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MINUTES
of the
South Carolina Annual Conference
of the
Methodist Episcopal Church
1843

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MINUTES
OF THE
SOUTH-CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
FOR THE YEAR
1843.
TO WHICH ARE ADDED THE
REPORTS OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, &c.;
PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE CONFERENCE.

CHARLESTON:
PRINTED BY B. B. HUSSEY, 48 BROAD-STREET.
1843.
MINUTES, &c.

1. Who have been admitted on trial?

2. Who remain on trial?

3. Who are received into full connection?

4. Who are the Deacons?

5. Who have been elected and ordained Elders?
   Lark O'Neal, Zephaniah W. Barnes, Abel M. Chreitzberg, Jacob Nipper, Wesley L. Pegues, Martin Eady, Alfred Richardson, and Wm. A McSwain.—8.

6. Who have been located this year?

7. Who are the supernumerary preachers this year?
   Wm. M. Kerr.

8. Who are the superannuated or worn out Preachers?
   Joseph Moore, James Jenkins, James Dannelly, John N. Davis, James L. Bellin, David Hilliard, Campbell Smith, and B. Hamilton. (Jas. Jenkins and B. Hamilton relinquish their disciplinary claim.)

9. Who have been expelled this year?
   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 Who have withdrawn?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?
    None.

Note.—Those marked thus, (*) were ordained Deacons last year.
13. What numbers are in Society?

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

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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 Circuit?

The amount necessary to meet those claims is $3780 13.
## Circuits and Stations

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## Where are the Preachers Stationed?

### Charleston District
- R. J. Boyd, P. C.
- Wm. Capers, Missionary Secretary
- W. M. Wightman, Editor of the Southern Chri-tian Advocate
- Trinity, James Lynch
- Bethel, H. Bass
- Columbia, W. C. Kirkland
- St. James, J. Nipper
- Black Swamp—J. H. Wheeler, W. G. Conner
- Walterboro
- C. Murdock
- Orangeburg
- D. G. McDaniel
- John G.
- Cypress
- J. W. Welborn
- L. M. Little
- Cooper River
- L. Scarborough
- Mrs. Blythe—T. E. Leadbeater
- A. M. Christenson
- Pocotalga
- J. Green
- Chobehe
- Abbeville—R. C. Conner
- North countert—Samuel Lord
- S. M. Green
- Cooper River
- A. Nelles
- Savannah River
- M. Robins
- D. D. Cox

### Cokesbury District
- N. Talley, P. E.
- Cokesbury
- W. Cook
- W. H. Brinson
- Edgefield—S. Dunwoody
- W. H. Flemmings
- Pendleton—D. W. Seal
- J. E. Davis
- Greenville Circuit—H. M.wood
- Greeneville Circuit—J. McMackin
- W. M. Kerr
- Sup. Union—A. R. Cooper, W. T. Harrison
- Laurens
- G. W. Moore
- Newberry—J. H. Zimmerman
- D. Boyd
- Aiken


Manchester—To be supplied.


Cape Fear—M. C. Turman.


Spartanburg—J. H. Lock, transferred to Alabama Conference, and stationed on Russell Circuit.

18. Where shall our next Conference be held?
At Georgetown, So. Ca., February 7th, 1844.

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

THE COURSE OF STUDY, &c.

"For the First Year.—The Holy Bible and the Discipline, as before; Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary, the latest edition, to be read and understood; and also the liberal instruction 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, with 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 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.
COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

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


Samuel W. Capers, to preach the Sermon before the preachers.

CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS.

The Missionary Society of the South-Carolina Conference auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church.

Officers and Managers—W. Capers, President; S. Dunwoody, 1st Vice President; N. Talley, 2d Vice President; Whitefoord Smith, Secretary; R. A. G. Wall, Treasurer; W. M. Wightman, Assistant Treasurer. H. Bass, J. Stacey, J. H. Wheeler, T. E. Leadbetter, C. Betts, R. J. Boyd, S. W. Capers, B. English and D. Derrick, Managers.

The following is the REPORT

Of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference for 1843.

It has been the custom of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society to report from year to year, the progress of the works with which they are more immediately connected. And in doing so, they have had abundant cause of gratitude to God, for His gracious protection of the field of labour, and for the very signal success which has crowned it.

The Missionary field which is particularly committed to the South Carolina Conference, is one of the humblest, and at the same time one of the most interesting and important. It is true, we bring no spoils from distant lands, nor have we those associations of a high antiquity, to give interest to the scene of our missionary labors. This service is emphatically the service of the poor, and looks for its reward, not to the praise of man, but the approval of God.

For a long series of years, that large class of our population, the slaves, on many of the plantations, had no opportunity of religious instruction. They lived and died the slaves of superstition and of sin. To the eye of the contemplative Christian, their condition was the most deplorable which could well be conceived. Ignorant of all worldly science, they were doomed to pass life's pilgrimage, the victims of constant apprehension and fear; while wholly uninstructed in the higher truths of religion, they could only look forward to death as terrible, and to the eternity beyond, of its shadows ever hung over their souls, as a wide and unknown waste of ages. If they did not bow down to the idols of their father-land, they worshipped they knew not what—when they were free from the vices of refined society, they were under the domination of the darkest passions of a savage state. It was in the state of ignorance and wretchedness and sin, that the Gospel found them. Indeed, so debased were their intellectual and moral powers that many regarded the idea of their improvement as chimerical, and fancied that they were even beyond the reach of the Gospel itself. But the Gospel "is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." And now, after twelve years of missionary labor bestowed upon this most unpromising and uninviting field, we may with joy and thankfulness, exclaim, "Wilt thou God wrong?" The aggregate number of those gathered into the fold of Christ, and now accepted members of our Church, as reported at our present session of the Conference, in those fields of missionary service, is more than six thousand; while many others have died in the faith, and passed to their better home. And how much brighter is the prospect before the succeeding generation of these lowly poor, when three thousand one hundred and thirty-two of their children are under the catechetical instruction of the Ministers of Christ.

The Board have cause of joy over another particular connected with this department of our work. When first the mission to the slaves was instituted, great alarm existed, that from exposure to the missions of our own, and other congregations, the slaves, who were taught in the advantages of those missions, might be led by their influence to desert their temporal leaders and our Church. This alarm has not been realized; but the opposite has been the case. We have seen, that the extent of our work has been greatly increased, and the influence which has been spread over the South Carolina Conference, is one of the humblest, and at the same time one of the most interesting and important. It is true, we bring no spoils from distant lands, nor have we those associations of a high antiquity, to give interest to the scene of our missionary labors. This service is emphatically the service of the poor, and looks for its reward, not to the praise of man, but the approval of God.

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continuing to enjoy the confidence of the planters. It embraces 14 plantations with 574 Church members and about 350 children under instruction. The Board recommend that two preachers be employed on this mission.

4. Pon Pon Mission has been under the charge of the Rev. Charles Wilson. It includes 10 plantations, and 522 Church members, with 235 children catechised. This mission is likewise in a flourishing condition; and the Board recommend that an additional missionary be employed in this field.

5. South Santee Mission has been served by the Rev. M. Eady. There have been connected with this mission 5 plantations, 118 Church members and 70 children catechised. The Board advise the discontinuance of this mission, in consequence of the transfer of many of its members.

6. North Santee Mission has been under the charge of the Rev. John R. Locke. The preacher on this mission having removed to Alabama, the Board have no statistical information respecting it. The preceding Elder represents it as in a very sound and healthful state. Last year's report gave 6 white and 522 colored members.

