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Annual
Conference
of ministers of the
Methodist
Episcopal Church
Jan. 10, 1838

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MINUTES
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OF THE
SOUTH-CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
For the Year 1836-1837
Columbia, S.C., January 10, 1838
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.

CHARLESTON, S. C.:
PRINTED BY JENKINS & HUSSEY, 36 BROAD-STREET.
1838.
1. Who are admitted on trial?

2. Who remain on trial?

3. Who are admitted into full connection?

4. Who are the Deacons?

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

* Those marked thus (*) were ordained this year.
6. Who have located this year? 
   Ebenezer Logett, William R. Smith, John K. Morse, George W. Moore, Reddick Pierce. — 5.

7. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? 

8. Who are the Supernumerary or worn-out Preachers? 
   James Dannelly, Benjamin Bell, William Crook, James Jenkins, Joseph Moore. — 5.

9. Who have been expelled from the connection? 
   NONE.

10. Who have withdrawn from the connection? 
   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? 
   THOMAS C. SMITH, the subject of this memoir, was born January 1st, 1807, in Montgomery County, North Carolina, and was converted to God, September 25th, 1824. He was licensed to preach, September 1st, 1827, and admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference in January 1828, and appointed to Waynesboro' Circuit. For 1829, to Reddy River. In 1830, he was elected and ordained Deacon, and appointed to Morganton Circuit. For 1831, to Cooper River Circuit. For 1832, he was reappointed to Cooper River. For 1833, to Lancasterville Circuit. For 1834, to Lincoln Circuit. For 1835, he was supernumerary, which relation he sustained until the day of his death. Brother Smith was a preacher of excellent talents, of unexceptionable character as a Christian, and greatly beloved by the people with whom he laboured. He was confined to his room on the 14th of September last, and continued to linger until the 27th of November, at which time he died. His disease was Bronchitis; that febrile malady, which so often affects public speakers, and those given to habits of close study. He bore his afflictions with that fortitude and humble confidence, which become the Christian—exhibiting in his last days the godliness of mind, evenness of temper, and meekness of soul, for which he was so remarkable through all his life. When he drew near his end, he said many things beautiful and encouraging, and never to be forgotten by those who heard him. In Brother Smith's death the powerful glory of the Christian Religion was most strikingly exemplified. His end was truly triumphant. He retained his mind unimpaired till the last, and often told God was with him, and that he longed to be gone. During the last twelve hours of his life, whenever free from paroxysms of coughing, he was almost continually praising God, and though very weak he often shouted so loud as to be heard in every part of the house. As one sitting in the arms of gentle, sleep, so sink his body into the sleep of death.

13. What numbers are in Society?

   **Charleston District**—Charleston, 504 whites, 314 colored, 12 local preachers; Black Swamp Circuit, 440 whites, 456 colored, and 4 local preachers; Walterboro', 530 whites, 325 colored, and 3 local preachers; Orangeburg, 810 whites, 1800 colored, and 7 local preachers; Cypress, 335 whites, 745 colored, and 4 local preachers; Cooper River, 550 whites, 875 colored, and 6 local preachers; Darlington, 4 whites, 305 colored; Amelia Mission, 18 colored; Cornelia and Ashley Mission, 814 colored; Pee Dee Mission, 539 colored; North and South Santee Mission, 367 colored. Total in Charleston District, 23 local preachers, and 2679 whites, and 2763 colored members.

   **Cokesbury District**—Cokesbury circuit, 227 whites, 501 colored, and 12 local preachers; Edgefield, 246 whites, 493 colored, and 5 local preachers; Barnwell, 167 whites, 165 colored, and 3 local preachers; Pendleton, 618 whites, 99 colored, and 8 local preachers; Greenvile, 760 whites, 175 colored, and 8 local preachers; Yorkville, 295 whites, 107 colored, and 3 local preachers; Union, 817 whites, 281 colored, and 9 local preachers; Laurens, 525 whites, 177 colored, and 3 local preachers; Newberry, 536 whites, 432 colored, and 5 local preachers. Total in Cokesbury District, 36 local preachers, and 5149 whites, and 226 whites, colored, and 5 local in the membership of the church.

