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of the
South Carolina
Annual
Conference

of ministers of the

Methodist
Episcopal Church

Jan. 4, 1837

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MINUTES
OF THE
SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
FOR THE YEAR 1836
FIELD OF WISCONSIN, 32.5
JANUARY 1837
TO WHICH ARE ADDED
THE REPORT, &c.
OF THE
MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
AND THE
CONSTITUTIONS
OF THE
SEVERAL OTHER SOCIETIES AND TRUSTS
BELONGING TO THE CONFERENCE.

Published by order of the Conference and the Missionary Society.

CHARLESTON:
PRINTED BY J. S. BURGES, 18 BROAD-ST.
1837.
Who are admitted on trial?

2. Who remain on trial?

3. Who are admitted into full connexion?

4. Who are the Deacons?
The following were elected to deacon's orders, but owing to the absence of the bishop, were not ordained, viz: Abraham Nettles, Samuel Leard, Thomas L. Young, Thomas S. Daniel, John R. Pickett, David Seal, William T. Harrison, Peyton G. Bowman, (8.)—20.

5. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?
The following were elected, but owing to the absence of the bishop, were not ordained, viz: Bartlett Thomas,

6. Who have located this year?


7. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

NONE.

8. Who are the Supernumerated or worn-out Preachers?

James Jenkins, Reddick Pierce, Hartwell Spain, Joseph Moore, Thomas C. Smith. — 5.

9. Who have been expelled from the connexion this year?

NONE.

10. Who have withdrawn from the connexion?

NONE.

11. Were all the Preachers' characters examined?

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

12. Who have died this year?

ANGUS McPHERSON, the subject of this memoir, was born in Cumberland County, North Carolina, May 10th, 1802, and was converted to God August 9th, 1823, at a Camp Meeting held at Pegues' Camp Ground. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church the next day, under a full conviction that here he could find more help to enable him to “work out his salvation” than anywhere else. He continued for two years a private member of the Church, maintaining an unblemished character. He was received on trial in the South Carolina Conference held at Milledgeville, Ga., January, 1826, and for that year was sent to the Apalachee circuit. In 1827, to Union (now Rutherford) circuit. At the close of this year he was ordained Deacon, and in 1828, was sent to Montgomery; in 1829, to Brunswick. At the close of this year, he was ordained Elder, and in 1830, appointed to Montgomery again; in 1831, to Deep River; in 1832, Yadkin; in 1833, Wateree, (now Lancasterville;) in 1834, Darlington; in 1835, Union; and in 1836, he was appointed to Newberry, where he laid down his life with his charge, and ceased at once to work and live.

On all the above circuits, Brother McPherson was quite useful, and much esteemed by the people of his charge; and on no circuit more so than on Newberry, where he will long live in the recollection of those who waited on his ministry. His deportment was weighty and serious, his manners modest and retiring. He was a great admirer of the doctrines and discipline of the church of his choice, and in the exercise of the latter was always mild, yet very firm. He made it a matter of conscience never to disappoint a congregation, saying, that was his method to secure good congregations. On receiving his last appointment he seemed unusually solemn and thoughtful; he observed to his brother, on parting with him in Columbia, that he felt he should finish his work in Newberry. He however repaired to the field immediately, and continued to labor with his usual industry and zeal until the 27th of October, when the messenger overtook him, but found him in his work and at his post. He was seized with a severe chill, and felt so indisposed after it went off, that he concluded to try and reach the house of his well-tried friend and brother, Dr. James Kilgore. In going to the doctor's, he had to pass the place where he was to preach on that day. On reaching the meeting-house, he found the congregation had assembled as usual; when he saw them, (sick as he was,) he seemed to rise above it all, dismounted and preached to them his last sermon, while in the custody of the King of Terrors! After preaching, he went to brother Kilgore's, where every attention was paid him by the kind family, the neighbors, and neighboring physicians, but all to no purpose; he continued to sink, his disease being an inflammation of the mucous membrane of the stomach and bowels. On Sabbath morning he requested his family to be sent for.

