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Conference

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Methodist Episcopal
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1849

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MINUTES
OF THE 61st Session
OF THE
SOUTH-CAROLINA CONFERENCE
OF THE
METHODIST E. CHURCH, SOUTH,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER
1849.
TO WHICH ARE ADDED, THE
REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, &c.
PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE CONFERENCE.

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3. **Who have been admitted into full connection?** Martin L. Banks, S. H. Dunwody, John W. J. Harris, Lewis A. Johnson, James T. Munds, John T. Wightman.

4. **Who are the Deacons?** John A. Mood, Addison P. Martin, H. C. Parsons, Abner Ervin, A. G. Stacy, Alex. L. Smith, Osgood A. Cheitezberg, who were ordained last year; and Martin L. Banks, Samuel H. Dunwody, John W. J. Harris, Lewis A. Johnson, James T. Munds, and John T. Wightman, who were ordained this year.

5. **Who have been elected and ordained Elders?** Irvin O. A. Connor, Hugh F. Porter, Paul F. Kistler, Philip R. Hoyle, Sidi H. Browne, Thomas W. Postell, and Julius J. Fleming.

6. **Who have located this year?** Thomas S. Daniel, Theophilus Higgins, Michael Robbins.
7. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? None.


9. Who have been expelled this year? None.

10. Who have withdrawn this year? None.

11. Were all the Preachers’ characters examined? This was strictly attended to, by calling over their names before the Conference.

12. Who have died this year?

John Tarrant, was born in Virginia, in 1784. He was received on trial in the South Carolina Conference in 1809, was admitted into full connection and elected to deacon's orders in 1811, and continued to travel until the close of the year 1813, when his connection with the Conference ceased by his location. He was received again at the close of the year 1835, and travelled successively until the close of the year 1845, when he was placed on the superannuated list, which relation he sustained until the end of his earthly career, on the 1st day of April last, in the sixty-fifth year of his age. His disease was of an inflammatory nature and was a source of much pain and suffering, which he bore with Christian patience and resignation. He was a man of God, and possessed a kind and amiable spirit; and sustained the character of a plain, practical and successful minister of our Lord Jesus Christ. The religion of the Bible which he embraced and urged upon others while living, sustained him as he "passed through the valley of the shadow of death." Though his path through life was beset with many snares, his end was peace and triumph.

13. What numbers are in Society?
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 necessary to meet those claims is $4,356.

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

The amount received is $20,890.91; and has been appropriated as follows, being only 43½ per cent of the claims:

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16. What Report have we from our Sunday Schools?

**CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.**

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For the Shanghai Mission House.—Charleston District:—Cumberland, 33 50; Trinity, 14 50; Bethel, 8 22; St. James, 13 00; Black Swamp, 35 70; Walterboro', 34 50; Orangeburg, 20 00; Cypress, 54 91; Cooper River, 22 00.—$336. 50. Cokesbury District:—Edgefield, 13; Pendleton, 2 00; Greenville Station, 9 50; Greenville Circuit, 3; Union, 20 25; Laurens 26; Newberry, 10; Paris Mountain, 15;—$332. 75. Columbia District:—Columbia, 51; Columbia Circuit, 22; Barnwell, 28; Sumterville, 10; Winnsboro, 16 75; Camden, 13; Darlington 13; Sumter, 3; Congaree Mission, 5; Waterlee Mission, 19;—$375 75. Wilmington District:—Wilmington, 37; Smithville, 17 50; Bladen, 15 50; Georgetown, 20; Black River, 3; Marion, 20; Waccamaw Neck.

17. What amount has been contributed for the support of Missions; what for Sunday School Books?

For Missions: $16,585.66.

Sunday School Books, $512.23.