   **Columbia District**—Columbia, 114 whites, 323 colored; Columbia circuit, 372 whites, 435 colored, and 6 local preachers; Winnsboro', 652 whites, 463 colored, and 12 local preachers; Lancaster, 770 whites, 470 colored, and 7 local preachers; Camden, 80 whites, 415 colored; Santee, 798 whites, 1109 colored, and 9 local preachers; Darlington, 763 whites, 319 colored, and 7 local preachers; Chesterfield, 470 whites, 232 colored, and 3 local preachers; Upper Santee Mission, 500 colored; Wateree Mission, 13 whites, 38 colored; Pee Dee Mission, 319 colored. Total in Columbia District, 38 local preachers, and 4922 whites, and 4916 colored, members of the church.

   **Wilkinson District**—Wilkinson, 141 whites, 519 colored, and 2 local preachers; Brunswick Circuit, 455 whites, 564 colored, and 3 local preachers; Bladen, 550 whites, 499 colored, and 5 local preachers; Fayetteville, 149 whites, 259 colored, and 3 local preachers; Rockingham, 798 whites, 322 colored, and 10 local preachers; Cheraw, 79 whites, 144 colored, and 1 local preacher; Pee Dee, 743 whites, 339 colored, and 13 local preachers; Cheraw, 79 whites, 144 colored, and 1 local preacher; Pee Dee, 743 whites, 339 colored, and 13 local preachers; Black River, 140 whites, 499 colored, and 4 local preachers; Georgetown, 140 whites, 1025 colored; Waccamaw, 525 whites, 177 colored, and 4 local preachers; Mission at the confluence of Black River and Pee Dee, 41 whites, 820 colored. Total in Wilkinson District, 50 local preachers, and 2361 whites, and 5393 colored, in the membership of the church.

   **Lincolnville District**—Lincolnville circuit, 833 whites, 251 colored, and 3 local preachers; Deep River, 455 whites, 143 colored, and 6 local preachers; Montgomery, 773 whites, 112 colored, and 11 local preachers; Wadsworth, 731 whites, 139 colored, and 9 local preachers; Centre, 633 whites, 150 colored, and 7 local preachers;
Charleston, 9 colored, and 3 local preachers; Rutherford, 78; white, 11 colored, and 2 local preachers; King's Mountain, 573 whites, 51 colored, and 3 local preachers; Morganton, 753 whites, 130 colored, and 7 local preachers. Total in Lincolnton District, 51 whites, and 574 whites, and 1533 colored, in the membership of the church.

RECAPITULATION.

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The number of local preachers added to that of the white members, will give 23757. So that on a comparison of the present numbers with those of last year, it appears that after deducting losses by emigration, death, expulsion, &c., there is a small increase of 182 whites, and 332 colored.

14. What amount is necessary to make up the allowances of supernumerary 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 the expenses of the Conference for stationary, postage, &c., is two thousand three hundred and thirty three dollars, and seventy one cents.

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

Charleston, $176.12; Black Swamp, 34.31; Walterboro', 2.50; Orangeburgh, 25; Cyp. ess, 2; Cooper River, 23; Colchester, 135.50; Barnwell, 30.55; Edgefield, 21.31; Pendleton, 22.12; Giv'er, 9.31; Yorkville, 15.50; Union, 18; Laurens, 6; Newberry, 14.68; Columbia, 141; Columbia Circuit, 40.73; Winnsboro', 102.50; Camden, 17; Santee, 22.18; Darlington, 57.81; Chesterfield, 6.18; Wilmingon, 20.93; Bramwell, 17.73; Bladen, 14.10; Fayetteville, 32.75; Rockingharn, 1.57; Cheraw, 8.00; Pee Dee, 25; Black River, 2.50; Georgetown, 28.18; Wareham, 8.25; Lincoln, 11.18; Deep River, 4; Montgomery, 55.5; Walterboro', 21.42; Centre, 2; Charlotte, 75.50; Rutherford, 813; King's Mountain, 129; Morganton, 8.10; Donation from Colchester Circuit, 10; Donation from Ladies Working Society, at Charleston, 360; Donation from Darlington Circuit, 10; From Bank concern, 200; From Chartered Fund, 30; Total, $1,753.92.

