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HELD IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, BEGINNING ON
WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER, 25TH, 1857.

The Conference met, Nov. 25, at nine o'clock, A. M., in the
Court House, and was opened with the exercises of a Prayer-
meeting, conducted by Rev. Robert Paine, Presiding Bishop.
The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll and one
hundred and three members answered to their names.

Paul A. M. Williams was elected Secretary, and the usual
committees appointed for the session. The Conference con-
tinued its sessions during Thursday, Nov. 26th, Friday Nov. 27th,
Saturday, Nov. 28th, Monday, Nov. 30th, Tuesday, Dec. 1st,
Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, and Thursday, Dec. 3d, Bishop Paine
presiding.

Its daily sessions were opened with the customary religious
services.

After the usual Disciplinary Questions had been answered
and the reports of the various literary and benevolent institu-
tions connected with the Conference had been received, and the
other usual business of the Conference had been transacted, the
Conference adjourned with the Benediction from the Bishop on Thursday, at half past nine o'clock, P. M.

The following pages contain all the items of public interest.

REV. ROBERT PAINE, D. D., Bishop, Aberdeen, Mississippi.
REV. PAUL A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary, Orangeburg, S. C.

QUESTION I. What Preachers are Admitted on Trial?

QUESTION II. Who Remain on Trial?
James M. Cline, William J. E. Fripp, Edward G. Gage, Joel H. Glasgow, Evan A. Lennomond, Francis M. Morgan, Jonathan L. McGregor.

QUESTION III. Who are Admitted into Full Connection?

Re-admitted—T. Sutner Daniel.

QUESTION IV. Who are the Deacons?
Minton A. Connelly, John W. Crider, William A. Hemingway, S. Barksdale Jones, F. Milton Kennedy, Jesse S. Nelson, Alexander B. Stephens, Eugene W. Thompson, Caspar E. Wiggins, who were ordained last year, and George K. Andrews, William S. Black, Andrew J. Evans, Samuel J. Hill, John W. Murray, Rufus R. Pegues who were ordained this year. 15.

QUESTION V. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

QUESTION VI. Who have Located this year?
None.

QUESTION VII. Who are the Supernumeraries?

QUESTION VIII. Who are the Supernumeraries or worn-out Preachers?

QUESTION IX. Who have been Expelled from the Connection this year?
Julius J. Fleming.

QUESTION X. Who have Withdrawn from the Connection this year?
None.

QUESTION XI. Are all the Preachers blameless in life and conversation?
Their characters were strictly examined by calling over their names severally before the Conference.

QUESTION XII. Who have died this year?
Charles S. Walker was born in Charleston, S. C., on the 22d Jan., 1815. At the Young Men's Prayer-meeting he was brought to know himself a sinner, and to feel his need of a personal interest in the Saviour. He was happily converted to God on the 30th September, 1830. In the ardour of his early love he gave himself fully to his Master's work, and ere he had attained his legal majority, in the freshness of his youth he forsook the house of his father to encounter the toil and privation of a Methodist Preacher's life. He was admitted on trial into this Conference in the beginning of 1834, and sent to Black Swamp Circuit. In 1835 he travelled the Walterboro circuit. In 1836 and 7 he laboured on the Pootalaico mission; in 1839 on the Rockingham circuit; in 1839 on the Commboro and Ashemoo mission; in 1840 on the Black River circuit; in 1841 in Fayetteville; in 1842 in Yorkville; in 1843 in Brunswick circuit; in 1844 in 45 and 46 on the Black River and Pee Dee mission; in 1847 on the Wadesboro circuit; in 1848 on the Black River and Pee Dee mission; in 1849 and 50 on the Darlington circuit; in 1851 and 52 on the Wadesboro circuit; in 1853 on the Newberry circuit; in 1854 on the Abbeville station; in 1855 he was made Supernumerary and stationed in Spartanburg; in 1856 he was Agent for Wofford College, and at our last Conference was appointed for the present year to Spartanburg circuit. He entered upon the duties of his last appointment with his accustomed zeal and devotion. Indeed the fidelity with which he endeavoured to perform his duties was probably the cause of his death. For several years he had complained of an affection of the throat, and his exposure to the severe weather of the last winter in
meeting his engagements on his circuit brought on an attack of which he died on the 18th January last.