18. Where are the preachers stationed? 186-0


COLUMBIA DISTRICT.—S. W. Capers, P. E. Columbia, Whitefood Smith, John A. Mood. Congaree Miss., W.
CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE S. C. CONFERENCE.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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and moral responsibility. Who would ever dream of encouraging and paying for such a class of labors as your missionaries perform, unless he were prompted by a sense of duty to the souls of his dependents, and by the force of high moral and religious considerations? That the South Carolina Conference has felt the necessity to meet this sense of responsibility, and the ability to furnish effective ministers for this special work, detests not from the force of the fact that the planters wish their people to be thus instructed and christianized. And this fact taken in connection with the consideration that the plantation negroes are well fed, clothed, and housed, puts such an aspect upon the domestic servitude of this State and her sister States of the South, as will justify the assertion that the condition of the black man is no where on earth, better than with us, and that the mild servitude of the negro race here is vastly preferable to the barbarian and nominal freedom of the same race in the jungles of their father-land.

These missionary operations have incidentally thrown light upon an ethnographical question which is attracting attention in various quarters of the scientific world. They have demonstrated that whatever causes may have led to the deterioration of the African race in the scale of civilized nations, and whatever inferiority of mind and position may belong to it, when compared with other varieties of the human family, it nevertheless belongs to that family, in the highest human capabilities—those of religion. The adaptation of Christianity to the understanding and moral sentiments of the negro has been fully tested. A long-continued experiment has shown that the “gospel of the blessed God”—our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, is suited to him; comes down to his condition and wants; awakens his conscience; makes its eternal sanctions felt in his inner life; gives him the promise of pardon for his sins, the help of the divine Spirit for his infirmities, consolation for the troubles of the present life, and hope of the coming world of the soul. While the ideal of equality in outward condition has been exploded, and, while it has pleased a wise Providence to stamp the ineradicable traces of inequality upon the states and fortunes of mankind, the true philosophy of man’s nature has been ascertained by the process which has developed its relations to God and humanity; shown its capabilities for religion; his possession of moral sense, reason, and responsibility, and proclaimed his inalienable title to a participation in that gospel which the divine Head of the Church commanded to be preached to every creature. Ethiopia, sunk and degraded as her social and national rank may be, has been seen stretching out her hands unto God, in the utterances of prayer and praise. It is neither an unforbidden nor hopeless task your missionaries have been engaged in. They have carried the word of the Lord into the midst of the valley of dry bones, and divine energy has gone along with that word. In the vast solitudes of moral death, living men have been seen; hearts of stone have been turned to hearts of flesh; and the same changes which among other classes of men, attest the truth and power of Christianity, have been witnessed among these descendants of African parents.

It is these religious aspects of the case, which concern the Church of Christ, and which fix the attention and aim of this Missionary Society. The soul of the plantation negro, it be belong to the human race, is a priceless gem; the cost of its redemption was the blood of the great sacrifice for sin; and its inalienable right is the gospel, which in accordance with its own great charter is preached to the poor. Here we stand on solid ground. With the political and social aspects of the question of domestic slavery, we disclaim all right and intention of interference. To the State belongs the entire control of the subject in all other than the spiritual relations of the question. It is enough for us that constitutional law has disposed of the civil and social position of the slave population. The Church is bound by the great principles of Gospel-law to respect “the powers that be.” Werench not in the slightest degree upon the prerogative of the civil magistrate. We render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s. Carolinians by birth, identified for weal or wo with the fortunes of our State, having proved ourselves true to the honor and interests of the South in late trying passages in the history of our Church, as well as in the entire developments of the last half century, we think we have given the country proof enough of our loyalty and trustworthiness, to allow us to pursue without hindrance or suspicion, our path of unquestioned duty, by preaching the gospel to all men, bond as well as free, poor as well as rich, to the men of “low degree” as to those of “high degree.”