7. Cooper River Mission has been served by the Rev. William H. Flemming. It embraces 9 plantations with 10 white and 700 colored members, and 110 children catechised. The Board regret that sufficient interest is not felt in this mission by those whose plantations are served.

8. Cooper River Mission has been under the charge of the Rev. J. W. Clark. It is represented as in a good condition. It embraces 8 plantations, with 147 Church members, and 150 children catechised.

9. Black River and Pon Dee was under the care of Reverends A. Nettles and L. O. Neal. It comprises 15 plantations, having 550 Church members, and 249 children catechised.

10. Waccamaw Neck Mission has been served by Reverends J. A. Minorick and W. E. Smith. It is represented as in a very good condition; and has 5 white and 504 colored Church members, and 528 children under regular catechetical instruction.

11. Sampit Mission contains 12 plantations, and has 178 Church members, and 200 children catechised. It has been under the care of the Rev. P. A. Williams, and is reported as a prosperous state.

12. Cape Fear Mission has been served by the Rev. M. C. Turrentine. It embraces 24 plantations, with 42 white and 324 colored members, and 293 children catechised. This mission is also considered in a prosperous condition.

The Board strongly recommend the establishment of a mission to the slaves on Congaree, in the vicinity of Columbia.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Of the South-Carolina Conference Missionary Society.

H. A. C. Walker, Treasurer in account with the Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference.

FROM MISSIONS.

February, 1843.

Dr. North Santee, by Rev. H. Bass—Mrs. Horsey, $20; J. H. Lacyson, Esq. 25; A. Johnson, Esq. 20; Messrs. R. & C. Loundes, 2; Major W. R.

Maxwell, 20; E. Frost, Esq. 25; J. R. Pringle, Esq. 20; Mrs. A. D. Loundes 20; Missionary Boxes of Master Benjamin A. Mannery, Miss Emma Mannery, and Master J. K. Mannery, 80 cts.—$170.80.

South Santee, by Rev. H. Bass—Mrs. Keeve, Esq.—$8.

Cooper River, by Rev. H. Bass—J. Venning, Esq. 5; collection by Rev. W. H. Flemming, 6.—$11.

Cape Fear, by Rev. M. C. Turrentine—Dr. F. J. Hill, 25; a Lady, 25 50; W. H. Hall, Esq. 10; T. G. Drew, 7 s. 3 d.; J. H. Watters, Esq. 20; J. G. Hall, Esq. 5; T. Green, Esq. 3; Capt. S. Potter, Esq. 20; Dr. A. J. De Rossell, Jan. 5; Dr. J. D. Bellamy, 10; D. Godwin, Esq. 5; public collections, 10—$125 50.


Black River and Pee Dee, by Rev. A. Nottles—Hon. J. R. Poinsett, 20; J. Aynn, Sen. Esq. 15; R. H. Collins, Esq. 10; T. B. Hamline, Esq. 5; Capt. J. H. Alston, 30; Capt. F. Couchman, Esq. 5; Mrs. McDonald, 5; F. Wes- tphal, Esq.; Rev. J. H. Woodruff, 50; Rev. J. R. Spurlock, 10; W. E. Sparlunk, 5; P. W. Frasier, Esq. 20; W. G. Lawrence, 5; Col. B. F. Hunt, 15. — Pringle, Esq. 25; W. G. Bellane, Esq. 5; A. B. Jayroe, Esq. 5; J. W. Smith, 15; H. R. Henney, 50 cts.; several persons, 3 75—$245 50.

Report, by the Rev. W. J. Jackson—Maj. J. M. Desesnaue, 50; J. C. B. Dury, Esq. (for $141, 29; for $39) 39; L. Boyd, Esq. and lady, 20; Messrs. H. H. and J. H. Alston, 20; Mr. R. Harrer, English, 5; J. L. Little, Esq. 10; Col. J. Chosant, Sen. 10; Mrs. Ellen Chosant, 10; J. W. Arthur, 5; Dr. J. B. Jennings, 5; Mrs. Mary McRea, 20; Capt. Thomas Lang, 25; several persons,—$283.

Cowhacker and Ashepoo, by Rev. J. R. Coburn—Hon. T. Louden, 100; Hon. R. B. Rhett, 100; H. Hayward, Esq. 50; Estate of W. M. Smith, 40; J. G. G. Taylor, 40; Mrs. J. L. Gibbs, 25; Capt. J. W. Hay, 15; W. R. Rhett, Esq. 15; Master J. R. Coburn and Miss M. A. Coburn's little missionary boxes, 7 60, Lydia, Mr. C.'s servant, 5.—$286 00.

Waccamaw Neck, by Rev. J. A. Minorick—Capt. J. J. Ward, 100; W. A. Alston, Esq. 100; C. Alston, 100; Col. T. A. Alston, 50; Col. Arthur P. Alston, 20; Mrs. and Mrs. H. J. Thompson, 7—$577.

Pee Dee, by Rev. C. B. Carter—J. Gibson, Esq. 50; Major W. H. Cannon, by Rev. W. C. Clarke, 20; J. M. Claughton, 10; colored persons, 3.—$83.

Pon Pon, by Rev. C. Wilson—W. Hauen, Esq. 150; Col. L. Morris, 50; Mrs. Amr Morris, 50; Charles Bonning, 150.—$400.

Boatyard and Pecanwood, by Rev. T. E. Leathes—Dr. T. Fuller, 35; T. O. Barnwell, Esq. 35; Mrs. M. Stewart, 30; Mrs. J. G. Barnwell, 20; Misses Ann and Emily Barnwell, 25; Mr. R. McRae, 30; Dr. B. S. Adams, 20; Rev. S. Elliott, Sen. 50; Miss Maria Habeplia, 25; Thomas Fuller, Esq. 12; Capt. E. Barnwell, 20; H. Stuart, Esq. 25; R. Chisolm, Esq. 140.—$412.—Total, $2603 85.

FROM AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Treasurer Wadesboro' Missionary Society, by the Rev. S. W. Capers, $240; George Washington Missionary Society, by Rev. E. L. Head, 53; Wil- lington Missionary Society, by J. Stave, 57 19; Camden Ladies' Missionary Society, by Rev. W. Millard, Treasurer, 9 95; Fayetteville Juvenile Missionary Society, by H. G. Hall, Treasurer, 13; Charleston Companions Missionary Society of Colored Men, 55 75; Charleston Free Colored Female Missionary Society, 84 81; Charleston Juvenile colored Missionary Society, 33 35; Chesterfield Missionary Society, by Rev. J. M. Bradley, 7 30; Rockingham, by Rev. J. M. Potter, 147 35; by Dr. T. T. Miss and S. S.
Societies, by do. from Texas, 23, 8, 170, 43; Pleasant Grove, for relief of the Missionary Society, by Rev. J. Watts, 30; do. by do. 89, 20, 139, 20; Cumberland, by Rev. C. M. Leest, 23, 35; Saint Paul, by do. 89, 22, 140, 22; Shumette, 35, 43; Goldsman, 4, 45; Goodell, 35, 17; Bethel, 1, 82, 83; Marks, 1, 50; Robb, 30; St. Pauls, 38, 40; Hebron, 10, 50; Pine Log, 10; Laclede, by Rev. Co. 15, 31; Clerks, 6, 50; Sanders 1, 57; St. Lukes, 17; Newalem, 1, 63; Providence, 15, 66; Bethlehem, 13, 66; Bethany, 11, 80; John's 15, 57; Colored people at Shumette, 4, 37; do. at St. Paul's, 15, 80—