The above amount received has been appropriated as follows:

To Bishop Roberts, $11.69; to Bishop Soule, 11.90; to Bishop Hedding, 11.90; to Bishop Andrew, 13.43; to Bishop Morris, 11.69; to Bishop Waugh, 13.41; to Rev. O. D. Turpin, 29.46; to Rev. J. C. Candler, 11.71; to Rev. A. M. Foster, 29.43; to Rev. S. Alcorn, 22.34; to Rev. M. Kilburn, 22.34; to Rev. W. M. Renfrew, 15.54; to Rev. D. W. Moore, 22.46; orphan child of Rev. J. R. Richardson, 13.45; orphan child of Rev. T. L. Wynn, 26.24; to Rev. Thomas C. Smith, 8.25; to Rev. Reddick Pierce, 20.54; to Rev. B. Coleman, 35.12; Widow of the orphan of Rev. J. Gamwell, 12.53; Widow of and Orphans of Rev. T. W. Freeman, 37.73; Widow and Orphans of Rev. A. Morgan, 12.48; Widow of Rev. L. Smith, 8.13; Widow of Rev. D. Ashley, 8.45; Widow and Orphan of Rev. A. Brown, 36.73; Widow and Orphans, of Rev. A. M. Breslin, 11.24; Paid for postage and Stationary, 2.19; Balance in hand of Conference Stewards, 2.77; Total, $8,753.92.

16. What has been contributed for the support of Missions, and what for the Publishing Fund?

Charleston,—for Missions,—$8,473.37; Black Swamp, 91; Walterboro', 136; Orangeburgh, 244; Cypress, 39.14; Cooper River, 9; Beaufort Mission, 410; Poulton, 80; Columbia, 150; Pottom and Abraham, 162; Poon Poon, 375; North and South Santee, 25; Cooper County, 319; for Publishing Fund, 2; Edgefield, 15.31; Barnwell, 17.66; Pendleton 40; Greenville, 35.56; Yorkville, 32; Union, 13.74; Laurens, 19; Newberry, 10; Columbia, 105.18; for Publishing Fund, 45; Columbia Circuit, 98.55; Winnsboro', 116.55; Laurens, 21.56; Camden, 19; Santee, 22.30; Richland, 37.55; Chesterfield, 3; Water Mission, 256; Pee Dee Mission, 61; Rutherford, 28.25; Brunswic, 20.62; Bladen, 16; Fayetteville, 40; Rockingham, 41.95; Georgetown, 50; Pee Dee, 25; Washington, 26.25; Black River and Pee Dee Mission, 11; Water Mission, 30; Lincoln, 29; Deep River, 12.42; Montgomery, 34.26; Walterboro', 27.42; Centre, 71; Rutherford, 62.53; King's Mountain, 3; Morganton, 29.

17. What reports have we for our Sunday Schools.

Charleston, 3 schools, 9 superintendents, 47 teachers, and 328 children in attendance; Black Swamp Circuit, 2 schools, 4 superintendents, 14 teachers, 55 children; Walterboro', 4 schools, 3 superintendents, 11 teachers, 52 children; Orangeburg, 6 schools, 5 superintendents, 20 teachers, 127 children; Cayce, 3 schools, 1 superintendents, 8 teachers, 65 children; Cooper River, no report; Colchester, 7 schools, 9 superintendents, 45 teachers, 335 children; Edgefield, 10 schools, 10 superintendents, 37 teachers, 267 children; Barnwell, 1 school, 1 superintendent, 4 teachers, 18 children; Hilton, 4 schools, 2 superintendents, 10 teachers, 182 children; Greenville, 4 schools, 5 superintendents, 32 teachers, 167 children; Yorkville, 1 school, 1 superintendent, 3 teachers, 33 children; Union, 4 schools, 4 superintendents, 8 teachers, 70 children; Laurens, 1 school, 1 superintendent, 3 teachers, 32 children; Newberry, 1 school, 3 superintendents, 12 teachers, 63 children; Columbia, 1 school, 2 superintendents, 15 teachers, 100 children; Columbia,

Mission—Cambridge and the flat woods, Thomas D. Turpin.