While much the larger portion of our means, as well as strength, as a missionary organization, is devoted to the religious improvement of the colored population within our Conference district, there is still a respectable amount contributed from the collections of this Society to the General Treasury for Indian Missions, and especially for the Mission to China. To the Mission just named, the Society feels itself specially pledged by the fact that the only missionaries of the M. E. Church, South, now in China, were sent from this Conference. The Board take pleasure in stating that the latest advices from Shanghai are full of encouragement. Both of our brethren, the Revs. Dr. Taylor, and Jenkins, are at their distant post, with their families, enjoying good health, strenuously engaged in studying the language, and occupied as far as their opportunities will allow, in conveying christian instruction to the minds of their enlightened fellow-men in that vast empire where idolatry has fortified its power, and laid its withering grasp upon countless multitudes of the creatures of the one only and true God.
To facilitate the operations of the mission as well as to render it permanent, there has been contributed, mostly from the South-Eastern portion of the Church, the sum of $4,000, to purchase or erect a Mission House. Of this amount $3,000 have been already forwarded to China, and the remainder will be sent on in a few days. Brother Jenkins has been engaged in the preparation of a Chinese Grammar on the Ollendorf method, which we have no doubt will be a valuable contribution to Anglo-Chinese literature. We hail the establishment of a mission to San Francisco, California, as furnishing an important 'half-way house' between us and China; and in view of the rapidly increasing facilities for intercommunication between the different parts of the earth, we earnestly pray God to increase and enlarge the missionary spirit in our own and all other communions of Christians.

In closing their Report, the Board will only add that the state of the plantation missions does not materially differ from that reported in minute detail for several years past. They are in number 17—as follows: Cape Fear, Waccamaw, Sampit, Black River and Pee Dee, Society Hill, Cheraw, Wateree, Congaree, St. Matthews, Sumter, Cooper River, Pon Pon, Edisto, Jenesse, and Fenwick's Island, Conway and Ashepoo, Beaufort and Prince William, Savannah River, and Colleton Neck.

There are appointed to these missions, besides 1 general superintendent, 22 accredited ministers of the South Carolina Conference, for whose support drafts are drawn by the presiding Bishop upon the Treasurer for $10,835. About 250 plantations are embraced, with a regular church membership of 217 whites, and 8,998 blacks.

Our operations include only two missions to the whites; viz., at Graniteville, and a tract of country at the foot of the mountains, beyond Spartanburg C. H. These are served by two preachers, at an expense of $906, and embrace 206 whites and 22 colored members.

With this condensed statement, the Board of Managers respectfully submit their Report.

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

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

The Treasurer holds in Bonds, Notes, &c., $6580 44 cts., of which $320 was appropriated to the relief of fifteen cases.

FUND OF SPECIAL RELIEF.

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

The Fund is worth $6284 19 in Notes, Bonds, &c., of which $328 19 was appropriated to the relief of twenty-one cases.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS, S. C. CONFERENCE.

The Stewards of Conference beg leave to report, that the entire claim on the Conference funds amounts to $4,350; to meet which, they have had placed in their hands, from all sources, the sum of $2,089 91, which enables them to settle with the various claimants at 4½ per centum. You will perceive that this is a slight improvement upon the transactions of the past year, and yet not what we could desire for the venerable men, and the widows and orphans, who are served by this fund. Balance in hand after the above distribution, $4 66, subject to the disposal of the Conference. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. H. Pritchard, Ch'n.
Samuel Leard, Sec'y.
W. G. Connor, Treas'rs.

21st December, 1840.

EXPENSES OF DELEGATES.

Resolved, That the preachers in charge of circuits and stations take up collections in their various churches to meet the expenses of our delegates, and forward the same to Dr. Wightman or the nearest delegate, by the first of April.

FAST DAYS.

Resolved, That the last Friday in April and in October be observed throughout our Conf. Dist. as days of fasting and prayer for the prosperity of the church, and for an increase of laborers in the harvest.
JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.
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Fourth Year.—The Bible generally. C. Betts. 3rd and 4th parts of Watson’s Institutes, T. R. Walsh. Powell on Succession and Old Christianity by Ouseley, Jas. Stacy. Logic (Hedge’s) and written Essay or Sermon, J. H. Wheeler.

A COURSE OF STUDY.
For the Itinerant Probationers and Deacons of the Methodist Episcopal Church to be uniformly observed in all the Annual Conferences, as provided for by the late General Conference.

First Year.—The Bible as to Doctrines, with reference to Wesley’s Notes, the Bible Dictionaries, and Commentaries of our own publication; Concordance; and Gaston’s Collections of Sacred Scriptures. Wesley’s Sermons; Fletcher’s Appeal and Christian Perfection. English Grammar and Composition.

