionary to the Negroes on Combahee and Pon Pon,	- - -	30 00
	Do. of the present year,	- - -	30 00
May 13.	Paid second quarter's allowance to ditto,	- - -	
	Paid Rev. Wm. Capers first and second quarter's allowance of Prother Bunch, Missionary to the Negroes on North and South Santee,	- - -	175 00
	Postage of a letter containing uncurrent bills,	- - -	50
June 1.	Paid Rev. Wm. Capers, Superintendent Missions,	- - -	41 34
	Paid ditto for George W. Moore, Missionary to Slaves near Beaufort,	- - -	112 50
Sept. 11.	Paid Rev. Wm. Capers, Superintendent Missions,	- - -	87 50
	Paid Rev. George W. Moore, Missionary at Beaufort,	- - -	70 00
	Paid Rev. J. R. Coburn, by Dr. Capers,	- - -	30 00
Dec. 13.	Paid Rev. Wm. Capers, for Santee Mission,	- - -	50 00
	Loss upon uncurrent bills,	- - -	9 00
	Amount paid Rev. Wm. M. Kennedy, on draft given by Bishop Andrew,	- - -	100 00
		- - -	\$1082 27
	Balance to meet the cost of Missions for the year 1834,	- - -	2539 92½
		- - -	\$3622 19½



### CONSTITUTION.

**ART. 1.** This Society shall be denominated "The Missionary Society of the South-Carolina Conference, auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

**ART. 2.** The object of this Society is, to assist the several Annual Conferences, more effectually to extend their missionary labors throughout the United States and elsewhere.

**ART. 3.** The business of this Society, shall be conducted by a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and nine Managers, who shall be annually elected by the Society; all of whom shall be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**ART. 4.** At all meetings of the Board of Managers, it shall require five members to form a quorum.

**ART. 5.** The Board shall have authority to make by-laws for regulating its own proceedings; and shall annually submit a report of its transactions and funds to the Society; and inform the Conference of the state of its funds.

**ART. 6.** The funds of this Society, after deducting the necessary incidental expenses, shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the parent institution, for the purposes expressed in the second article of this Constitution.

**ART. 7.** Each subscriber paying one dollar annually, shall be a member of this Society; and the payment of ten dollars, shall constitute a member for life.

**ART. 8.** The annual meeting of this Society, shall be held sometime during the session of the Conference, at the discretion of the Board of Managers.

**ART. 9.** The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Managers.

**ART. 10.** At all the meetings of the Society, the President, or in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, or in the absence of both Vice-Presidents, such member as shall be appointed by the meeting, shall preside.

**ART. 11.** The minutes of each meeting of this Society, shall be signed by the President and Recording Secretary.

**ART. 12.** The Constitution shall not be altered, but by a vote of two-thirds of the Annual Conference, at the recommendation of the Board of Managers.

### BY-LAWS.

1. The Managers shall meet annually, at such place as may be appointed for the Annual Conference, on the day previous to its sitting.

2. At all meetings of the Board, the President, or in his absence the Vice-President, or President pro tem., shall take the chair at the hour appointed, shall preserve order and appoint committees, and shall also have authority to appoint extra meetings of the Board.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct journal of the minutes and proceedings of the Board, and attend all its sittings when practicable, and in case of absence, transmit the records of the Board to the place of meeting.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, to keep a correct copy of all his official letters and communications, and communicate immediately after each meeting of the Board, with the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, relative to the Society's funds, &c.; and also to communicate at least annually with each Presiding Elder of the South-Carolina Conference, on the subject of raising branch societies; and shall carefully file and preserve all communications to him, which shall be taken to the place of meeting, and be subject to the inspection of the Board.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a book, in which the names of all the subscribers and donors shall be recorded, to keep a correct account of receipts and expenditures, and he shall submit the same for inspection at each meeting.

6. It shall be the duty of each member of the Board, to solicit donations and subscriptions for the Society, and to make a return at the annual meeting of the Board; placing at the time of making such return, all the funds which may have been received, into the Treasurer's hands.