Agent for Cokesbury School—William M. Kennedy.

Rector of Cokesbury School; Archelaus H. Mitchell.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT—Hartwell Spain, P. E.


Agent for Randolph Macon College—William Martin.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT—Charles Betts, P. E.


LINCOLNTON DISTRICT—Allen Hamby, P. E.


18. Where are the Preachers stationed this year? 

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CHELSTON DISTRICT—Nicholas Talley, P. E.

Charleston—Road English, James E. Evans, Samuel Armstrong, and William Capers, Editor of the Southern Christian Advocate.


COKESBURY DISTRICT—Henry Bass, P. E.

Cokesbury—Samuel Dunwoody, David Seal. Barnwell;


William M. Wightman, Professor in R. M. College.

James Scovell, transferred to the Georgia Conference, and stationed in Savannah.

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

In Cheraw, S. C. January 9th, 1839.

The second Fridays in April and September are appointed to be observed as days of humiliation, fasting and prayer. There will be public worship in all our circuits and stations; and special prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit, an increase of laborers, and the general prosperity of the work of God.

SPECIAL ALLOWANCES.

The collections in the Circuits under the provisions of the Discipline, Sections iv. 7, and v. 7, have been as follows:

Suwanee Circuit, by Rev. Sum. Townsend, $12.50; Wilmington, by Rev. H. A. C. Walker, 7; Columbia, by Rev. W. M. Kenna, 15; Leland Circuit, by Rev. S. A. Abbott, 75 cents; Winnsboro', by Rev. Samuel W. Capers, $10.50; Georgetown, by Rev. James Skar, Williams, 3,50; Barnwell, by Rev. Bartell Thomas, 5.12; Pee Dee, by Rev. Sampson D. Lane, 2.10; Darlington, by Rev. Joseph W. J. Jackson, 10; Black Skimp, by Rev. William Martin, 10; Columbia Circuit, by Rev. Elmozer Legott, 10; Bladen, by Rev. Moses C. Tarrentine, 3,50; Centre, by Rev. Abel H o w, 1,50; John H. Robinson, 5; Fayetteville, by Rev. Allen McCorpendale, 5,50; Rev. David Seel, 1,37; Yorkville, by Rev. Alexain M. Forsler, 50 cts.; Newberry, by Rev. Frederick Rush, 50; Cash, 1,15. Making in all, no more than $176,50.

Which amount has been appropriated as follows:

To the Widow and Orphans of the Rev. John Gamewell, $75.62; to the Widow and Orphans of Rev. Asbury Morgan, 75.62; to the Widow and Orphans of the Rev. T. L. Winn, 25.25.

The Conference has voted the sum of $425, to be raised the ensuing year, and to be applied as follows, viz:


The Presiding Elders, and the Preachers in charge are requested to attend to this matter.

THE COURSE OF STUDY, &c.

"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 able to give a 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 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 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; Portius' Evidences of Christianity; and Watson's Defense of the Bible, (the editions from our own press;) 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 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 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 the Bible.
Missionary, Sunday School, and Tract Societies. The principles and objects 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 connection 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 connection 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 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 committee of examination for each year, and the work of subdivision, as provided for in the fourth resolution, above, be published annually in connection with the Minutes.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

For the examination of Preachers of the First Year.—

For the examination of Preachers of the Second Year.—
On Watson's Institutes, 1st Part, Nicholas Talley; 2d Part, John W. McColl; 3d Part, Joseph Holmes; 4th Part, Samuel W. Capers.

For the examination of Preachers of the Fourth Year.—

William Martin, is Chairman of the committee of the first year; Samuel Dunwoody of the second; Nicholas Talley, of the third, and Malcolm McPherson of the fourth.

CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS.

The Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference, Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Managers.—William M. Kennedy President, William Capers 1st Vice President, S. Dunwoody 2nd Vice President, C. Betts Secretary, Joseph Holmes, Treasurer; and N. Talley, H. Bass, M. McPherson, J. Dannelly, S. W. Capers, D. G. McDaniel, J. Moore, H. Spain, H. A. C. Walker.

REPORT,


For the examination of Preachers of the Third Year.—

For the examination of Preachers of the Fourth Year.—

William Martin, is Chairman of the committee of the first year; Samuel Dunwoody of the second; Nicholas Talley, of the third, and Malcolm McPherson of the fourth.

The field of Missionary labor to which we invite attention in the present Report, is of limited extent.

The Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church with which ours is connected, has undertaken missions to most of the tribes of Indians west of the Rocky Mountains, and
some beyond them; to the Oregon territory; to South America; to Africa; and is looking wishfully into Spain and France; whilst also it makes its funds available to the Annual Conferences in the Southern States, for the support of missions to such of the slave population as have not been reached by the circuit rounds, and are not served with the means of grace by the ministry of others. The Society of the South Carolina Conference, is concerned, especially, with missions of the description last mentioned, within the limits of the conference district.

Over many parts of this State, churches may be found in almost every neighbourhood, and if the accommodations provided in them for the negroes are not sufficient, (and we must confess they generally are not,) still they are such, as forbid its being said that the negroes of those neighbourhoods are without the Gospel. But on the Sea Islands, and deltas of the rivers, where the negroes are most numerous, the case is different. There are not churches accessible for them, and with respect to thousands, it must be confessed they are as destitute as if they were not inhabitants of a christian land. It is for the benefit of these that our missions have been undertaken.


The Board recommends, also, the establishment of missions from this conference, on Cooper River; on Broad River in Fairfield District; and in the neighborhood of Cambridge, and the flat-woods, in Abbeville District.

The Beaufort mission, is in a favorable condition. There are five whites, and 188 negroes in the membership of the church in this mission, and 507 children under catechetical instruction. During the year, 84 adults have been admitted on trial, and 35 baptized.

The Poyntonia Mission. This mission, which is a station from the former, serves at present but five plantations; having 98 members of the church, and 165 children under catechetical instruction.

The Mission on Combahee and Ashopoo Rivers, embraces 13 plantations; having 811 adult church members, and 251 children under catechetical instruction. During the year, there have been 12 adults admitted on trial, and 50 baptized.

On Pon Pon, the mission embraces but 4 plantations; having 239 adult members of the church, and 106 children under catechetical instruction. 52 adults have been admitted on trial, in the course of the year.

The Mission on North and South Santee, embraces 27 plantations; having 687 adult members of the church, and 405 children under catechetical instruction.

The Mission on the Savannah river near Black Swamp, reports no more than 15 adult members, (owing to the vicinity of the circuit appointments;) and 190 children under catechetical instruction. For the cause which is apparent in the small return of adult members of this mission, it will probably be left in future to the care of the preachers of the Black Swamp Circuit.

The Upper Santee Mission, reports 8 appointments for preaching, and 700 adult members of the church, (of whom 200 have been admitted on trial during the past year;) and 200 children under catechetical instruction.

The Waccamaw Mission, reports ten places for preaching, embracing 18 plantations, of which there are, 13 whites and 358 negroes in church membership, and 150 children under catechetical instruction.

The Mission on Pee Dee, reports 10 plantations, served by five appointments for preaching; 299 adult members of
the church, (of whom 87 were admitted during the year,) and 150 children under catechetical instruction.

The Mission near the confluence of Black river and Pee Dee, reports 21 whites and 360 adult negroes in the membership of the church; and 150 children under catechetical instruction.

The Mission on Waccamaw neck...embraces 20 plantations; and returns 4 whites, and 609 adult negroes in the membership of the church, (of whom 182 have been admitted during the year;) and 500 children are under catechetical instruction.

The whole number of adults in the membership of the church in these missions, is thus ascertained to be 4,693, of whom 617 have been received during the year. And the number of negro children regularly catechised is 2,780.

