MINUTES

of the

South Carolina Annual Conference

of the

Methodist Episcopal Church

1842

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MINUTES
of the 56th Session
of the
SOUTH-CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
Held at Charlotte, N.C., Jan. 24, 1841,
FOR THE YEAR
1841.
TO WHICH ARE ADDED THE
REPORTS OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, &c.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE CONFERENCE.

CHARLESTON:
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1842.
1. **Who are admitted on trial?**

2. **Who remain on trial?**

3. **Who are received into full connection?**

4. **Who are the Deacons?**
   - Larke O'Neale, Zephaniah W. Davis, Abel M. Chiertzberg, Jacob Nipper, Wesley L. Pegues, Martin Eady, Alfred Richardson, and Wm. A. McSwain, who were ordained last year; and Michael Robbins, John R. Locke, Allen Huckabee, Williamson Smith, and Lewis Little, who were ordained this year—13.

5. **Who have been elected and ordained Elders?**

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

7. **Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?**
   - None.

8. **Who are the Superannuated or worn-out Preachers?**
   
   Note.—Those marked thus (*) are without claims on the Funds of the Conference, at their own request.

9. **Who have been expelled?**
   - None.

10. **Who have withdrawn?**
    - 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? John G. Postell, and Bartlett Thomason. Note—Their Memoirs not received.

13. What numbers are in Society?

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14. What amount is necessary to make up the allowances of the Supernumerary Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers; and to supply the deficiencies of those Preachers whose claims have not been met in their circuits?

The amount required to meet these claims is $1459 72. The amount received is $1034 85, which has been appropriated as follows:

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From Rev. James Jenkins, 110 50
Total amount collected for Missions, $8943 23
Note.—In the amount collected at Charlotte Station, is included $777 62, raised in the Anniversary of the Conference Missionary Society.

17. Where are the Preachers stationed?


William Capers, Missionary Secretary.

James Sewall, transferred to New-York Conference.

18. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

At Cokesbury, February 8th, 1843.

FAST DAYS.

The first Friday in May and September, are set apart as days of fasting, humiliation and prayer, throughout the bounds of this Conference.

THE COURSE OF STUDY, &c.

"For the First Year.—The Holy Bible and the Book of Discipline. In consulting 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 Chrysostom 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; Porters' Evidences of Christianity; and Watson's Apology for 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; and any work from our own press on the best mode of forming and conducting Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.

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.

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.

The Committee shall consist of a number not less than the
The following is the

REPORT


The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the South-Carolina Conference respectfully present their Annual Report: and in doing so, would take occasion briefly to review the past.

Comparatively but a few years ago the fields which your missionaries now occupy were entirely inaccessible, owing to the suspicious and scrupulous attention with which any effort to instruct our slave population was regarded; and when it was first proposed by a valued minister of our church to send a missionary to the blacks, consent was given only on condition of a pledge of his known character and that no evil should result. The pledge was given: the experiment was made; and it succeeded gloriously, for God was in it. Field after field was opened to us, and call after call was made for missionaries; until now, the planters, almost without exception, are our warmest patrons, and among our strongest supporters. Formerly a stranger would receive cautiously, not to say with suspicion; now, our friends are learning—may, have learned—that any Methodist preacher employed by you in this work is worthy of entire confidence.

At the period to which we first alluded, ignorance—deep, dark, ruinous—pervaded the minds of thousands of Africa's sable children occupying the low country river swamps and sea islands of the Carolinas. This ignorance—sin and superstition—was exerting its deadly influence upon the heart, leading its willing victims, the souls of men, through the fire to the shrine of Moloch. Now, by the simple majesty and power of the gospel, the spell is broken—the reign of ignorance, as it respects multitudes served by our missions, is at an end; and it may truly and appropriately be said in reference to these, "The darkness is past and the true light now shineth." The result is that a good state of morals exists generally on the missions; while there are thousands of church members whose piety would not suffer in comparison with that of their more favored brethren; and whose godly example exerts a powerful, wholesome influence upon their fellows. Marked improvement in morals, in appearance, in a more elevated and just cause of Christian character among the negroes, is testified by the planters and overseers; so that Christianity renders the slave a trustworthy, obedient servant, while it prepares him for the bliss of the inheritance on high. To this effect many striking instances may be presented did the Board deem it necessary to particularize. This improvement, it is believed, is more decided where the negroes congregate in regular prepared houses of worship; and the practice of doing so obtains increasingly on many of our most important missions.

