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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. 26, 1842.

FOR THE YEAR

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TO WHICH ARE ADDED THE

REPORTS OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, &c.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE CONFERENCE.

CHARLESTON:

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No. 44 Queen-Street.

1842.

1841
MINUTES, &c.

1. *Who are admitted on trial?*

Henry M. Mood, James W. Wightman, John C. McDaniel, Henry Cloy, Manasseh Michau, William H. Brunson, James F. Smith, William H. Smith, and William Carson.—9.

2. *Who remain on trial?*

Claudius H. Pritchard, Daniel D. Cox, Samuel M. Greene, Nathan Byrd, Stafford P. Taylor, William H. Flemming, John A. Porter, Dennis J. Simmons, Solomon W. Daves, and Albert M. Shipp—10.

3. *Who are received into full connection?*

Michael Robbins, John R. Locke, Allen Huckabee, Williamson Smith, and Lewis Little—5.

4. *Who are the Deacons?*

Larke O'Neale, Zephaniah W. Barnes, Abel M. Christyberg, 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?*

Joseph P. Kerton, Wm. P. Mouzon, John H. Zimmerman, Simpson Jones, Hugh E. Ogburn, Benjamin Hamilton, and James H. Chandler—7.

6. *Who have located this year?*

John M. Deas, Wm. E. Collier, Mark Russel, and Joseph Holmes—4.

7. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

None.

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

Joseph Moore, James Jenkins, James Dannelly, Benjamin Hamilton,* Kenneth Murchison,* W. M. D. Moore, Wm. Martin,* John N. Davis, James L. Belin, David Hilliard—10.

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 *Who have withdrawn?*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?

Jehu G. Postell, and Bartlett Thomason.

NOTE—Their Memoirs not received.

13. What numbers are in Society?

Charleston District.	Local Elders.		Local Deacons.		Licentiates.		Whites.		Colored.		
	Local Elders.	Local Deacons.	Licentiates.	Whites.	Colored.	Wilmington District.	Local Elders.	Local Deacons.	Licentiates.	Whites.	Colored.
Charleston,	1	1	2	455	3535	Wilmington,	2	1	1	180	633
Charleston Neck,	1	1	1	81	25	Brunswick,	1	1	1	512	582
Black Swamp,	2	1	2	381	499	Waccamaw,	2	1	1	670	367
Walterboro',	1	1	1	675	541	Bladen,	1	3	1	620	512
Barnwell,	1	1	1	331	166	Black River,	2	2	4	675	1047
Orangeburg,	1	1	1	628	870	Georgetown,	1	1	1	135	283
Cypress,	2	2	1	822	914	Fayetteville,	1	1	1	173	300
Cooper River,	2	1	1	325	430	Pee Dee,	2	6	9	1168	739
Beaufort Mission,	3	3	3	310	310	Blk R. & P. Dee Miss. Sampit	1	1	1	16	1140
Pocotaligo,	1	1	1	295	295	Waccamaw Neck, "	1	1	1	6	495
Comb'e & Ashpeoo,	1	1	1	734	734	Cape Fear,	1	1	1	1	225
Pon Pon,	1	1	1	375	375						
South Santee,	1	1	1	450	450						
North Santee,	1	1	1	6	6						
Cooper River,	1	1	1	13	716						
	10	10	10	845	10388						
Cheraw District.											
						Cheraw,	1	1	1	79	179
						Rockingham,	2	5	4	743	371
						Cheserfield,	1	3	3	591	293
						Wadesboro',	4	3	3	715	141
						Centre,	1	1	2	653	175
						Montgomery,	1	2	5	741	89
						Deep River,	1	1	7	650	180
						Rock Fish,	1	1	1	215	156
						Waxhaw,	1	1	1	467	225
							10	12	28	4857	1679
Lincolnton District.											
						Lincolnton,	5	1	1	752	266
						Charlotte,	1	1	1	51	45
						Charlotte Circuit,	2	4	4	771	333
						York,	1	1	1	341	170
						Sparranburg,	2	1	1	580	224
						Rutherfordton,	1	1	5	748	143
						King's Mountain,	1	1	2	913	155
						Morganton,	1	1	1	571	80
						Lenoir,	1	1	1	271	39
							9	10	12	5001	1460
Recapitulation.											
						Charleston District,	10	8	15	3780	10388
						Cokesbury,	10	19	16	6579	4399
						Columbia,	16	6	24	3113	5476
						Wilmington,	16	15	20	4161	7458
						Cheraw,	10	12	28	4857	1679
						Lincolnton,	9	10	12	5001	1460
						Total this year,	63	67	110	25,491	78,860
						Total last year,	65	71	107	27,188	90,481
						Increase,	2	4	3	303	379
						Decrease,	2	4	3	303	379

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

The amount required to meet these claims is \$4659 72.