Second Year.—The Bible as to Ordinances or Sacraments. Reference books the same as the first year. Watson’s Life of Wesley; Bishop Watson’s Apology; Fletcher’s Christian Perfection. Methodist Discipline. Geography. Composition.

Third Year.—The Bible as to History and Chronology. Reference books as before. The first and second parts of Watson’s Institutes; Gregory’s Church History. Rhetoric. Written Essay or Sermon.

Fourth Year.—The Bible generally. Reference books the same. The third and fourth parts of Watson’s Institutes. Powell on Apostolical Succession; Old Christianity contrasted with the novelties of Popery, by Gideon Ouseley. Logic. Written Essay or Sermon. The foregoing course is considered obligatory upon the several classes of candidates. The following is for such as have ability, time and inclination to accomplish more, on which, or any part of it, such only as desire it should be examined.

MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT.—The Bible continued. Fletcher’s Cheers; Life of Dr. Episcopius; Mechin’s Church History; Dr. Elliot on Romanism; D’Ambrose’s History of the Reformation; Butler’s Analogy; Natural Philosophy; Moral Philosophy; Civil History. And if any desire to proceed still further, they can include in their course other sciences, and the dead languages, aided by the best authors, and such private instruction as may be within their reach.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SO. CA. CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Art. 1. This Society shall be denominated “The Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference, auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.”

Art. 2. The object of this society shall be to assist the parent society to extend its missionary labors in the United States and elsewhere.

Art. 3. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, two Vice- Presidents, a Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and nine Managers, who shall be annually elected by the Society; all of whom shall be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Art. 4. At all meetings of the Board of Managers, it shall require five members to form a quorum.

Art. 5. The Board shall have authority to make by-laws for regulating its own proceedings; and shall annually submit a report of its transactions and funds to the Society; and shall inform the Conference of the state of its funds.
Art. 6. The Treasurer, who shall reside in Charleston, shall hold
the funds of the society, subject to the drafts of the Bishops; in ac-
cordance with the 2d article of this constitution.
Art. 7. Each subscriber paying one dollar annually shall be a
member of this Society; and the payment of ten dollars, shall con-
stitute a member for life.
Art. 8. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held some
time during the session of the Conference, at the discretion of
the Board of Managers.
Art. 9. The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer,
shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Managers.
Art. 10. At all the meetings of the Society, the President, or in
his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, or in the absence of both
Vice-Presidents, such member as shall be appointed by the meeting
shall preside.
Art. 11. The minutes of each meeting of the Society shall be
signed by the President and the Recording Secretary.
Art. 12. The Constitution shall not be altered, but by a vote of
two-thirds of the Annual Conference at the recommendation of the
Board of Managers.

BY-LAWS.

1. The Managers shall meet annually, at such places as may be
appointed for the Annual Conference, on the day previous to its
sitting.
2. At all the meetings of the Board, the President, or in his ab-
 absence the Vice-President, or President pro tem. shall take the chair
at the hour appointed; shall preserve order and appoint committees,
and shall also have authority to appoint extra meetings of the Board.
3. The Secretary shall keep a correct journal of the minutes and
proceedings of the Board, and attend all its sittings when practica-
able, and in case of absence, transmit the records of the Board to the
place of meeting.
4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct account
of receipts and expenditures, which shall be submitted with the ne-
necessary vouchers, to an auditing committee, to be appointed by the
Board, at each annual meeting.
5. The Board shall hold a meeting on a day, not later than the
seventh of the Conference sessions, at which the Treasurer shall be
required to furnish a statement of the funds. And the Board shall
thereupon notify the presiding Bishop of the amount for which drafts
may be made for the ensuing year.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA
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W. M. Wrightman, Treasurer, in account with the Missionary Society
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Jan. 1850.

From Missions.