Through the whole of his sickness his soul was calm and peaceful; he talked of nothing but death, the grave, and heaven. At all times when his severe afflictions were referred to by any of his friends, his invariable reply was, that they were all good for him. Some hours before his speech failed, his wife asked him if he was afraid to die, he replied with great emphasis, “Not at all.” She told him
“the friends thought he would have died the overnight;” he replied, with great composure, “if I had, I should now have been in heaven.” She added, she hoped God would give him grace according to his trial; he replied, of that he had no doubt at all! He then asked sister Kilgore to read for him the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. During the reading of this chapter, his whole soul seemed swallowed up in prayer and adoration. He gathered from his weeping wife and friends that they thought him dying; he exhorted them again and again not to weep for him, that all was well.—He begged the Doctor to try and comfort his wife; as for himself he was safe. His last act was, on seeing his little daughter stand before the fire, he beckoned her to him, and caught her hand in his, raising his eyes to heaven, and with an audible voice, prayed the blessing and protection of Heaven upon her. His last paroxysm came on; he spoke to his friends no more; but in the midst of his insensibility to all around him, he was frequently heard to say, “O sweet heaven! sweet heaven!”

Thus died our beloved brother, at 4 o'clock, A. M., November 4th, 1836, in the thirty-fifth year of his age, and eleventh of his itinerant ministry. He left a wife and two children, with numerous relatives and friends, to lament his loss; but we doubt not our loss is his infinite gain.

13. What numbers are in Society?

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The whole amount received, has been appropriated as follows:

To Bishop Roberts..... $ 10,000
  Widow and orphan of  
  Bishop Heding...... $ 12,000
  Widow and orphan of  
  Bishop Smith........ $ 14,000
  Orphan child of Rev. T.  
  L. Winn........... $ 16,000
  Widow and orphan of  
  Rev. W. W. King..... $ 13,000
  Rev. C. Smith...... $ 18,000
  Rev. Ashbury Morgan $ 20,000
  Rev. G. W. Moore..... $ 22,000
  " J. Tarrant..... $ 25,000
  " M. Bradley..... $ 27,000
  " J. M. Waits....... $ 29,000
  " L. Rush........ $ 31,000
  " J. W. Welborn..... $ 33,000
  " S. Armstrong..... $ 35,000
  " E. J. Fitzgerald... $ 37,000
  " S. Laney......... $ 39,000
  Widow of Rev. Daniel  
  Richardson.......... $ 41,000
  Fund for postage and station-  
  ary................ $ 43,000
  Orphan child of Rev. J.  
  L. Greaves.......... $ 45,000

Amounting to........ $81,880 81
Leaving a deficiency of........ $ 98 82

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

16. What has been contributed for the support of Missions; and what for the publication of Bibles, Tracts, and Sunday School Books?

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18. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

**CHARLESTON DISTRICT**—Nicholas Talley, P. E.

**Charleston**—Bond English, James Sewell, John N. Davis, James W. Wellborn.

**Editor of the Southern Christian Advocate**—**William Capers**.


Walterboro—**Christian G. Hill**, Thomas L. Young.


**Cooper River**—John Bunch,

**Missions**: Beaufort and neighboring Islands—**Thomas E. Ledbetter**, Alexander W. Walker.

Pocataligo—**Charles S. Walker**.

**Columbia**—Charles Wilson, Thomas S. Daniel.

**Pon Pon**—Robert J. Boyd.

North and South Santee—John R. Coburn, Abraham Nettles.

**Cokesbury DISTRICT**—**Henry Bass**, P. E.

**Cokesbury**—James Dannelly, Peyton G. Bowman.

**Barnwell**—Bartlet Thomason, John Tarrant.

**Edgefield**—Joel W. Townes, Paul A. M. Williams.

**Pendleton**—Thomas D. Turpin, James C. Chandler.

**Greenville**—Churchwell A. Crowell, Marcus A. Mc. Kibben.

Yorkville—Alexius M. Forster.

Union—John Watts, John A. Minnick.

Laurens—Jacob B. Anthony.