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

The amount received is \$1934 85, which has been appropriated as follows:

To Rev. David Hilliard,	\$ 37 02	Rev. Joseph Moore,	\$ 55 25
" Samuel M. Green,	10 25	" James Jenkins,	110 50
" Samuel Dunwoody,	31 02	" James Dannelly,	163 64
" William E. Collier,	37 93	" W. M. D. Moore,	110 50
" J. H. Zimmerman,	4 25	" Mark Russell,	133 12
" W. T. Harrison,	10 50	" B. Thomason,	61 09
" D. W. Seale,	77 50	" J. G. Postell,	72 93
" C. A. Crowell,	118 23	" J. N. Davis,	110 50
Bishop Roberts,	9 88	Widow and Orphans of	
Bishop Soule,	9 88	Rev. W. M. Kennedy,	103 27
Bishop Hedding,	9 88	" John Gamewell,	68 51
Bishop Andrew,	11 34	" A. Morgan,	63 51
Bishop Waugh,	11 34	" A. McPherson,	77 35
Bishop Morris,	9 88	" John Bunch,	63 51
Widow of Rev. C. G. Hill,	55 25	Widow of Rev. A. Brown,	55 25
" " Isaac Smith,	55 25	Child of Rev. J. Freeman,	13 26
" " D. Asbury,	55 25	" " J. J. Richardson,	13 26
Widow and Orphans of			
Rev. T. D. Turpin,	77 35		

NOTE.—The Conference collection from Georgetown, amounting to \$26 00, coming too late for the above appropriations, was given to the Widow of Rev. J. B. Barton, and also the small balance in the hands of the Stewards, was given to the Widow of Rev. C. G. Hill.

16. What reports have we from our Sunday Schools?

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Am't collect'd for Missions.	Am't collect'd for S. School Books.	No. Schools.	No. Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Vols. in Library.	Pages of Tracts distributed.	No. of Bibles distributed.	No. Testam't's distributed.
Charleston Neck,		44 00	1	12	78				
Black Swamp,	548 00	6 25	9	31	129	500			12
Walterboro',	51 00	12 00	16	16	302	1666	11500		5
Barnwell,	36 45	10 00	6	13	150		500		36
Orangeburg,	124 00	12 00	4	14	80	100	100	24	
Cypress,	82 53								
Cooper River,	40 25	2 00	1	2	15				
Beaufort Mission,	335 50								
Pocotaligo,	80 00								
Comb'e & Ashpeoo,	376 00								
Pon Pon,	350 00								
Carried forward,	2750 26	226 25	40	145	1199	3416	12100	49	53

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Brought forward, -	\$2750 26	256 25	40	145	1199	3416	12100	49	53
South Santee Mission, -	10 00								
North Santee " -	205 00								
Cooper River -	26 16								
Cokesbury, -	419 50	35 00	7	44	297	568		4	11
Edgefield, -	16 25		6	15	150	240	3000		
Pendleton, -	4 30		9	60	434	1000	1000		50
Greenville Station, -	13 60	9 75	1	21	60	332			
Greenville, -									
Union, -	50 40		4	16	85	866			
Laurens, -			2	11	76				
Newberry, -	153 00	7 00	7	30	198	678	2500	8	5
Aiken, -	24 00		1	7	41	52			
Saluda, -			1	3	20				
Columbia, -	448 37	40 62	1	19	103	300	1000		
Columbia Circuit, -	16 50	12 00	4	19	102				
Winnsboro', -	71 25	21 00	4	20	104		2500		
Lancaster, -	12 00		2	6	40	75			
Camden, -	163 50	3 50	1	9	35	240			
Darlington Station, -	216 00								
Darlington Circuit, -	1 00		4	18	105				
Santee, -	280 92		7	30	154				
Broad River Mission, -	52 75								
Waterce " -	233 69								
Pee Dee " -	20 00								
Wilmington, -	210 58	45 00	1	20	96	327	20000		
Brunswick, -	16 50	6 00	5	26	200	156			10
Waccamaw, -	31 43	10 00	10	37	200				
Bladen, -	4 00							4	15
Black River, -	50 00		6	24	240		3000	50	4
Georgetown, -	115 00	30 00	1	7	50	225			
Fayetteville, -	73 50	29 00	1	20	118	246	2500		
Pee Dee, -	89 69		6	22	170	305			
Bl'k R. & P. Dec Miss. -	191 09								
Sumpit " -	300 00								
Waccamaw Neck " -	470 00								
Cape Fear " -	128 00								
Rockingham, -	120 34		3	21	135	500	1400		3
Cheraw, -	108 37	30 00	1	8	30	280	10000		
Chesterfield, -	63 35		3	15	100	200	1000	6	
Wadesboro', -	44 37		2	12	70				
Centre, -	5 75	12 00	7	26	148			16	36
Montgomery, -	11 00		3	14	102				
Deep River, -									
Rock Fish, -	2 00		2	8	48				
Waxhaw, -	58 75	20 00	3	25	127	262			
Lincolnton, -	24 00	5 00	5	24	170				
Charlotte Station, -	695 87		1	9	75	350			
Charlotte Circuit, -	8 31		5	24	200		3000	7	35
Carried forward,	8000 35	465 00	166	815	5482	10618	75600	144	218

