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Minutes

of the

South Carolina
Annual Conference

of ministers of the

Methodist Episcopal Church, South

Nov. 15-20, 1854

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MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, OF THE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, HELD IN COLUMBIA, S. C., NOVEMBER, 1854.

Rev. Paul A. M. Williams, Secretary, St. George's, S. C.

1. What Preachers are Admitted on Trial?

2. Who remain on Trial?

3. Who are admitted into Full Connection?

4. Who are the Deacons?
   Osgood A. Darby, Wm. M. Bestorling, who were ordained last year; and George W. Stokes, Wm. H. Lawton, A. H. Lester, James S. Erwin, E. A. Price, George W. M. Creighton, and Robt L. Abernathy, who were ordained this year.

5. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

6. Who have Locators this year?
   Henry A. Bass.

7. Who are the Superannuated?
   Charles S. Walker, and Robert L. Abernathy.

8. Who are the Superannuated or Wandering Preachers?

9. Who have been Expelled from the Connection this year?
   None.

10. Who have Withdrawn from the Connection this year?
   Charles O. Lamotte.
11. ARE ALL THE PREACHERS BLANKETS IN LIFE AND CONVERSATION?
Their characters were strictly examined by calling over their
names severally before the Conference.

12. WHO HAVE BEEN THE YEAR?
Rev. Sam. D. Bacon was born in Chester, Pa., July 30, 1831, and
converted to Christ in the year 1840. He was
recommended to the Quarterly Conference of the Ogeechee
circuit, in company with the Rev. Wm. M. Kennedy, of precious
memory. He was admitted to trial in the S.C. Conference, in
1860; and appointed to Bladen and Brunswick circuits, N.C.,
stationed in Savannah, Ga., in 1867, where he organized the first
Methodist Society, in a house hired for the double purpose
of schoolman and church. In 1868 he was stationed in Wilming-
on, N.C., 1869 in Fayetteville, 1870 in Georgetown, S.C., 1871
in Charleston, S.C. In 1872 he was appointed President Elder of Mis-
sissippi District, in a house afterward changed for some reason
unknown, and stationed in Charleston; this year he was elected
a delegate to the first General Conference held in New-
York. In 1874 he was stationed in St. Mary's, Ga., 1874
in Charleston, 1875 and 1876 in Columbia, S.C., 1877 and 1878 in
Augusta, Ga., 1878 in Savannah, S.C., 1879 Sandy River circuit,
1881 Newberry circuit, 1882 Fayetteville, 1883 Georgetown, S.C.,
1884 Charleston, 1885 Augusta, 1886 Savannah circuit, New-
berry circuit, Ga., 1886 Newberry circuit, 1886 Payson, 1887 and 1888
Sandy River circuit, 1887 and 1888 Charleston, 1889 Cooper River
Circuit, 1890 Black Swamp, 1891 Columbia circuit, 1892
Cypress circuit, 1893 and 1894 Charles city, 1895 Laurens,
S.C., 1896 and 1897 Newberry. In 1898 he was stationed, and has since
retired from the field of active and useful labor, after a term of
nearly 40 years service. As a preacher, brother Bacon is
deserving of more than a passing notice. He was an original, both
to mind and character; in holy and unassuming, he survived
most of his companions. In mind clear and eloquent, his sermons
were masterpieces of their kind. As a controversialist, he knew
his arguments and illustrated mostly from the Word of God, and
they did wonderfully extend. As a scholar, he was commonly a
man of one book, and that book the Bible. As a churchman, his
experience was scriptural, and his example irresistible. As
a pioneer of Methodism, he was bold and undaunted, and he
lived to see the handful of seed sown in his early youth, multi-
plied into an abundant harvest. The disease which terminated
his life was paralysis, and he sank gently into the arms of death,
as a child would fall asleep on the bosom of its mother. No
violence, no struggles, not even a groan marked his exit from this
world of sin and sorrow. "Let me die the death of the righteous,
and let my last end be like his."
Circuits and Stations.

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Recapitulation.

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| Charleston       | 1              | 1      | 1           | 3             | 100            | 100                 | 100               | 100                     | 100                        | 100                               |                     |
| Columbia         | 1              | 1      | 1           | 3             | 100            | 100                 | 100               | 100                     | 100                        | 100                               |                     |
| Pickens          | 1              | 1      | 1           | 3             | 100            | 100                 | 100               | 100                     | 100                        | 100                               |                     |
| Georgetown       | 1              | 1      | 1           | 3             | 100            | 100                 | 100               | 100                     | 100                        | 100                               |                     |
| Charleston       | 1              | 1      | 1           | 3             | 100            | 100                 | 100               | 100                     | 100                        | 100                               |                     |

Total, all circuits: $542,536.00

14. What Agents are necessary for the Superintendents, and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowances on the circuits?

