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Minutes
of the
South Carolina
Annual
Conference
of ministers of the
Methodist
Episcopal Church
Feb. 10, 1836

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Q *of the 50th Session*
MINUTES
OF THE

SOUTH-CAROLINA CONFERENCE

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

FOR THE YEAR *1835*

Held at Charleston Feb. 10, 1836
1836.

TO WHICH ARE ADDED

THE REPORT &c,

OF THE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

AND THE

BY-LAWS

OF THE

SEVERAL OTHER SOCIETIES AND TRUSTS

BELONGING TO THE CONFERENCE.

1835

Published by order of the Conference and the Missionary Society.

1835

CHARLESTON:

PRINTED BY J. S. BURGESS, 18 BROAD-ST.

1836.

MINUTES, &c.

1835

Who are admitted on trial?

Robert J. Limehouse, William Holliday, John A. Minick, Marcus A. McKibben, Horatio McLenaghan, Samuel Townsend, Joseph T. Kerton, Edward J. Fitzgerald, Jehu G. Postell, Archibald Kelley, Neil Munroe, William Patterson.—12.

Who remain on trial?

Abraham Nettles, John Tarrant, Ira L. Potter, Thomas L. Young, Samuel Leard, Thomas S. Daniel, Philip H. Pickett, John R. Pickett, David Seal, William T. Harrison, James C. Postell.—11.

Who are admitted into full connexion?

George R. Wright, Robert J. Boyd, Charles S. Walker, Alexander W. Walker, Samuel Armstrong, Sampson Lancy, Peyton G. Bowman, Whatcoat A. Gamewell, Campbell Smith, William C. Ferrell, Willis Haltom, James W. Welborn, John N. Davis, Joseph H. Wheeler, James C. Coggeshall, Henry Durant.—16.

Who are the Deacons?

Whitefoord Smith, Bartlett Thomason, William R. Smith, Theophilus Huggins, John L. Smith, (5,) have been in orders one year.

George R. Wright, Charles S. Walker, Alexander W. Walker, Samuel Armstrong, Sampson Lancy, Whatcoat A. Gamewell, Campbell Smith, William C. Ferrell, Willis Haltom, James W. Welborn, John N. Davis, Joseph H. Wheeler, James C. Coggeshall, Henry H. Durant, (14,) have been ordained at the present Conference.

Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

Wm. M. D. Moore, Archibald B. McGilvray, Mark Russell, John K. Morse, Jacob B. Anthony, Robert J. Boyd.—6.

Who have been located this year?

James C. Coggeshall, Benjamin H. Capers, William Kennedy, David J. Allen, John Covington, Robert Adams, Wm. T. Smith.—7.

Who is Supernumerary?

Samuel Armstrong.

Who are the Superannuated or worn-out Preachers?

James Jenkins, Reddick Pierce, Thomas C. Smith, Joseph Moore, Kenneth Murchison, Bond English.

Who have been expelled from the Connexion this year?

NONE.

Who have withdrawn from the connexion this year?

NONE.

Were all the Preachers' characters examined?

This was carefully done by calling over their names before the Conference.

Who have died this year?

PARLEY W. CLENNY, was born in Anson County, No. Ca. Oct. 17th, 1812—converted July 6th, 1828, first licensed as a local preacher, Sept. 3d, 1831, and admitted upon trial as a travelling preacher by the So. Ca. Conference held in Darlington, Jan. 28th, 1832.

From this time he was successively appointed to the Orangeburgh, Barnwell, Greenville, and Lancaster circuits—all which he filled much to the satisfaction of our people generally. Shortly after the first Quarterly meeting in Lancaster circuit, in the year 1835, he was removed to Santee circuit, to supply a vacancy occasioned by the ill health of one of the preachers previously appointed to that circuit. Here he labored with his usual zeal and fidelity, till the near approach of a Camp Meeting held at Remberts camp ground, when he was attacked with a billious fever. With some difficulty however, he reached the camp meeting. Here his fever rose to such a height, that no human means could effect his recovery. His friends thought it best to let him know, that in their judgment, he could

live but a few hours longer. Upon receiving this intelligence he was silent a short time, but upon his being asked if he was afraid to die: he said, No! if his work was done he would rather die than live. Upon his being asked, what word should be sent to his relations, he said "charge them to meet me in Heaven." Being further asked what he would wish to be said to the Annual Conference, he expressed a hope to meet them all in Heaven. He afterwards manifested the most perfect resignation to the Divine will, and amidst the shouts of praise that arose from various parts of the encampment, his happy spirit took its flight from the Church militant below, to the Church triumphant above, on the evening of Oct. 5th, 1835. Concerning the character of our dear brother, Clenny, we think that we hazard nothing in saying, that he was a man of deep and solid piety. Concerning his talents as a Preacher, they appeared but small in the beginning, but greatly improved in the course of his ministry. His bodily frame was stout and robust; and to human appearance he promised a long life of usefulness to the church of God: but how unscrutable are the ways of Providence! He is cut down in the very morning of life, and the early dawning of future usefulness.

But we must bow in calm submission to the divine will, in the sure hope that our loss is his infinite gain.