But the Board would allude particularly to the instruction of children on their missions, as forming one of the strongest grounds of hope for future and extended usefulness. In their case, when they reach adult age, the missionary will find, comparatively, neither ignorance nor superstition in the way of the gospel, but will go to "a people," in a good degree, "prepared for the Lord." In this matter the present missionaries are toiling to a blessed end; and "the Lord of the harvest" may be
supposed to say to those who shall come after them, "I send you to reap
that on which you bestowed no labour; other men have laboured and you
are entered into their labours; that both he that soweth and he that
reapeth may rejoice together." The duty of catechetical instruction,
(always outly imparted,) the Board think, cannot be too strongly en-
forced, or too faithfully prosecuted.

The Board take great pleasure in being able to announce that, though
affliction has lain heavily upon some of those engaged in this work,
during the year which now closes, yet those valiantly, God's devoted
men still live to labour and suffer as "the Head of the Church" may
direct; and this is ground of adoring gratitude to God, exposed, as they
have been, to danger and to death.

The continued approval and cooperation of the planters, as well as
the interest taken in these things by the negroes themselves, afford
the highest gratification, and give assurance by the blessing of God, of
abundant success; while they must greatly encourage the missionary in his
painful labours.

Owing mainly to the want of funds in consequence of the debt of the
parent society, the Board have advised the discontinuance of one of the
missions, and for the same reason have not judged it proper to re-
commend the occupancy of new ground; though fields "white unto the
harvest" are open, and applications have been made for labourers. Indeed,
the door is thrown wide open, and we have but to enter; and yet, with
men ready to go, equipped for the war, and prepared to labor at a suffer
to the death in opposing the powers of darkness, alas! we cannot send
them for want of means. May we not confidently anticipate increased
efforts upon the part of the friends and patrons of missions?

A detailed statement of the missions under the care of this society is
subjoined:

1. Beaufort—has been served by Revs. T. E. Lechbutter and W. L.
Pegues. It embraces 30 plantations; has 3 white, and 310 colored
church members; 370 children catechised, and is in a very prosperous
condition.

2. Port Royal—Rev. A. J. Green has served this mission. It covers
9 plantations; numbers 225 members, 156 children catechised; and is in
a good condition—particularly so with regard to the children.

3. Combahee and Ashop—This mission has had the service of Revs.
J. R. Coburn and W. H. Flemmings. It includes 15 plantations; 734
members, and 400 children instructed; and is reported as in a "prosper-
ous state."

4. Pon Pon—Rev. C. Wilson has had charge here; and reports 9
plantations; 375 members, and 327 catechumens; and the mission as
"every way prosperous."

5. Southantee—Rev. H. E. Ogborne has laboured here. There are
11 plantations; 450 members; 290 catechumens; and the condition of
the mission was thought to be quite prosperous until an attack of sickness
which left the missionary unable to work effectually the remainder of the
year, threw a cloud over the brightening prospects, so that its state at
present is but tolerably good.

6. Northantee—Rev. J. R. Locke, the missionary, reports 15 plant-
ations served; 528 members of the church, and 239 children catechised;
and the state of this mission very good.

7. Cooper River embraces 11 plantations; 13 white and 716 colored
members, and 109 catechumens. Rev. A. Netter rendered his serv-
ces here, and reports a good state of things.

8. Broad River.—The missionary Rev. J. Holmes, reports 70 church
members, and 65 children under catechetical instruction. The mission
prosperous. The Board has resolved to recommend a discontinuance of
this mission.

9. Wateree.—Revs. W. J. Jackson and J. Nipper have served this
mission. Within it are 26 plantations; 13 white and 706 colored
members; and 367 children catechised. This mission prosperous.

10. Pee Dee.—Rev. W. M. Kerr has been employed on this mission,
and reports 3 plantations served; 11 white and 111 colored members;
120 catechumens, and the mission doing well.

11. Black River and Pee Dee.—Rev. M. Robbins has laboured in this
field. There are 25 plantations visited, on which 470 children are in-
structed, and the number of church members is 1150. The work is
prospering, and the Board recommend that a second labourer be employ-
ed, in which result it is confidently believed, the mission will very nearly,
it not quite support itself.

12. Santee.—The labours of the missionary, Rev. P. A. M. Williams,
have been confined mainly to the plantations of F. Wilters, Esq., on
Santee River. He reports 15 plantations visited, where 350 children
receive instruction. There are 175 church members, and the mission is
in a flourishing state.

Waccamaw Neck.—Revs. J. A. Minick and J. A. Belin have occupied
the field. The health of the latter, however, has devolved almost the
entire labour of the mission upon brother Minick, nearly the whole year.
There are 6 white and 495 colored members; 21 plantations served;
and 331 children instructed. This mission is in a healthy state.