Waccamaw mission, by Rev. J. A. Minish—Col J. W. Ward 200, Col
W. A. Alston 100, Ch. A. B. Esq. 100, J. Lebence Esq. 20, Est of Maj
Nesbit 20, Mrs M. H. Pyatt 20, J. M. Smith 15, Family of Capt C. Belt
15, H. J. Thompson 8, Mr J. H. White 5, W. Burgess Esq. 4, J. Collins 4,
a servant 4, H. Pitman 1, C. P. Thompson 5, P. M. Davis 5, S. V. Hem-
ingway 5. $331.

Samson, by Rev. W. G. Dunham—Est. Withers $360, J. H
Pyatt Esq. 25.

Congaree, by Rev. W. D. McDaniel—J. M. Dessensmissy 50,
Col J. Chessnut sen. 50, Capt T. Lang 30, Mr I. Bokton & Lady 20, Mr
J. Little 15 of which 5 for China, J. C. Doby Esq. 20, Capt J. B. Michel 15,
Dr J. M. Miller 15, Capt. A. C. 15, Mrs C. 8. Cipes 10, Mrs E. Chessnut 10,
Col T. J. A. 15, J. Arthur Esq. 5, H. B. Peck 5, Mrs D. J. McDaniel
and children 3 30, Mr Hughes and Lady 2, Mr. McCaskill &
Lady 2, Miss L. A. McPherson 1, J. A. Fraser Esq. 20, J. C. Doby Esq. 20
for 1848. 318 50.

Congaree, by Rev. J. B. Colburn—C. Lowndes 50, W
A. Nicholls 50, Capt H. Heyward Jr. 50, R. Chessnut 50, Capt T.
Lang 40, A. W. B. Esq. 40, J. W. Parker 25, Mrs Gibbes
15, Miss Elliott 5, Most of these contributions were for last year. 315.

Mrs Huggins 25, W. B. Pringle Esq. 25, Mrs Col T. Pinckney 20, Mrs
Rutledge 20, Mrs A. M. Lowndes 20, Maj. R. Lowndes 20, Capt J. Manigault

Black River & Per Sec, by Rev. A. Laddy—Hon. R. F. W. Alston 50, Est
Capt J. H. Alston 50, J. Weston Esq. 30, J. Xum Esq. 25, J. R. Easterling
Esq. 20, R. H. Collins Esq. 20, B. M. Greer Esq. 20, T. B. Hamlin Esq. 10,
W. T. Luthers Esq. 10, Capt D. D. McKay 10, Mrs A. Skinner 2, Mr
Trafber 10. 237.

Cheraw, by Rev. W. J. Jackson—A. Macfarlane Esq. 40, Gen. J. Gillespie
25, Chas. B. Esq. 25, Maj. T. Harrington 20, J. Wright 20, Capt F. Pegues
20, Col B. H. Pegues 15, Mrs. C. Billingsley 10, Mrs W. P. Gillespie 10,
Capt H. W. Harrington 10, Capt O. H. Kelloe 10, Mrs J. Pegues 15, W. J
Pegues 10, W. Pegues 10, Rev. H. H. Williams 5, Mrs W. J. Jackson,
avails of Indie. 10, A. McCaskill 1 50, A. Blue 5. 255 50.

St. Matthews, by Rev. W. Smith—Est. Mrs E. Richardson 100, J. P
Dullest Esq. 50, C. Hampton Esq. 50, J. J. Hayne Esq. 20, F. Graser 5.

225 00.

Savannah River, by Rev. H. F. Porter—A. S. Izard Esq. 50, W. L.
Hamilton Eq. 25, J Rutledge Eq. 25, Est of Taylor 20, T Hardie Eq. 8, Maj S & Shad 5, Rev H P Porter 5, Est of Robt Smith 37 59, J J Pringle Smith Eq 37 50. 210.

Beaufort mission, by Rev D D Cox—Robt Chisholm Eq 40, Mrs R Means 30, W Eddings Eq 30, Capt E Barnwell 20, H M Stuart 15, Mrs S B Fuller 12, W H Means Eq 10, F Means Eq 10, Miss Hub-


Society Hill, by Rev C McLeod—Col J N Williams 50, J D Witherspoon Eq 50, Hon J McQueen 20, D R Williams Eq 20, A Sparks 20, T P Hle 10, Dr A McLeod 5. 180.