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Brought forward, -	8000 35	465 00	166	815	5482	10618	75600	144	218
York, -	10 88		2	9	70	300		4	6
Spartanburg, -	92 59	9 33	5	45	185	572	5000	7	16
Rutherfordton, -	18 00	4 60	2	6	85	150			
King's Mountain, -	6 50		6	26	115				
Morganton, -	7 50		5	20	185	340			
Lenoir, -	1 50		1	9	45				
	8137 32	478 93	187	930	6177	11980	80600	155	240

Amount collected on Circuits and Stations for Missions,.....\$8137 32
 Proportions of Centenary Subscriptions,..... 1133 79
 Bequest of Thos. Blackledge, Esq. 511 62
 Donation from Phoenix Lodge No. 31, Charlotte, N. C. 50 00
 From Rev. James Jenkins,..... 110 50

Total amount collected for Missions,.....\$9943 23
 NOTE.—In the amount collected at Charlotte Station, is included \$677 62, raised at the Anniversary of the Conference Missionary Society.

17. Where are the Preachers stationed? *1877*
 CHARLESTON DISTRICT.—Henry Bass, P. E. Charleston—Bond English, H. Spain, A. M. Shipp, W. M. Wightman, Editor Southern Christian Advocate. Charleston Neck—J. Nipper. Black Swamp—J. H. Wheeler, Campbell Smith. Walterboro'—C. Murchison, S. M. Greene. Barnwell—W. C. Patterson. Orangeburg—J. W. Townsend, W. L. Pegues. Cypress—H. H. Durant, J. C. McDaniel. Cooper River—A. M. Chrietzberg. Beaufort and Pocatoligo Mission—T. E. Leadbetter, A. J. Green. Combahee and Ashepoo Mission—J. R. Coburn. Pon Pon Mission—Charles Wilson. South Santee Mission—Martin Eady. North Santee Mission—J. R. Locke. Cooper River Mission—W. H. Flemming.
 COKEsbury DISTRICT.—N. Talley, P. E. Cokesbury—R. J. Boyd, Abel Hoyle. Edgefield—S. Dunwody, H. M. Mood. Pendleton—A. B. McGilvary, W. H. Brunson. Greenville Station—Z. W. Barnes. Greenville Circuit—T. S. Daniel, J. Tarrant. Union—A. McCorquodale, J. R. Pickett. Laurens—G. W. Moore. Newberry—J. H. Zimmerman, N. Byrd. Aiken—R. J. Limehouse.
 COLUMBIA DISTRICT.—C. Betts, P. E. Columbia—Whiteford Smith. Columbia Circuit—W. S. Haltom, W. M. Kerr. Winnsboro'—D. G. McDaniel, D. J. Simmons. Lancaster—

D. W. Seal. *Camden*—W. C. Kirkland. *Darlington*—A. M. Forster. *Darlington Circuit*—L. Scarborough. *Santee*—J. W. Wellborn, J. W. Wightman. *Wateree Mission*—W. J. Jackson. *Pee Dee Mission*—W. C. Clarke.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT—H. A. C. Walker, P. E. *Wilmington*—James Stacy. *Smithville*—T. Huggins. *Conwayboro'*—S. D. Laney, Manasseh Michau. *Bladen*—M. A. McKibben, A. Huckabee. *Black River*—A. W. Walker, S. P. Taylor, Henry Cloy. *Georgetown*—Samuel Leard. *Fayetteville*—J. B. Anthony. *Marion*—W. A. McSwain, G. R. Talley. *Black River and Pee Dee Mission*—A. Nettles, Larke O'Neale. *Waccamaw Neck Mission*—J. A. Minick, William Smith. *Sampit Mission*—P. A. M. Williams. *Cape Fear Mission*—M. C. Turrentine.

CHERAW DISTRICT—D. Derrick, P. E. *Cheraw*—W. P. Mouzon. *Rockingham*—Ira L. Potter, A. H. Richardson. *Chesterfield*—Jackey M. Bradley. *Wadesboro'*—S. W. Capers, W. H. Smith. *Centre*—H. E. Ogburn, Lewis Little. *Montgomery*—J. H. Chandler, S. W. Daves. *Deep River*—Simpson Jones, Win. Carson. *Cumberland*—C. McLeod. *Pleasant Grove*—John Watts.