$1,500.00

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

The amount received is $3,873.21, and has been appropriated as follows—being a discount of 7 per cent.

To the Rev. Saml. Powdroyd, $186.00
   W. J. Jackson, $186.00
   A. M. Forster, $186.00
   J. L. Hain, $186.00
   James Dandell, $186.00
   Campbell Smith, $186.00
GEORGE TOWN DIST.—Charles Betts, P. E.

Santee miss., Martin Embly, J. S. Connor.

Sumter miss., Thomas Mitchell.

Black River and Per Pee miss., A. M. Chihurst, Jas. S. Erwin.

Black River et., M. L. Banks, Wm. W. Jones.

Black Mingo miss., Joseph Parker.

Conwayboro et., Jacob L. Shuford, R. Thornton Capers.

Waccamaw miss., Wm. Carson, George W. Stokos.

Marion station, Real English.

Marion et., Henry M. Mood, Edward D. Boyd.

Bennettsville et., Lewis M. Little, John W. Crider.

Society Hill miss., Bould P. Hughes.

Cerevis, William C. Parsons.

Darlington et., M. A. McKibbon, Lewis M. Hamer.

Liberty Chapel miss., John A. Munick.

COLUMBIA DIST.—William Creek, P. E.

Columbia: Washington et., Whittod A. Gamewell.

Marion: P. Asbury Mood.

Congaree miss., Nicholas Tally.

Columbia et., Alexander J. Smith.

Barnwell et., Sappson Jane, William A. Hemmingway.

Orangeburg et., D. J. Simmons, William H. Lawton.

Lexington et., Thos H. Peay, Ellen W. Mood.

Santee et., David R. Seab.

Upper Santee et., Abram P. Arant.

Sunsetville, William H. Flanagan.

Sunset et., John R. Pleuning, B. W. Burgess.

Fairfield et., Cornelius McLeod.

Winn's and Chesterville, John W. North.

Chester et., James H. Ward.

COLUMBIA, Agent for Columbia Female College.

CHARLOTTE DIST.—D. Deerech, P. E.

Charlotte, John R. Pickett.

Charollie et., John W. J. Harris, Jesse S. Nelson.

Concord et., Paul F. Rider.

Albemara et., William C. Clarke.

Wadesboro, Osgood A. Duby.


Chesterfield et., Daniel McDonald.

Candlers, James Story.

Water miss., H. S. Ogborne, Andrew J. Caufield.

Lancaster, John H. Robinson.

Pleasant Grove, William M. Bascalning.

Dutchman's Creek miss., Lewis A. Johnson.

Tracy R. Walsh, President of Carolina Female College.
CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE S. C. CONFERENCE.

OFFICERS AND MANAGERS—William M. Whiting, President; C. Betts, 1st Vice President; H. A. C. Walker, 2nd Vice President; William A. McSwain, Secretary; E. H. More, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Board of Managers of the S. C. Conference Missionary Society beg to present the following as their Report for the year 1831:

Twenty-nine years ago, the South Carolina Conference began a system of regular and systematic operations among the plantation negroes of the low-country, by establishing two missions, lying on the south of Ashley river, and the other on Sandee and the Dee rivers. Bishop McKendree, of revised memory, appointed from among the ministers of the Conference, two missionaries for this work—then an untried experiment. During the first year, about eight were raised them, but the Conference, for the cause of missions. The labors of these pioneer missionaries, during the same period, resulted in the gathering of 447 church members. One of these good men died in September, of bilious fever, taken from exposure in the swamps of his field of operations. The very extent of the enterprise cost the life of a missionary. But this sacrifice furnished proof that the benevolent spirit of the mission work was not yet extinct in the church; and that Methodist preachers knew how to die at their posts, though these might lie among the drearier and negro-quarters.

Nearly a generation has passed away since that day, and it is an interesting matter of inquiry, how far the small beginning, just mentioned, has advanced in a quarter of a century? What practical results have grown out of it? What respect the field now wears; and what we may fairly count upon for the future.

That there has been a large development, the statistics which this Society has published year by year, will fully prove. In 1833, they numbered six; in 1835 eight; in 1836 nine; in 1837 ten; and ten years afterwards, viz. in 1847, there were 17 missions,
24. The influence of Christianity upon the negro population,  

taken up by the missionaries of this Society, demands our notice.  
The Gospel is a message intended for all men. It takes up in its  
grand generalizations, the bond as well as the freedom of salvation is meant to be irrespective of all outward conditions.  
That it should be preached to all classes of men is the distinct  
and clearly revealed will of God, and therefore, matter of duty  
and obligation to the church. Now, if nothing more had been  
accomplished than the meeting of this solemn responsibility,  
that the Church would have been doing much. Success is with  
the Church, it is for us. And so, it were more of merit than unkindness with  
every right-minded democrat, that in the peculiar relation sustained  
by him to his slaves, it had been in its power to come and aid  
The Christian minister in presenting Jesus and the Resurrection  
to his dependents, even though no visible fruit of its presence  
appeared as the result, but beyond all this, it is incidentally  
believed that Christian influence has made itself felt in the  
science, civilization, and life of thousands of the blacks.  