GEORGE W. HUGGINS. He was born March 23d 1808, in Marion District, S. C. From his childhood he was strictly moral in his conduct till he was fourteen years of age when he became convinced of the necessity of a change of heart, which he soon afterwards professed to have obtained. From the time that he professed conversion he was still strictly moral in his conduct, and attended to secret prayer, to fasting, and every opportunity of hearing the word, but for some reasons of his own he did not attach himself to any branch of the Church for several years. This was no doubt the principal cause that prevented him from enjoying that degree of vitality in religion that he otherwise might have experienced. Being at last convinced of his duty in this respect, he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the year 1830. He afterwards enjoyed more of the comforts of religion than formerly, and obtained a license to exhort, April

24, 1832. On the 8th of September, of the same year he obtained a license as a local preacher, and was recommended by the same Quarterly Meeting to the succeeding Annual Conference held in Lincolnton, N. C. January, 1833. At this Conference he was received on trial as a travelling preacher, and successively appointed to Lincolnton, Deep River, and Waccamaw circuits, in all of which he labored with zeal and success, in bringing souls to Christ. About the end of September 1835, he was attacked with a bilious fever. In the beginning of his fever he seemed to have a presentiment of his death. Medical aid however was resorted to, and such symptoms of amendment appeared, that strong hopes were entertained of his recovery. About the eighth or ninth day however, an alarming change took place; the disease returned with redoubled violence, and all hope of recovery was taken away. Finding his end approaching, he called the family to his bedside, set up a little while and exhorted them to meet him in heaven, and exclaimed "My work is finished—I am going to heaven." He then clasped his hands, sunk back in his bed, and closed his eyes with his own hands. All present thought he was gone, but in a short time, he rose up again, and resumed his exhortation to the people present, to meet him in heaven. In a few moments he clasped his hands, sunk back upon the bed, again closed his eyes and laid his hands across his breast, and without a struggle breathed his soul into the bosom of his Redeemer.

We sincerely believe that our departed brother was a humble and devoted Christian and a zealous, faithful, minister, and though we deplore his loss, yet cause for gratitude to the Great Head of the Church remains, who has honored him with a triumphant death and thus made him a partaker of a glorious immortality.

SAMUEL BOZEMAN was received on trial as a travelling preacher, at the Conference held in Columbia, the latter end of January 1830. After which he was successively appointed to Lincolnton, Pee Dee, Montgomery, and Cooper River circuits. At the Conference held in Charleston, 1834, he was located on account of ill health. At the conference held in Columbia, February 1835, his case was reconsidered, and he was placed in a superannuated relation to the Conference. It was afterwards ascertained that he had

died a little while previous to the change of his relation by the last act of Conference in his favor.

Concerning our departed Brother BOZEMAN, he was a man of sincere piety, which he particularly manifested by the zeal that he evidenced in his ministerial labors for the salvation of immortal souls. His talents, though of the more moderate kind, were yet highly useful to the Church in the several circuits that he filled; and he was not without seals to his ministry. One grand evidence of his piety was his continued perseverance in the work of the ministry, till absolute bodily weakness compelled him to desist from the same. Of his dying exercises there was nothing very remarkable. He had been afflicted with a lingering and painful illness for several months previous to his dissolution; during the whole of which time he was the humble, resigned and submissive Christian; breathing in the mean time an humble confidence in the merit of his adorable Redeemer. In this frame of mind he continued till the hour of his dissolution; and finally died in full prospect of eternal glory.

What numbers are in Society?

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.		COLUMBIA DISTRICT.	
	Whites.Col'd.		Whites.Col'd.
Charleston,	465 3555	Columbia,	127 264
Blackswamp,	422 485	Columbia Ct.	431 500
Barnwell,	389 178	Winnsboro,	803 570
Walterboro,	533 367	Camden,	76 441
Orangeburg,	660 739	Santee,	664 1199
Cypress,	868 825	Darlington,	589 331
Cooper River,	427 750	Chesterfield,	461 177
<i>Missions.</i>		Lancaster,	1016 765
Black Swamp,	55	<i>Missions.</i>	
Beaufort,	181	Manchester,	320
Combahee, Ashepoo and } 1196		Wateree,	13 385
Pon Pon,		Pee Dee,	155
North and South Santee,	607		
	3764 8938		4180 5107
COKEBURY DISTRICT.		WILMINGTON DISTRICT.	
	Whites.Col'd.		Whites.Col'd.
Cokesbury,	1179 487	Wilmington,	145 529
Edgefield,	739 551	Brunswick,	562 514
Pendleton,	783 108	Waccamaw,	623 308
Greenville,	729 192	Georgetown,	98 1296
Union,	862 208	Black River,	517 621
Laurensville,	634 221	Pee Dee,	775 377
Newberry,	494 531	Bladen,	556 481
		<i>Missions.</i>	
	5420 2298	Cape Fear,	7 283

Wine, Col'd.	Whites, Col'd.
33	734
3316	5194
Fayetteville District	
Fayetteville,	179
Rockingham,	271
Cheraw,	40
Wadesboro,	732
Center,	461
Montgomery,	921
Deep River,	451
3895	1306

RELATIONS	Whites, Col'd.	Whites, Col'd.
Charleston District,	3764	8938
Coke County District,	5420	2298
Columbia District,	4180	5107
Wilmington District,	3316	5148
Fayetteville District,	3895	1306
Lincolnton District,	3535	846
Total,	24110	23643
Grand Total,		47753
Total last year,	23789	22737
Increase this year,	321	906
Total increase,		1227

What amount is necessary to make up the allowances of the Superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers; and to supply the deficiencies of those preachers whose claims have not been met on their Circuits?