He was a man of stern integrity, sound judgment, and high moral courage, and to those qualities may be added great simplicity and purity of character. In our Conference he was an efficient member of the Joint Board of Finance and the confidence reposed in him by his brethren was shown by his election as a Trustee to two of our institutions of learning. His well-spent life was followed by a peaceful death. In his last illness, he gave assurances of an unshaken trust in God, and he has left to his family and to the church the richest legacy—the remembrance of his virtuous life, and unspotted character.

Question XIII. What Numbers are in our church in the bounds of the Conference.

[See annexed tables.]
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### QUESTION XIV.
What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the Circuits?

$7,715 00.

### QUESTION XV.
What has been Collected on the foregoing accounts and how has it been applied?

$4,313 55: and divided among thirty-three claimants, as provided for in the Discipline.

### QUESTION XVI.
What has been contributed for the support of Missions! What for the publication of Tracts and Sunday School Books! What to end the American Bible Society, and auxiliaries.

For Missions, $21,053 28. For Tracts and Sunday School Books, $3,264 41. For the Bible Society, $421 00.

### QUESTION XVII.
Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

**CHARLESTON DISTRICT—Rev. P. Morrison, P. E.**

- Charleston—Cumberland, James Stacy.
  - Trinity, John T. Wighton.
  - Bethel, William H. Fleming.
  - St. James, William A. Hemingway.
Barnwell Circuit, Edmund A. Price.
Blackville Circuit, Alexander B. Stevens.
Orangeburg Circuit, Paul A. M. Williams, Daniel A. Ogburn.
Lexington Circuit, Martin B. Bridge, One to be supplied.
St. Andrew Mission, John A. DeBose.
Fairfield Circuit, Song A. W. Brown.
Chester Circuit, Alonzo Pickett.
Winnboro Circuit, Maundy Brown.
Sunter Circuit, and English.
Aiken Circuit, William E. Boone.
Sumter District, Agent for Tract Cause.
William Martin, Agent for Columbia Female College.

Cokesbury District—Robert J. Boyd, P. E.

Cokesbury Circuit, John W. North.
Abbeville Circuit, John B. McPherson.
Edgefield Circuit, John K. Pickel.
Butler Circuit, T. J. Sumter.
Ninety Six Circuit, William H. Levay.
Newberry, Carolinians Michael.
Newberry Circuit, Thomas Reynolds, Wesley W. Graham.
Union Circuit, William A. McRae, Henry D. Moore.
Tiger River and Baptist Mission, John Frazier.
Laurens Circuit, John A. Moore, Van Buren A. Sharp, A. P.,
Morris, Supernumerary.
Greenville Circuit, John H. Conover.
Anderson Circuit, Robert P. Pendley, William S. Black.
Pickens Circuit, Augustine W. Walker.
Jocassee Mission, To be supplied.
Pickens Circuit, Joel H. Glisson.
Saluda Mission, John H. Zimmerman.
Wm. Barksdale Jones, and J. Wesley Wightman, Rector and Classical Teacher in Cokesbury Institute.

Charlotte District—Sali H. Brown, P. E.
Charlotte, Elias J. Magruder.
Charleston Circuit, Lewis M. Letke, J. L. McGregor.
Concord Circuit, John Watts.
Wadesboro, P. Milton Kennedy.
Wadesboro Circuit, Moses A. McKibben, R. Randolph Pegues.
Chester, Lewis A. Johnson.
Chesterfield Circuit, Edward J. Pennington.
CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, COMMITTEES, ETC.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
AUXILIARY TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

CONSTITUTION.