13. Cape Fear.—Rev. J. H. Chamber was appointed to this work, but
carly in the year, the superintendent found it necessary to remove him
to another charge, and Rev. M. C. Turner was employed on this mis-
ion. He reports a good state of things; 21 plantations; 152 catech-
umens; and 225 members. Here, there is a move upon a part of the plun-
ters to support the mission themselves, without foreign aid.

14. Besides the foregoing to the blacks, a city missionary was sent
to Charleston, and has laboured with some good degree of success, particu-
larly on Charleston Neck. He reports 116 members; and a Sunday
School composed of 1 Superintendent, 12 Teachers, and 75 Scholars.—
The Board recommend that the mission be discontinued, and that Charle-
ston Neck be made a separate appointment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Charleston, South Carolina, January 28th, 1842.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SOUTH-CAROLINA CONFERENCE, FOR 1842.

RECEIVED FROM THE MISSIONS.

Pon Pon Mission, Rev. C. Wilson.—Charles Baring, Esq., $150; Col.
Lewis Morris, $50; W. Alken, Esq., $100—$300.

Wateree Mission, Rev. W. M. Jackson.—J. M. Deseassure, Esq., $60;
Capt. Thomas Long, $25; Mr. L. Boykin, and Lady, $20; Mrs. Mary
McRae, 20; Col. James Chesnutt, Sen., 15; Mrs. E. Chesnutt, 10; Messrs. Haile & Matheson, 20; J. Little, Esq., 10; Col. John English, 15; Mrs. Harriet English, 10; Mr. W. Thompson, 5; Sundry persons, 13 68; Dr. W. S. Burges, 10; $233 68.

Sampit Mission, Rev. P. A. M. Williams, $300; Francis Withers, Esq., $300.


Cooper River Mission, Rev. Abraham Nettlef, From a friend to missions, 810; John Venn, Esq., 5; Mrs. Mary Lamb, 1; collections at church, 10 16.—$264 46.


Black River and Pee Dee Mission, Rev. M. Robbins—Col. R. F. W. Allston, $10; Capt. J. H. Allston, 15; Francis M. Weston, Esq., 25; Col. P. W. Fraser, 20; Dr. J. R. Sparkman, 16; J. B. McDaniel, Esq., 10; D. McDowall, Esq., 10; John Austin, Sen., Esq., 15; J. R. Easterling, Esq., 10; A. B. Jaynes, Esq., 10; E. P. Coachman, Esq., 10; F. Green, Esq., 5; J. J. Green, Esq., 5; W. G. Lawrence, Esq., 10; N. Tork, Esq., 5; a friend, 5; J. J. A. McDowall, Esq.; 2; Sundy persons, 4 09; $919 09.


Beaufort Mission, Rev. L. L. Lambeth,—C. Campbell, Esq., $20; T. Osburn Barnwell, Esq., 20; John J. Smith, 50; Mrs. Mary Barnwell, 50; Mrs. Robert Means, 30; Dr. Thomas Means, 15; Mrs. Middleton Swaff, 20; Mrs. A. and E. Barnwell, 25; Capt. J. G. Barnwell, 15; T. Cutbert, Esq., 20; Dr. T. Fuller, 10; Rev. Bishop Elliott, 15; Rev. Stephen Elliott, 30; Estate of Mrs. A. Habershon, by Rev. S. Elliott, 25; $960.

Poetical Mission, Rev. A. G. Green—H. M. Stewart, Esq., $30; F. C. Fraser, Esq., 50; $899.

Broad River Mission, Rev. J. Holmes,—D. H. Kerr, Esq., $20; Gen. John Means, 11 75; 1. Means, Esq., 10; J. G. Oneal, Esq., 5; Miss Harriet Thomson, 1; Mr. Anderson, 1; from a lady, a friend to missions, 1 50; from colored, 1 oppo, 2 20; $852 75.

Cape Fear Mission, Rev. M. C. Terrington—Dr. J. F. Hill, $25; Dr. A. J. DeRousse, 10; M. Bryant, Esq., 10; D. A. Flannum, Esq., 7; J. C. Hall, Esq., 5; N. H. X., 10; N. H. X., 10; J. H. Wynn, Esq., 6; R. Gibbes, Esq., 10; from a lady, 5; from another lady, 10; 2 of which to constitute her a life member for 1840 and 1841. Mrs. Means, 10; James Gedwin, 5; $128.