The amount of claims on these several accounts, including the annual dividends due the Bishops, and expenses of the Conference for stationary, postage, &c. is two thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine dollars, and twelve cents.

What has been collected on the foregoing accounts; and how has it been applied?

Charleston	\$259.00	Canon	2.00
Black Swamp	56.32	Lawson	2.00
Barlow	13.12	Swobbery	
Wadesboro	10.88	Columbia	58.12
Orangeburg	86.37	Columbia Co.	10.00
Cypress	22.00	Wadesboro	59.50
Crozer River	4.00	Camden	21.25
Coke County	21.50	Santee	30.80
Fayetteville	31.50	Wilmington	27.00
Perdree	2.25	Lancaster	
Greenville	56	Wilmington	\$27.50

Brunswick	12.00	Chesterfield	15.00
Waccamaw		Centre	3.62
Georgetown	10.17	Montgomery	30.00
Black River	29.00	Deep River	5.35
Pee Dee	9.87	Lincolnton	67.35
Bladen		Morganton	6.20
Fayetteville	15.55	Rutherford	22.25
Rockingham	25.00	Yorkville	2.12
Cheraw	22.00	Charlotte	10.31
Wadesboro	35.75	Charlotte Ct.	2.87
			\$1079.68

The Conference has also received a contribution from the Ladies' Working Society, of Charleston, 250 dollars; from the Book Concern 1000 dollars, and from the Chartered Fund 98 dollars; which added to the foregoing collections, gives the sum of 2,427 dollars and 68 cents, leaving a final deficiency to the claimants of 71 dollars and 44 cents.

The whole amount received, has been disbursed as follows:

To the widow and orphans of Rev. Jno. Gamewell	\$154.80
The widow of Rev. Isaac Smith	90.00
The widow of Rev. Daniel Asbury	90.00
The widow and orphans of Rev. Asbury Morgan	154.80
The widow of Rev. James J. Richardson	81.90
The widow and orphans of Rev. Josiah Freeman	118.80
The widow and orphan of Rev. Archibald Brown	104.40
The orphan child of Rev. Thomas L. Winn	21.60
The orphan child of Rev. John L. Greaves	21.60
Dividend due Bishop Roberts	14.77
do Bishop Soule	14.77
do Bishop Hedding	14.77
do Bishop Emory	17.68
do Bishop Andrew	17.68
To Ira L. Potter, deficient on Greenville Circuit	81.93
W. W. King and family unable to go to his circuit on account of affliction, and therefore deficient	180.00
Charles Betts, deficient on Wilmington District	3.00
George W. Huggins, deficient on Waccamaw Circuit	31.50
Thomas L. Young, deficient on Waccamaw Circuit	1.86
John Covington, deficient on Bladen Circuit	23.20
Mark Russel, deficient on Bladen Circuit	18.90
Benjamin H. Capers, (and family,) without an appointment on account of affliction	223.20
Kenneth Murchison, (and family,) without an appointment on account of affliction	194.40
James Jenkins, superannuated	90.00
William Kennedy, do	90.00
Reddick Peirce, (and family,) superannuated	223.20
James Dannelly, (and family,) do	252.00
Thomas C. Smith, do	90.00
Paid for Stationary, Postage, &c.	6.92
	\$2427.68

What has been contributed for Missions? And what for the publication of Bibles, Tracts, and Sunday School books?

	Missions.	Pub. Fund.		Missions.	Pub. Fund.
Charleston,	289,51	19,50	Fayetteville,	30,60	1,75
Blackswamp,	88,00		Rockingham,	17,00	1,55
Cypress,	101,00	17,47	Cheraw,	7,37	
Orangeburg,	184,12	2,00	Wadesboro,	31,93	7,50
Barnwell,	56,50		Chesterfield,	38,88	12,94
Cooper River,	17,00	6,00	Center,	4,62	
Waterboro,	47,00		Montgomery,	96,00	3,10
Cokesbury Ct.	96,50	54,00	Deep River,	11,00	
Edgfield,	21,00		Lincolnton,	29,50	3,33
Pendleton,	2,25		Morganton,	20,50	
Greenville,			Rutherford,	9,00	
Union,	23,50	15,00	Yorkville,	10,00	
Laurensville,	1,50		Charlotte,	6,25	
Newberry,			Charlotte, Ct.	9,88	3,00
Columbia,	89,50		Missions.		
Winnboro,	120,25	3,00	Blackswamp,	100,00	
Camden,	12,50		Beaufort,	430,00	
Columbia Ct.	68,50		Combehee, }	580,00	
Santee,	81,20	4,00	& Pon Pon, }		
Darlington,	222,75		N.&S. Santee,	155,00	
Lancaster,	55,00		Manchester,	24,50	
Wilmington,	46,28	17,50	Wateree,	187,00	
Brunswick,			Pee Dee,		
Waccamaw,	2,25		Black River }	130,00	
Georgetown,	17,50		& Pee Dee, }		
Black River,	28,50		Cape Fear,	51,05	
Pee Dee,	10,68		Kings Mt.	104,30	2,00
Bladen,	16,62	6,30			
				3789,79	179,94

What reports have we from our Sunday Schools?