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 object of this Society shall be to aid the Parent Society in carrying on its Missionary labors in the United States and elsewhere.

Article III. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and five Managers, who shall be annually elected by the Society, all of whom shall be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Article IV. At all meetings of the Board of Managers it shall require five members to form a quorum.

Article V. 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 either the President, or the Secretary, or the President and Secretary, shall be the President of the Board of Managers.

Article VI. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Society, subject to the drafts of the President, in accordance with the laws of the State.

Article VII. Each subscriber paying $1 annually shall be a member of this Society, and the President shall have power to invite to membership such additional numbers as shall be required for the proper conduct of its business.

Article VIII. The Annual Meeting of this Society shall be held at a time during the session of the Conference, at the discretion of the Board of Managers.

Article IX. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Managers shall be five officers of the Board of Managers:

Article X. At all meetings of the Society, the President, or in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, or in the absence of both Vice Presidents, shall preside, and if he is absent, the meeting shall proceed.

Article XI. The President of each meeting of the Society shall appoint the President and Recording Secretary.

Article XII. The Constitution shall not be amended but by a vote of two-thirds of the Annual Conference, or the recommendation of the Board of Managers.

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The Rev. Tracy R. Walsh, was appointed to preach the Annual Sermon before the Junior Presidents.
BY LAWS.

I. The Managers shall meet annually, at such places as may 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, the Vice President, or President pro tem, shall take the chair at the hour appointed; shall preside, and appoint committees; and shall, also, have authority to appoint extra meetings of the Board.

III. The Secretary shall keep a correct journal of the minutes and proceedings of the Board, and attend all its sittings when practicable, and, in case of absence, transcribe the records of the Board to the place of meeting.

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 to be appointed by the Board at each annual meeting.

V. 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 thereupon notify the Preceding Bishops of the amount for which Drafts may be made the ensuing year.

The Board of Managers held their annual meeting in accordance with the First By Law of the Society. The Board met in the Town Hall at Charlotte, N. C., on the first day of January, A. M., of Tuesday, Nov. 24th. The following is an abstract of the Reports of the different Missions presented to the Board.

**Upper River Mission.** A Mission to the whites, and reported as a field of promise.

St. Andrew's Mission, served by Rev. A. R. Danver, who reports 145 blacks in full connection, 205 on trial, 18 whites in full connection, and 70 colored catechumens.

Prince William's Mission, served by Rev. Wm. Hutton, who reports 9 plantations served, 7 preaching places, 4 whites in full connection, and 127 colored. On trial 115 colored and 150 catechumens.

Stokes' Mission, served by Rev. J. T. Dabbs and Caspar E. Wilkinson, who reports 22 preaching places, 804 colored in full connection, 240 on trial, and 310 catechumens.

**Sumter Mission.** served by Rev. T. Mitchell, who reports 8 plantations served, 110 members in full connection, 22 on trial, and 350 catechumens, among a population of 1200.

**Black River Mission.** served by Rev. J. W. Miller, who reports 10 preaching places, 1360 in full connection, 100 on probation, 1367 catechumens, among a population of 1800.

**Liberty Chapel Mission.** served by Rev. J. F. Moore, who reports 7 plantations served, 7 preaching places, 25 whites and 165 colored in full connection, 66 colored on trial, and 75 catechumens. He also reports 1 Sabbath-school for the whites, with 1 superintendent, 4 teachers, 25 scholars, and 30 volumes in the library.

**Black Mingo Mission.** served by Rev. G. W. Stokes, who reports 9 plantations served, 6 preaching places, 8 whites and 262 colored in full connection, 47 colored on trial, and 280 catechumens.

**Warren county Mission.** served by Rev. J. B. Minick and J. L. Mcgregor, who reports 12 preaching places, 39 whites and 364 colored in full connection, 7 whites and 88 colored on trial, and 236 catechumens.