LINCOLN DISTRICT—W. Crook, P. E. *Charlotte Station*—C. H. Pritchard. *Charlotte Circuit*—M. Robbins, J. A. Porter. *Lincolnton*—W. A. Gamewell, P. G. Bowman. *York*—Chas. S. Walker. *Spartanburg*—Samuel Townsend. *Rutherfordton*—C. A. Crowell, J. F. Smith. *Shelby*—J. McMackin, D. D. Cox. *Morganton*—J. P. Kirton—*Lenoir*—W. T. Harrison.

William Capers, Missionary Secretary.

James Sewell, 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 *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; Porteus' 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

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.

The work of examination shall be sub-divided 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.

The Committees of examination for each year, and the work of sub-division, as provided for in the fourth resolution above, shall be published annually in connection with the Minutes.

The following are the Committees of examination for the ensuing year:

FIRST YEAR.—On the Bible—R. J. Boyd. Biblical Biography, Geography and Chronology—H. Spain. Discipline—Nicholas Talley. Wesley's Notes—Wm. Crook.

SECOND YEAR.—Bible—J. H. Wheeler. Discipline—D. G. McDaniel. Wesley's Sermons—J. W. Townsend. Portrait of St. Paul—John Watts. Porteus' Evidences and Watson's Apology—T. E. Leadbetter. English Grammar—Ira L. Potter.

THIRD YEAR.—Bible—Bond English. Discipline—D. Derrick. Watson's Institutes—Part 1st.—T. Huggins. 2d.—Chas. Betts. 3d.—C. S. Walker. 4th.—W. A. Gamewell.

FOURTH YEAR.—Summary Review of Watson's Institutes—H. A. C. Walker. Defence of our Fathers—Saml. Leard. Views of Church History and Christian Denominations—S. W. Capers.

The first named in each year to be Chairman.

CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE SOUTH-CAROLINA CONFERENCE, AUXILIARY TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE M. E. CHURCH.

Officers and Managers.—Dr. Wm. Capers, President; S. Dunwoody, 1st Vice President; N. Talley, 2d Vice President; Whitefoord Smith, Secretary; H. A. C. Walker, Treasurer; H. Bass, J. Stacy, H. Spain, T. E. Leadbetter, W. Martin, R. J. Boyd, S. W. Capers, W. Crook, and D. Derrick, Managers.

The following is the

REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE SOUTH-CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

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 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 was received cautiously, not to say with suspicion: now, our friends are learning—nay, 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 sense 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 orally imparted*), the Board think, cannot be too strongly enforced, 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 self-denying, God-devoted men still live to labour and suffer on 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 co-operation 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 pious 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 recommend 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 and 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. Leadbetter 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. *Pocotaligo*—Rev. A. J. Green has served this mission. It covers 9 plantations; numbers 295 members, 156 children catechised; and is in a good condition—particularly so with regard to the children.

3. *Combahee and Ashepoo*.—This mission has had the services of Revs. J. R. Coburn and W. H. Flemming. It includes 15 plantations; 734 members, and 400 children instructed; and is reported as in a "prosperous state."

4. *Pon Pon*.—Rev. C. Wilson has had charge here; and reports 9 plantations served; 375 members, and 237 catechumens; and the mission as "every way prosperous."

5. *South Santee*.—Rev. H. E. Ogburn has laboured here. There are 11 plantations; 450 members; 200 catechumens; and the condition of the mission was thought to be quite prosperous until an attack of sickness which left the missionary unfit 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. *North Santee*.—Rev. J. R. Locke, the missionary, reports 15 plantations served; 528 members of the church, and 290 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. Nettles rendered his services 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. *Waterce*.—Revs. W. J. Jackson and J. Nipper have served this mission. Within it there 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 9 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 instructed, and the number of church members is 1180. The work is prospering, and the Board recommend that a second labourer be employed, in which result it is confidently believed, the mission will very nearly, if not quite support itself.

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

Waccaman Neck.—Revs. J. A. Minick and J. A. Belin have occupied the field. The ill 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 534 children instructed. This mission is in a healthful state.

14. *Cape Fear*.—Rev. J. H. Chandler was appointed to this work, but early in the year, the superintendent found it necessary to remove him to another charge, and Rev. M. C. Turrentine was employed on this mission. He reports a good state of things; 21 plantations; 152 catechumens; and 225 members. Here, there is a move upon a part of the planters to support the mission themselves, without foreign aid.