Pee Dee Mission, Moses S. Mccoll, Esq., $29.

COLLECTIONS ON THE CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

Santee Circuit.—By Rev. J. W. Welborn, Pine Log, $3 56; Hebron, 3 12; St. Pauls, 50; Gathorstone, 2 88; Oak Grove, 1 44; St. Marks, 1 80; Rehoboth, 9; Remberts, 11 75; Providence, collected by Miss L. L. Richardson, 47; from the same for the Oregon Mission, 10; St. Luke, 13; Baldwin, 10 25; Bethany, 11 12; Marshalls, 3 50; New Mission, 8 25; St. John's, 6 92; Lodebar, 10; Sardis, 5 84; Colored people, Sumterville, 6; Sumterville Society, 18 50; $391 59.

Spartanburg Circuit.—By Rev. S. W. Capers Newton Gondekel, Esq., 1; Col. W. T. Nuckolls, 5; Gondekel, Esq., 0 50; Mr. Hone, 1; some little girls at Pleasant Grove, 1 50; Mrs. Nancy Dawkins, 5; Rev. C. Smith, 1 25; Miss A. E. Dawkins, 1 15; Major James B. Henry, 5; Simpson Bobo, Esq., 5; Major John F. Kirby, 5; W. B. Smith, 1 25; St. John's, 1 75; Dr. J. W. Moore, 1; Mrs. Mary C. Moore, 1; Mrs. E. M. Moore, 1; Dr. A. Jennings, 1; Dr. J. J. Vernon, 1; Maj. J. P. Dawkins, 1; some little girls at Spartanburg, 0 49; Sundy public collections, 10 86; $89 19.

Colored Missionary Society Charleston, $97 18; Colored Juvenile Missionary Society, Charleston, 37 82; $135.

Juvenile Missionary Society, Charleston, $18 86.

Missionary Collections at Government, by Rev. S. Beard, $110.

York Circuit, by Rev. S. Townsell, and Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, $82; Public collection, 8 75; Greenville Station, 13 60; from Orangecove circuit, 20; collected on Witherspoon circuit, by Rev. D. G. McDaniel, 9 25; Wyeglassaw circuit, 31 15; Beaufort circuit, 11 50; Wadeboro district, 6 75; Morgan town, 7 50; Lomor, 1 90; Chesterfield, 3 35; Rockingham Church, Carolina, 25; Concord Church, 5 75; Rockingham Home Missions, 8 23; 20 of the above to constitute Mrs. Hayle a life member of the Parent Society, and $80 to make Rev. A. Hayle a life member of the South-Carolina Conference Missionary Society. Rutledge circuit, by Rev. A. E. McGilvery, 15; Back River circuit, 59; Darlington circuit, 1; Colored people, Fayetteville, 13 37; Rock Fish, 2; collected on the Waxaw circuit, by Rev. John Watts, 55 75; Kings Mountain circuit, 6 50; Ladeson circuit, 24; Charlotte circuit, 8 314; Charlotte Station, 25 25; Columbia, South Carolina, by Rev. W. Smith, Missionary Society, 236 12; Sunday School Missionary Society, 12; Young Ladies' Working Society, 5; Public collection, 153 25; in all, 135 37;—from Wadesboro circuit, 10; by Rev. D. Selby, from Ladeson circuit, 1 50; Wadesboro circuit, 1 50; James Gibson, Esq., Darlington, 1; Ladeson circuit, 1 50; Santee circuit, by Rev. W. H. Nolton, for Oregon Mission, 17 50; Pendleton, 1 39; Darlington, Dr. John P. Zimmerman, 20; George Huggins, Sr., 5; William Y. Luton, 5; Will. H. Cannon, 20; E. D. Law, 1; E. A. Law, 1; James S. McColl, 20; Mrs. M. S. Gibson, to Oregon Mission, 50; James Gibson, to Pease Mission, 50; Lady's Working Society, 53 50; Mrs. C. Farnam, 50 50; from Central College, 25 50; by Rev. W. T. Harrison, 12; Chesterfield circuit, by Mrs. E. E. J. Llody, 20 of the above, 20 to constitute Mrs. Lloyd a life member of the Parent Society; 10 to make Miss A. M. Dullin a life member of the South Carolina Conference Missionary Society; and to make Mrs. Eliza Ann Williams, wife of Rev. P. A. M. Williams, a life member of the
South Carolina Conference Missionary Society. From Miss Mary Ann Hopkins, to make her a life member of the South Carolina Conference Society, 10.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Cypress Circuit Missionary Society, $82 53; Pe Dee Missionary Society, 74 52; Walterboro Missionary Society, 51; Cheraw Missionary Society, 53; from Treasurer Female Missionary Society, Cokesbury, 50; 328; contents of Miss Moore's Missionary box, 10; Young Men's Missionary Society, Cokesbury, 11. N. B., $35 was lost by the Treasurer of the above society, H. J. Moore, which accounts for the smallness of the collection. Williams' circuit Missionary Society, 52; Newberry circuit Missionary Society, 63; Female Missionary Society, Tranquil, Newberry circuit, 16; Barnwell Missionary Society, through D. Felder, Esq., 35 45; J. James, J. M'Falls, 1, 36 55; Black Swamp Missionary Society, by H. J. Boyd, 48 75; balance from Charleston Missionary Society, by Rev. B. English, 11 50; Missionary Society, Camden, 30 68; Colored Society, Camden, 41 84; A Sewing Society, Camden, for Foreign Missions, 26; Juvenile Missionary Society, Fayetteville, 10; Union circuit, Missionary Society, 29; Missionary Society, Fayetteville, 37 75; Promiscuous collections on Union circuit, 21 40; collected on Montgomery circuit, 11; Adams circuit, 21; Wilmington Missionary Society, 39 80; Cooper River Missionary Society, 46 25; additional contributions from Cokesbury circuit, 2; $1812 25.