	Amounts expended for S. S. Books.	No. of schools	No. of Superintendants	No. of Teachers.	No. of Children.	No. of Vols. in Libraries.	No. of pages of Tracts distributed.	Bibles & Testaments distributed.
Charleston,	109,36	4	6	30	303	1656	3000	12 B.—50 T.
Blackswamp,	22,00	3	1	11	59	308		
Barnwell,		2	3	9	40	460		
Walterboro,	33,75	13	12	42	217	150	20,000	1 B.—12 T.
Orangeburg,	28,00	7	6	29	101	206	3120	5 B.—11 T.
Cypress,	77,83	8	2	23	137			
Cooper River,								
Cokesbury,	200,00	6	5	40	220	1200	9500	
Edgefield,	50,00	13	16	51	283		5000	
Pendleton,	80,00	6	8	28	228	383		

Greenville,	66,52	8	10	39	231	487	2500	
Union,	56,00	13	13	64	476	950	7000	45 T.
Laurensville,	20,00	1	1	3	21			
Newberry,	38,70	2	2	7	50			
Columbia,	25,50	1	1	13	110	800	6000	
Columbia Ct.	10,00	5	6	18	88		10000	
Winnboro,							2000	
Camden,	10,00	1	1	2	10	120	200	
Santee,		5	5	14	157	365	3000	
Darlington,	20,00	3	4	6	60		10,000	20 B.—24 T.
Lancaster,	20,00	3	1	16	77	180	2000	
Wilmington,	39,37	1	1	13	51	206	15500	8 B.—
Brunswick,	95,10	2	1	12	110	309	20,000	15 B.—50 T.
Waccamaw	16,50	4	4	12	24	120		
Georgetown,		1	1	5	39	60	1000	
Black River,	18,10	8	8	29	86		2000	
Pee Dee,	10,00	2	2	13	102		3167	2 B.—12 T.
Bladen,	1,00	3	3	12	96	44		15 T.
Fayetteville,	18,50	2	2	8	112	270	5000	
Rockingham,	24,38	7	11	52	327	93	1500	17 B.—20 T.
Cheraw,	13,65	1	1	6	40	117	8000	
Wadesboro,	50,00	9	8	44	230	293		
Chesterfield,		3	2	8	46		2000	
Centre,	6,76	5	6	14	105	71		
Montgomery,	41,50	9	9	47	355	432	10,000	48 T.
Deep River,		1	1	4	20	32		
Lincolnton,	20,00	4	4	25	148	445	3000	1 B.
Morganton,	49,00	10	11	41	208	499		
Rutherford,	1,15	4	4	15	160	40	20,000	6 B.—42 T.
Yorkville,	10,00	2	2	12	162	114	2000	
Charlotte,	62	1	1	7	46	56	2000	1 B.
Charlotte Ct.	10,90	3	1	11	77	60	10,000	2 B.—12 T.
Kings Mt.	3,00	2	2	6	30	33	4000	
	129719	188	194	841	5334	10562	192787	90 B.—341 T.

Where are the Preachers stationed this year? **1836**

CHARLESTON DISTRICT—Nicholas Talley, P. E.
 Charleston—William Capers, (one to be supplied,) John W. McColl, Whatcoat A. Gamewell.
 Blackswamp—Morgan C. Turrentine, John R. Pickett.
 Walterboro—Christian G. Hill, Henry H. Durant.
 Orangeburg—James C. Postell, Willis Haltom.
 Cypress—John H. Massey, Thomas L. Young.
 Cooper River—George W. Moore.
 Missions; Beaufort and neighboring Islands—Thomas E. Ledbetter, John R. Coburn.
 Pocatigo—Charles S. Walker.
 Baring's—Robert J. Boyd.
 Combahee, Ashpoo and Pon Pon—Charles Wilson, Alexander W Walker.
 North and South Santee—John Bunch.

St. Matthew's Santee—(one to be supplied.)

COKEsbURY DISTRICT—Henry Bass, P. E.

Barnwell—John K. Morse, John Tarrant.

Edgefield—John B. Chappel, Abraham Nettles.

Cokesbury—Joel W. Townsend, Peyton G. Bowman.

Pendleton—Jacky M. Bradley.

Greenville—James Dannelly, John A. Minick.

Yorkville—John Watts.

Union—Churchwell A. Crowell, William Holliday.

Laurens—Thomas D. Turpin.

Newberry—Augus McPherson.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT—Malcom McPherson, P. E.