15. Besides the foregoing to the blacks, a city missionary was sent to Charleston, and has laboured with some good degree of success, particularly on Charleston Neck. He reports 105 members; and a Sunday School composed of 1 Superintendent, 12 Teachers, and 75 Scholars.—The Board recommend that this mission be discontinued, and that Charleston Neck be made a separate appointment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Charlotte, North-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. Aiken, Esq., 150;—\$350.

Waterce Mission, Rev. W. J. Jackson—J. M. Desaussure, Esq., \$60; Capt. Thomas Long, 25; Mr. L. Boykin, and Lady, 20; Mrs. Mary

McRea, 20; Col. James Chesnut, Senr., 15; Mrs. E. Chesnut, 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—Francis Withers, Esq., \$300.

Combahee and Ashepoo Mission, Rev. J. R. Coburn—Hon. R. Barnwell Rhett, \$100; T. M. Rhett, Esq., 15; John G. Godfrey, Esq., 20; E. J. Webb, Esq., 15; Hon. T. Lowndes, 100; Estate of W. M. Smith, Esq., 50; Nath. Heyward, Jr. Esq., 50; Mrs. James L. Gibbes, 25;—\$375.

Cooper River Mission, Rev. Abraham Nettles—From a friend to missions, \$10; John Venning, Esq., 5; Mrs. Mary Lamb, 1; collections at church, 10 16;—\$26 46.

Waccamaw Neck Mission, Rev. J. A. Minick and Rev. J. Belin—Col. W. A. Allston, \$100; Col. T. Pinckney Allston, 50; Charles Allston, Esq., 100; Col. J. J. Ward, 100; Dr. I. D. McGill, 10; Col. R. F. Allston, 10; Francis Withers, Esq., 100;—\$470.

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, 10; J. B. McDaniel, Esq., 10; D. McDowell, Esq., 10; John Ann. Senr., Esq., 15; J. R. Eastering, Esq., 10; A. B. Jayroe, Esq., 10; E. P. Coachman, Esq., 10; F. Green, Esq., 5; J. J. Green, Esq., 9; W. G. Lawrence, Esq., 10; N. Tory, Esq., 5; a friend, 5; J. J. A. McDowell, Esq., 2; Sundry persons, 4 09—\$191 09.

North Santee Mission, Rev. J. Locke—A. Johnson, Esq., \$25; James H. Ladson, Esq., 30; Hon. H. Deas, 20; Maj. W. R. Maxwell, 20; Messrs. R. & C. Lowndes, 20; Mrs. H. D. Lowndes, 20; J. R. Pringle, 20; Mrs. Susan C. White, 5; E. M. Doar, Esq., 5; S. M. B. Hazleden, Esq., 5; J. K. Mummerlyn, Esq., 5; A. Thomas, Esq., 5; Miss Mary Bowman for 1841, 20;—\$200.

Beaufort Mission, Rev. T. E. Leadbetter—C. Campbell, Esq., \$20; T. Osburn Barnwell, Esq., 20; John S. Smith, 50; Mrs. Mary Barnwell, 5; Mrs. Robert Means, 30; Dr. Thomas Means, 48; Mrs. Middleton Stewart, 20; Misses A. and E. Barnwell, 22; Capt. J. G. Barnwell, 15; T. Cuthbert, Esq., 20; Dr. T. Fuller, 40; Rev. Bishop Elliot, 15; Rev. Stephen Elliot, 30; Estate of Mrs. A. Habersham, by Rev. S. Elliott, 25; \$360.

Pocotaligo Mission, Rev. A. G. Green—H. M. Stewart, Esq., \$30; F. G. Fraser, Esq., 50;—\$80.

Broad River Mission, Rev. J. Holmes—D. H. Kerr, Esq., \$20; Gen. John Means, 11 75; E. Means, Esq., 10; J. G. Oneale, Esq., 5; Miss Harriet Thomson, 1; Mr. Anderson, 1; from a lady, a friend to missions, 1 50; from colored people, 2 50;—\$52 75.

Cape Fear Mission, Rev. M. C. Turrentine—Dr. J. F. Hill, \$25; Dr. A. J. DeRoseite, 10; M. Bryant, Esq., 5; D. A. Flemming, Esq., 7; J. G. Hall, Esq., 5; H. N. Howard, Esq., 10; John Swan, Esq., 6; Dr. J. H. Hill, Esq., 5; A. D. Moor, Esq., 5; J. H. Waters, Esq., 10; R. Gibbs, Esq., 10; from a lady, 5; from another lady, 10; 2 of which is to constitute her a life member for 1840 and 1841. Mrs. Means, 10; James Godwin, 5;—\$123.

Pee Dee Mission, Moses S. McColl, Esq., \$20.