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FOR THE RELIEF OF THE SUPERANNUATED OR WORN-OUT PREACHERS, AND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF PREACHERS.

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## CONSTITUTION.

*Preamble.*—Whereas there is no certain provision made for the support of the superannuated or worn-out preachers and their families, or for the widows and orphans of preachers who have died in the work, beyond the annual allowance of \$100 to each superannuated preacher, or wife or widow of a preacher, and 16 or \$24, as the case may be, to each one of their children—and this insufficient annuity is not usually made up to them—the South-Carolina Conference deems it proper to constitute within itself a Society for the purpose, exclusively, of raising monies and applying them towards the relief of persons of the description above mentioned, belonging to this Conference:

*Provided*, That in all cases, the sums appropriated to an individual or family, shall not be more than so much, as, in addition to the sum or sums received by him, her, or them, from the Conference, shall raise his, her, or their whole allowance, to the amount of a fair average of the whole allowance of the members of the Conference, and their families, on the circuits and stations generally.

And in order to the accomplishment of these objects, the following regulations are adopted:

1. The Conference shall elect seven of its members, who, under the title of Trustees of the Superannuated Preacher's Fund, shall receive the contributions of the preachers and other benevolent persons aiding this interest; and shall have the management of all monies and other effects, given or bequeathed to the Conference for the relief of such persons as are herein contemplated: *Provided*, That no superannuated preacher shall be a Trustee; and that as often as there shall be a vacancy in the Board, by death or otherwise, the Conference shall fill such vacancy by election, as at first.

2. The Board of Trustees shall have regular meetings, either on a day shortly previous to the session of Conference, or early in the session; and shall report to Conference fully every year, the amount of money, or other means, in its possession; how much monies shall have been vested, and on what security; and what appropriations, agreeably to the purport of this trust, shall have been made.

3. A part of all monies given to this trust, (not forbidden by the giver,) and a part of the interest of all monies at interest, shall be annually divided among the superannuated or worn-out preachers and their families, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers. But the whole amount, either of monies contributed, or of the annual interest of the trust, shall not be so divided and applied, unless in the judgment of the Conference, expressed by vote, the capital of the trust shall have been increased to a sufficient amount to secure to the persons intended to be secured, an allowance equal to that of the efficient members of the Conference generally, and their wives and children. Beyond which amount, the Conference is pledged not to suffer it to be increased.

THE SOCIETY OF THE SOUTH-CAROLINA CONFERENCE  
FOR THE RELIEF OF THE CHILDREN OF ITS MEMBERS.

*Officers and Managers*—Wm. M. Kennedy, *President*; Wm. Capers, *Vice-President*; Charles Betts, *Treasurer*; Wm. M. Wightman, *Secretary*; and Samuel Dunwody, Nicholas Talley, Henry Bass, Hartwell Spain, and Elisha Calloway, *Managers*.

CONSTITUTION.

*Preamble*.—The sole objects of the institution of this Society, the designation of which shall be, "The Society of the South-Carolina Conference for the relief of the children of its members," are, the education, and comfortable subsistence of the children of living or deceased ministers of the South-Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.—Which objects the Society hopes to accomplish, to some considerable extent, not only by the yearly or life subscription of its members, but also, by the contributions of pious friends; there being provided in this Society, as we trust, a suitable medium for the communication of their charities.

And for the preservation, inviolate, of the design of the Society, and the exact appropriation of all its means, in conformity to this design as above expressed, the good faith of the members of the Society, and its Board of Managers, stands solemnly pledged, by their individually signing this instrument, with the Articles following:

ART. 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Society, coincident with the meeting of the Conference, and on a day not later than the fourth after its commencement (the particular day to be fixed previously, and made known by the Board of Managers.) At which annual meeting, the Board shall present a minute account of its transactions; and especially, the receipts and expenditures of the past year.

ART. 2. The Board of Managers shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and not fewer than three, nor more than seven other members of the Society, to be elected at each annual meeting. Which Board shall be entrusted with the entire management of the affairs of the Society during its recess, and be charged

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with making such regulations, subject to inspection and amendment by the Society, as shall secure the faithful performance of the duties and trusts of its officers—particularly the Treasurer.