**Upper Warren county Mission.** This mission is principally to the whites, and was served by Rev. G. K. Andrews, who reports 42 colored in full connection, and 18 whites on trial, 1 Sabbath-school, with 1 superintendent, 6 teachers, 40 scholars and 6 volumes in library.

**Richland Park Mission.** served by Rev. A. L. Martin, who reports 43 whites and 263 colored in full connection, 25 whites, 79 colored on trial, and 150 catechumens.

**Greenland Mission.** served by Rev. W. M. Moore, who reports 25 whites and 1 colored in full connection, 1 Sabbath-school with 8 officers and teachers, 65 scholars and 200 volumes in library.

**Tiger River and Evans Mission.** served by Rev. J. F. Miller, who reports 6 preaching places, 25 plantations served, 220 colored in full connection, 124 on trial, and 350 catechumens, among a population of 1000.

**Upper Santee Mission.** served by Rev. W. Carpenter and R. O., who reports 8 public churches, 80 whites and 550 colored in full connection, 3 whites and 56 colored on probation and 260 catechumens.

**Jamestown Mission.** to the whites, served by Rev. L. J. Robinson, who reports 12 preaching places, 115 whites in full connection and 29 on trial.

**Walhalla Mission.** served by Rev. J. H. Zimmerman, who reports 100 full membership, and 2 on trial, 319 colored in full connection, 68 on trial, and 292 catechumens.

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During the year just closing 27 individuals have been saved by this Society, under the ministry of its members, who report a church membership in full connection and on probation of 14,269 whites, and 11,026 colored persons; while 3,375 white children are taught in Sunday-schools, and 2,013 colored children are regularly instructed. The Board recommends the division of the Continent and a new mission, and the establishment of a new mission in the Shady District, to be called the John's River Mission.

In reviewing the operations of the year, the Board unite with the Society in devout thanksgiving to God for the abundant blessings which have crowned their labors.

All which is respectfully submitted.

After the reading of the Report the meeting was addressed by Hon. James D. Treadwell, of Columbia, Bishop Robert Paton, of Mississippi; Dr. E. H. Myers, of Georgia, and Dr. Joseph Cross, of the S. C. Conference, after which the usual collections were taken up, and the annual election for Officers entered upon, resulting as follows:

Wm. M. Witham, B. D., President; Charles Betts, 1st Vice President; R. A. C. Walker, 2nd Vice President; W. A. McQueen, Secretary; Charles Taylor, M. D., Treasurer; R. J. Boyd, W. A. Gamez, A. W. Walker, S. H. Browne, T. R. Walsh, W. H. Fleming, J. Talley, H. M. Mood, J. T. Wightman, Managers.


To draft the annual Report of the Board of Managers—Rev. James Stacy.
JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.


The Board held their usual meetings during the Conference session, and with the conference of the Incorporation adopted the following Financial Plan, and also the Arrangements to be made by the different stations, circuits, and missions of the Conference as follows:

FINANCIAL PLAN.

1. It shall be the duty of the Board, after ascertaining the whole amount of claim against them, annually in five years, the same by the several circuits and stations in the Conference, and also those having charge of towns or stations, within their jurisdiction with the amount apportioned to their charge.

2. Each preacher shall make all necessary efforts to collect the amount apportioned to his charge by the Board.

3. The preacher in charge of each circuit shall (at the close of the Conference year) fix the first appointment for his conference at the church nearest the Parsonage (of place of boarding) and shall allow his time thereat at least one week before the last in the year, during which time (the day to be fixed the preceding year) by the president at the conference, he shall hold the first meeting in the Parsonage, or place of boarding, at which it shall be the duty of the preacher to collect.

4. Each Board of stations, respectively, shall ascertain the whole claim against the circuit for the current year, both for subscriptions and traveling expenses, and a definite per cent; they shall then make an estimate of the foregoing claim, and the amount apportioned to the several circuits having charge of towns or stations, within their jurisdiction, with the amount apportioned to their charge, shall be the duty of the preacher to collect.