Black River, by Rev. A. Walker, 78; Camden, by Rev. C. F. Kirkland, 55; Cokesbury Female Missionary Society, by Rev. W. B. McSwain, 55; Mason, by do. 89, 80; Bethel, 8, 59; Providence, 37, 55; Ark. 2, 50; Old New, 50; St. Paul's, 57; Marion, 58, 75; Aries, 6; Liberty Chapel, 4; Tabernacle, 5; Sunday persons, 4, 75, 77, 69; Black Swamp, by Rev. J. H. Wheeler. 178, 7; Greenville and Hopewell, by Rev. T. S. Daniel, 7; Union, by Rev. Allen McCormick, 21, 25; Laurens, by Rev. L. M. Moore, 21, 50; Centre, by M. L. McKinzie, 3, 31; Hope, 1, 29; Mt. Harmony, 5, 31; Mt. Zion, 3; Union, 1, 10; Mt. Pleasant, 8, 7; Liberty, 5; Salon, 1, 25; Bethel, 2, 60; Union, 1, 50; Carried, 50; Stony Hill, 3, 35; Randals, 3, 58; Shady Grove, 1, 22; Bethesda, 7, 80; Collections, 8, 10; 90; Walterboro, by Rev. C. Murrell, 15, 14; Columbia, by Rev. W. S. Halton, 23, 21; Charleston, for relief of the missionary society, by Rev. R. Bass, 22, 12; do. in balance, by Rev. B. English, 10, 50; Black Swamp, for relief of the missionary society, by Rev. H. Bass, 8, 58; do. by do. 218, 30; Walterboro, by do. 135, 82; do. for relief of missionary society, 31, 58; 218, 10; Orangeburg, by do. by Rev. H. Bass, 17, 35; Charleston Juvenile Missionary Society, by John W. 8, 41; Cokesbury, by Rev. R. J. Boyd, 314; Columbia, (balance) by Rev. W. Shaft, 205; 3, 35—

COLLECTIONS ON CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

Aiken Circuit, by Rev. A. Talley, $11, 25; Columbia, colored people, by Rev. W. Smith, 58, 84; Charleston, by Rev. C. H. Pritchard, 23, 75; do. colored people by do. 26, 10; 98, 95; Cheraw, (20 of which to contribute brother D. Derrick a life member of the Parochial Society, and 10 to constitute Rev. W. P. Monzon a life member of the South Carolina Conference Missionary society), by Rev. W. P. Monzon, 76, 70; Smithville, by Rev. T. Huggins; Winnsboro, by Rev. D. McDaniell, 80, 12; do. for relief of missionary society, 11, 50; Yorkville, by Rev. C. S. Walker, 30, 59; Barnwell, by Rev. W. G. Patterson, 35; Charleston Neck, by Rev. D. J. Sipp, viz: Public collections, 11, 21; cent collections, 2, 54; through J. Johnson, 275; through M. A. Davis, 21; 22; collected in a monthly prayer meeting, Beaumont, by Rev. A. W. Walker, 35, 7; Pendleton, by Rev. A. B. McGilvery, 43, 15; Lenoir, by Rev. T. W. Harrison, 5; Camden, colored people, by Rev. W. C. Kirkland, 27, 60; do. for relief of missionary society, 5, 23; Lancaster, by Rev. D. W. Scale, viz: Hasting, 23; Camp Creek, 30;Ebenezer, 30, etc., by Rev. Dr. H. Rock, 50 cents; Salon 1, 47; Tabernacle, 18, 75; Zion, 1, 70; 22, 02; Luceaton, by Rev. W. A. Gannaway, 60, 10; collected by Mrs. Craig, 5, 50; Greenville, by Rev. T. S. Daniel, viz: Bethel, 3, 80, Salo, 1, 55; Concord, by Zion, 70, 60; Foster's, 2, 28; Shiloh 5, 17; 12; Deep Bed, River, by Rev. S. Jones, 60, 75; Edgefield, by Rev. S. Dunwoody, 60, 75; Fayetteville, by Rev. J. B. Anthony, 13, 30; do. for relief of missionary society, by J. B. Anthony, 3, 25; Shelby, by brother J. A. McMackin, 21; Cooper River, by Rev. A. M. Christinz & 45, 37; Conwayboro, by Rev. 8,


A Friend to Missions 3; Rev. J. E. Evans, 5. Public collection, 80 12 cents.—$80 12.

RECAPITULATION.

From Missions,
Auxiliary Societies,
Circuits and Stations,
Donations,
Proportion of Centenary collections,
Life Subscriptions,
Annual subscriptions,
Contributed at the Anniversary held at Cokesbury, 1843.

Feb. 8. By legacy of Mrs. Blackledge, forwarded through Dr. Capers, to Rev. G. Lane, Treasurer Missionary Society, of Methodist Episcopal Church. $500 00

Feb. 8. Payment of two orders from last year, held by Rev. H. Bass, and which he could not succeed in collecting, 115 00

Payment in part of Missionary draft, for support of Missions, in Charleston District, last year, in favor of Rev. H. Bass, 1212 50

Payment in part of the salary of the Missionary Secretary of the Southern Conferences for the current year, 403 29

To this amount contributed on Cape Fear Mission, and by direction of the donors paid over to the missionary, 123 50

Postage and stationery, 2 12

Drafts paid by Treasurer, 4398 50

Cash in hand, 3490 56

H. A. C. WALKER, Treasurer. $10276 07

N. B. For the entire amount collected within the Conference district for the support of missions for the year 1842, reference must be had to the answer in the minutes. The reason of the discrepancy between that amount and the one here stated is this: in the former the entire amount (whether sent to the Treasurer of the Parent Society at New-York during the year, or brought up to Conference) collected by the preachers and others is set down, while in the latter the cash only coming into the hands of the Treasurer of the Conference Missionary Society is entered. H. A. C. W.

Norr.—The following persons were constituted life members at the anniversary meeting, by amounts appropriated to the objects stated in the foregoing account, viz:—I. L. Potter, Mrs. H. Ogden, Miss A. W. Wightman, C. A. Crowell, Mrs. E. W. Shipp, Master H. King, Master N. A. Talley, Master J. L. Hoyle, Mrs. M. V. Branch, Mrs. A. Wheton, A. M. Shipp, Mrs. F. Branch, H. Schenck, M. M. Michan, Mrs. F. Stoy, Master T. W. Wheeler; and Chap. Manship was constituted a life member at the Conference held at Charlotte. J. H. Wheeler was constituted a life member of the Parent Society, (in the same way,) by T. W. Williams.

FUND OF SPECIAL RELIEF.

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

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

To Mrs. Gamewell, 25 00
Mrs. Spain, 25 00
Mrs. Hartley, 25 00
Mrs. Morgan, 24 73
Mrs. C. G. Hill, 30 00
Mrs. James Hill, 15 00
Mrs. Dawson, 15 00
To Rev. John Mood, 25 00
Rev. John Newell, 20 00
Rev. L. Garrison, 20 00
Rev. P. Eldred, 15 00

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

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

EXTRA ALLOWANCES.