DONATIONS.

A New-Year's Gift, to aid in relieving the Missionary Society from debt, collected by Rev. H. A. C. Walker, 220; avails of industry from Mrs. H. A. C. Walker, 22; Millar Byrd, 5; George Cranberry, 1; a bequest from Thomas Blacklidge, deceased, of — circuit, through the Executor of his estate, R. R. Fraitch, Esq., 511 62; a Lady on Williams' circuit, 16; Columbus Falls, Esq. Camden, 5; Mrs. Eliza Wall, C. Kirkland, 2; Rev. J. H. Tradewill, 2; Wm. D. Watkins, 1; several persons, 73 cents; Rev. James Jenkins, (amount appropriated to him as quarterings from the Conference funds, and by him given to the missionary society,) 110 50; Pearson Lodge, No. 31, Charlotte, N. C., by Rev. J. R. Pickett, 50; Mrs. Agnes Lendhout, (aged 70 years,) avails of patch-work, for Beaufort mission, 30; from her servant, 50 cents; Mrs. Moore, 2; from her servant, 1; $1813 67.


CENTENARY COLLECTIONS.

Received from Rev. James Stacy, Treasurer of the Centenary Committee of the Methodist Southern Book Room, the proportion of centenary subscriptions for missionary purposes, $284 79;—From Rev. Henry Bass, from the centenary collections for missionary purposes, to meet a draft in favor of the missions within the bounds of the Charleston District, 50;—From Rev. W. M. Wigginton, received by him on centenary subscriptions, 80;—From Rev. H. Spain, the proportion of centenary money contributed for missionary purposes, 112. 50;—From Rev. James Stacy, Chairman Centenary Committee, proportion of centenary funds received at conference, appropriated to missions, 666 60;—Total, $1133 79.

LIFE SUBSCRIBERS.

Mrs. Mary Watts, constituted by Rev. W. L. Pegues, $10; Dr. F. G. Thomas, 10; Mrs. Mary Y. Thomas, 10; Miss E. M. Wilson, by Rev. A. W. Walker, 10; Mrs. Clara S. Walker, 10; Mrs. L. Scarborough, 10; Mrs. Eliza C. Smith, by Rev. W. Smith, 10; Miss Margaret M. Martin, by Rev. Wm. Martin, 10; Rev. J. Watts, by Rev. W. L. Pegues, 10; Miss Anna L. Crook, by Rev. W. Crook, 10; B. Oates, 10; Rev. E. S. Jones, by ten of the preachers, 10 = $120.

* From Annual Subscribers, $86.

CONTRIBUTED AT THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING IN CHARLOTTE, N. C., JANUARY 29, 1842.


RECAPITULATION.

From Missions, $2786 68
" Circuits and Stations, 1867 79
" Branch Societies, 1812 25
Donations, 843 87
Centenary subscriptions, 1133 79
Life and annual members, 146 00
Anniversary collection, (part of this is included under "Donations," "Life Subscribers," &c., the whole amount, 610 54

Total, $9,200 85
MONIES PAID AWAY.