5. The Board shall make the preacher the agent in collecting the amount apportioned to them.

6. Each preacher shall make all necessary efforts to collect the amount apportioned to them.

7. The Board shall make the preacher the agent in collecting the amount apportioned to them.

8. The Board shall require all persons having charge of towns or stations, to meet the claim against their station, and for that purpose, the Board shall make the preacher the agent in collecting the amount apportioned to them.

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15. The Conference, at their next session, to be held at the Parsonage, or place of boarding, at which it shall be the duty of the preacher to collect.

16. The Conference shall make all necessary efforts to collect the amount apportioned to their charge, and shall hold the first meeting in the Parsonage, or place of boarding, at which it shall be the duty of the preacher to collect.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE.

The Committee on Education beg leave to report, in part: That a Tender is made to the S. C. Conference, of the Dartmouth Female College, located at Lebanon, Pembroke co., N. C., to be held by the Conference in the same way in which the other Literary Institutions of the Conference are held, and a handsome building, costing $10,000, on an imposing site, has been erected and paid for, and is nearly ready for service. The section of country where the College is located is flourishing and beautiful, and it is anticipated that a large patronage can be commanded. Application for a charter will be made to the Legislature of N. C. next winter. The Committee on Education, after an interview with the gentlemen representing the College, take pleasure in recommending for adoption by the Conference, the following resolutions—viz:—

Resolved, 1st, That the S. C. Conference of the M. E. Church, South, regarding with great interest the progress of liberal education, on Christian principles, in the upper counties of N. C., hereby accept the tender of the Dartmouth Female College, at Lebanon, N. C., as one of the Literary Institutions under its control and patronage.

Resolved, 2nd, That the following members of the Conference and by gentlemen be, and they are hereby constituted a Board of Trustees for the Institution aforesaid—viz:—


Resolved, 3d, That the Board of Trustees thus constituted are hereby instructed to secure in the charter of incorporation, a section securing to the S. C. Conference the right of filling all vacancies that may hereafter occur in the seven first named members of the Board, by nomination and election by the S. C. Conference.

The Committee has been authorized to inform the Conference that by a unanimous vote of the stockholders of the Spartanburg Female College, the stock has been transferred to the Board of Trustees, to be held hereafter in trust, for the purpose of sustaining a Female College in Spartanburg under the control and patronage of the S. C. Conference. As an amendment in the Charter of incorporation will be necessary, the Committee recommend for adoption the following Resolution—viz:—

Resolved, That this Conference concurs with the Board of Trustees of the Spartanburg Female College, in applying at the present session of the Legislature of South Carolina for an amendment in the Charter, placing the institution on the same footing with the other Literary Institutions under the supervision and patronage of the S. C. Conference.

The Committee on Education beg leave respectfully to report: That they have condensed from the several statements and reports submitted to them the following summary of the condition and prospects of the institutions of learning, perused by the S. C. Conference:

1. This Institution completed the third year of its operations, in July last. At the commencement held at that time, there were six young gentlemen appointed; and the session was one of special interest. The number of students at present matriculated and in the Preparatory Department amounts to ninety. The permanent fund of the College, which is judiciously invested, is $55,000. The prospect of distinguished usefulness for the College is flattering. The government is mild but firm; and the conduct as well as the scholarship of the undergraduates is commendable. A generous revival of religion during the past year brought into the communion a number of the students—some of them young men of the highest promise. The Spring Term begins on the 3d Wednesday of January, and the 2d Wednesday
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE.  