Committee's Report.—"The amount of monies that have come into your committee's hands, and the manner in which it has been appropriated, is as follows:—We have received

From Ladies Working Society of Charleston, S. C. $92 69
" Cheraw, " 6 25
" Mrs. Ann M. Davis, " 19 00
" Wilmington, N. C, " 5 10
" Marion, " 2 15
" Colosbany, " 10 00
" Orangeburg, " 10 06
" Black River, " 1 81
" Black Swamp, " 6 37
" Shelby, " 3 30
" Edgefield, " 5 00

Balance from Conference Stewards, " 1 00

$146 20

Paid to Widow and Orphans of Rev. A. McPherson, $36 55
" " " A. Morgan, 36 55
" " " C. G. Hill, 36 55
" " " J. Gamewell, 36 55

$146 20

They recommend that three hundred dollars be raised the ensuing year, for necessitous cases.

PASTORAL LETTER,

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SOUTH-CAROLINA CONFERENCE:

Beloved Brethren,—At the close of another session of Conference, we gladly renew, by this letter, our affectionate greetings, and give expression to the fervent love and willing zeal with which we feel ourselves to be, with all our hearts, devoted to your service.

The past year, marked though it has been, for pecuniary embarrassments, has been one of uncommon spiritual prosperity. This has been manifested in the great and numerous revivals with which many parts of our work have been visited, and the large increase of the membership of the church. For while in our own Conference district, the increase of the members during the year has amounted to four thousand seven hundred and fifty

one, we are enabled to rejoice over an aggregate nett increase of more than one hundred and twenty thousand in all the Conferences. This calls for devout thanksgivings; and the more for the goodness of God in the general peace which pervades our borders. Except one spot, in New England, our church enjoys great tranquility, and the spirit of Christian union and brotherly love

appear to be as prevalent as at any former period. As our numbers increase, (and we now exceed a million of members,) the danger of schism must naturally be increased also; and the greater care ought to be taken to cultivate the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. In order to this, it is important, that while we hold fast to fundamental principles, we exercise a spirit of Christian forbearance, which allows a diversity of opinion in unessential things; and also, that we be so impressed with the value of peace and unity, as to be ready to make any reasonable sacrifice to promote them. Conscience must be held inviolate; but there are many matters of taste and educational prejudice, which, long indulged, come in time to be regarded as points of conscience; and here great care should be taken to discriminate between the command of God, and the tastes, or opinions, or prejudices of men.

We have another cause of rejoicing and thankfulness in the increase of Missionary contributions within the bounds of our Conference district the past year, over any former one. This we regard chiefly as the result of the systematic efforts so strongly recommended a year ago; and by which it was intended that every member of the church should be brought to feel a lively interest in this department of Christian duty, and to bear a part, however small, in the great work of spreading the Gospel of Christ to the ends of the earth. And may we not trust, brethren, that while a due regard to this most Christian duty prevails, and the members of the church, with increasing unanimity, render to the Gospel the support it requires for its universal promulgation, the effect shall be a growing concern that themselves and their families may share richly in its precious blessings.

FAMILY RELIGION cannot be too strongly inculcated. Charity does, in very deed, begin at home. To the force of example in your godly conversation, add your endeavors to teach your children, with untiring pains, the way they ought to go. Let them always see in you a spirit, answering your profession, which honors godliness above worldly gain, and is chiefly careful for their souls' salvation. Let the sacrifice of morning and evening prayers, and reading the Scriptures be continually and reverently observed; and let an act of family worship strictly, in which all the members of the family should unite. Avail yourselves of the benefit of Sunday School instruction, particularly for your younger children; and make provision to have them all with you in the public worship. We exhort, also, that you show like fidelity in your duty to your servants; and that you both encourage
them to attend public worship with you, and provide for them that they may have a portion in the house of God.

During our Conference deliberations, we have been led to examine with deep solicitude, the present position of the church in relation to her distinctive institutions; for we cannot but be sensible how much our success, as a people, has depended on our denominational peculiarities. And on this occasion, as on every former one, in the light of Scripture and experience, we are the more persuaded of the importance of adhering closely to our original landmarks. We have resolved, under renewed convictions of duty, to allow no ordinary cause to prevent the regular and constant meeting of the classes by the preachers at all the circuit appointments; and to insist, with most affectionate earnestness, that you forsake not the assembling of yourselves together for this most profitable exercise of Christian fellowship.—Our whole experience proves the great importance of this particular means of grace to the preservation of a sound and healthful state of religion among us. We have no controversy with sister churches, but of this, we know for ourselves.

Of the sacraments, both Baptism and the Lord's Supper, we need say nothing to invite you to their due observance. Parents should feel it a sacred obligation to take an early opportunity to present their children at the altar for baptism; and to do this without respect to preferences sometimes entertained for favorite ministers—as if so high a duty might for such a reason be deferred without offence. And in all our circuits, the stewards should regard it a bounden duty to provide the elements for the administration of the sacraments of the Lord's Supper quarterly in every church.

We cannot but repeat the admonition and exhortation of a former year with respect to the careful and holy observance of the Christian Sabbath. It is much to be feared that a proper reverence is not always felt for the Lord's day. Ordinary traveling should be especially avoided, and every effort used to consecrate both your thoughts and these in our service, the entire day. Even our thoughts should be held captive, and no worldly cares permitted to intrude upon the sanctity of this day of rest.

We would also exhort you, brethren, to avoid conformity to the world, in its maxims, fashions or spirit. In a time of general pecuniary embarrassment, shun every temptation to fraud or oppression. Let a forbearing and merciful spirit be cherished, and let none of us seek our own, but every man another's wealth. It is to be deplored that, among all classes, the pressure of the times has not been met with a becoming forbearance, and instances there have been of a grievous defilement. The temptation to gain by usury, has proved too strong for some, and the sympathy and charity of our Christian character has been paralyzed by covetousness; and some others, driven to desperate adventures, to escape impending ruin, have both lost their for-
things, may abound to every good work." "Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth, through us, thanksgiving to God."

Signed in behalf of the Conference,
JAMES OSGOOD ANDREW, President.
JOSEPH H. WHEELER, Secretary.
Cokesbury, February 14, 1843.
MINUTES

of the

South Carolina Annual Conference

of the

Methodist Episcopal Church

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Cokesbury - Feb. 8, 1843

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

FOR THE YEAR

1843.

TO WHICH ARE ADDED THE

REPORTS OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, &c.,

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE CONFERENCE.

CHARLESTON:

PRINTED BY B. B. HUSSEY, 48 BROAD-STREET.

1843.
MINUTES, &c.

1. Who have been admitted on trial?
2. Who remain on trial?
3. Who are received into full connection?
4. Who are the Deacons?
5. Who have been elected and ordained Elders?
   Lark O'Neal, Zephaniah W. Barnes, Abel M. Chretzberg, Jacob Nipper, Wesley L. Pegues, Martin Eady, Alfred Richardson, and Wm. A McSwain.—8.
6. Who have been located this year?
7. Who are the supernumerary preachers this year?
   Wm. M. Kerr.
8. Who are the supernumerary or worn out Preachers?
   Joseph Moore, James Jenkins, James Dannelly, John N. Davis, James L. Belin, David Hiliard, Campbell Smith, and B. Hamilton. (Jas. Jenkins and B. Hamilton relinquish their disciplinary claim.)
9. Who have been expelled this year?
   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?
    None.

