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of the

South Carolina
Annual
Conference

of ministers of the

Methodist
Episcopal Church,
South

Dec. 12, 1851

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MINUTES

OF THE

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE,

OF THE

METHODIST E. CHURCH, SOUTH,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER

1851.

TO WHICH ARE ADDED, THE

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, &c.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE CONFERENCE.

CHARLESTON:

OFFICE OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, 29 FIFTH STREET.

1852.

One sheet Periodical—Price 12½ cents.
MINUTES, Etc.


4. What are the Decrees? J. J. Mozert, A. J. Poulton, J. P. Huggins, John Finger, Thomas Mitchell, and A. H. Harman, who were ordained last year; and W. W. Jones, Wm. Hutto, E. J. Pennington, J. W. North, and W. B. Currie, who were ordained this year.

5. Who have been elected and ordained this year? Dr. M. P. Banker, L. A. Johnson, J. T. W. Bambard, John J. J. Harris, James X. S. Banker.

6. Who have been elected this year? J. S. Banker, S. H. Dewsbery, E. L. King, Joseph Warlock, W. T. Cooper, D. G. Cox.

7. Who are the Superintendent Presidents? None.


9. Who have been elected this year? Samuel P. Taylor.

10. Who have been elected this year? None.

11. What are the Principles of Churchmanship? This was strictly attended to, being taken up before the Conference.

12. Who have been this year? Joseph Wesley, a pioneer of South Carolina, was born in the State of Virginia, in 1747. In his childhood he was reared in Berkeley county, N. C. He enjoyed the advantages of early religious training, and in youth became a student of Divine grace. He was licensed to preach in his nineteenth year, and five years afterwards entered into the preaching office. The Minutes show that he labored seventeen consecutive years in Virginia and North Carolina. In 1836 he located, which relation he retained until 1839, when he was called into the Southern Conference, where he resided until death removed him from his toils and sufferings. Either in a traveling or local preacher, he sustained the character of a wise man that models not to be ashamed. Though absent in body and vigorous in mind, yet both fell him under protected years of trial and suffering. He has passed away. We have lost a brother, a powerful preacher, and his soul is now with his Master in the sky. He died in peace on the 14th of Feb., 1834, in his 86th year, having been 67 years a worthy member of the Church, and about 68 an effective minister of the Gospel of Christ.

Reminiscence of the Rev. John Bunch, formerly of the So. Ca., Conference, died a great peace, at the home of Thomas Harter; his kind physicians and friends could not turn aside the fatal shaft. He had but just entered upon the mission field, and the second year of his itinerancy, on the 14th of Feb., last, he was called to his reward. He was constant, devout and useful.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

12. Who are the Members in Society? And what report have we from our Sunday Schools?

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Extract from the Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Conference.

Most of the brethren, who are busy with the work of the Lord, do not have the opportunity to attend the annual meeting, but they are present in spirit. May the Lord bless them and their work.
Lancaster District,

District 4: L'...r::..st,..r Distrid, :.::; Lincolnton

Georgetown

48½ per centum:

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Total, this year

4. WHAT AMOUNT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE UP THE ALLOWANCES OF THE REPRESENTED PREACHERS, AND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF PREACHERS; AND TO SUPPLY THE DEFICIENCIES OF THOSE PREACHERS WHOSE CLAIMS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN MET IN THEIR CIRCUITS? $67,000

WHAT AMOUNT HAS BEEN COLLECTED ON THE FOREGOING, ACCOUNTS AND HOW HAS IT BEEN APPLIED?

The amount received is $26,448 40; and has been appropriated as follows—being 45½ per centum:

To Rev. John Watts, $321 84
Z. W. Burrows, 144 20
Hugh E. Ophard, 140 08
Bond English, 103 60
Henry Bass, 103 60
S. Dunwoody, 103 60
James Dunnelly, 127 72
James L. Kelin, 103 00
McDowell, 103 00
James L. Kelin, 103 00
Reidell Pinner, 52 50
Campbell Smith, 89 52
James L. Kelin, 140 08
Jacobs Hill, 103 00
Widow Gamewell, 51 50
Bunch and children, 63 96
Bishop of M. E. C., South, 571 00

MINUTES OF THE
The Conference Institution.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE S. C. CONFERENCE.

CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS.

Next Conference to be held in Savannah, Ga.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE S. C. CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the S. C. Con., on the recurrence of another anniversary, tender to the members of the Society, and to the friends of the holy cause in which they are engaged, sincere and hearty congratulations upon the triumphs secured, which, under the blessing of God, has increased their past labor, and opened green prospects before them in the future. In reviewing the history of the operations of the Society from its beginning, the devout heart awakens with gratitude to God for the able and zealous labors of the divinely-appointed patriarchs, in consecration and submission, to which their work has been dedicated. In the midst of daily and nightly perils, the church has advanced; the church has grown, and the church has prospered. May God be pleased to continue to bless the work, and to crown it with success, and to fill the hearts of the faithful with the love of the Lord, and to enable them to carry on the work with vigor and zeal.

The agency of the Board of Managers has been both efficient and effective. The work has advanced in all directions, and the society has become more and more influential in the community. The members of the Board have been diligent in their labors, and have given much time and thought to the work. They have been willing to bear the heavy burdens of the office, and to labor for the advancement of the cause. The Board has been guided by the Spirit of God, and has been directed by the wisdom of God. The Board has been faithful in their stewardship, and has been true to their trust. The Board has been a blessing to the society, and has been a blessing to the church.

The Board of Managers has a large body of work to do, and they are doing it with enthusiasm and zeal. They are doing it with a spirit of consecration and sacrifice, and they are doing it with a spirit of prayer and dependence on God. They are doing it with a spirit of love and devotion, and they are doing it with a spirit of patience and perseverance. They are doing it with a spirit of faith and hope, and they are doing it with a spirit of zeal and energy. They are doing it with a spirit of fidelity and integrity, and they are doing it with a spirit of courage and consecration. They are doing it with a spirit of devotion and sacrifice, and they are doing it with a spirit of love and friendship. They are doing it with a spirit of prayer and dependence on God, and they are doing it with a spirit of patience and perseverance. They are doing it with a spirit of faith and hope, and they are doing it with a spirit of zeal and energy. They are doing it with a spirit of fidelity and integrity, and they are doing it with a spirit of courage and consecration. They are doing it with a spirit of devotion and sacrifice, and they are doing it with a spirit of love and friendship.
have been perpetrating outrages and cruelties, breaking law and exposure of all kinds, to save from death the precious soul of the negro. There is not a field occupied whether at home or abroad, in which a more self-sacrificing spirit is demanded, in which the service of the gospel of Christ is more necessary, and at the same time more beautifully exhibited, than in our Missionaries to people of color, and the Ethiopian may cease to be expected to change its allegiance from all nations. It is not Christian to be the enemy to our brethren, and so open the door through which the Church is to find its way into the nations. Let not these nations of the White Man's children be left with so many Chinese in the land of God! More languages are now spoken on the Pacific coast than were spoken in the days of the Spanish priests.

Too much of the time and energy of the Church in the present generation is being devoted to the converts among the White Man's children. Many of them have become the converts of the Church, and the Church has become the agent of the state. But we have not been able to translate the mission field to the people of color, and to make the Church the instrument of its salvation. It is not Christian to be the enemy to our brethren, and so open the door through which the Church is to find its way into the nations. Let not these nations of the White Man's children be left with so many Chinese in the land of God! More languages are now spoken on the Pacific coast than were spoken in the days of the Spanish priests.

The number of missions under the immediate supervision of this society is only two, one of which includes missions to the White and eighteen to the blacks. They embrace a membership of 374 whites and 504 colored, exhibiting an increase of 164 since the last annual report. The number of children under catechetical instruction is 167 whites and 518 colored, 285 plantations are served by 25 missionaries, as follows:

1. Sanamun River Mission. This has been served during the year by Rev. M. L. Banks, and embraces seventeen plantations with a membership of 9 whites and 233 colored, 245 children under catechetical instruction and a population of from 1200 to 1500.