The Committee on Education beg have to report, in part: That a tender is made to the S. C. Convention of the Spartanburg Female College, located at Lenoir, South Carolina, to erect and to kill the same way in which another Institution of Education are held. A handsome building, costing $10,000 on an improving site, has been received and paid for, and is nearly ready for service. The section of country where the College is located is flourishing and beautiful, and it is anticipated that a large patronage can be maintained. Application for a charter will be made to the Legislature of S. C. next winter. The

Committee on Education, after an interview with the gentlemen representing the College, take pleasure in recommending for adoption by the Conference, the following resolution—viz:  

Resolved. 1st, That the S. C. Conference of the M. E. Church, South, regarding with great concern the progress of liberal education, on Christian principles, in the upper counties of S. C., hereby accept the tender of the Spartanburg Female College, at Lenoir, N. C., as one of the Literary Institutions under its control and patronage.  

Resolved. 2nd, That the following names be added to the above list:—viz:  


Resolved. 3rd, That the Board of Trustees thus constituted are hereby instructed to secure in the charter of incorporation, a section securing to the S. C. Conference the right of filling all vacancies that may hereafter occur in the said five named members of the Board, by nomination and election by the South Carolina Conference.  

The Committee has the honor to inform the Conference that by a unanimous vote of the members of the Spartanburg Female College, the stock has been transferred to the Board of Trustees, to be held hereafter in trust, for the purpose of establishing a Female College in Spartanburg under the control and patronage of the S. C. Conference. As an amendment to the charter of incorporation will be necessary, the Committee recommended for adoption the following resolution—viz:  

Resolved, That the Conference empower the Board of Trustees of the Spartanburg Female College, in applying at the present session of the Legislature of South Carolina for an amendment in the charter, placing the institution on the same footing with the other Literary Institutions under the supervision and patronage of the S. C. Conference.  

The Committee on Education beg have the pleasure to report: That they have endorsed from the several statements and reports submitted to them the following summary of the condition and prospects of the institutions of learning, provided for by the S. C. Conference.  

1. Warren's College. This Institution completed the third year of its operations, in July last. At the commencement held at that time, there were six young gentlemen graduated; and the session was one of special interest. The number of students at present matriculated and in the Preparatory Department amounts to sixty. The permanent fund of the College, which is judiciously invested, is $62,000. The prospect of distinguished usefulness for the College, is flattering. The government is mild but firm; and the course as well as the scholarship of the undergraduates is commendable. A great revival of religion during the past year brought into the community a number of the students some of them young men of the highest promise. The Spring Term begins on the 3d Wednesday of January, and the 3d Wednesday
of July is Commencement day. The following gentlemen compose the Faculty: viz., the Rev. R. W. Wrightman, D. D., President and Prof. of Moral and Mental Science; G. R. Duncan, A. M., Prof. of Ancient Languages; Rev. W. Smith, D. D., Prof. of English Literature. J. H. Carroll, A. M., Prof. of Mathematics; W. Dupee, A. M., Prof. Natural Science; R. W. Boyd, A. M., Principal of the Preparatory Department.

2. THE COLUMBIA SCHOOL. This School, which is an Academy of the highest grade, has been in existence for the past year, and eight students. Of these nine are beneficiaries on the Holloway foundation. These are sons of superannuated, deceased, and other Preachers of this Conference. The resignation of the former Erector was received during the past Summer; and in his place the Rev. B. S. Jones was elected. His well known administrative talent, and his activity and devotion in his duties, are the pledge of enlarged prosperity to the School. He is assisted by the Rev. J. W. Wrightman, A. M., Classical Teacher, and A. Trinque in the English Department. The Charter of Incorporation being about to expire, application has been made to the Legislature for a renewal.

3. THE CAROLINA FEMALE COLLEGE. This Institution is located in Ansonia, N. C. Its Faculty of Instruction is composed of the following officers, viz.: Rev. R. H. Whitaker, President; J. B. Gillam, Prof. of Natural Science; Mrs. M. Mendenhall, Assistant Instructor; Miss J. Graham, Music; Miss S. A. Little, Assistant in Music. The average number of pupils in attendance the past year has been about 28. The course of instruction is ample, and the progress of the young ladies, satisfactory. A vigorous effort has been made to secure the support of the community, and donations have been contributed from various parts of the country, amounting to about $4,000. The five students are supported by subscriptions from members of the vicinity. It is hoped by the Committee that this movement will be speedily and entirely successful, and that a career of enlarged usefulness awaits the College.