Columbia—William M. Kennedy.

Columbia Ct.—Samuel Dunwoody, John N. Davis.

Winnboro—Ebenezer Leggett, William R. Smith.

Lancaster—Ira L. Potter, Neil Munroe.

Camden—James Stacy.

Santee—Frederick Rush, Joseph H. Wheeler.

Darlington—William Crook, Marcus A. McKibben.

Chesterfield—Leonard Rush.

Missions; Manchester—Samuel Leard.

Waterce—Joseph Holmes.

Pee Dee—Campbell Smith.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT—Charles Betts, P. E.

Georgetown—Hugh A. C. Walker.

Black River—Horatio McLenaghan, Philip H. Pickett.

Pee Dee—William J. Jackson, Robert J. Limehouse.

Waccamaw—William Whitby, Samuel Townsend.

Brunswick—Edward J. Fitzgerald, Sampson D Laney.

Wilmington—James J. Alison.

Bladen—William M. D. Moore, Archibald Kelley.

Fayetteville—Tracy R. Walsh.

Rockingham—John H. Robinson, Thomas S. Daniel.

Cheraw—William Martin.

Missions; Black River and Pee Dee—Wm. T. Harrison.

Waccamaw Neck—Theophilus Huggins.

LINCOLNTON DISTRICT—Allen Hamby, P. E.

Deep River—Archibald McGilbray, Joseph T. Kerton.

Montgomery—David Derrick, Mark Russell.

Wadesboro—Allen McCorquodale, David W. Seal.

Centre—Henry W. Ledbetter.

Charlotte—Daniel G. McDaniel, Jehu G. Postell.

Lincolnton—Jacob B. Anthony, William C. Ferrell.

Rutherford—Benjamin Bell, William Patterson.

Kings Mountain—Bartlett Thomason.

Morganton—James W. Welborn, Samuel Armstrong, Sup.

Agent for Randolph Macon College—Wm. M. Wightman.

Agents for Cokesbury School—Samuel W. Capers, Hartwell Spain.

Rector of Cokesbury School—Archilaus H. Mitchell.

Whiteford Smith, is transferred to the Georgia Conference and stationed in Augusta.

George R. Wright, transferred to the Georgia Conference and appointed to the Darien Mission.

Where, and when, shall our next Conference be held?

At Wilmington, N. C. The time to be fixed at the meeting of the Bishops in May next.

The last Friday in April and the last in September, have been appointed as days of fasting, humiliation, and prayer.—The fast of April falling just before the session of the General Conference, our brethren are exhorted to remember and pray for that body; and both on the fast of April and September, we exhort that prayers be offered for more laborers in the gospel field.

The following are the collections made under the 7th rule of the 4th section, and the 7th of the 5th section of the Discipline, Part 2.

Black Swamp,	\$10,00	Pee Dee,	\$9,00
Walterboro,	1,00	Fayetteville,	5,37
Orangeburg,	10,12	Rockingham,	10,56
Cypress,	10,25	Cheraw,	10,32
Pendleton,	5,00	Wadesboro,	10,87
Greenville,	90	Chesterfield	6,00
Columbia Ct.	4,00	Montgomery,	4,15
Winnboro,	9,00	Centre,	2,37
Santee,	2,12	Deep River,	1,00
Wilmington,	10,00	Rutherford,	2,15
Brunswick,	7,00	Yorkville,	2,50
Waccamaw,	7,00	Edgefield,	8,00
Georgetown,	12,00	From brother Bell,	3,50
Black River,	10,00	Darlington,	10,00

\$184,18

The above has been appropriated as follows:	
To the orphan children of Rev. John Gamewell,	\$73,75
To the orphan children of the Rev. A. Morgan,	36,81
To the orphan child of Rev. Thomas L. Winn,	36,81
To the Family of Reddick Pierce,	36,81
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	\$184,18

We regret that the collections should have been so partial and insufficient for this claim, and hope to find a more general attention to it for the future. The rules of discipline under which the collections are ordered are as follows:

"The orphans of travelling, supernumerary, superannuated and worn-out preachers shall be allowed by the Annual Conferences the same sums respectively which are allowed to the children of living preachers. And on the death of a preacher leaving a child or children without so much of worldly goods as should be necessary to his, her, or their support, the annual conference of which he was a member shall raise, in such manner as may be deemed best, a yearly sum for the subsistence and education of such orphan child or children, until he, she, or they, shall have arrived at the age of fourteen years. The amount of which yearly sum shall be fixed by a committee of the conference at each session in advance."

Dis. Part 2. Sec. 4.

"It shall be the duty of each Annual Conference to take measures, from year to year, to raise moneys in every circuit and station within its bounds, for the relief of its necessitous superannuated and supernumerary ministers, widows and orphans. And the conference shall annually appoint a committee to estimate the several sums necessary to be allowed for the extra expenses of such necessitous claimants, who shall be paid in proportion to the estimates made and the money in hand."

Dis. Part 2. Sec. 4.

CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Officers and Managers.—William Capers, Pres. William M. Kennedy, 1st V. P. Samuel Dunwoody, 2d. V. P.—William M. Wightman, Secretary Joseph Holmes, Treas. And Malcom McPherson, Henry Bass, Nicholas Talley, Charles Betts, Bond English, Hartwell Spain, Daniel G. McDaniel, Joseph Moore, and Thomas E. Ledbetter, Managers.

REPORT,

PRESENTED AT THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOCIETY, FEB. 15, 1836.

The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the South-Carolina Conference, meet the brethren of the Society, and the friends of missions, on the present occasion, with more than usual satisfaction. The past year, which some had feared might prove disastrous to the missions, has proved eminently prosperous. The missionaries, (except brother Rush of the Cape Fear mission who had a fever, and brother Chappel of the Pee Dee Mission, who suffered hemorrhage and was disabled for a time,) have been preserved in health; and they all have labored much, and well, and with good success. Blessed be God who only hath done it! And may this occasion which calls so gratefully for thanksgiving, serve also to encourage our faith and quicken us to duty.

It is known that the missions of this conference, except one, have been undertaken expressly for the benefit of the slaves. The excepted one, (that of King's Mountain,) returns fifteen places of preaching; at which are 414 whites, and 21 blacks, in the membership of the Church. Having thus attained to sufficient maturity, this mission will pass into the list of circuits; and for the year now to begin, we may be expected to have no other missions but those to the slaves. Of these missions we now have nine, which are served by ten missionaries. It is delightful to add that so widely open and ripe to the harvest is this field, we might double the number of missionaries could so many be spared from the

scant supply of ministers belonging to the Conference. Under such circumstances, how forcibly do our Lord's words recur, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

Brother Huggins of the *Black Swamp Mission*, reports, that the work of that mission has consisted chiefly of preaching to the negroes at several of the churches of *Robertville* circuit, and one or two others not within its range; and visiting the plantations. Catechetical instruction to the children, which we regard as the right arm of usefulness among the slaves, has been but partially attended to, owing to the planters not appreciating this branch of service, and the proper subjects of it being not so numerous, or else less at leisure, than in some other places. His labors with the adult negroes, however, have been much blessed. Many have given satisfactory evidence of reformation; and he reports 180 members of the Church. Of this number, about three-fourths will be returned to the conference as belonging to the circuit near whose churches they reside; and we recommend such an extension of that circuit as to include the rest, that we may give the labors of the missionary to those who are more needy.

The Beaufort Mission, is situated on Port Royal, St. Helena, Coosaw, Dawtaw, Paris, and Lady's Islands. This is a wide field, and open to a much greater extent than we have yet supplied it, or are now able to supply it. Brother Coburn of this mission, reports a great improvement of its condition since our last anniversary. It has proved a sad hindrance, however, that the Islands are separated by wide waters, which are frequently impassable for small boats and occasion many disappointments. More missionaries are earnestly called for. We believe our brother has done all that was in his power to do; and his success under the disadvantages which have attended his work, gives a strong emphasis to the calls of those who desire to have their people served, and served fully. At present the mission covers seventeen plantations, at which there are 181 members of our Church, and 360 children under catechetical instruction.

The Combahee, Ashpoo, and Pon Pon Mission, includes a number of rice plantations on the rivers by whose names it is designated. Two Missionaries, the brethren Boyd and Wilson, have been employed in it; but at its present great

extent, and it might be still more extended, we could wish it to be formed into three missions with four missionaries. In view however, of our whole work, and the insufficient number of our ministers, we deem it expedient to recommend no more than its division, into two missions, with three missionaries. Here, as in the Beaufort mission, the work has been too extensive in proportion to the workmen, to admit of its being prosecuted at every point in the most successful manner. But great good has been done, and the missionaries return 1196 church-members, and 350 children under catechetical instruction. It deserves to be noticed also, that both in this and the Beaufort mission, neat and commodious chapels have been erected by the planters expressly for their slaves; and the same planters contribute liberally to the funds of your society.

The Santee Mission, serves the slaves of a number of the rice plantations on North and South Santee, and the Island between them. There are twenty plantations covered by fifteen appointments for preaching in this mission. The missionary here has constantly performed the unexampled task of preaching five times on the Sabbath day, without injury to his health; and has been equally indefatigable in catechising the children, visiting the sick, and other missionary duties, during the week. This mission has thus been raised to the first place in our list of missions, and returns 607 members in the fellowship of the Church, and 425 children under catechetical instruction.

The Manchester Mission lies in the neighborhood of the town of Manchester near the junction of the Congaree and Wateree Rivers. This mission has hitherto been served by local ministers, employed as missionaries, and has not yet got to be conducted as strictly as we could wish, on the plan we recommend for our missions. Catechetical instruction, both of the adults and children, we consider of too great importance to be neglected, or but partially attended to. And this mission having now been on our list several years, we deem it proper to urge on the missionary the performance of this branch of service to the utmost of his power. It certainly affords the best corrective of superstitious extravagancies, and the most hopeful basis of a sound christianity among the negroes. There are here 6 places of preaching, and 320 members of the Church.