A vast deal of ignorance has been in the way, on the part of the  
old negroes: many superstitions, notions, many fixed habits of  
immorality, have been barriers to the entrance of God's  
Word in the household. The teaching on the part of the  
younger generation, has been slow and small. As the Church  
has existed, and the missions of the negroes, we yet confidently believe  
that in a great number of instances, and on all the missionary  
stations, the power of Christian truth, as the power of Christian  
morality, and the resulting influence of the Holy Ghost have  
been felt. It is clear that much of the instruction given in  
the missions of the negroes must, of necessity, deal in the  
first principles of Christianity—must be to a large extent adopted  
to an humble mind, of intellect and a limited extent of  
information: and must make its impression by constant and  
patient repetition. This is precisely what is doing all the time.  

No romance surrounds such a field of labor; it lacks all the  
elements which stir the enthusiasm of lofty minds; it is in the  
highest degree a work of faith, and demonstrating the patience of hope,  
and the labor of love. Your missionaries are occasionally  
cheered by some deplorable scene, in some lowly cabin of a  
Negro quarter. Instead of the stupid indifference of a semi-
barbaric nature, or the frantic bewilderings of a terrified superstition,  
you witness the calm conciliation of a faith which rests on the  
bottom of Jesus—the Man of Sorrows, the Son of God; and  
trusts his merits for salvation in a crisis which baffles the proudest  
reason, and prostrates the loftiest imagination.
sprinkling," and fitted for an abode in heaven, the revelations of the last day will disclose. Results such as these, of course, beyond the track of mortal observation; but if our missionaries have indeed been instrumental in developing and directing aright the sentiment of religion, the capability of understanding and knowing God so as to serve him; of guiding to peace and virtue, and at last to heaven, any number of these doleful and lowly, but yet immortal beings, for whom Christ died, their achievements deserve to be ranked among the noblest triumphs of missionary patience and zeal: none less important that they lie at home, nor the less noteworthy in contrast with the turbulent, unholy, and desolating phrenzy at the North; which making the civil and social relations of this class of our population the pretext, has carried politics into the pulpit, and is now pushing the miners and negroes to the very foundation of the Federal Union.

It affords the Board of Managers pleasure to call attention to the fact that at the instance of the late General Conference, the college of Bishop, in their distribution of episcopal visitsations, has made provision to embrace hereafter, these missions to the blacks in their regular visitsations. Bishop Capers, it is understood, will make a tour through them next Spring. Such an arrangement will be regarded as eminently due to the importance of this department of our ecclesiastical work, and will, we doubt not, be alike agreeable to our honorable patrons and their dependents.

The Board having frequently herebefore, referred to foreign missions in their annual Reports, take the liberty at the present time to call the attention of the Missionary Society to the subject of the home work; concluding the present Report, with a brief statistical view of the several fields of labor under the immediate charge of the Society.

1. The \textit{Baptist Mission} was served the past year by Revs. A. W. and C. T. Copers, who report 37 white and 874 colored members, and 318 children catechized.

2. The \textit{Landisfeld Mission} was served the past year by the Rev. L. A. Johnson, who reports 4 preaching places, 37 white, 265 colored members.

3. The \textit{Nanawake River Mission} was served the past year by Revs. J. D. W. Croark and Jacob S. Conner, who report 15 plantations served, 9 preaching places, 6 white, 333 colored members.

4. The \textit{Ashgro Mission} was served the past year by Rev. P. G. Bowman, who reports 17 plantations served, 311 church members, and 138 children catechized.

5. The \textit{Converse Mission} was served the past year by the Rev. N. Talley, who reports 15 plantations served, 7 preaching places, 11 white, and 257 colored members, and 200 children catechized.

6. The \textit{Pine Post Mission} was served the past year by the Rev. W. C. Kirkland, who reports 11 plantations served, 362 church members, and 362 children catechized.

7. The \textit{Upper Society Mission} was served the past year by Revs. A. P. Armst and S. Crowes, who report 24 plantations, 8 preaching places, 20 white, and 224 colored members, and 250 children catechized.

8. The \textit{Savannah Mission} was served the past year by Rev. M. Emery, who reports 16 preaching places, 728 members of the church, and 399 children catechized.

9. The \textit{Summit Mission} was served the past year by the Rev. Thomas Mitchell, who reports 5 preaching places, 179 church members, and 200 children catechized.