3. Beautiful and Prince William's Mission, has been served by Revs. C. McLoed and B. L. Law. It has 35 plantations, 112 appointments for an increase of 19 white.


5. Buckner and Johnson Mission has been served by Rev. D. R. C. Brown and J. D. Norvell. It embraces 17 plantations, 11 preaching places, 297 members, 290 children catechized. During the year 60 adults and 20 children have been baptized.

6. Cooper's Mission includes 8 plantations, 5 preaching places, 609 members, 124 children catechized, with a population of about 1500, Missionary, Rev. E. T. Headley.

7. Orchard Mission, served by Rev. J. J. Warnock, has 25 plantations, 6 preaching places, a membership of 15 whites and 162 colored, 200 children catechized.


9. Mt. Zion Mission in the N. W. of the Conference, is a small, but growing, with a membership of 10 whites and 162 colored members, 20 children catechized.

10. Mt. Zion Mission has been served by Rev. J. A. C. Mitchell and A. D. McClenahan.

11. There are 10 preaching places, convenient to from 5 to 10 children.

The geographical position of California, midway between China and the enterprising Christian nations, invests it with peculiar interest as a theatre for missionary operations. It is destined to become the channel through which all intercourse is to be kept up between Eastern Asia and Western Europe, and especially it is the last step in the important work of fortifying this land with Christian principles, and erecting it into a beacon for the salvation of all nations to the true religion. The mixed character of its population presents another interesting feature. What means the presence of God in his Church, in this last step to be taken in the dispersion of the disciples from the Jewish Capitol, where they went everywhere preaching the word to such new converts? Is there no interest in the true religion, to return to the several lands, and scattering the seeds of Christianity broadcast over the nations, yield a rich harvest to the Redeemer. We would therefore especially cherish this mission field and strive to impart to it all the elements of success.
11. Senate Mission is reported by Rev. L. A. Greer to contain 13 plantations, 693 members, 284 children under catechetical instruction, with a population of 2,300.


16. Cheraw Mission has been served by Rev. W. J. Jackson, who reports 28 plantations, 6 preaching places, 212 members, 356 children vaccinated, with a population of about 650.


18. Black River Mission, Rev. A. Newell reports 22 plantations, 4 preaching places, 17 white, 211 colored members, 219 children vaccinated, with a population of about 1,800.

19. Granville Mission has been served by Rev. H. W. Wood, who reports 3 preaching places, and represents the Missionaries as a sound and encouraging condition.

All the missions under the supervision of the Society are in a healthy state, and all of them mutually得益.

The Board of Managers recommend the formation of 2 new missions among the Blacks, to be called Upper Nantahal and Branch 0.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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

Board of Trustees, W. M. Wrighton, Chairman; R. J. Boyd, Secretary; J. S. Thompson, Treasurer; J. B. H. Begg, H. A. C. Walker, and J. W. Tomes, Managers.

The Treasurer holds Bonds, Notes, &c., $672.14 of which $320 were appropriated to the relief of the poor.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.


REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Joint Board of Finance respectfully report that they find themselves under the painful necessity of settling with deficient claimants at a discount of 10 percentum. Although this is a just penalty on bondors yet the advance is so trifling, and the deficiency so great, that it is little cause for congratulation, while it does tend to deter others from seeking these favors, which we hope will meet the same worthy reception. In many places the draft has been disbursed. It should be borne in mind, however, that it was late in the year before proper efforts were put forth in this particular direction: so that the greater part, perhaps all, of the blame is lying at our own door. The Board asks earnestly, should this experience be repeated away from recent experience? We think it can if timely and proper efforts be made by all concerned in accordance with the Plan of Finance.

This interest may not be quite so severe as last year, and the Board recommends to the Committee that the second article of the Plan of Finance be so altered as to read as follows:

Each preacher in charge shall take up a conference collection in the usual way,

10 April 1855.
Psalms prayers, as well as certain other portions of the Bible, and a number of sermons were read by various members of the society, to the great benefit of the hearers.


duly received.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. M. WILKINSON, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE S. C. CONF. MISSY. SOCIETY.