COLLECTIONS ON THE CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

Santee Circuit.—By Rev. J. W. Welborn, Pine Log, \$3 56½; Hebron, 3 12; St. Pauls, 20; Gethsemane, 2 88; Oak Grove, 1 44; St. Marks, 1 80; Rehoboth, 9; Remberts, 11 75; Providence, collected by Miss L. H. Richardson, 47; from the same for the Oregon Mission, 10; St. Luke, 13; Bethlehem, 10 25; Bethany, 11 12½; Marshalls, 3 50; New Salem, 8 25; St. John's, 6 93½; Lodebar, 10; Sardis, 6 81½; Colored people, Sumterville, 6; Sumterville Society, 18 50;—\$201 92½.

Spartanburg Circuit.—By Rev. S. W. Capers Newton Goudelock, Esq., 1; Col. W. T. Nuckolls, 5; W. Goudelock, Esq., 0 50; Mr. Houey, 1; some little girls at Pleasant Grove, 1 50; Mrs. Nancy Dawkins, 5; Rev. C. Smith, 1 25; Miss A. E. Capers, 1 18½; Major James E. Henry, 5; Simpson Bobo, Esq., 5; Major John F. Kerby, 5; W. B. Seay, Esq., 1; Major E. C. Leitner, 2 50; Dr. W. Moore, 1; Mrs. Mary C. Moore, 1; Mrs. E. M. Seay, 1; Dr. A. J. Bevins, 1; Dr. J. J. Vernon, 1; Maj. J. P. Dawkins, 1; some little girls at Spartaaburg, 0 40; Sundry public collections, 40 86;—\$89 10.

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

Juvenile Missionary Society, Charleston, \$48 86.

Missionary Collections at Georgetown, by Rev. S. Leard, \$110.

York Circuit, by Rev. S. Townsend; Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, \$2; Public collection, 8 87½; Greenville Station, 13 60; from Orangeburg circuit, 90; collected on Wimsboro' circuit, by Rev. D. G. McDaniel, 9 25; Waccamaw circuit, 31 43; Brunswick circuit, 11 50; Wadesboro' 33 37½; Morganton, 7 56; Lenoir, 1 50; Chesterfield, 3 35; Rockingham, for Texas Mission, 21 36; Concert meeting at Bennettsville, 4 75; Rockingham Home Missions, 82 23; 20 of the above to constitute Mrs. Hoyle a life member of the Parent Society, and \$10 to make Rev. A. Hoyle a life member of the South-Carolina Conference Missionary Society. Rutherford circuit, by Rev. A. B. McGilvray, 18; Black River circuit, 50; Darlington circuit, 1; Colored people, Fayetteville, 13 37½; Rock Fish, 2; collected on the Waxaw circuit, by Rev. John Watts, 55 75; Kings Mountain circuit, 6 50; Lincoln circuit, 24; Charlotte circuit, 8 34; Charlotte station, 28 25; Columbia, South-Carolina, by Rev. W. Smith, Missionary Society, 236 12½; Sunday School Missionary Society, 12; Young Ladies' Working Society, 5; Public collection, 185 25; in all, 438 37½;—from Wadesboro' circuit, 1 50; by Rev. D. Seale, from Laurens circuit, 1 50; Wadesboro' circuit, 1 50; James Gibson, Esq., Darlington, 1; Edgefield circuit, 1 25; Santee circuit, by Rev. W. S. Halton, for Oregon Mission, 17 50; Pendleton, 4 30; Darlington, Dr. John P. Zimmerman, 20; George Huggins, Senr., 5; William Y. Laton, 5; Wm. 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 Pee Dee Mission, 50; Ladies' Working Society, 33 56; Mrs. Furman, 0 50; from Lancaster circuit, by Rev. W. T. Harrison, 12; Chesterfield circuit, by Mrs. E. M. J. Lloyd, 40—of the above, 20 is to constitute Mrs. Lloyd a life member of the Parent Society; 10 to make Miss M. A. J. Middleton a life member of the South-Carolina Conference Missionary Society; and 10 to make Mrs. Eliza Ann Williams, wife of the 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 82; Walterborough Missionary Society, 51; Cheraw Missionary Society, 83; from Treasurer Female Missionary Society, Cokesbury, 58 50; Missionary Tract and Sunday School Society of Cokesbury, 328; contents of Miss L. 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. Wmnsboro' 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; James J. Millhouse, 1,—36 45; Black Swamp Missionary Society, by R. J. Boyd, 488 75; balance from Charleston Missionary Society, by Rev. B. English, 11 50; Missionary Society, Camden, 90 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; Aiken circuit, 24; Wilmington Missionary Society, 99 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, \$20; avails of industry from Mrs. H. A. C. Walker, 22; Millar Byrd, 5; George Cunnerty, 1; a bequest from Thomas Blackledge, deceased, of ——— circuit, through the Executor of his estate, R. R. Fralick, Esq., 511 62; a Lady on Wmnsboro' circuit, 10; Columbus Haile, Esq., Camden, 5; Mrs. Eliza Wall, Centre circuit, 2; Rev. J. H. Tradewell, 2; Wm. D. Watkins, 1; several persons, 75 cents; Rev. James Jenkins, (amount appropriated to him as quarterage from the conference funds, and by him given to the missionary society,) 110 50; Phoenix Lodge, No. 31, Charlotte, N. C., by Rev. J. R. Pickett, 50; Mrs. Agnes Leadbetter, (aged 70 years,) avails of patch-work, for Beaufort mission, 30; from her servant, 50 cents; Mrs. Moore, 2; from her servant, 1;—\$843 87.