The Wateree Mission lies on the river of that name in the neighborhood of Camden. The number of members of the Church in this mission, is less than it was a year ago, owing solely to removals to the West. The state of the mission is sound and improving. Brother Holmes the missionary, reports fifteen plantations, served by preaching at eight preaching places, in this mission. His preaching and other missionary labors, have been eminently useful to the negroes, and satisfactory to their owners; and we repeat with pleasure from his report, the instructive remark, that, "where he had the fairest opportunities of catechising the children, there the grown people profited most." There are in this mission 13 whites and 385 blacks in the communion of the Church, and 100 children under catechetical instruction.

The Pee Dee Mission lies on the Pee Dee River, from Marr's Bluff, upwards, to some distance above Cashway ferry. There are ten plantations served by this mission, besides preaching at four churches to promiscuous congregations. Here also there has been a decrease in the number of church-members by removals to the West, without any falling off as to the good condition of the mission. The missionary, brother Chappel, returns 150 members of the Church and 40 children under catechetical instruction.

The Black River and Pee Dee Mission, is situated at the junction of those rivers, and extends ten or twelve miles upwards on each of them. This mission has been but one year in operation. The missionary, brother Coggeshall, reports, that he was kindly and hospitably received by the planters generally; who welcomed him to his work with a generous confidence, and have since substantially evidenced their esteem of it. The work of this mission, however, has not yet been reduced to a uniform character, and at its commencement could not safely be made uniform. Prudence would always suggest great respect to the opinions of the master, as to the best mode of service. But these opinions are various, and sometimes even opposite. In some places, the prevailing opinion assigns to the instruction of the children as important a place as we could wish it in the list of a missionary's duties; whilst in other places it is but lightly esteemed. Some planters are willing, and even desirous, to have our services for their negroes *on their plantations*, but are unwilling to have them assemble with other negroes,

promiscuously, for worship; whilst others prefer the usual public worship at a church for the neighborhood, and seem not to be in favor of plantation preaching. In any way we can, let the work be commenced. It costs less labor to preach fewer sermons to large assemblages, than many sermons to fewer hearers; and such a form of the work might be convenient enough for our circumstances, as it would require fewer laborers to the same field—and the laborers are but few:—But our experience goes in favor of the more laborious course, and, especially, in favor of catechetical instruction, both for the adults and children. Our duty is to reason and persuade for what we believe to be the most useful course, whilst we should hold ourselves ready to do what we can, in the best way we can. Generally, where objections have been entertained to catechetical instruction, we believe, they have proceeded from some misapprehension as to what was to be taught and the manner of teaching it, or an underrating of the capacities of those who were to be instructed. A full experiment has in no case failed to prove a satisfactory answer to all objections. Brother Coggeshall has access to twenty three plantations, containing upwards of two thousand souls, besides preaching at two churches to promiscuous congregations. He returns 33 whites, and 739 blacks, as members of the church in this mission.

The Cape Fear Mission, is situated on the Cape Fear river, in the neighborhood of Wilmington. The missionary reports it as being in a sound state. It covers twenty plantations. The negroes of several adjoining plantations assemble for worship on the Sabbath, and the week days are employed in catechetical instruction and pastoral duties. There are 7 whites, and 283 blacks, belonging to the church in this mission, and 150 children under catechetical instruction.

To these missions, we rejoice to state, there will probably be added from the present session of conference, three other missions. The important field of Waccanaw neck has been opened to us by an earnest application from seven of the most wealthy and influential planters. A new mission may also be expected between Pocotaligo and Combahee; and another on Santee and Congaree, near the junction of the Congaree and Wateree rivers. We do exceedingly rejoice that we have it thus in our power to preach the gospel, the pure and peaceful gospel of our Lord and Saviour, to those

who have been sadly destitute. We need not add a word, brethren, to inflame your zeal for such a service. You know your duty, and you feel its force.

In view of the general aspect of the times, it may be expected of us to advert briefly on the subject which has engrossed so large a share of public interest, and, in some places, to the disturbance of the public peace. The present is a fair occasion, and we use it without reluctance, to declare ourselves frankly and unreservedly on that subject.

1. We regard the question of the abolition of slavery as a *civil one*, belonging to the State, and not at all a *religious one*, or appropriate to the Church. Though we do hold that abuses, which may sometimes happen, such as excessive labor, extreme punishment, withholding necessary food and clothing, neglect in sickness or old age, and the like, are immoralities, to be prevented or punished by all proper means, both of Church discipline and the civil law—each in its sphere.

2. We denounce the principles and opinions of the Abolitionists, *in toto*, and do solemnly declare our conviction and belief, that, whether they were originated, as some business men have thought, as a *money speculation*, or as some politicians think, for *party electioneering purposes*, or as we are inclined to believe, in a *false philosophy, overreaching or setting aside the scriptures through a vain conceit of a higher moral refinement*, they are utterly erroneous, and altogether hurtful.

3. We consider and believe that the Holy Scriptures, so far from giving any countenance to this delusion, do unequivocally authorize the relation of master and slave. 1. By holding masters and their slaves, alike, as believers; brethren, and beloved. 2. By enjoining on each the duties proper towards the other. 3. By grounding their obligations for the fulfilment of these duties, as of all others, on their relation to God. Masters could never have had their duty enforced by the consideration, "*your MASTER also, is in heaven,*" if barely the being a master involved in itself any thing immoral.