From all of these missions the Board has received satisfactory letters from the planters concerned; and though some of them cover too much ground to admit of the work being done to the best advantage; or as thoroughly as it ought to be, still the most beneficial results follow the labours of the brethren at every place.
The mission of North and South Santee, for example, serves that part of the great delta of the Santee river where rice is cultivated; and where there are probably not fewer than 12 or 14 thousand souls without any means of religious instruction but what they receive at the lips of the missionaries. In such circumstances, it would, perhaps, be even wrong not to extend the field of instruction wider than might be desirable for any one of the plantations.

We need not add, that "the harvest is great, but the labourers are few." It is our persuasion that a number of missionaries equal to the whole number of the preachers of the conference, might be usefully employed in the religious instruction of the negroes within our conference limits only.

It is proper that we add a word on the subject of the support of these missions. For the same reason which at first prompted to their establishment, we have been scrupulously careful not to suffer any embarrassment to them on the score of support. We could not withdraw a missionary from any field where his labours furnished the only means of supplying the negroes with the preached word, barely because the owners of those negroes did not appreciate the benefit derived from religion, so highly as to meet the cost. The prevailing consideration with us, hitherto has been, and we propose that it ever shall be, not the cost or inconvenience to which we might be put for the maintenance of a mission, or the contrary, but the degree of the destitute of the persons to be served, and the number likely to be benefited. This we are persuaded ought to be the rule in every case. Nor do we complain of the contributions of the owners of the negroes generally. Many of them have, from year to year, done more than well. But as the character of the work is one of the church's benevolence, and not of ministerial zeal and devotion only, we could wish to see the part of the membership of the church more fully sustained.

We propose therefore, that it ought to be considered by Southern Methodists, whether it is well to draw on the funds of the general society at New York for the support of missions here with us? Whether, engaged as the general society is, and as it ought to be, in the work of foreign missions, those funds which can be so illly spared from that cause, ought to be applied to a work so peculiarly our own! And especially at the present time, when the society is much in debt, and pressing calls from various quarters, are contiually urging an extension of the foreign missions.

We propose, that if the ministry can be commanded, come health or sickness, life or death, in winter or summer, to go and do this work, it is not out of proportion for the membership connected with that same ministry to defray the costs.

TREASURER'S REPORT.


RECEIPTS FROM THE MISSIONS.

Pan Pan Mission, Charles Baring, Esq. $150; William Aiken, Esq. 100; Col. Lewis Morris, 75; Capt. William Brisbane, 50; Total, $375.
Islands about Beaufort. Mrs. Harbord, S50; Rev. Stephen Elliott, Sen. 50; Nathaniel Clay, Capt. 50; Dr. Thomas Fuller, 10; Thomas Calhoun, Esq. 55; Capt. M. Stewart, 20; Col. John G. Barnwell, 50; Rev. John J. Smith, Esq. 50; C. Campbell, Esq. 20; Mrs. Means, 20; Honourable E. Barnwell, Esq.; Mrs. Anguist-Isle, 5, Total, S$10.

Cobbold and Ashpond, Dr. Alexander Fraser, $80; William Barnwell, 50; Charles Barlow, Esq. 50; Honourable R. Barnwell, Esq.; John G. Godfrey, Esq.; a friend to the Mission, 44; Miss Elizabeth Price, 10; Total, S$49.

Barnesville. Honourable Robert W. Barnwell, S100; E. Fraser, Esq. 20; Dr. De Saussure, 20; Edward Barnwell, Esq. 20; Rev. Stephen Elliott, Sen. 30; Total, S$240.

North and South Santee. Andrew Johnston, Esq. S90; Dr. Alexander Hume, 15; Honourable C. C. Parker, 20; Total, S$105.

Black River and Pee Dee. R. M. Adolph, Esq. 10; J. M. Serrien and F. Green, 10; A. B. Jaxon, 5; W. V. Brown, 5; A friend to Missions, 20; Another friend, 3; Mrs. Sarah Concernam, 5; Rev. Mr. Fraser, 10; J. H. Allston, Esq. 10; Sunday persons, 20; Total, $100.