ART. 3. Two-thirds of the yearly interest of the funds of the Society, and a part of all donations or legacies in money, at the discretion of the Board of Managers, shall be applied to the immediate relief of such children as shall be selected by the Board—except as provided in the 5th Article.

ART. 4. Any person subscribing to the Preamble and Articles forming this instrument (which is intended, and received, as the Constitution of the Society,) and paying two dollars yearly, or twenty dollars at one time, shall be a member of the Society.

ART. 5. Any person making a donation or bequest to this Society, with the intention of benefiting some particular child or children of the description it proposes to serve, and designating such child or children, shall have the amount of such donation or bequest, strictly appropriated to such child or children only.

ART. 6. These Articles shall not be liable to alteration or change, unless on the recommendation of the Board of Managers, at an annual meeting of the Society, and by a vote of two-thirds of the members composing such meeting.

#### BY-LAWS.

1. The President of the Society (or in his absence, the Vice-President,) when present in the Board, shall act as *its* President. And in like manner, the Secretary of the Society, shall be ex-officio Secretary of the Board of Managers.

2. The Treasurer shall have the care of all monies, papers, or other available effects of the Society; shall be the organ of the Board in putting out the monies of the Society on interest, and collecting the same; and shall keep a regular account, in a book provided for that purpose, of all contracts, receipts, and expenditures of the Board.

3. The Board of Managers may meet at any time during the recess of the Conference, either at the call of the President, or by previous adjournment; but the annual meeting of the Board, preparatory to the annual meeting of the Society, shall be on the evening of the first day of the session of Conference, and at the place of its session.

4. The Board shall make an annual exhibit, both to the Society, and to the Conference, of the full amount of its funds; in what they are invested, and on what securities; and of the amount of interest, and of donations or legacies obtained during the year.

#### FUND OF SPECIAL RELIEF.

*Trustees*—Wm. Capers, *Chairman*; Wm. M. Kennedy, *Treasurer*; Nicholas Talley, *Secretary*; Samuel Dunwody, Henry Bass, Bond English, and Josiah Freeman.

#### CONSTITUTION.

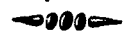
*Preamble*.—Whereas there are a number of widows and orphans, both of itinerant and local ministers, in very indigent circumstances; and among both these classes of ministers, there do often occur cases of pressing pecuniary aid; and whereas, there has been no provision made by the General Conference for the relief of such cases; now, therefore, it has seemed advisable to the South-Carolina Conference, with the advice of the venerable Bishop Asbury, to institute, and it does hereby institute, a Trust, for that special purpose, under the regulations following, to wit:—

1. The Conference shall elect seven of its members for this Trust, who shall be designated by the title of the Board of Trustees of the Fund of Special Relief. And as often as there shall occur a vacancy in the Board, by death, resignation, or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled by the Conference, so as to keep up the number of seven Trustees perpetually.

2. The Board of Trustees shall have authority to receive contributions of any kind for this trust; and to invest under full security, on interest, whatever they receive.

3. The Board shall not appropriate any thing from this fund, till it shall have amounted to a sum yielding an interest of one hundred dollars or more, annually. It shall then be its duty to call for information, in the Conference, yearly, concerning the most necessitous widows and orphans of either travelling or local preachers within the Conference district; and such preachers, of either class, as shall have fallen into circumstances calling specially for relief—as by sickness, loss of crops, burning of houses, distress by debt, and such like. And according to the interest of the fund, excepting two per centum, to increase the capital, such cases shall be relieved. The Board may also extend relief to needy parents of preachers; and on the recommendation of a Bishop, may make a donation to the necessitous of other Conferences: *Provided*, nevertheless, that no appropriation, or gift, by the Board, shall be made without the consent of the Annual Conference.

4. The Board of Trustees, shall report to the Conference, from year to year, the amounts received for this fund, the amount of the interest it affords, the amount appropriated, and the persons to whom appropriations shall have been made, and on what accounts they each have been assisted; all of which shall be published under its direction.



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