Our missionaries inculcate the duties of servants to their masters, as we find those duties stated in the scriptures. They inculcate the performance of them as indispensably important. We hold that a Christian slave must be submissive, faithful, and obedient, for reasons of the same authority with

those which oblige husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, to fulfil the duties of these relations. We would employ no one in the work, who might hesitate to teach thus, nor can such a one be found in the whole number of the preachers of this conference.

We advise the brethren to go on in their work, without regard to political discussions of any kind. They have no time, and we trust, no inclination, for any thing aside of their grand aim, the salvation of souls.

We commend them, brethren, to your constant prayers. We trust they count not their lives dear unto them, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Summer or winter shall find them at their posts. "*In deaths oft,*" they still shall disdain any other retreat but that one to "*the house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens.*"

May God who has appointed our work, and provided our rest, cover us, and the whole church militant, with the shield of his protection, and keep us unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ABSTRACT OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

MONIES PAID INTO THE TREASURY OF THIS SOCIETY FOR THE SUPPORT OF MISSIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

<i>From Branch Societies.—</i>	
From the Missionary Society of Cypress Circuit,	101 00
Missionary Society of Barnwell Circuit,	55 50
Missionary Society of Wilmington, N. C.	42 25
Female Missionary Society of Cokesbury,	60 00
Missionary Society of Chesterfield, (for the Mission to the Flathead Indians,)	8 00
Missionary Society of Orangeburg Circuit,	184 12
Missionary Society of Charleston District,	11 00
Missionary Society of Black Swamp Circuit,	88 00
Missionary Society of Walterboro Circuit,	37 00
Missionary Society of Charleston,	199 73
Juvenile Missionary Society of Charleston,	83 78
<i>From the owners of Slaves served by our Missions—paid through the Missionaries.</i>	
Several persons through Rev. T. Huggins of Black Swamp Mission,	100 00
Amount carried forward,	970 38

Amount brought forward, 970 38

Beaufort Mission.—From Thos. Cuthbert, Esq. 95.00, Dr. B. B. Sams, 50.00, Dr. Thomas Fuller, 40.00, Robt. Means, Esq. 40.00, Thos. Smith, Esq. 25.00, J. J. Smith, Esq. 20.00, Mrs. Halbersham, 20.00, Capt. Edward Barnwell, 20.00, William Edings, Esq. 20.00, Estate of J. G. Barnwell, 30.00, Capt. Middleton Stewart, 18.00, Miss Mary Elliott, 20.00, Rev. Stephen Elliott, Jun. 30.00, Mrs. Ann Rogers, 2.00. 430 00

Cumbehee, Ashpo, and Pon Pon Mission.—From Dr. A. Frazer, 20.00, Miss E. Pringle, 20.00, Miss A. Pringle, 10.00, Maj. J. Clark, 20.00, W. M. Smith, Esq. 50.00, J. G. Godfrey, Esq. 20.00, A friend to the Mission, 35.00, R. B. Smith, Esq. 30.00, T. M. Smith, Esq. 15.00, C. Barling, Esq. 150.00, Hon. T. Lowndes, 100.00, T. Rigg, Esq. 10.00, Wm. Aiken, Esq. 100.00. 580 00

North and South Santee Mission.—From Hqn. C. C. Pinckney, 30.00, A Lady, 20.00, J. H. Ladson, Esq. 45.00, Hon. H. Deas, 20.00, Dr. H. Hunter, 20.00, Major W. Maxwell, 20.00. 155 00

Manchester Mission.—Through Rev. S. Owen, 24 50

Waterce Mission.—From J. M. Dessature, Esq. 50.00, C. Doby, Esq. 30.00, Col. W. McWillie, 30.00, Mrs. Julia Anerum, 10.00, Col. J. Chesnut, 10.00, L. C. 10.00, Mr. G. Stratford, 15.00, Mrs. R. Ballard, 15.00, Mr. J. Little, 5.00, Mr. Cameron, 2.00, T. Lang, Esq. 10.00. 187 00

Pee Dee Mission.—J. Gibson, Esq. 30.00, M. Saunders, Esq. 50.00. 80 00

Black River and Pee Dee Mission.—From several persons through Rev. J. C. Coggeshall, 130 00

Cape Fear Mission.—From Dr. F. Hill, 20.00, Mr. H. N. Howard, 10.00, Rev. J. J. Gause, 10.00, Mr. A. Ferguson, 5.00, several persons through Rev. L. Rush, 6.05, 51 05

King's Mountain.—Through Rev. B. Bell, 3.60, through Rev. W. Whitby, 104.30. 107 30

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Amount carried forward, 2715 23

Amount brought forward, 2715 23

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Avails of Missionary Box, 2 45

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Balance from last year, 5 62

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The Trustees of this fund, (the present capital of which is four thousand four hundred dollars,) reported to the Conference the following appropriations; which were confirmed.

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