10. The \textit{Grenville and Allen Mission} was served the past year by Rev. C. McLeod, who reports 198 white and 61 colored members. There is a Sabbath School on this Mission (white) of 1 Superintendent, 10 Teachers, and 75 children.

11. The \textit{Black River and Red River Mission} was served the past year by Revs. J. L. Simms and B. A. Oltman, who report 10 plantations served, 16 preaching places, 100 white, and 123 colored members, and 337 children catechized.

12. The \textit{Gasco Mission} was served the past year by the Rev. J. A. Parker, who reports 20 plantations served, 7 preaching places, 214 white, and 230 colored members, and 150 children catechized.

13. The \textit{Warren Mission} was served the past year by Revs. M. L. Banks and William Green, who report 16 plantations served, 5 preaching places, 41 white, and 635 colored members, and 353 children catechized.

14. The \textit{Society Hill Mission} was served the past year by Rev. L. T. Hughes, who reports 15 plantations, 3 preaching places, 5 white, 125 colored members, and 250 children catechized.

15. The \textit{Chapel Mission} was served the past year by the Rev. F. Rush, who reports 22 plantations served, 6 preaching places, 242 church members, and 220 children catechized.

16. The \textit{Liberty Chapel Mission} was served the past year by the Rev. A. P. Martin, who reports 5 preaching places, 41 white, and 157 colored members, and 135 children catechized.

17. The \textit{South Mountain Mission} was served the past year by the Revs. B. G. Jones, who reports 21 white and 3 colored members.

18. The \textit{Backyard Mission} was served the past year by the Revs. G. W. Moore and C. E. Lambert, who report 21 plantations served, 6 preaching places, 20 white, 336 colored members, and 538 children catechized.

19. The \textit{Carolina Mission} was served the past year by the
Rev. J. R. Coburn, who reports 19 plantations served, 8 preaching
places, 413 church members, and 363 children catechised.
20. The Rev. P. M. Williams, who reports 14 plantations served, 216
church members, and 103 children catechised. The Board do
not recommend the continuance of this Mission.
21. The Eads & Asian Mission was served the past year by the
Rev. Charles Wilson, who reports 11 plantations served, 7
preaching places, 763 church members, and 676 children catechised.
22. The Cooper River Mission was served the past year by the
Rev. A. D. Erin, who reports 9 plantations served, 6 preaching
places, 684 church members, and 566 children catechised.
23. The Long Town Mission was served the past year by the
Rev. Jno. A. Porter, who reports 3 preaching places, 58 white,
and 152 colored members. There is an Mission a Sunday
School (white) of 1 Superintendent and 19 children.
24. The Jacksonville Mission was served the past year by the Rev.
A. I. Barnett, who reports 11 preaching places, 101 white, and
3 colored members. There are 2 Sabbath Schools, 2 Superinten-
dents, 3 teachers, and 44 children.
25. The Okeled Mission was served the past year by the Rev.
A. J. Green, who reports 2 white and 87 colored members.
26. The St. Andrew Mission was served the past year by the
Rev. R. B. Rosen, who reports 15 plantations served, 5 preaching
places, 18 white, and 232 colored members, and 77 children catechised.

The Missions are all reported to be in a sound and prosper-
ous condition.

The Beaufort and Long Town Missions have been merged
into one, and the Mission called Beaufort Church.

The Board respectfully recommend the formation of two new
Missions: One to be called St. George's and St. Paul's, and the
other to be called Tegu River Mission: both for the benefit of
the colored people.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

Rev'd Mr. Walker, James Steay, C. H. Fitchard, William
Martin, Colin Macdonald, C. W. Walker, W. A. McNair;
Robert Bryce, Esq., Columbia; Joseph B. Smith, Wadsworth;
George W. Williams, Charleston; Samuel M. Stevenson, Mar-
ion C. H.; Mrs. Joseph H. Dugan, Union; and W. J. T. Mil-
er,—X. G.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Joint Board of Finance beg leave to present their Report.
They deeply regret their inability to pay off all claims against

them. It is deemed, however, an encouraging consideration
that there has been an improvement, each succeeding year, on
the past, over since the adoption of our present plan of operation.
We are able, this year, to settle with claimants at every year's
meeting. We should have been able, to a much greater extent, to
meet these claims, after deducting the amount paid for 1854, as
$8,973.21. We feel satisfied that the preachers continue to
act as they have done in most instances, we shall send, in 1856,
to meet these claims fully. For this purpose we have assigned
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should present their claims early in the Conference year. The
claims that arise during the year, to be settled the same as
the claims of the preceding year, but claims must be presented by
the brethren to give their early and earnest attention to this
work. We respectfully recommend to the Conference to
appoint a Board of claims for the purpose of investigating
the claims hereunder submitted, if approved, be paid as
soon as possible, at an early day, in the Southern Christian Advocate, and
both the Assessments and the Report of Operation be published
with the Minutes of Conference. James Scare, Clerk.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1855.