**Newberry**—Frederick Rush.

**Agents for Cokesbury Manual Labor School**—Benjamin Bell, John W. McColl.


**COLUMBIA DISTRICT**—Malcom McPherson, P. E.

**Columbia**—William M. Kennedy.

**Columbia Ct.**—Ebenzer Leggett.

**Winnsboro**—Samuel W. Capers, William C. Kirkland.

**Lancasterville**—Ira L. Potter, Colin Murchison.

**Camden**—Kenneth Murchison.

**Santee**—William Crook, Samuel Townsend.

**Darlington**—Joseph H. Wheeler, Lewis Scarborough.
Chesterfield—Campbell Smith.
Missions: Manchester—Samuel Leard.
Waterce—Whatcoat A. Gamewell.
Pee Dee—David Legett.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT—Charles Betts, P. E.
Wilmington—Hugh A. C. Walker.
Brunswick—William M. D. Moore, Andrew J. Green.
Fayetteville—Allen McCorquodale.
Rockingham—John H. Robinson, John McMackin.
Cheraw—William J. Jackson.
Pee Dee—Sampson D. Laney, Jacky M. Bradley.
Black River—William Whity, James Collins.
Georgetown—James Stacey.
Waccamaw—Willis Halton, Henry H. Durant.
Missions: Black River and Pee Dee—William T. Harrison.
Waccamaw Neck—Theophilus Huggins, J. L. Belin.
LINCOLNTON DISTRICT—Allen Hamby.
Lincolnton—Samuel Armstrong, William Patterson.
Deep River—William C. Ferrel, Cornelius McLeod.
Montgomery—Mark Russell, William Holiday.
Centre—David Derrick, Abel Hoyle.
Charlotte—William R. Smith, Joseph P. Kerton.
Rutherford—John K. Morse, William Clark.
King's Mountain—David Seal.
Morganton—Archibald B. McGilderay, (one to be supplied.)
Agent for Randolph Macon College—William M. Wightman.
Transferred to Mississippi Conference—John R. Pickett and Philip H. Pickett.
Transferred to Georgia Conference—John B. Chappel.
George W. Moore, without appointment on account of ill health.
Joseph Holmes, without appointment on account of family affliction.

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

In Columbia, S. C., January 10th, 1838.

The first Friday in April, and the last in September, are appointed fast days, to be observed throughout the Conference District.

EXTRA ALLOWANCES.
The following amounts have been collected, viz:

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This collection was appropriated as follows, viz:

To the widow and orphans of Rev. J. Gamewell, $41 60
The widow and orphans of Rev. A. Morgan, 30 80
The orphan child of Rev. T. L. Winn, 10 80
Family of Rev. R. Pierce, 20 80
In addition $5,00 were received from the students of St. Matthew's Academy, and appropriated thus:

To Orphans of Rev. J. Gamewell, $4 00
Orphan of Rev. T. L. Winn, 1 00

The following appropriations were made in advance:

For widow and orphans of Rev. J. Gamewell, $150 00
Widow and orphans of Rev. A. Morgan, 150 00
Orphan of Rev. T. L. Winn, 50 00

$350 00

The presiding elders, and the preachers in charge, are requested to attend to this matter.

COURSE OF STUDY, &c.

It was, on motion, Resolved, That the following course of study, adopted by the Conference in 1834, together with the resolutions appended, be published annually with the Minutes.

"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 last named to be studied with special and constant re-
ference to the maps in Watson's Dictionary. As far as
opportunity may serve, the marginal translations and refer-
ce 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 may
aid both the student and the examiner.

"For the Second Year.—The Holy Bible, and the Dis-
cipline as before; Wesley's Sermons, especially those of a
doctrinal character; Fletcher's Portrait of St. Paul; Por-
tius' 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 Disci-
cipline, as before; and Watson's Theological Institutes to be
first read through, and be closely studied a second time
throughout, and 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 pre-
ceding studies, with the Defence of our Fathers, and the
Original Organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary, under the
appropriate headings, for a condensed view of ecclesiastical
history, and of the various Christian denominations; together
with the constitutions and latest reports of our Bible, Mis-
sionary, Sunday School, and Tract Societies. The principles
and object of the Publishing Fund, and any work from
our own press on the best mode of forming and conducting
Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.

"It was further Resolved, 1st. That the committee for
examination of candidates for admission into full connex-
ion in this Conference, shall always be appointed at the Con-
ference 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 notice shall be given
to the candidate, whose duty it shall be to attend accord-
gingly.