Paid to satisfy a draft on the Treasurer of the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, in favor of Rev. H. Spain, $112.50
Paid to satisfy a draft drawn as above, in favor of Rev. H. Bass, 70.00
Discount on Savannah and Augusta Treasury Notes, 33.14
Discount on uncurreant Bills, 33.45
To Rev. H. Bass, 1st and 2d instalsments for missions in Charleston District, 1412.50
To Rev. C. Betts, 1st and 2d instalsments for missions in Columbia District, 285.50
To Rev. H. A. C. Walker, amount of draft for support of missions in Wilmington District, 1725.00 - 3423.00
Rev. H. Bass, amount of two orders held by him, 55.00
Check forwarded to Rev. George Lane, 5137.92
Premium on draft, 51.48 - 5189.40
Three drafts left to be collected and paid over to Rev. H. Bass, 135.00

Total, $9,200.85

FUND OF SPECIAL RELIEF.

Trustees.—W. Capers, Chairman; B. English, Treasurer; N. Talley, Secretary; S. Dunwoody, H. Bass, D. Derrick, and W. Crook.

The Trustees of this Fund reported to the Conference the following appropriations, which were confirmed:

To Widow Gamewell, $25.00
Widow Spain, 25.00
Widow Hartley, 25.00
Widow Morgan, 25.00
Widow C. G. Hill, 30.00
Widow Jas. Hill, 20.00
Widow Dawson, 25.00
Widow Barton, 22.00
Widow Hawkins, 10.00
Rev. John Mood, 25.00
" John Newell, 20.00
" L. Garrison, 25.00

Total, $277.00

THE TRUST

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

Board of Trustees.—Wm. M. Wightman, Chairman; Thos. E. Leadbetter, Treasurer; H. A. C. Walker, Secretary; W. Martin, J. W. Townsend, D. Derrick, and R. J. Boyd.

THE SOCIETY

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

Officers and Managers—N. Talley, President; W. Capers, Vice-President; Wm. Martin, Treasurer; H. A. C. Walker, Secretary; H. Bass, W. M. Wightman, A. McCorquodale, H. Spain, D. G. McDaniel, and ———, Managers.

EXTRA ALLOWANCES.

The Committee of the Conference (appointed under the 7th rule of the 4th section, and the 7th of the 5th of the Discipline, Part 2) have reported, and the Conference passed the following extra allowances; to be raised, one sixth part on each of the Presiding Elder's Districts:

Received from Cheraw, by Rev. A. M. Forster, $88.00
" " Charleston Ladies Working Society, 112.00
" " Wilmington, Mrs. W. A. Gamewell, 21.00
" " Lenoir, by Rev. M. A. McKibbon, 1.50
" " Cokesbury, by Rev. J. H. Wheeler, 16.27
" " Columbia, by Rev. W. Smith, 2.00
" " Camden, by Rev. W. C. Kirkland, 5.00
" " Black Swamp, by Rev. R. J. Boyd, 14.00
" " Walterboro', by Rev. T. Huggins, 7.00
" " Edgefield, by Rev. J. Tarrant, 1.00
" " Columbia ct., by Rev. W. C. Patterson, 1.62
" " Fayetteville, by Rev. C. S. Walker, 8.00

$198.12

And have appropriated it as follows:

To the Widow and Orphans of Rev. J. Gamewell, 849.50
To the Widow and Orphans of Rev. C. G. Hill, 49.50
To the Widow and Orphans of Rev. A. Morgan, 49.50
To the Widow and Orphan of Rev. J. Barton, 49.50

$198.12

They also recommend that three hundred dollars ($300) be raised the ensuing year for necessitous cases.
PASTORAL LETTER
OF THE SOUTH-CAROLINA CONFERENCE, TO THE CHURCHES WITHIN ITS BORDERS.

Dearly Beloved Brethren.—Having been again permitted in the providence of God, to meet in another Annual Conference, we have thought it well to address you a pastoral letter, affectionately urging upon your attention such considerations as seem to be of the utmost importance to your spiritual welfare, exhorting you to perseverance and patience in the work of the Lord. There are many things concerning which we might speak, brethren, but as time will not allow us to say all that might be said, we beg your patient and prayerful hearing of a few things.