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Triumph; 1250. M. S. McSt.[il
Barn; 100. L. W. Barke.
St. James; 100. B. Russell.
Cooper River; 100. O. H. Seaberry.
Cypress; 100. W. W. Adams.
St. George's; 1500. W. W. Lyon.
Wadsworth; 200. C. F, 11.
Black Swamp; 100. W. W. Lyon.
Georgetown; 75. S. Williams.
Black River; 50. W. W. Lyon.
Conway, 75. S. Williams.
Marion St.; 100. W. W. Lyon.
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FINANCIAL PLAN.

A Joint Board of Finance having been organized by the last Annual Conference, they have, after due deliberation, agreed to present to this Conference the following Plan, to enable the amount necessary to meet the current claims of the Conference.

1. A Joint Board of Finance shall be elected at the close of the Conference.

2. The following amounts shall be paid into the General Fund:
   - Lancaster: $25
   - Pleasant Grove: $25
   - Conwell: $25
   - Albemarle: $25
   - Walkesville: $25
   - Chesapeake: $25
   - Spartansburg: $25
   - Sumter Circuit: $25
   - Davidville: $25
   - Dallas: $25
   - Catawba: $25
   - Shelby: $25
   - Morganton: $25
   - McElwain: $25
   - Lenoir: $20

3. Each treasurer shall render an account of the amount paid into the General Fund.

4. The Joint Board of Finance shall have the power to appoint additional treasurers as may be necessary.

5. The expenses of the Joint Board of Finance shall be paid from the General Fund.

6. The Joint Board of Finance shall have the power to invest the surplus funds in such manner as they may deem best.

7. The Joint Board of Finance shall have the power to delegate authority to the treasurers to act as agents for the Conference.

8. The Conference collections, for the support of our Bishops, and superannuated preachers, shall be paid into the General Fund.

J. STACY, Chairman.
COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

For the First Year—A. M., Girard; A. G. Story; J. A. Porter.
For the Second Year—S. H. Brown; J. S. McSwain; E. A. Mood.
For the Third Year—S. Lawr.; J. Story; A. M. Slipp.
For the Fourth Year—W. A. McSwain; J. S. Fleming; W. P. Menzies.

COLLEGES.

WOLFORD COLLEGE.


Faculty—Rev. W. M. Wightman, D. B. President, and Professor of Moral and Mental Science.

David Bauer, A. M., Professor of Ancient Languages.
Rev. A. M. Shipp, of N. C. University, Professor of English Literature.
James H. Carlin, Professor of Mathematics.
Warren P. Peirce, Professor of Natural Science.

Bible Reading: Township Bank—a. M., and Professor of Preparatory Department.

COLUMBIA FEMALE COLLEGE.


SPARTANBURG FEMALE COLLEGE.


VISITING COMMITTEES.

To CAROLINA FEMALE COLLEGE—John R. Pickett, N. Tally, R. B. Haywood, R. H. Whitefield, E. M. Morgan.


PLANTATION.

The first Tuesday in May and in September are appointed as days of Fasting and Prayer, and all teachers and members are earnestly invited to meet at their respective places of residence on those days, and offer up special prayer to God for the blessing upon our literary institutions, upon the Churches generally, and for an increase of ministerial labors for the home and foreign field.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Education beg respectfully to report, that they have had the various papers on this important subject which have been referred to them, under careful consideration. In the providence of God, and by the growth and progress of the Church within the limits of the S. C. Conference, a new and powerful impulse has been given to this cause: within the last
year or two. Next to the direct influence of Christianity, education yields the greatest power in the formation of character; and thus it is vitally connected with the well-being of society.

That this powerful agency, for good or evil, should be imbued fully with the spirit of Christianity, no one doubts:—nor can any one question what has been the settled policy of the Methodist Church in England and this country on this subject. That this policy is wise and far-seeing: that it is even necessary to the permanency and consolidation of the most precious interests of the Church; as well as demanded by her growth and influence, the committee fully believe. It is with no ordinary satisfaction, therefore, that they present to the Conference the following particulars, digested from the various documents put in their hands.

Waford College. On the first of August last, this Institution commenced its regular scholastic exercises, under the supervision of the President, and Professors Dunham and Carlisle. A Freshmen and Sophomore class of undergraduates were organized, who have been carried on in the studies of the course marked out by the Board of Trustees. This course of study is as full and extensive as that of the first class of American Colleges; and in addition to the classical, literary, and scientific curriculum, usually embraced in a liberal education, affords instruction in the Hebrew, German, and French languages. The Professors of Bellas Lettres and Chemistry will take their chairs in the Institution, as soon as the progress of the classes now organized makes it necessary. The President has been requested to travel, during the ensuing year, as his other duties will permit, and bring in the endowment of the College to $120,000, by the sale of scholarships. These are offered on the following terms, viz:—for one scholarship, covering the tuition of four years, $100; for two scholarships, embracing the tuition of ten years, $200; and for five, embracing 30 years, $500. These scholarships are transmissible, and will be available to purchasers when $50,000 are secured by the sale of them.