W. M. Whitmam, Treasurer, in accordance with the laws of the Society.

Dated,

Dec. 18, 1841.

MISCELLANEA.

Vacant,

By Rev. J. A. Hart-who is now a resident of W. A. Atlantic 100, Chas


Springfield 60, J. H. 80th, 80, J. H. Thompson, 20, J. H. White 80, J. W. Upde

A lady, by J. P. Deveaux 80, 54.2.1.
MINUTES OF THE

Miss A E Wightman 1 m conf seco.; C S Walker 10; W L'Egues 10; W Bufta 10; Dr J Holland 10; J Hill 10; R H Wilson 10; F Rush 10; F Pore 10; D J Williams 10; J T G Hennings 10; Wilkinson Phacketfield 10; J J Davis Jr 10; J A Millich 10; J H Columbia 10; T R Walsh 10; A G Story 10; T M Farlow 10; P M Vaughn 10; W Halton 10; L Little 10; Dr Boyd 10; P A M Williams 10; B Sherman 10; C H Prichard 10; J W Kelly 10; J Hager 10; R Collins 10; J B Johnson 10; L Fry 10; D G McDaniel 10; H E Gilham 10; J White 10; J E Anderson 10; J H Stone 10; J Park 10; Dr Miller 10; C Murchison 10; B E Sessions 10; J P Hughes 10; Mrs McNeilson 10; L A Grier 10; M R Banks 10; W Carson 10; Annie Carson 10; T R Sessions 10; S H Browne 10; M A McRledden 10; W J Jackson 10; S Jones 10; A P Ayres 10; L Smirr 10; J North 10; A P Martin 10; A L Smith 10; J X Bowdelle 10; J W Eillson 10; J W Jones 10; D B May 10; S Wilson 10; Dr Raynor 10; Mrs M Iott 10; E Green 10; W A Gomerwell 10; R S McCausen 10; H H Mood 10; J H Zimmerman 10; H H Hanson 10; J H Dunham 10; J M Bradley 10; A L A Johnson 10; W E Boone 10; Mrs Reddle 10; A M Christos 10; J G Hennings 10; S W Cupper 10; S Towne 10; S C Wilson 10; J R Pickard 10; and 5 from friends, both together making Richard Dunham 1 m.; W H Smith 10; L C Patterson 10; E Green 10; H Young 10; to make Rev J W Kelly, and 8

W Davis 1 m., 2 each, from 23 persons, 18; to make Rev P A M Williams 1 m., 1 each from 29 persons, 201; to make Capt Magee 1 m. from 21 persons, 21; cash and last collection 656.25; Master Gas Williams 99 cents. 1064.12

Donations:
A special donation from Bladen ct., by Rev J H Robinson — Coll. of which from
Rev A Davis 10; Rev W Willis 5 for China. 0.01
E J Lilly 10; Mrs H P Lilly 5, Fayetteville, N.C. 0.10
W Kendall 5; Mrs F Lebrand 5, J Plunkett 5. 0.05
A friend 10.00
From Miss Julia Waters, by Mrs Cassidy 10.00
Mrs C G Kennedy 8.00
A friend, Robertsonville, 1; J Hanks 5. 0.05
W Leak 5; Mrs Coppeidge 1. 0.05
Balance from Bladen ct. last year 7.00
Do. from Wilmington and Smithville 2.50

January and July Dividends, by R Ryece. 17.50
Est of E C Bellinger, by L D Northrop. 50.00

Returned of monies appropriated last year for the Charleston dist., by C Beets, not used. 125.00

RECAPITULATION.

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1851.
Dec. 18, By Draft of Dp. Andrew, cashed in favor of C Beets, D Derrick, S W Cupper, and E Leard, first installment, for missions in the Charleston, Georgetown, Columbia, and Cokesbury districts. $3,810 00
By counterfeit and uncurrend bills. 15 00
In Treasurer's hands, to meet remaining drafts, and for the General Treasury. 14,573 90
Total, $18,388 00