1. Family Religion.—We cannot too strongly renew the advice we have given you in reference to family religion. We are deeply impressed with the conviction that whatever labour we may minister for the salvation of the rising race, little can be effected without the hearty and uniring cooperation of Christian parents. The religion we preach and which you profess, must receive its practical illustration in your domestic life and family conversation. It is not enough that your children bear that you are professors of religion; they must see in your daily deportment, the proof that your hearts are properly affected by the spirit of religion. None but a father can possess a father’s influence; none but a mother can know a mother’s love. We entreat you not to neglect the morning or the evening sacrifice of thanksgiving and prayer and praise be forgotten or neglected; but with the morning and closing day, commend your assembled household to the providence of that God whom you have taken for your portion and your all. And let not your servants be forgotten. If you reap the fruits of your carnal labours, let them receive the influence of your spiritual instruction. Remember, we beseech you, your responsibility to God on their behalf. Give no credit to the suspicion that you cannot do them good. Strive, in the cause of their religious instruction. They are members of your household; oh, let them be members of your heart, as well as of your house. We recommend that your hours for family worship be carefully selected with reference to the convenience of all your family.

2. Class Meetings.—The class meetings of our church have always been considered of great importance as means of spiritual improvement. They have been one of the peculiar features of our economy from the beginning, and are happily adapted to the encouragement of the young, the timid, and the tempted. We entreat you, brethren, not to neglect the assembling of your classes together, as the matter is of some moment, but encourage one another, and as much as possible, to see the day approaching. Some have feared that we were becoming forgetful of this blessed institution. Let it not be said of you, brethren, that you have lost your first love; but remembering the comfort of the class-meeting to you in your early religious experience, mind the same thing, walk by the same rule.

3. The Sabbath.—The institution of the Sabbath is of ancient date.—It has its sanction as well in the requirements of the appointment, as in the authority which has fixed it. Too much regard cannot be had for the day which has been handed down by God himself. Let no common cares or worldly business intrude upon the sacredness of the Lord’s day. Remember it is not our day, but God’s. And the thoughts and conversation, and anxieties of common life should all be laid aside, as well as its ordinary pursuits and employments, and the entire day be consecrated to a sacred communion with heaven. Nor should we permit those in our employ to protract that precious rest, nor allow circumstances of seemingly pressing importance to induce a violation of the fourth commandment. Let a discreet forecast be used in anticipation of the Sabbath, that no travelling or other labour be done on that day. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

4. Sunday Schools.—We are apprised that in some places our Sunday Schools are in a flourishing condition and doing well, while in others, the difficulties of forming and conducting them are very great. Where the greatest attention has been given to this interest, it has been generally found that the Sunday School is a nursery for the church. God has signally owned this institution, and crowned it with his special approbation and blessing. Many who were scholars have become teachers, and have been made partakers of the divine grace, and members of the mystical body as well as of the visible church of Jesus Christ. Cultivate then, dear brethren, your Sunday Schools, and God will give the increase to your labours.

5. The Times.—Great complaints are heard on all hands concerning the hardness of the times. It is true that a great pressure seems to rest upon our country in this regard; but the hardness of the times, and the scarcity of money are not so much to be deplored as the unfortune wreck of moral character which in some instances they have involved. Let us advise you once again to keep in view the excellent requirements of our discipline, which teaches us to borrow no money, and incur no debt without a probability of paying. Whatever losses you may meet through whatever misfortunes you may be called to pass, let there be no stain on your moral characters, but maintain the sacrifice of your nearest earthly interests for your Christian integrity. And let all these embarrassments remind you of the uncertainty of worldly good, and warn you to lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, which neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves cannot break through nor steal.

6. Missions.—On the subject of missions, beloved brethren, we desire to speak freely, out of the fulness of our hearts. We have fallen short, grievously short of our duty as a church in this most Christian interest. We feel it, we humble ourselves under the conviction of it, and with sincere desires to fetch up what is lacking in the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty, we would commune with you in the spirit of our Christian brotherhood, if peradventure we may quicken one another to greater diligence. When our fathers began the work of their calling, “to spread Scripture holiness over these lands,” some seventy years ago, the way was plain before them. From the places of their first beginnings in New-York and Maryland they spread abroad, raising societies, and forming courts on every hand, till courts grew into conferences, and the land was pervaded with their labours. It was one continuous work, extending itself among the same people, of the same language, religion, temper, and habits, and requiring only that the supply of support in the older circuits should be carried to the new. The preachers, indeed, were frequently deficient of their quarterage, (as they still are,) but there needed no separate system of support for a particular class; they were
one body of ministers interchangeably serving the same people, now in
one circuit, and then in another, in the same general work. After a
time we reached the borders of the Indian tribes and with them our
missions, as distinct from the itinerancy of the circuits, were commenced.
We might have begun before that time, in some of those fields which are
now cultivating among the negroes in parts of the Southern States, where
the white population did not (as it still does not) admit of an extension
of the work on the circuit plan; but Dr. Coke's most unfortunate persua-
sion of its being his duty to array the church against a civil injustice,
and his influence in the General conference, prevailing for a time over the
meek, but wise counsels of Bishop Asbury, so as to induce acts of that
body, giving great, and we must think, just umbrage to the Southern
people, hindered and prevented us.