The buildings are in a state of sufficient forwardness to warrant the expectation of their completion by the close of the present year. They consist of a large and elegant College edifice, a President's Parlor, and houses for four Professors, all designed by an eminent architect of Charleston, Mr. Jones; and built by Messrs. Clayton & Burgess. On the 1st of January, 1855, the Provisional Board will turn over to the Board of Trustees appointed by the S. C. Conference the entire premises, and in accordance with the provisions of the will of the Founder, the professors will pay to the Board $50,000 to be held by them for the support of the College. This, with the amount appropriated by the Conference from the Centenary Education fund, makes the permanent endowment $90,000. The Committee take great pleasure in adding, that the magnificent sum of $30,000 has been recently contributed to the funds of the College by George W. Williams, Esq., of Charleston, with the intention on his part that the annual interest should be appropriated to the education and support of one or more students, to be selected by the S. C. Conference, and who are looking to the work of the ministry. The Committee suggest that all applicants should be required to present to the Conference a recommendation from a Quarterly Conference. Believing that a fund having so important an object in view should be increased without delay, they commend this interest to the earnest consideration of the ministry and members of the Church; and are satisfied that the administration of it will be fully and faithfully attended to by the Trustees of the College.

There will be opened on the 2d Wednesday in January next, a Preparatory School, in connection with the College, under the general supervision of the Faculty.

The Colored Training School. This Institution has been in operation about 20 years. During all this time it has maintained a high reputation for scholars, as a few of the ministers of the Church have been educated within its walls. It has an endowment of $1,000. The improvement of the late Geo. Howard, the proceeds of which are annually appropriated to the education of the sons of the deceased, superannuated, and effective ministers of the Conference. There are eight beneficiaries of this class now at the school. In addition, the sons of nine other preachers have received their tuition free during the past year; and the same benefic has been extended to three candidates for the traveling ministry, at whose request, in all, twenty beneficiaries. The number of scholars during the year has been 94. In a general review of the school, the session, a large number of scholars and united with the Church, the Conference feel that the work of the School is in a healthy condition. The tuition fees more than cover the expenses. During the past year a new chapel, with two new class-room and examination rooms, has been finished. The subject of Female Education is one of highest importance. The improvements now on foot, show that although the conference has been in some way, in the past few years, in a slow in coming into this field, it means to make up by future activity for past delay.

The Christian Board College, located in Ansonia, N. C., has been in successful operation for the last four years. A Conference in succession, but this the last four years. As a Conference Institution it has been receiving a beneficial influence upon the minds and hearts of the young ladies who have been favored with its instruction. With full confidence in its entire management, it is expected that the increased attention of the ministers, members, and friends of the Church will be increasingly directed to this matter.
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After mature deliberation, it was determined that
the Female Colleges should be established within the limits of
the State, one in Columbia and the other at Spartanburg.

The building committees were appointed; and the friends of
W. Williams, Esq., of Charleston, for the liberal donation he has
made towards the education of candidates for the itinerant min-
istry; and that this fund be recommended to the notice of the
members and friends of the church for early enlargement;
moreover, that all applicants for aid from this fund must
be recommended by a Quarterly Conference or the certificate
of recommendation by the Annual Conference being only signed
by the President and Secretary of the Quarterly Conference.

Resolved, 4. That we hereby recommend to the incorporated
Conference to divide equally between the Columbia and Sparta-

Resolved, 5. That we recommend to the presiding Bishop
the appointment of the Rev. C. Mullis; and for the Columbian Female College; and the appointment of Visiting
Committees for the Cadesburg School and Carolina Female
College.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. Whitman, Chairman.

William M. Whitman, D. D., was appointed to preach a
Sermon, on Wednesday night of the next annual session, to
the undergraduates in the ministry.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Article I. This Society shall be denominated "The Missionary Society of the
South Carolina Conference, auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the
Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

Article II. The Missionary Society shall be composed of:--President, two
Vice-Presidents, two Secretaries, one Treasurer, and nine Managers, who
shall be annually elected by the Society; all of whom
shall be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Article III. The Board of Managers shall require five members

Article IV. The Board shall have authority to make up laws for regulating its own
proceedings; and shall annually exhibit a report of its transactions and
adventures to the trustees and manage the funds of the Society;
and shall conduct the business of the state of its
funds.

Article V. The Treasurer, who shall reside in Charleston, shall hold the funds of
the Society, subject to the orders of the Board; and shall account for the
funds of the Society, subject to the orders of the Board and the certificate of the
society, and shall manage the funds of the Society;
and the payment of the salaries of the ordinary and extraordinary officers of the
Society; and the payment of the salaries of the Board of Managers.