Note.—Those marked thus, (*) were ordained Deacons last year.
What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

The amount received is $1,455.94. It has been appropriated as follows:

- To Rev. John Tarrant - $283
- W. T. Harrison, - $106
- Joseph Moore, - $50
- W. M. D. Moore, - $1,100
- J. C. Davis, - $102
- J. L. Dolin, - $102
- David Hilliard, - $20
- Widow of Rev. Isaac Smith, - $25
- Bishop Roberts, - $50
- Daniel Ashby, - $51
- T. D. Turpin, - $51
- John Gamewell, - $105
- Bishop Andrew, - $113
- Bishop Waugh, - $21
- Bishop Morris, - $25

Balance to defray contingent expenses of Conference.

What report have we from our Sunday Schools?

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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 Circuit?

The amount necessary to meet those claims is $3,780.13.
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Number of pupils in Bible Classes, Black Swamp, Charleston District, 10. Name of the Ministers and considerable sums from their charges respectively, to the Bible Society in the States in the hands of which they labor; and, therefore, did not report the amounts for publication in this place. Hence the small amount recorded here.

17. Where are the Preachers stationed?


John R. Lock, transferred to Alabama Conference, and stationed on Russell Circuit.

18. Where shall our next Conference be held?
At Georgetown, So. Ca., February 7th, 1844.

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

THE COURSE OF STUDY, &c.

"For the First Year.—The Holy Bible and 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 through 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.
COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

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


Samuel W. Capers, to preach the Sermon before the preachers.

CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS.

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

Officers and Managers—W. Capers, President; S. Dunwoody, 1st Vice President; N. Talley, 2d Vice President; Whitefoord Smith, Secretary; H. A. C. Walker, Treasurer; Wm. M. Wightman, Assistant Treasurer. H. Bass, J. Stacey, J. H. Wheeler, T. E. Leadbetter, C. Betts, R. J. Boyd, S. W. Capers, B. English and D. Derrick, Managers.

The following is the REPORT


It has been the custom of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society to Report from year to year, the progress of the works with which they are more immediately connected. And in doing so, they have had abundant cause of gratitude to God, for His gracious protection of the field of labour, and for the very signal success which has crowned it.

The Missionary field which is particularly committed to the South Carolina Conference, is one of the humblest, and at the same time one of the most interesting and important. It is true, we bring no spoils from distant lands, nor have we the classic associations of a high antiquity, to give interest to the scene of our missionary labors. This service is emphatically the service of the poor; and looks for its reward, not to the praise of man, but the approval of God.

For a long series of years, that large class of our population, the slaves, in many of the plantations, had no opportunity of religious instruction. They lived and died the slaves of superstition and of sin. To the eye of the contemplative Christian, their condition was the most deplorable which could well be conceived. Ignorant of all worldly science, they were doomed to pass life's pilgrimage, the victims of constant apprehension and fear; while wholly un instructed in the higher truths of religion, they could only look forward to death as terrible, and to the eternity beyond, of its shadows ever hung over their souls, as a wide and unknown waste of ages.

If they did not bow down to the idols of their father-land, they worhipped they knew not what— if they were free from the vices of refined society, they were under the domination of the darkest passions of a savage state. It was in this state of ignorance and vice, and humbled sin, that the Gospel found them. Indeed, so belated were their intellectual and moral powers, that many regarded the idea of their improvement as chimerical, and fancied that they were even beyond the reach of the Gospel itself. But the Gospel "is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

And now, after twelve years of missionary labor bestowed upon this most unpromising and uninviting field, we may with joy and thankfulness, exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" The aggregate number of those gathered into the fold of Christ, and now accepted members of our Church, as reported at our present session of the Conference, in these fields of missionary service, is more than six thousand; while many others have died in the faith, and passed to their better home. And how much brighter is the prospect before the succeeding generation of these lowly poor, when three thousand one hundred and thirty-two of their children are under the catechetical instruction of the Ministers of Christ.

The Board have cause of joy over another particular connected with this department of our work. When first the missions to the slaves were instituted, great fear existed, that from exposure to the miasmas and noxious exhalations of large plantations, our missionaries might fall victims to their deviation and zeal. But God has been better to us than our fears. And the lives and health of our missionaries have been as safe as those of any other of our ministers. The God we serve, is the God of the lowly as well as the mountains, and his power is adequate to the protection of his people wherever anywhere calls them.

Already has the success of missionary operations been producing a happy influence. The disinterest of the brutes on which have been employed in this work, has increased the public confidence, and wherever the experiment has been made, the effects have spoken. And now the call for more laborers is waxing louder and louder. The fields are already white to the harvest, and the only regret which the Board experience, is, that the means within their control, are not adequate to the entire work as spread out before them. For several years past, the missionary treasury has been embarrassed by debt, and the Board have been under the necessity of curtailing the expenditures of their operations. They trust, however, that as God is opening up the opportunities of more extensive usefulness before them, the Church will come up to their help, and furnish the facilities for the occupancy of every field.

The Board submit the following summary of the condition of the missions, as reported by the missionaries at the present Conference:

1. Beaufort and Pocotaligo Mission has been served, by Reverends Thomas E. Leadbetter and Andrew J. Green. This mission is reported as in a flourishing condition. Numbers 27 plantations, and contains 3 white and 610 colored Church members. About 477 children are under catechetical instruction. The Board recommend that this field be divided, as it formerly was, and that two missionaries be employed upon the Beaufort Mission.

2. Colubane and Ashlepoo Mission has been under the care of the Rev. John R. Coburn. This Mission is also represented as prosperous, and
continuing to enjoy the confidence of the planters. It embraces 14 plantations with 874 Church members and about 350 children under instruction. The Board recommend that two preachers be employed on this mission also.

3. Don Pon Mission has been under the charge of the Rev. Charles Wilson. It includes 10 plantations, and numbers 522 Church members, with 233 children catechised. This mission is likewise in a flourishing condition; and the Board recommend that an additional missionary be employed in this field.

4. South Santee Mission has been served by the Rev. M. Eady. There have been connected with this mission 5 plantations, 111 Church members and 70 children catechised. The Board advise the discontinuance of this mission, in consequence of the transfer of many of its members.

5. North Santee has been under the charge of the Rev. John R. Locke. The preacher on this mission having removed to Alabama, the Board have no statistical information respecting it. The presiding Elder represents it as in a very sound and healthful state. Last year's report gave 6 white and 32 colored members.

6. Cooper River Mission has been served by the Rev. William H. Fleming. It embraces 8 plantations with 16 white, and 700 colored members, and 110 children catechised. The Board regret that sufficient interest is not felt in this mission by those whose plantations are served.

7. Wateree Mission has been under the care of the Rev. William J. Jackson. It embraces 26 plantations, and 725 Church members, with 400 children catechised. This mission is represented as in a very flourishing condition. The Board recommend the employment of an additional missionary in this field.

8. Pee Dee Mission was under the care of the Rev. W. Clark. It is represented as in a good condition. It embraces 17 plantations, with 147 Church members, and 130 children catechised.

9. Black River and Pee Dee was under the care of Reverends A. Nettles and L. O'Neal. It comprises 18 plantations, having 550 Church members, and 210 children catechised.

10. Waccamaw Neck Mission has been served by Reverends J. A. Minnick and Williamson Smith. It is represented as in a very good condition; and has 5 white and 501 colored Church members, and 525 children under regular catechetical instruction.

11. Santee Mission contains 12 plantations, and has 178 Church members, and 300 children catechised. It has been under the care of the Rev. P. A. Wilson, and is reported as in a prosperous state.

12. Cape Fear Mission has been served by the Rev. M. C. Turrentine. It embraces 21 plantations, with 42 white and 324 colored members, and 263 children catechised. This mission is also considered in a prosperous condition.