Cooper River mission, by Rev T E Leadbetter—Est of Dr Prouleau by

Jno Ravenel Eq 50, Hon T Benet 30, W Bell Eq 30, Dr C Tennent 10, Dr J D Graves 10, P G Stoney Eq 10, Cha Graves Eq 10, Dr C L Desell 10, Donations 8, Miss A S Leadbetter deceased, for Indian missions 8 53.


Cape Fear, by Rev M C Turrentine—D L Russo Eq 20, O Holmes 10, J G Hall Eq 10, D B Baker 50, Col Means 20, Dr J Hill 5, Dr P F Hill 25, Dr J D Bellamy 30, J Waters Eq 20. 135.

Tryon mission, by Rev L Scarboro.

Graniteville, by Rev H M Mood.

From Circuits.

Cypress Eq, by Rev W C Kirkland; collect 641 63, Mrs Sneath $56,466 03.

Wadesboro Eq, by Rev J H Wheeler; May collect and cent-a-week $42, Anniversary 144 85, Concord C M $225 15, of which 10 contributed by S W Cole to make Jos Medley Eq 1 m, and to make S Spencer Eq 1 m par soc, Mineral Spring C M $162 50, of which 20 to make Rev E Carson 1 m. Amount returned in 1848 but omitted in last year's report 92. 644 92.

Cokesbury Eq, by Rev C A Crowell; collect 503 37, Female mis soc 213 24, 524 37.

Spartanburg Eq, by Rev H H Durant; Rev B Wofford 160 to educate two Indian children to be named Benj & Maria Scott Wofford; Maj J T Kirby 120 to name two Indian children. Jno T Kirby and Wm Preston C Kirby; 100 to hire a Mandarin Teacher, China, viz. J W Tucker 10, Mrs R Mullican 10, Mrs M S Wofford 10, W Burton 10, W Williams 10, J B Tollison 5, H F Evans 5, Mrs M Moore 5, Mrs M Parrow 5, W Lockwood 5, E Dorman 5, R Owens 5, J H Wilson 5, Z D Cottrell 5, W B Sceat 5, S Bobo 5, Rev C Beard 20, J N Nolly 20, D W Moore 20, collections 96 55, avails of mis work $2 25. 503 80.

Black Swamp Eq, by Rev W A McSwain; of which 20 to make Rev T Mitchell and Col J Allen 1 m's.

Union Eq, by Rev S Townsend 190, from 38 persons contributing 5 each

to make Dr F G Thomas, Rev L Bellinger, Rev J Holmes and Rev W A Gamewell 1 m 80, other collections 135 43. 405 43.

Winnsboro Eq, by Rev S Ward 100 to educate Chinese boy to be named Jno M Waring, collect 225, class do 21 63, May collect 45. 392 63.

"Edgefield Eq, by Rev W P Mouzon; collect 161 15, Miss L Richardson anniversary $140 75, of which 100 to make Rev W A Gamewell, P G Bowman, C A Crowell, A L Smith, and J Holland, M D. L, m. 1 200.

Darlington Eq, by Rev C W Walker collect of which 60 to make Rev C S Walker, Rev A D Cauthen, Mrs M E Cauthen. Mrs D Zimmerman, 1 m's par soc, and Mrs N Byrd, Lewis Lawson 1 m's conf soc. 306 50.

Burnwell Eq, by Rev Dr Boyd; collect. 264 12.

Orangeburg Eq, by Rev W G Comper; collect 80 of which to make

Jno Sandal, Jno Fairly, Mrs A Syfrett Miss R Pound 1 m. 234 31.

Charlotte Eq, by Rev P A M Williams; collect 108 66, J Dougherty 47 23 his portion of a bequest left to the mission by Mrs Dougherty Proceeds of 2 bales cotton to a friend 58 27. 214 16.


Walterboro Eq, by Rev A W Walker; collect of which 40 to make Rev

A W Walker and Rev L Bellinger 1 m's. 200.

Brooksville Eq, by Rev J W Wightman; collect. 168 15.