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Society; and the payment of the salaries of the Board of Managers.
IX. The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Managers.

X. 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, each member as shall be appointed by the meeting shall preside.

XI. The minutes of each meeting of the Society shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the Society, in the absence of both, by the Secretary alone.

XII. 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.

I. The Managers shall meet annually, at such place and time as shall be appointed for the Annual Conference, on the day previous to its sitting.

II. At all meetings of the Board, the President, or in his absence, shall take the chair at the hour appointed: shall preserve order and appoint committees, and shall also have authority to appoint extraordinary meetings of the Board.

III. The Secretary, shall keep a correct journal of the minutes and proceedings of the Board, and at all meetings, attend and take the minutes of the proceedings, and transmit the records of the Board to the Secretary of the Society.

IV. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct account of receipts and expenditures, which shall be submitted, with the necessary vouchers, to an auditing committee, at each meeting of the Board.

V. The Board shall hold a meeting on a day not later than the seventh of the month following the meeting 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 CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Wm. M. Whitman, Treasurer, in account with the Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference.

From Missions.

Cobham, by J. R. Coburn—D. Blake sq. 100, At of Mrs Heyward by D. Blake sq. 130, Joshuas Nichols sq. 200, At of W. Heyward sq. 150, J. J. Priest, $300.00

Pown Pan, by W. C. Kirkland—Col L. Morris 75, L. C. Gilliland 100, C. Barin 50, Hon J. B. Grinnell 60, Hon H. H. King 40, W. M. Cassatt 40, At T. King sq. 80, T. F. Jenkins 20, Mrs A. J. Ellis 15, Mrs E. W. Ellis 15, W. J. Lawton 10, At J. King sq. 15, W. M. Clements 5, collection from blanks 12, 477.00


W. H. Mayes sq. 50, H. H. King sq. 40, J. F. Jenkins 20, D. Blake sq. 100, J. F. Jenkins 20, W. J. Lawton 10, At J. King sq. 15, W. M. Clements 5, collection from blanks 12, 477.00

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Jamestown, by J. L. Johnson 125 00
Alice and Granville, by C. Melendez 125 25
Longtown, by J. A. Butler 75 00
Cooper River, by A. Kreefer — Crawford 30, Dr. T. Frieden 20, Mrs. Bell 20, Dr. C. Tramont 12, Graces 10, Dr. Graces 10, Dr. Bass 10 102 00
Round O., by Rev. P. A. M. Williams — J. W. Lewis eqq 50, Mrs. E., 77 00
Glover 29, Mrs. E. Humphries 7 501 00
Liberty Church, by A. P. Martin — Dr. Harville 20, W. Collins 6, F. Harrell 5, J. W. Morris 3, B. Howard 3, other cod. 24 75 00
Savannah River, by J. D. W. Cock — Est. of Taylor 20, J. Rutledge eqq 42 00
by Dr. Cross 20, a friend 2 41 00
South Mountain, by B. G. Jones, Jocassee, by A. H. Harmon, 20 00

FROM CIRCUIT.

Orangeburg, by W. H. Lawson, 600; by W. H. Fleming 130 730 00
Benjaminville, by L. M. Little 607 00
Cypress, by W. H. Fleming, of which 20 to make Eliza E Knight 1m 658 65

Wadsworth, by J. W. Harris — Spencer 25, T. J. Smith 10, J. Medley 10, S. W. Cole for domestic miss 10, other donations 50, total by J. H. Zimmerman 101 00
Edisto, by J. W. Kelly — Colborne Female eqq, by Mrs. Tupper 67 00, for China mission to Dr. Taylor 100, col. 281 74
Chester, by J. E. Thompson — Mrs. Prospect conf. of which 60 to make Mrs. W. C. Creek, Mrs. J. H. Oatman and J. J. Key lm 75 55, assigned 2, 450 50
Newberry, by J. C. McLaughlin — 8 50, assigned 2, 12 81

Black Swamp, by M. A. McAuliffe 127 81

Contemporary by D. McLaughlin — 300 to educate two Chinese boys to be called Thomas Batty and Mrs. A. Wilson, 86 to make J. H. Batty and wife, B. Goodrich and B. Goodrich's family, other cod. 25 50, 415 30
Wade's Neck, by W. P. Mansen 403 50

Union, by W. A. McAlpine — 100 from Dr. Young, Capt. Booker, Col. May, Mrs. M. Hill, Mrs. A. Ross, W. Huggins, H. B. N. Green, T. Hill, Capt. Kelly — check from T. A. Cocke, R. C. Cladnlow, O. B. Grimes, Dr. Sims, A. A. Scott, Dr. G. Kennedy, Maj. Sims, T. W. T. T. Trotter, J. Sims, J. Tygart, J. Cladnlow, Dr. William, Misses Mary R. Rice, Mrs. Tom Rogers, S. Hardin, W. R. A. Thomas, Mrs. W. Kelly, Dr. Tucker, J. Foster,