With the Indians, then, we began; and at our first beginning it was
apparent that some system of support, separate from the circuit plan of
surplusage and congregational collections, was indispensably necessary to
carry on the work. The work itself was peculiar, requiring peculiar
expenditures, and done among an unchristianized people who could not be
expected to support it, or, hardly, to contribute a fraction of the amount
which it imperatively called for. For the service of such a people, there
must be allowed not only a preacher, whose time should be taken up
with preaching the Gospel, but there must also be afforded instruction in
letters, that they might be able to read the holy Scriptures; and, at least,
some insight into the plan of civilization, and a common prayer book. But the necessary helps should seem like crying to the
poor, "be ye warmed and filled," whilst we should withhold from them
the things needful for the body. To supply this lack of service, our
Missioinary Society was instituted. Its object was expressed to be, that
"of enabling the several annual conferences more effectually to extend
their missionary labours throughout the United States, and elsewhere;
and also to assist in the support and protection of missions, schools,
and stations in our own and foreign countries." And such only is its
object still. The plan was simple, and contemplated the support of
missions and mission schools, by means of auxiliary and branch societies;
the annual Conferences being expected to form themselves into
auxiliaries, having for branches as many similar societies as should be
formed in their several Conference districts.

As in the work of planting churches by circuit preachers, so also in
the missions field among the Indians, the work began its increase; and
we went on from tribe to tribe, till we had established missions in most
of the tribes skirting our western and north-western frontiers. Mean-
while the mission to the western coast of Africa was undertaken; the
door was opened for preaching and catechetical instruction to the most
needy portions of the slave population in our own States; a mission was

* To some, this remark may seem, at first sight, to reflect on the Gospel, which in
the course of the Apostles, succeeded among all people without such aids. But the first
evangelists had the gift of miracles, and seeing the miracles they wrought, their hearers
among the heathen were confirmed in their faith. God's gift to us, (and which is a
measure of confirming faith, we would not exchange for the gift of miracles) is the Holy
Bible. To read it is better than to witness miracles; and we seek to be enabled to
exhibit this paramount testimony to the truth for the confirmation of the faith of all
who hear the Gospel. The Gospel has lost much by putting the Holy Scriptures in the place
of miracles.
together to exert ourselves individually as we go among you, to promote its adoption in every place, by every member of the church.

The monthly meeting of prayer for the missions, we would also strongly recommend. Let every society be zealous to maintain it, and every member constant to attend it. We beg of our brethren, the local preachers, the exhorters, the class-leaders, to engage heartily in it as a work precious to the Lord. O, what a time is this! The missions to South-America given up, and the Missionaries called home, for want of means to support them! Africa literally crying to us in God's name for the Gospel, and we unable to impart it to her. Oregon shouting with her thousand converts her salvation come, threatened with the unnatural danger of the night coming back upon her risen sun—her risen sun sinking back into the dusk of night, not like the sun of Joshua for a longer day of triumph to the Lord, but because our Israel have not done their duty, and our Joshua will not triumph without them. Truly, brethren, it is a time for prayer—pray, more, for humiliation and repentance.

But we will not weary you with regrets for the past, but would rather encourage you to the performance of present duty. And indeed we cannot but feel, brethren, amidst the gloom which has been cast about us by the disastrous failure of our means for the support of missions, a hope, a cheering hope that even this calamity shall be over-ruled for good. Shall it not rouse the whole church, ministers and members, to take part, if individually but a small part, according to their ability, in the blessed work of rolling off this stone of stumbling and offence, and helping on the triumphs of the Gospel steadily and continually till the whole world shall rejoice in the name of Jesus. Who might withhold so small a mite as one cent a week, or fifty cents a year, for this great cause—Surely none. No, not one.

Finally, brethren, we exhort you by the love of God and Jesus Christ our Lord, that ye abound more and more in faith and love, and the fruits of righteousness, according to the hope of the Gospel that your labour shall not be in vain. Hold fast the form of sound doctrine which you have been taught. Live as knowing that the time is short. Beware of covetousness and a worldly mind. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Abide in prayer—in the unity of the Spirit—in the fellowship of saints—in the comfort of the Holy Ghost—in the joyful expectation of eternal life. And may the peace and grace of God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Ghost, be multiplied unto you, and abound in you and among you always. Amen.

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