The Board strongly recommend the establishment of a mission to the slaves on Congaree, in the vicinity of Columbia.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Of the South-Carolina Conference Missionary Society.

H. A. C. Walker, Treasurer in account with the Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference.

FROM MISSIONS:

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February, 1843.

I. North Santee, by Rev. H. Bass—Mrs. Horry, $20; J. H. Ladd, Esq. 25; A. Johnson, Esq. 20; Messrs. R. & C. Lounes, 2; Major W. R.

Maxwell, 29; E. Tress, Esq. 25; J. R. Pringle, Esq. 25; Mrs. A. D. Lounes 20; Missionary Boxes of Master Benjamin A. Munnerlin, Miss Emma Munnerlin, and Master J. K. Munnerlin, $174.50.

South Santee, by Rev. H. Bass—A. Y. Keene, Esq. 85.


Cape Fear, by Rev. W. C. Turner, Dr. F. J. Hill, 23; T. G. Brew., Esq. 3; J. H. Weeden, Esq. 22; J. G. Hall, Esq. 5; T. Green, Esq. 3; Capt. S. Potter, Esq. 28; Dr. A. J. De Russell, Jun. 10; Dr. J. B. Bellamy, 19; D. Godwin, Esq. 5; public collections, 10;—$123.50.


Black River and Pee Dee, by Rev. A. Nettles—Hon. J. R. Painger, 20; A. W. Calhoun, Esq. 15; R. H. Collen, Esq. 10; T. B. Hume, Esq. 5; Capt. J. H. Allston, 30; E. P. Couchman, Esq. 5; Mrs. McDonald, 5; E. McDonal, Esq. 10; E. McDonald, 5; Col. R. F. Allston, 50; Dr. J. R. Spinkman, 19; W. E. Spinkman, Esq. 5; P. W. Frazier, Esq. 20; W. G. Langeron, 5; Col. B. F. Hunt, 15;—Pringle, Esq. 25; W. G. Bellamy, Esq. 5; A. J. Jayroe, Esq.; J. W. Smith, 12; H. R. Hunney 50;—several persons, 5;—$715.36.

North Carolina, by Rev. W. J. Jackson—Mr. J. M. Desmares, 60; J. C. Dobyl, Esq. (for H. H. 26; 12, 29, 50); L. W. Junior, Esq. and 20; Moss, G. and M. McInnis, 100; Mrs. Horace Langlois, 100; L. Oak Loub, Esq. 10; Col. J. Crawford, Sen. 10; Mrs. Ellen Croswell, 10; J. W. Atwater, 3; Dr. J. B. Jennings, 5; Mrs. Mary McNea, 20; Capt. Thomas Lang, 5;—several persons, 5;—$223.

Cape Fear and Ashpo, by Rev. J. R. Coburn—Hon. T. Lound, 100; Hon. R. B. Roos, 100; N. W. Howard, Esq. 50; Estes of W. M. Smith, 30; J. G. Godfrey, Esq. 25; Mrs. J. L. Gibbs, 25; Mrs. M. H. Howard, 15; T. M. Rhett, Esq. 15; Master J. R. Coburn and Miss M. A. Coburn's little missionary boxes, 7.65; Lyde, Mr. C. E. Smith, 5;—$369.

Waccamaw Neck, by Rev. J. A. Minick—Col. J. I. Ward, 100; W. A. Allston, Esq. 100; C. Allen, 100; Col. T. A. Allston, 50; Col. Arthur P. Allston, 20; Mrs., and Mrs. J. H. Thompson, 1;—$57.

Pee Dee, by Rev. C. Scott—J. Gilson, Esq. 50; Major W. H. Cannon, by Rev. F. A. Croke, 20; J. M. Channing, Esq. 10; colored persons, 3;—$83.

Pine Fork, by Rev. C. Wilson—W. Allston, Esq. 150; Col. L. Morris, 50; Mrs. Ann Morris, 50; Charles Barnes, Esq. 50.

Beaufort and Pee Dee, by Rev. T. E. Leffler, Jr.—Dr. T. Fuller, 35; T. O. Burnell, Esq. 13; Mrs. M. Stewart, 30; Mrs. J. G. Burnell, 20; Mrs. Anna and Emily Burnell, 15; Mrs. R. McRae, 15; Dr. R. E. Simpson, 20; Rev. S. Elliott, Esq. 50; Mrs. Maria Ferramion, 25; Thomas Fuller, Esq. 12; Capt. E. Burnell, 20; H. Stuart, Esq. 25; J. Chisolm, Esq. 140;—$812;—Total, $9,052.86.

FROM AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Soc. by do. from Texas, 23.8, 170.43; Pleasant Grove, for relief of the Missionary Treasury, by Rev. J. Watts, 58; do. by do. 69, 20, 139.20; Camberland, by Rev. C. M. Lead, 22.25; Slade, by J. W. Wellburn, viz. Sladeville, 25.43; Gethsemane, 4.04; Oak Grove, 17; Bethiah, 1.62; St. Marks, 13.50; Richland, 22; St. Pauls, 25.49; Hebron, 10.59; Pine Log, 15; Loders, 2; Rembert, 15.31; Church, 6.59; Sandis 1.75; Lime, 1.17; N. Salem, 6; Providence, 15.67; Bethlehem, 13.62; Bethany, 11.60; St. John's, 15.7; Colored people at Sumterville, 4.75; do. at St. Pauls, 15.60 to 28.61; Black River, by W. C. Walker, 76; Camden, by Rev. W. C. Kirkland, 59.55; Cokesbury Female Missionary Society, by Mrs. Turpin, 59; Marion, by Rev. W. A. McSwain, viz. Moody's, 1; Miller's, 50; Clio, 12.25; Summerville, 10; Bethlehem, 3.54; Macedon, 37.5; Ark. 2.50; Old Neck, 3; Saluda, 1.40; Marion, 3.75; Ame, Liberty Chapel, 4; Tabernacle, 5; Sandy Springs, 7.70; Red School, by Rev. J. W. Wheeler, 11.41; Greenville and Hopewell, by Rev. T. S. Daniel, 7; Union, by Rev. Allen McClellan, 141.25; Laurens, by Rev. G. W. Moore, 121.49; Centre, by M. L. McKee, Treas. Centre, 17.75; Emory, 2.42; Taber., 10; Keble, 3.50; New Chap. 3.12; N. Hope, 1.29; Mt. Harmony, 7.75; Zoar, 1.47; Mt. Zion, 3.47; Union, 1.40; Mt. Pleasant, 2.47; Liberty, 25; Salem, 1.45; Belfort, 2.60; Concord, 5.79; Carmel, 50; Stony Hill, 3.35; Randalls, 33.90; Abbeville, 1.42; Reto, 7.40; Collections, 8.44, 76.97; Walterboro', by Rev. C. Murchison, 197.12; Columbia, by Rev. W. S. Hinton, 236.2; Charleston, for relief of missionary treasury, by Rev. H. Br. 121.14; do. balance by Rev. B. English, 56.50; Black Swamp, for relief of missionary Treasury, by Rev. H. Bass, 68.89; do. by do. 21.31; Walterboro, by do. 132.62; do. for relief of missionary treasury, 94.4, 28.10; Orangeburg, by do. Cypress, by Rev. H. Bass, 173.79; Charleston Juvenile Missionary Society, by John W. Stov. Exp. 32; Cokesbury, by Rev. R. J. Boyd, 344; Columbia, (balance) by Rev. W. Smith, 295.80.----$5799.76.