By Rev. W. M. Wightman—Rev. Daniel Johnson, \$10, Cheraw; A. J. Kean, Esq., 10, South Santee; Edward R. Frost, Esq., 25, North Santee Mission; Mrs. Adkinson, 5, Georgetown; Rev. J. Watts, 3; A Lady of Charleston for the Oregon Mission, 1 50. By Rev. S. W. Kennerly, collected on Edgefield circuit, 15;—Total, \$69 50.

CENTENARY COLLECTIONS.

Received from Rev. James Stacy, Treasurer of the Prudential Committee of the Methodist Southern Book Room, the proportion of centenary subscriptions for missionary purposes, \$224 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 Dis-

trict, 50;—From Rev. W. M. Wightman, 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. Chas. 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. Janes, by ten of the preachers, 10;—\$120.

* From Annual Subscribers, \$26.

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

Rev's. H. A. C. Walker, T. S. Daniel, Mrs. Ann M. Davis, John Lawson, Jas. Connelly, B. M. Edney, E. H. Andrews, Col. B. S. Gaither, Geo. Danlap, Dr. Happoldt, Revs. T. E. Leadbetter, D. Derrick, R. J. Boyd, and N. B. Taylor—\$10 each. Revs. K. Murchison, H. Bass, W. P. Mouzon, Dr. Capers, W. J. Jackson, J. E. Smith, A. M. Shipp, A. J. Green, W. M. D. Moore, A. B. McGilvray, J. W. Townsend, L. O'Neale, W. C. Clarke, C. H. Pritchard, W. C. Kirkland, D. G. McDaniel, W. A. McSwain, S. Townsend, Jas. Stacy, A. Huckabee, Z. W. Barnes, J. A. Minick, S. Lander, and H. Spain, Mrs. M. Taylor, Mrs. M. Lowry, Miss E. Chaffin, Mrs. Ann M. Davis, T. R. Hughes, Major Smith, 5 each.—From 120 persons, to educate four African boys in Africa, to be named Samuel Danwody, Henry Bass, William Capers, and Hartwell Spain, 120; Rev. J. L. Belin, 30; Rev. J. H. Wheeler, 20; public collection, 150 54;—\$590 68.

RECAPITULATION.

From Missions,	\$2786 68
“ Circuits and Stations,	1867 72
“ Branch Societies,	1812 25
Donations,	843 87
Centenary subscriptions,	1133 79
Life and annual members,	146 00
Anniversary collection, (a part of this is included under “Donations,” “Life Subscribers,” &c., the whole amounting to near \$1700,)	610 54
Total,	\$9,200 85

NOTE.—The amount here stated, and that in the answer to the question, “What amount has been raised for missions?” in the minutes do not agree; the reason for which is, that in the latter place the amounts collected by our indefatigable Secretary, Dr. Capers, and by him forwarded to New York, are included; while in the former, the amount only, which came into the hands of the Treasurer of the South-Carolina Conference Missionary Society, is stated.

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, 3 31	
Discount on uncurrent bills, 30 14	33 45
To Rev. H. Bass, 1st and 2d instalments for missions in Charleston District,	1412 50
To Rev. C. Betts, 1st and 2d instalments 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 ditto,	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 Hankins,	10 00
Rev. John Mood,	25 00
“ John Newell,	20 00
“ L. Garrison,	25 00
	\$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,	-	\$8 00
“ “ Charleston Ladies Working Society,	-	112 00
“ “ Wilmington, Mrs. W. A. Gamewell,	-	21 00
“ “ Lenoir, by Rev. M. A. McKibbin,	-	1 50
“ “ Cokesbury, by Rev. J. H. Wheeler,	-	16 25
“ “ 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,	-	\$49 50
To the Widow and Orphans of Rev. C. G. Hill,	-	49 50
To the Widow and Orphans of Rev. A. Morgan,	-	49 56
To the Widow and Orphan of Rev. J. Barton,	-	49 56
		\$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 BOUNDS.