"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 at-
tend and take part 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."

Resolved, That the committees of examination for each
year, and the work of subdivision, as provided for in the
fourth resolution, above, be published annually in connexion
with the Minutes.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

First Year.—On the Bible, John Watts; Biblical Biog-
raphy, Chronology and Geography, Wm. Martin; Disci-
pline, A. McCrorydale; Wesley's Notes, T. D. Turpin.

Second Year.—On the Bible, B. Bell; Discipline, James
Stacey; Wesley's Sermons, Bond English; Porius' Evi-
dences, and Watson's Apology, J. B. Anthony; English
Grammar, S. Dunwoody.

Third Year.—On the Bible, E. Le Gette; Discipline, J.
H. Robinson; Watson's Institutes, part I., N. Talley; Part
II., J. W. McColl; Part III., Jps. Holmes; Part IV., D. G.
McDaniel.

Fourth Year.—Summary Review, Wm. M. Wightman;
Discipline, K. Murchison; Defence of our Fathers and Or-
ganization of the M. E. Church, D. Derrick; Views of
church history and Christian denominations from Watson's

Wm. Martin is chairman for the first year; S. Dunwoody
for the second; N. Talley, for the third, and W. M. Wight-
man, for the fourth.
relations are civil, or appropriate to the State, and not religious, or belonging to the church; and finally to the decided course adopted by the late General Conference of our church, in denouncing abolitionism, blade and banner. And so long as these great principles govern the public sentiment of the M. E. Church and the missionaries employed in our missions to the blacks abide faithfully by their instructions, looking to the true landmarks given in the New Testament, avoiding all political discussions, seeking the souls of these lost sheep of the wilderness, concerning themselves, where alone they have concern, with the moral and spiritual wants of the negro population of the country, then a high and palmy prosperity shall crown the work.

The board of managers beg attention to the following sketch of the missions now under the charge of the South Carolina Conference:

1. The Beaufort mission lying on the islands in the neighborhood of Beaufort, was served, during the past year, by brother T. E. Ledbetter and brother J. R. Coburn. It covers 25 plantations on which there are 241 members of the church and 430 children under oral instruction given catechetically. This important field of labour is opening widely and presenting increasing claims upon our attention and labor.

2. The Pocotaligo mission lying chiefly in Prince Williams Parish, under the pastoral care of brother Charles S. Walker, embraces 7 plantations, 99 adults in regular membership and 130 children under catechetical instruction.


4. Brother C. Wilson and A. W. Walker from the Combahee and Ashepoo and Pon Pon mission, report 16 plantations served, on which there are 630 members and 342 children instructed.

5. The Santee mission, situate on North and South Santee, under the charge of brother John Bunch, embraces 20 plantations, and returns 637 members, notwithstanding the death of many in the late afflictive visitation of Cholera, and 358 children receive catechetical instruction.

6. The Manchester mission immediately below the
juncture of the Wateroe and Congaree rivers, was served by Rev. S. Leard, who reports 380 members in his charge, and 270 children instructed.

7. The Wateroe mission, lying in the vicinity of Camden, and under the charge of Rev. Joseph Holmes, was reported as being in prosperous circumstances. It embraces 18 regular appointments, at which 8 whites and 331 coloured are served, besides 100 children regularly instructed in the catechisms and hymns directed by the society.

8. Pee Dee mission situated on this river between Cashway ferry and Marr's bluff, and embracing likewise a plantation on the western side of Darlington District, is reported in favorable circumstances by brother Campbell Smith, who served 7 plantations, embracing 212 members, and 250 catechumens.

9. The Black River and Pee Dee mission, lying near the junction of these rivers, is considered as greatly prosperous, and promising much, though in operation but two years. The missionary appointed to labour in this field last year, brother W. T. Harrison, reports 30 white members in the communion of the church, 905 coloured, and 229 children under catechetical instruction.

10. The new mission formed on Waecemaw neck last year, and under the pastoral care of Rev. T. Huggins, has opened under the most favorable auspices. It covers 19 plantations, on which are 482 church members and 390 catechumens. Several overseers on these important and extensive plantations were converted to God, the past year, and there is undoubtedly an earnest call for more laborers to the whitening harvests in this mission.