COLLECTIONS ON CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

Aiken Circuit, by Rev. N. Talley, 111.25; Columbia, colored people, by Rev. W. Smith, 5.25; Charlotte, by Rev. C. H. Pritchard, 23.75; do. colored people by do. 26.10; 49.55; Cheraw, 29.20; in which to constitute has; or D. docks a life member of the Parent Society, and 10 to constitute Rev. W. P. Mozing, a life member of the South Carolina Conference missionary society, by Rev. W. P. Mozing, 57.70; Smithville, by Rev. T. Harbo, 3.75; Wrennboro', by Rev. D. McDaniel, 50.12; do. for relief of missionary treasury, 11.19.12; Yorkville, by Rev. C. W. Walley, 30.23; Barnwell, by Rev. W. G. Patterson, 35; Charleston Neck, by Rev. J. N. P. J. J. Public collections, 11.21; cent collections, 2.56, through J. Jackson, 2.75; through M. A. Beattie, 5, 21.52; collected in a monthly prayer meeting, Beaufortville, by Rev. A. W. Walker, 3.76; Pendleton, by Rev. A. B. McGilvery, 43.15; Leonor, by Rev. T. W. Harbison, 5; Camden, colored people, by Rev. W. C. Kirkland, 27.06; do. for relief of missionary treasury, by do. 25; Lancaster, by Rev. D. W. Scales, viz. Lancasterville, 30; Camp Creek, 291; Lanneyer, 30, etc.; Stratford 2; Hanging Rock, 10 cent; Salem 4.47; Tabernacle, 75 cents; Zion, 7.20; 32.02; Lancaster, by Rev. W. A. Gamweled, 69.10; collected by Mrs. Crook, 6; 57.50; Greenville, by Rev. T. S. Daniel, viz. Beedel, 3.80; Sabina, 1.50; Concord, 70; Zion, 70; Foster's, 2.91; Shiloh ez 12; 17.92; Deep River, by Rev. S. Jones, 69.75; Edgefield, by Rev. S. Dunwoody, 95.75; Fayetteville, by Rev. J. B. Anthony, 13.39; do. for relief of missionary treasury, by J. B. Anthony, 32; 45.30, Shelby, by brother J. A. McMakin, 91; Cooper River, by Rev. A. M. Cheritzburg, 35; Conroyville, by Rev. S.

D. Laney, viz: John Brandy 1; W. L. Philips, 53; Col. S. G. Singleton, 1; J. Durant, 1; Mrs. E. B. Brandy, 1, P. Vaughan, 1; for relief of missionary treasury, 2.46; 12.46; Darlington, by Rev. L. Scarborough, 25; Spartanburg, by Rev. S. Townsend, 66--do. for relief of missionary treasury, by Rev. A. Newberry, by Rev. J. P. Zummerman, 12; Darlington, by Rev. A.


meeting collections, by do. 113.43,----Total $1936.19.

DONATIONS.

Mrs. S. E. Walker, (avails of industry,) to constitute her husband, Rev. H. C. Walker, a life member of the Parent Society. $20. Mrs. Mary Blackehey, by Rev. J. M. Bradley, 5; Sunday School children of Columbia, for Foreign Missions, 10, do. for Domestic Missions, 14.24; avails of jewelry, through Mr. John Veal, 7; a lady, by Rev. D. G. McDaniell, 10; Miss L. H. Richardson, by Rev. J. W. Wellborn, 25; do. for relief of missionary treasury, by Rev. W. W. Wollenman, 5; do. W. Lewis, do. by do. Miss Jackson, 5: Camden, Sunday School Missionary box, 5, savings of Misses

Mary B. and Agness H. Crook, 50 cents, Misses M. C. and S. F. F. Davis.

Church subscription, 10 cents, Misses W. A. McGilvery, by Rev. W. A. McSwain, 1 avails of needle work, 8. F. McGilvery, by Rev. W. A. McSwain, 1

Misses M. S. Jackson, by Rev. W. J. ex. 75 cents, donation 25 cents; Mrs. M. S. Jackson, by Rev. W. J.

LIFE SUBSCRIBERS.

Rev. B. Wofford, to make Mrs. Wofford, a life member. $10.

CONTRIBUTED AT THE ANNIVERSARY HELD AT COKEBURY.

To support a Missionary to Goulah, in Africa, the following persons contribute $10, viz: C. Betts, J. M. Bradley, R. J. Boyd, Whitefo
Recapitulation.

From Missions, $2603.86
From Auxiliary Societies, 3709.76
From Circuits and Stations, 1903.57
Donations, 942.00
Proportion of Centenary collections, 157.46
Life subscriptions, 10.00
Annual subscriptions, 21.00
Contributed at the Anniversary held at Cokesbury, 805.12

Total, $10,155.77

Feb. 8, By legacy of Mrs. Blackledge, forwarded through Dr. Capers, to Rev. G. Lane, Treasurer Missionary Society of Methodist Episcopal Church, $500.00

H. A. C. Walker, Treasurer.

N. B. For the entire amount collected within the Conference during the support of Missions for the year 1842, reference must be had to the answer in the minutes. The reason of the discrepancy between this amount and the one here stated is this: In the former the entire amount (whether sent to the Treasurer of the Parent Society at New-York during the year, or brought up to Conference) collected by the preachers and others is set down; while in the latter the \textit{cash only} coming into the hands of the Treasurer of the Conference Missionary Society is entered.

Recapitulation.

H. A. C. Walker, Treasurer.

Note.—The following persons were constituted life members at the anniversary meeting, by amounts appropriated to the objects stated in the foregoing account, viz: L. L. Potter, Mrs. H. Ogburn, Mrs. A. W. Wightman, C. A. Crowell, Mrs. E. W. Shapp, Master H. Kennedy, Master N. A. Talley, Master J. L. Moyle, Mrs. M. V. Branch, Mrs. A. Wheaton, A. M. Shapp, Mrs. F. Branch, H. Schenck, M. M. Michan, Mrs. E. F. Stuy, Master T. W. Wheeler; and Clark, Manup, was constituted a life member at the Conference held at Charlotte. J. H. Wheeler was constituted a life member of the Parent Society, (in the same way,) by T. W. Williams.

Fund of Special Relief.

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

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

- To Mrs. Gamewell, $30.00
- To Mrs. Spain, $25.00
- To Mrs. Hartley, $25.00
- To Mrs. Morgan, $30.00
- To Mrs. C. G. Hill, $15.00
- To Mrs. James Hill, $15.00
- To Mrs. Dawson, $15.00
- To Rev. John Mood, $25.00
- To Rev. John Newell, $20.00
- To Rev. L. Garrison, $20.00
- To Rev. P. Elrod, $15.00

$254.75
THE TRUST.

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

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

EXTRA ALLOWANCES.

Committee's Report.—"The amount of monies that have come into your committee's hands, and the manner in which it has been appropriated, is as follows:—We have received

From Ladies Working Society of Charleston, S. C. $92 69

" Cheraw, 6 25
" Mrs. Ann M. Davis, 19 00
" Wilmington, N. C. 5 10
" Marion, 2 15
" Cokesbury, 10 00
" Orangeburg, 10 06
" Black River, 1 81
" Black Swamp, 6 37
" Shelby, 26
" Edgefield, 50

Balance from Conference Stewards, 1 00

$146 20

aid to Widow and Orphans of Rev. A. McPherson, $36 55

" " " A. Morgan, 36 55
" " " C. G. Hill, 36 55
" " " J. Gamewell, 36 55

$146 20

They recommend that three hundred dollars be raised the ensuing year, for necessitous cases.