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 us important 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 advices we have given you in reference to family religion. We are deeply impressed with the conviction that whatever labours we may minister for the salvation of the rising race, little can be effected without the hearty and untiring co-operation 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 hear 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 let not the morning or the evening sacrifice of thanksgiving and prayer and praise be forgotten or neglected; but with every opening 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 their carnal labours, let them receive the influence of your spiritual instructions. Remember, we beseech you, your responsibility to God on their behalf. Give no credit to the supposition that you cannot do them good. Spare no effort for their religious instruction. They are members of your household; oh, let them be members with you of the household of faith. 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, forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is; but encourage one another, and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Some have feared that you 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 reasonableness of the appointment, as in the authority which has fixed it. Too much regard cannot be had for the day which has been hallowed by God himself. Let no common cares or worldly business intrude upon the sanctity 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 profane 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 in 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 unfortunate wreck of moral character which in some instances they have involved. Let us advise you one and all to keep in view that excellent requirement 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 upon your moral characters, but maintain at the sacrifice of your dearest earthly interests your Christian integrity. And let all these embarrassments remind you of the uncertainty of worldly good, and warn you to lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where 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 “to 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 circuits on every hand, till circuits 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 surplus 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 persuasion of its being his duty to array the church against a civil institution, and his influence in the General conference, prevailing for a time over the meek, but wiser 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 surplussage and conference collections, was indispensably necessary to carry on the work. The work itself was peculiar, requiring peculiar expenditures, and done among an uncivilized 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 afforded 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 plainer arts of civilized life. *To furnish them a preacher without 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 Missionary 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 promotion of missionary schools, and missions 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 preaching, so also in the missionary 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. Meanwhile 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 time 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 as a means of confirming faith, we would not exchange for the gift of miracles,) is the Holy Bible. To read this is better than to witness miracles; and all we ask is to be enabled to exhibit this paramount testimony to the truth for the confirmation of the faith of all who hear us. The Gospel has lost nothing by putting the Holy Scriptures in the place of miracles.

commenced in South-America at Rio Janeiro, Buenos Ayres, and Monto Video; and lastly, and with wonderful encouragement, to the Indians beyond the Rocky Mountains. All this time we had experienced no reverses. The system of supporting missions by means of missionary societies had indeed but partially been put in practice; but means were always furnished as our wants arose, partly by the operations of the societies, and partly by spontaneous contributions by numerous wealthy friends. The increase of labour also in this department of the work, was furnished with no less facility than the means of support:—a facility evidently resulting in every instance from the clearest conviction on the part of those called, that they were following in the way of God's especial providence. Thus it was with us till the late reverses in the monetary affairs of the country suddenly surprised us with the painful fact that our means were exhausted, our treasury in debt, and the very existence threatened of some of our missions. Appeals for relief, loud and repeated, were made to the church by the Treasurer at New-York, and others, with a hope and expectation that a fact so painfully mortifying to Christian piety needed only to be known in order to its being corrected. But until this time the evil continued without abatement; our debt for the missions is even increasing; and time only serves to show that the country, embarrassed as it is, and our system of supplies for our missions by missionary societies neglected as it is, there is no hope of supporting the work so happily commenced, and hitherto, successfully carried on. The wealthy friends, on whom alas, we too much relied, and the sufficiency of whose liberality we vainly trusted, instead of engaging the whole church to unite as one man to bear on and on the Gospel banner, have been impoverished with the times, and can only sigh for their inability to assist us.

But it is right; and God, in all this, rebukes our negligence, and forces on us a conviction of our duty. We have been egregiously in fault in all this matter. We ought to have learned wisdom from the example of the Saviour noticing the contributors to the treasury of the Temple.—"He saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury; and he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites." The service of God, consist in what it may, is intended for all, and shall be shared by all. And thus it is with respect to the support of missions. Those do well who of their "abundance" cast in "much;" and those still better who of their "penury" cast in "mites." All are alike bound to the duty, that all may alike be partakers of the benefit. "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." "And God is able to make all grace abound towards you, that ye always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work." We have wronged you brethren, especially the poor, by not having been diligent to carry out into every class in all the circuits and stations where we labour, such a system of collections for the support of missions as would engage you all, rich and poor, men, women and children, as contributors to this blessed cause. A system which is fully carried out, taking but little from any, yet a little from every one, would furnish by "mites," week after week, and year after year, an unfailling supply for the wants of the work till the last of the heathen shall be converted to God. Most earnestly do we as a Conference, recommend this plan to you; and while we do so, we have engaged

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—nay, more, for humilia' on 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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