Marion Eq, by Rev A McCorquodale; collect 100 05, An old Methodist

50, 165 05.

"Rockingham Eq, by Rev M A McKibben; For China mis 50, domestic

69 70, To make Mrs D J Simmons and Rev H Leadbetter 1 m 40. 153 70.

ChesterfieldEq, by Rev W L Peggus; collect of which 30 to educate a

Chinese boy to be named Win Hudson and 13 50 for China mis, for home mis 107 50. 151.

Newberry Eq, by Rev P G Bowman; collect of which 5 from Mrs P G Bowman, avails of needlework, Mrs M M Wayle 5 do for California mis. 136.

Albemarle Eq, by Rev A Nettles; collect. 127 55.

Concord Eq, by Rev W C Patterson; collect. 119.

Montgomery Eq, by Rev J M Bradley; J M Bradley 5, W Barringer 5,


"Cooper River, by Rev J W Kelly; collect. 112.

Lancasterville, by Rev D McDonald; for domestic mis 65, China mis 40. 105.

Columbia Eq, by Rev D Derrick, 92 73.

Pleasant Grove, by Rev W C Clarke.

Rutherford Eq, by Rev S D Laney; collect of which 20 to make Rev
C Smith 1 m and 20 May col.

Bladen ct, by Rev W H Fleming, col.

Fayetteville ct, by Rev S Jones; col at Beaver Creek C M, 17 80, at Cool Spring 13, Rev S Jones 5, Capt Bryan 5, Rev W Barringer 5, H McPherson 5, S Douglass 5, Dr R K Smith 5, J Douglas 2 50, A McCoy 2 50, to make Rev A McNelken 1 m, T Jones 1, A Holliman 1, N Douglass 1, E S Hobbs 1, J A Johnson 1, A Betts 1, J Hargewood 1, H Davis 1, Stephen 1, W T Harrington 1, A J Gaston 1, W Maxwell 1, J M Oliver 1, J M Douglass 1, S W Douglass 1, N Douglass 1, J W Rollins 1, H J Thomas 1, J Herrington 1, A Gilchrist 1, Sundry persons 4 for China mis. 89 80.

Black River ct, by Rev J H Chandler.

Smithville ct, by Rev J R Pickett.


Lawrence ct, by Rev R P Franks; collect.

Saintct, by Rev W Halton; Summerton 3 75, St Paul's 12 50.

Oak Grove 5 87, St Mark's 16 50, Antioch 7, Andrew Chapel 7, Rehoboth 2.

Greenville ct, by Rev J Finger; col.

Lincolnton ct, by Rev C Murchison; col.

Morganton ct, by Rev H E Ogburn; collect of which 20 to make Miss N Rutherford 1 m.

Shelby ct, by Rev J L Shuford.

Lemur ct, by Rev P P Kistler.

Yorkville ct, by Rev P R Hoyle.

Catawba ct, by Rev A P Avant.

Conwayboro ct, by Rev J H Robinson.

Paris Mountain, by Rev D W Scale.

Peebleton ct, by Rev M Puckett.

FROM STATIONS.

Trinity Church, by Rev C H Pritchard; Collections whites annl. sub. 153 25, at Anniversary 44 62, China mission 100 25, Monthly concert 27 50, May Col. 34 77, Donation for Little Annie China 20, Annul. sub. col'd people 67 63, Pub col 58 79, and to make T O Summers Jenkins, China 1 m 20, Sunld. schools 14 51.

Columbia, by Rev J Stacy; Washington St. Sunday School 28, Marion St. Sunday School 6, col whites 400 24, col'd 13 85.


Cumberland ct, by Rev W Smith, D D, public col 139 30, col'd people do 76 98, P S J for home mis 5, monthly prayer-meeting Juv mis soc and classes 51 96, col'd Sunday school 3 06, proceeds mis boxes children of T J Heyward Esq 2 25, for California mis 32 05.

Fayetteville, by Rev D J Simmons; for China mis 208 80, Juv mis soc 6 50, col'd 17 20.