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Mrs. B. Rice, S. W. Tucker, Maj. Wofford, Capt. Thomas, other collections 300 25
Pastor, by S. H. Brown 304 30
Marlboro', by R. P. Fiske — For China mission W. J. Davis 5, J. B. Sharkey, 9 50, R. E. C. 9 50, H. Porter 1, M. Avant 1, other cod., of which 5 to make R. E. Fiske 1, 294 40
Newberry, by S. Townsend, 228 50, balance by C. S. Walker 25, 288 75

Big Hill, by W. M. Crayton — To build to make Miss J. F. Howd and Miss M. Walker 10, W. M. Crayton 20, to make Miss S. Harrison, to build a chapel and R. Baldwin 10, to make Miss F. W. and E. F. Coombe 10, to make Mrs. H. Todd, to make Mrs. H. Todd, and a church on the 48 20, Charity 10.

Back River, by E. C. D. Tarr, — Miss J. H. Robertson 25, to educate a Chinese boy to select J. J. T. 15 years, wills 150 making Rev J. Parker, 250 00

Mrs. E. and H. E. Cooper 13, 250 00

Lancaster, by A. J. Citation 222 00

Cornwall, by P. E. Killen 215 25

Lexington, by A. M. Whittemore, of which 10 to make Mrs. E. 40, 215 25

Edwards, by W. H. Woods 205 71

Barnes, by A. M. Ticknor, 206 71; Mrs. Webster 3, 260 74


Union, by W. H. This 173 00

Greenville, by W. C. Patterson, 171 34

Abbeville, by J. H. Zimmerman — J. Leadman 10 for Indian Mission, 179 00

other cod. 179 00

Burghcliff, by J. H. Robinson 170 00

Charleston, by J. H. Bradley — Rev. James Blythe Ridge 5 62, Mrs. C. 500, ZIon 1 20, B. and 7 75, Trinity 1, Mr. Zion 15 90, Hartford's 160 27, Philad. 1 1 1, 131 01

Liberal, by H. M. Hoad — Rev. Spring 8 57, col. 41 95, 183 75

Catawba, by L. S. Scoughton 83 50

Saluda, by J. T. King 112 90

Cashiers, by J. W. S. 103 60

Pendleton, by T. Hayden 100 00

Pigeon Grove, by W. O. Clark 100 00

Parish, by W. Smith 100 00
SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

LEGACIES, DONATIONS, ETC.

Amount refunded from appropriations made for the Charleston District last year and not used.

Cash on Waldorf Legacy
R Brey, Treasurer, January and July dividends.
Y Y, 3 Q D to give 10 to Lady, Charleston, 2.
A friend, Georgetown.
First fruits of a small rental from Mrs E Walker.
From "Mary Louise" missionary box.
Donation by a little boy, Columbia.
Avails of jewelry from a Lady in Wilmington, avails of jewelry.

ANNIVERSARY.

W M. Wightman, 500 of which Mrs W contributes 25 to a female school in China, 30.
A Wallace, 50.
B English, 50.
John Bryce, 50.
Mrs John Bryce
S Smith, 5.
J Wightman, 2.
P Wightman, 2.

Interest on Waldorf Legacy
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250, J H Ferguson 2, D Jones 2, J Buttsright 1, W F Toonson 2, J T Wightman 2, A B Stevens 2, W A Cheek 2, J W Kelly 1, M C Caldwell 1, Mrs Glass 1, Mrs C Kennedy 1, R Rice 1, Mrs S S Pierce 1, Mrs R Pierce 1, Mrs E Pierce 1, T Mitchell 1, W F Colobra 1, R T Caton 1.

Cash 2; to make J E Evans 1, M J Brown 1, J B Glass 1, J May 5, Mrs H May 5; Mrs Iseler 1, cash 5; beg collection 1860 32; 1812 82

MEMORIAL.

From Missions, $ 5,822 40
" Circuits, 10,855 20
" Stations, 3,787 78
" Schools, etc., 637 70
" Auditory calls at Columbia, 1,042 82
" Balance in hand from last year, 35 89

Total, $22,782 01

1854.

By amount paid to Dr. Taylor in Colborne circuit, $ 110 00
By amount paid to Rev. Dave Lewis collected for him at Bethel Church, Cohocton, $8, at Trinity 85 05.
By collection at Cumberland and Church, paid to Rev. M Colman, Missis 4, 00
By balance paid over to Rev. E H Myers, Treasurer on Conf Missy Society, $2,530 05

Total, $22,782 10