Thus it will be perceived that there are 10 missions under the charge of the society, spread over an extent of between 2 and 300 plantations, embracing 4418 of the coloured population, as church members, furnished with the regular preaching of that gospel which is the birth right of the poor, and the power of God unto salvation, unto every one that believeth, whether bond or free; and between 2 and 3000 children gathered together on their several plantations, grouped around the missionaries, taught to pray and to sing hymns, instructed (orally always) in the simple but important truths of Christianity, and pointed from earliest infancy to a MASTER in heaven, whose eye seeth in the darkness as in the light, who will punish the evil and reward the good.—And who shall despise the day of small things? Who shall say that these instructions shall be lost? Who that remembers the sunny days of his own childhood, shall affirm that the hoarded impressions and convictions of early youth, though buried and forgotten for a time, shall never wake into a resurrection, and rise up in after years to give law to conscience, correct principle to religious feeling, and stability and consistency to the profession of Christianity. Such results we confidently anticipate on all the calculable principles of human nature. And to such a slave population properly cared for, both as to body and soul, with their sabbaths and chapels, their sacraments and songs of praise, to the picture of Ethiopia stretching out her hands unto God, her swarthy face wet with tears of joy, her mouth filled with praise, we will point and challenge a comparison of their condition with that of the working classes of any nation under heaven.

Finally we commend this department of our work to the earnest prayers and support of the church, to the protection and blessing of the God of missions.

**ABSTRACT OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT.**

**MONIES PAID INTO THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE YEAR.**

**From Branch Societies.**—Charleston Mission Society, 134 10; Cokesbury Missionary Society, 137 0; Orangeburg Missionary Society, 108 50; Charleston Juvenile Missionary Society, 97 27; Female Missionary Society of Cokesbury, 77 0; Cypress Missionary Society, 58 75; Wilmington, 11 00

**From Missions. Wateroe Mission.**—J. M. Desha, 180 0; Mrs. Matheson, 50 0; Mrs. Harriett, 50 0; J. C. Doby, Esq. 30 0; Thos. Lang, Esq. 10 0; Col. W. McWillie, 25 0; Mrs. R. Balbard, 15 0; Mr. Geo. Stratford, 15 0; Mrs. Julia Anerum, 10 0; Mr. Jacob Little, 5 00

**Mission to Beaufort and neighboring Islands.**—A. G. Rose, Esq. 20 0; J. J. Smith, Esq. 50 0; Miss M. Eliott, 20 0; Capt. M. Smith, 20 0; Estate of J. G. Barnwell, Esq. 50 0; Dr. B. B. Sams, 50 0; Estate of R. Means, Esq. 50 0; Cullin Campbell, Esq. 20 0; Thos. Cathibert, Esq. 45 0; R. B. Smith, Esq. 40 00

Amount carried forward, 1158 62
## Constitution

Preamble.—Whereas there is no certain provision made for the support of the supernumerary 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 supernumerary 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 moneys and applying them towards the relief of persons of the descriptions 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.

### Trust

For the relief of the supernumerary or worn-out preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers.

Board of Trustees—Malcom M'Pherson, Chairman; H. A. C. Walker, Secretary; T. E. Leadbetter, Treasurer; and C. Betts, D. Derrick, W. M. Wightman, and W. Martin.

### Amounts

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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 Preachers' 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 such 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 served, 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.

Society of the South Carolina Conference for the Relief of the Children of Its Members.

Officers and Managers.—W. M. Kennedy, President; W. Capers, Vice President; W. M. Wightman, Secretary; C. Betts, Treasurer; and S. Dunwody, N. Talley, H. Bass, H. Spain and T. E. Leadbetter, 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 with 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 with making such regulations, subject to inspection and amendment by the Society, as shall secure the faithful performance of its 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 benefitting 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.

FUND OF SPECIAL RELIEF.

Trustees.—W. Capers, Chairman; N. Tally, Secretary; W. M. Kennedy, Treasurer; S. Dunwody, H. Bass, B. English, and M. McPherson.

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