Wilmington, by Rev S H Brown; cent-a-week 44 08, Juv soc 10 54, May col 23 17, jewelry 3 75, donations Dr J D Bellany 5, H Utt Esq 5, Mrs C G Kennedy 9, Dr S Miller 5, Miss C Kennedy 2, Mrs C D 5.

Collections at the Anniversary in Camden; Rev W L Pegues for China mis 50, for the California mis 500 of the following amounts:—W M Wightman 25, C Betts 25 to make Mrs S W Capers 1 m, J L Belin 25, J H A Walker 20, Dr S S Davies 20, A M Shipp 20, W Barringer 20, C S Walker to make Mrs A E Walker 1 m, N Talley to make S Olin Talley 1 m, A McCordquandle 20 to make Mrs C Mathieson 1 m, J P Smith Esq 70, Mrs A E Crease 10, W J Kelly 20, S Leard 10, J Dunlap Esq 10, S Townsend 10, J Stacy to make Mrs A Maybin 1 m, Conf soc 10, W L Pegues 10, T E Leadbetter 10, Mrs A McCordquandle to make Miss M S Betts 1 m 10, W G Connor 10, J A Minick 10, J H Wheeler 10, J M Bradley 10, Dr S Reynolds 10, R Felder 10, W A McSwain 10 to make Rev D B Russell 1 m, W Crook 10, Mrs Ciples 5, Dr Lee 5, W C Patterson 5, E Dady 5, Mrs M Just 5, W Martin 5, J H Zimmerman 5, M Suber Esq 5, Whiteford Smith 5, H C Parson 5, A W Walker 5, W S Halton 5, R J Boyd 5, W A Gamewell 5, W T Caston 5, L Little 5, B English 5, T J Warren 5, W Carson 5, Maj Moffet 5, Lieut F W Sellick 5, E King 5, Mrs L Mood 5, D L G Daniel 5, J T Wightman 5, J A Porter 5, H H Durant 5, S H Brown 5, and J W Kelly 5 to make Mrs Perkins 1 m 5. To make Rev Dr Davies of Camden 1 m 20 from: W Barringer 6, T M Farrow 4, H A C Walker 1, J Stacy 1, C Betts 1, J T Wightman 1, O A Christberg 1, H Spain 1, W Smith 1, J W J Harris 1, W Martin 1, J L Belin 1; To make Rev A Wyman 1 m 20 from: Dr Lee, J T Wightman, W Carson, W A McSwain, W L Pegues, T J Munda, O A Christberg, Mrs Haile, Mrs Sutherland, S H Dunwody, M Suber, S D Laney, Dr Rayser 2, Mrs Foster, W Crook, Mr Rembert, H E Ogburn, W T Capers, J Warren. To make Rev W T Capers 1 m, C Betts 2, L T Loring and lady 3, W Barringer 2, J C West 2, W T Caston 2, J T Warren 2, Dr Reynolds 2, C H Pritchard 1, A M Kennedy 1, J Dunlap 2, K F Moffet 1, cash 1. To make Rev Dr Boring 1 m; D Derrick 5, Mrs Derrick 5, Mrs W C Clarke 10. Cash from persons whose names were not ascertained 8. Public collections 52.

Total 760.

DONATIONS.

Mrs H A C Walker, avails of needle work, $5.

By Rev J L Belin, for China mis; Gen Harlee 4, J L Belin 4, P Vaughan 1, J Brown 1, J Readman 1, Capt Copes 1, Mrs Thompson 1, W Lester 1, Cash 1.

Mrs C Means.

LEGACIES.

From Samuel Swindal, late of Bladen, N C, by Rev C Betts, 516 95.
Est of Bramlet by Rev Dr Boyd,                          242 12.
Est of Mrs Crandle, Charleston, by C H Lanseau, Esq, Ex. 23 56.
January and July Dividends Stock by R Bryce, Esq.        17 60.

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Amounts collected in Charleston and Columbia, and at the Anniver. in Camden for the California mis, and remitted to Dr. Boring.
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In Treasurer's hands to meet remaining Dfts and for the general Treasury.
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