Orangeburg. Rev. Francis Withers, Esq. $10; Mr. James Elliott, Esq. 50; From the same for last year, $10; Col. J. J. Ward, Esq. 100.

Walter, John S. De Saussure, Esq. 50; Matheson and Hall, 20; William A. Ancram, Esq. 20; Col. John Chesnut, 20; Col. William McWhir, 20; Mrs. Rebecca Ballard, 10; Mr. Jacob Little, 10; A friend to Missions, 10; Mr. John W. Arthur, 10; Leonard Dickson, Esq. 10; Mr. R. Cameron, 5; Mr. F. Hopkins, 5; Mr. T. B. Mothershead, 4; Shere 10; R. Smythe, 1; From two little boys, 1; H. K. Berkley, 10; Sunday persons, names not known, 17; Total, $50.

Mr. George Stratford, 15; Dr. John Meling, 5; Mr. Benjamin Cork, 5; Total, $50.

Pee Dee. Sunday persons, names not known, 6; Moses Saunders, Esq. 50; James Gibson, Esq. 10.

FROM BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Charleston Missionary Society, by Rev. W. J. Jackson, S50; The Orangeburg Circuit Missionary Society, by Rev. J. C. Poestell, 144; The Cincinnati Missionary Society, by their Treasurer, 92; Charleston Missionary Society, 64; The Philadelphia Missionary Society, 51.40; Charleston Missionary Society, 51.40; Pemberton Circuit Missionary Society, 10; Colosofo Circuit Missionary Society, 3; Colosofo Female Missionary Society, 74; Pemberton Missionary Society, 40; Colosofo Circuit Missionary Society, 276; Colosofo Female Missionary Society, 41; Walterboro' Missionary Society, 2; Pemberton Missionary Society, 10; Missionary, Trad and Sunday School Society of Yorkville, 32; Black Swamp Missionary Society, 5; Union Circuit Missionary Society, 150. People of color in Charleston, 8-5.7.

COLLECTIONS ON THE CIRCUITS.

Santee Circuit, by Rev. William Crook, an; Samuel Townsend, $24.50; North Circuit, by Rev. F. Rush, 10; Cooper River Circuit, by Rev. John Bunch, 9; Rockingham Circuit, by Rev. Mark Russell, 43.32; Union Circuit, 1.53; Camden, 9; Edgefield Circuit, by Rev. Joel W. Townsend, 1.51; Columbia, by Rev. William M.

Kemperly, 41.64; Vardsome Circuit, by Rev. D. C. McDaniel, 14.12

Dandridge Circuit, by Rev. Joseph H. Wheeler, 24.13; Lancaster Circuit, 21.50; Centre Circuit, by Rev. W. L. Derick and A. A. Hyde, 70; King's Mountain Circuit, 2; Rutherford Circuit, by Rev. W. C. Clark, 62; Barnwell Circuit, by Rev. W. W. M. Moore, 20.12; Lincoln Circuit, 29; Chesterfield Circuit, 2; Walterboro Circuit, 35; Edgefield Circuit, 27; Laurens Circuit, by Rev. J. B. Anthony, 7; Columbia Circuit, 13; Greenville Circuit, by Rev. A. Crowell, 55.55; Laurens Circuit, by Rev. W. Hallow, 25.55; Barnwell Circuit 17.35; Bladen Circuit, 8; Morganton Circuit, 17; Deep River Circuit, 12.12; Transylvania Circuit, 116.53.

LIFE Subscriptions.