PASTORAL LETTER.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST EPiscopal CHURCH UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SOUTH-CAROLINA CONFERENCE:

Beloved Brethren.—At the close of another session of Conference, we gladly renew, by this letter, our affectionate greetings, and give expression to the fervent love and willing zeal with which we feel ourselves to be, with all our hearts, devoted to our service.

The past year, marked though it has been, for pecuniary embarrassments, has been one of uncommon spiritual prosperity. This has been manifested in the great and numerous revivals with which many parts of our work have been visited, and the large increase of the membership of the church. For while in our own Conference district, the increase of the members during the year has amounted to four thousand seven hundred and fifty

one, we are enabled to rejoice over an aggregate nett increase of more than one hundred and twenty thousand in all the Conferences. This calls for devout thanksgivings; and the more for the goodness of God in the general peace which pervades our borders. Except one spot, in New England, our church enjoys great tranquillity, and the spirit of Christian union and brotherly love appears to be as prevalent as at any former period. As our numbers increase, (and we now exceed a million of members,) the danger of schism must naturally be increased also; and the greater care ought to be taken to cultivate the unity of the Spirit as of one body. In order to this, it is important, that while we hold fast to fundamental principles, we exercise a spirit of Christian forbearance, which allows a diversity of opinion in unessential things; and also, that we be so impressed with the value of peace and unity, as to be ready to make any reasonable sacrifice to promote them. Conscience must be held inviolate; but there are many matters of taste and educational prejudice, which, being indulged, come in time to be regarded as points of conscience; and here great care should be taken to discriminate between the command of God, and the tastes, or opinions, or prejudices of men.

We have another cause of rejoicing and thankfulness in the increase of Missionary contributions within the bounds of our Conference district the past year, over any former one. This we regard chiefly as the result of the systematic efforts so strongly recommended a year ago; and by which it was intended that every member of the church should be brought to feel a lively interest in this department of Christian duty, and to hear a part, however small, in the great work of spreading the Gospel of Christ to the ends of the earth. And may we not trust, brethren, that while due regard to this most Christian duty prevails, and the members of the church, with increasing unanimity, render to the Gospel the support it requires for its universal promulgation, the effect shall be a growing concern that themselves and their families may share richly in its precious blessings. If charity be well inculcated. Charity must be strongly inculcated. Charity must be strongly inculcated. Charity must be strongly inculcated.
them to attend public worship with you, and provide for them
that they may have a portion in the house of God.

During our Conference deliberations, we have been led to ex­
amine with deep solicitude, the present position of the church in
relation to her distinctive institutions; for we cannot but be sen­
sible how much our success, as a people, has depended on our
denominational peculiarities. And on this occasion, as on every
former one, in the light of Scripture and experience, we are the
more persuaded of the importance of adhering closely to our
original landmarks. We have resolved, under renewed convic­
tions of duty, to allow no ordinary cause to prevent the regular
and constant meeting of the classes by the preachers at all the
circuit appointments; and to insist, with most affectionate earn­
estness, that you forsake not the assembling of yourselves to­
gether for this most profitable exercise of Christian fellowship.—Our
whole experience proves the great importance of this particular
means of grace to the preservation of a sound and healthful state
of religion among us. We have no controversy with sister
churches, but of this, we know for ourselves.

Of the sacraments, both Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, we
need say nothing to invite you to their due observance. Parents
should feel it a sacred obligation to take an early opportunity to
present their children at the altar for baptism; and to do this
without respect to preferences sometimes entertained for favorite
ministers—as if so high a duty might for such a reason be
defferred without offence. And in all our circuits, the stewards
should regard it a bounteous duty to provide the elements for the
administration of the sacraments of the Lord’s Supper quarterly
in every church.

We cannot but repeat the admonition and exhortation of a
former year with respect to the careful and holy observance of
the Christian Sabbath. It is much to be feared that a proper
reverence is not always felt for the Lord’s day. Ordinary trav­
eling should be especially avoided, and every effort used to con­
scrate, both by ourselves and those in our service, the entire day.
Even our thoughts should be held captive, and no worldly cares
permitted to intrude upon the sanctity of this day of rest.

We would also exhort you, brethren, to avoid conformity to the
world, in its maxims, fashions or spirit. In a time of general
pecuniary embarrassment, shun every temptation to fraud or
oppression. Let a forbearing and merciful spirit be cherished,
and let none of us seek our own, but every man another’s
wealth. It is to be deplored that, among all classes, the pressure
of the times has not been met with a becoming forbearance, and
instances there have been of a grievous dereliction. The tem­
pation to gain by usury, has proved too strong for some, and the
sympathy and charity of our Christian character has been para­
lized by covetousness; and some others, driven to desperate
adventures, to escape impending ruin, have both lost their for­
tunes, and exhibited a strange insensibility to all the force of
moral obligation. Such times require the strictest adherence to
the nicest rule of right, as the only safeguard for character or pro­
erty, morals or religion.

We have mentioned the Missions. We cannot but feel how sac­
credy we are bound to sustain and extend them. Those which have
been instituted within our borders, we regard as an extension of our
circuit plan, in a peculiar form, accommodated to the work. And
those abroad, contemplate nothing less than the introduction and
establishment of the same principles and form of Christianity in
other countries as in our own. Both departments (the home and
foreign missions) are, perhaps, of equal interest and obligation.
The Church, the entire Church, is debtor to all, to whom in the
providence of God, a way is open for the introduction of the Gos­
pel. And of this debt of the Church, how great is the amount!
How have we slept, while the Master’s heritage has been pollut­
d with the tares of the enemy! The measure of our duty in this
great work of the evangelization of the nation—the grand
object of the constitution of the Church—is only to be deter­
mined by the indications of God’s providence. How far we can go,
and ought to go, and how much we can do, and ought to do in it,
we can never know in any other way than by humbly following
in the work of faith as He directs. “The earth is the Lord’s,
and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein.”
“The kings of Tarshish and of the Isles shall bring presents;
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.” The church is
the reservoir of the means of grace for all mankind. Christ has
not forgot “the travail of his soul,” and cannot be indifferent to
the conversion of the nations. If there is help with God for any
labor upon earth, there must be for this; and He will bless it and
make it to prosper for his name’s sake. And surely, if it is true
with respect to any interest upon earth, that “there is that scat­
ereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more
than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty,” it must be pre-eminently
so with respect to the pains and cost of the work of missions.
We congratulate you, brethren, with sincere pleasure, on the
amount of your contributions the past year. We hail you, with
rejoicing, in the front rank of the American division of Wesley­
an Methodists, in this battle of the Lord against the mighty.—
Maintain your position, and fall not back. Let the collections be
universal in all the classes, the stronger helping the weaker, till
every individual, rich or poor, old or young, male or female, free
or bond, shall be numbered with those who pray in sincerity, and
with Christian consistency, “Thy kingdom come; Thy
will be done in earth as it is in heaven.” Therefore as ye abound in
every thing in faith, and utterance, and
knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that
ye abound in this grace also.” “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." — "Being enriched in
every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth, through us, thank-
giving to God."

Signed in behalf of the Conference,
JAMES OSGOOD ANDREW, President.
JOSEPH H. WHEELER, Secretary.

Cokesbury, February 14, 1843.