Ladies of Georgetown to estimate Rev. James Stey, a life member of the Parent Institution at New-York, S200. S. W. Cole to make Rev. D. C. McDaniel, a life member of the Conference Society, 10; James Kirkpatrick, by his father, 10; Miss Elizabeth Wilson, to make Rev. Alexander W. Walker, a life member, 10; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Deas, to make Rev. C. S. Walker, a life member, 10; Mr. and Mrs. H. Ward, to make Rev. J. M. Deas, a life member, 10; Rev. John W. Glenn, 10; Mrs. Jane S. Glenn, 10; Young Ladies of Mrs. Martin's Seminary, to make Bishop Morris a life member, 10; Rev. James L. Belin, 10; John S. Preston, 10; Rev. Wm. Kirkland, to make Rev. Samuel Capers a life member, 10; Rev. W. Martin, to make Mrs. Martin, a life member, 10; Rev. C. S. Walker, to make Mrs. Walker, a life member, 10; Rev. Alexander W. Walker, to make Rev. Charles Butler, a life member, 10; Rev. Joseph H. Wheeler, to make his two sons, Joseph W. and James W., life members, 20; John Rutherford, 10; Miss D. Hart, 10; Col. Wade Hampton, 10.

Bryce, 1. And of the number of persons contributing at the Anniversary whose names could not be taken, the further sum of $62.50.
Under the different heads, as arranged above, the receipts for the year have been,

- From the Missions, $2,156.16
- From Branch Societies, 1,026.25
- From Circuit Collections, 1,250.37
- From Life Subscribers, 28.79
- From Annual Subscribers, 78
- From Donations, 462.50
- From Anniversary at Columbia, 1,440.00
- Total, $7,256.78

TRUST

FOR THE RELIEF OF THE SUPERANNUATED OR WORKOUT PREACHERS, AND THE WIVES AND ORPHANS OF PREACHERS.

Board of Trustees—Malcolm M. Preston, Chairman; H. A. G. Walker, Secretary; T. E. Leachett, Treasurer; and C. Betts, D. Derrick, W. M. Wightman, and W. Martin.

CONSTITUTION

Preamble.—Whereas there is no certain provision made for the support of the superannuated or workout 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 money and applying it towards the relief of persons of the class above mentioned, belonging to this Conference. Provided, That in all cases the sum 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 themselves, 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 such 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 present.

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 moneys shall
have been vested, and on what security; and what appropriations
agreeably to the purpose of this trust, shall have been made.
3. A part of all moneys given to this trust, not forbidden by the
giver, and a part of the interest of all moneys at interest, shall be an-ually
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 moneys 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
officers 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; S. W.
Capers, Secretary; C. Betts, Treasurer; W. Capers, N. Talley, S.

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
provision, 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 by subscription
of its members, but also by the contributions of munificent 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 follow-
ing:

Art. 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Society, coincident,
with the meeting of the Conference, and one day not later than the
fourth after its commencement (the particular day to be fixed previ-
ously, 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 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 dis-
cretion 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.

FUND OF SPECIAL RELIEF.

TRUSTEES.—William Capers, Chairman, William M.
Kennedy, Treasurer, Nicholas Talley, Secretary; and
Samuel Dunwody, Henry Bass, Bond English, and Malcolm
McPherson.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY THE
CONFERENCE WITHOUT ANY DISSENT:

"Whereas, it is manifest that unless the members of
this conference do all take a deep interest in the establish-
ment of the institutions of the church within our bounds,
they must fail of support, and it is most desirable for us to
act harmoniously, promptly, and zealously, for their main-
tenance—therefore,

Resolved, 1. That by the publication of the constitu-
tions and by-laws of the Fund of Special Relief, the Trust
for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Society of the
S. C. Conference for the education and subsistence of
children of its members, in connection with the Minutes of
Conference, it is not intended, and they ought not to be
used, to make direct applications to our people for con-
tributions to these objects; but the intention solely is, to keep
our friends informed of the existence of these charities, their
character, and objects, that as they may deem good, they may contribute for their support.

Resolved, 2. That, at the present juncture, it is of the greatest consequence to procure a house and lot in Charleston by purchase, for the use of the Southern Christian Advocate, and the Book Store to be established with it; and we pledge ourselves to use our best endeavours in our circuits and stations, this year, to raise money for the same; and, particularly, to speak favourably of the object in every society in our circuits, showing how important it is, and inviting subscriptions.

Resolved, 3. That on being furnished with a circular by the Publishing Committee, we will each use the same as a subscription paper, and offer it as extensively as we can.