4. THE SPARTANBURG FEMALE COLLEGE. This Institution has entered another year of prosperity. The average number of pupils has been one hundred. Their intellectual advancement has been satisfactory. The government of the College has been easy and pleasant; and during the year a generous religious influence has been realized. The President, Mr. Tucker, having resigned his post, in pursuance of an invitation to visit a distant part of the United States, the Rev. Dr. Charles Taylor has been elected to fill the vacancy. The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Jane T. H. Cross have consented to serve in the Faculty; and Prof. H. H. Jones, from Va., fills the chair of Mathematics and Natural Science. Prof. H. L. and A. S. have charge of the Music Department. The College will resume its exercises on the last Wednesday in February. The Board of Trustees respectfully request the appointment of the Rev. H. H. Dunlap, as Agent.

5. THE COLUMBIA FEMALE COLLEGE. The Committee take pleasure in reporting the progress towards completion, of the splendid edifice now in course of erection, in a fine location in the city of Columbia. The building has been enclosed and roofed, and presents already an imposing appearance. The Executive Committee deserves high praise for the energetic and judicious manner in which they have adopted, in carrying on this important enterprise, in which posterity may well look to the future generation, to hold so precious an interest. To complete the building according to the contract, nearly $7,000 will still be needed. To the liberality of the friends of Female Education, this Institution is truly indebted. The Committee on Education trust that no effort will be spared in pressing on this noble and essential object; and that the gratifying success of the Agent during the past year may only be the augury of still larger success in the year to come. The Committee ask the reappointment of the Rev. W. Martin, as Agent.

6. THE DAVENPORT FEMALE COLLEGE. This Institution which the S. C. Conference has taken under its patronage during the present session, will be ready to open its doors for the reception of pupils in the course of the ensuing year. It is located on a commanding site, in the suburbs of the beautiful village of Limestone, Columbia, and will furnish educational facilities to an important section of the Conference district. The Rev. H. H. Wood, A. M., has been elected to the Presidency. In this judicious choice the Committee heartily concur; and they commend the College to a liberal patronage.

The Committee are about to call the Conference that the term during which the clerical members of the Board of Trustees of Wolford College hold office, having expired, a new election is proper during the present session.

It will appear from the foregoing statements, that the Methodist Church within the bounds of the S. C. Conference, is moving on to occupy a position worthy of her means and responsibilities, in the important work of moral and religious instruction among colored youth. It is due to the anxious and energetic efforts of the members and friends of the Church, that this auspicious movement, so warily and so judiciously undertaken, has succeeded so well, and so uniformly sanctioned by God's express approval and blessing, that it should be vigorously supported. As these educational institutions are now so amply provided for, the rising generation, so early and so properly trained, should be the subject of particular care, and the subject of religious instruction. It is to be hoped that these institutions, so important an object in the Church, will be carefully attended to, and that the Committee, through their agents, will carry on the work of education in the manner of the Church, and in the manner of the Church. The cost of education will be repaid a thousand fold in the civil, social, and religious advantages secured by it. The golden fruit of faith and virtue will be the reward of all who labor in the cause.
The Committee beg to offer for adoption by the Conference, the following Resolutions:

Resolved 1. That the members of the S. C. Conference read with feelings of deep gratitude to God the success which has attended the educational enterprises of the Church, thus far; and pledge themselves to a cordial support of the Literary Institutions patronized by the Conference.

Resolved 2. That the Bishop presiding at the present session be, and he hereby is requested to reappoint those members of the Conference who are at present connected with the Schools and Colleges.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. Wightman, Chairman.


TRUSTEES OF WOFFORD COLLEGE.


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CAROLINA FEMALE COLLEGE.—W. Martin, E. J. Mayordom, J. T. Munds.


COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.


CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE.


COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE THE PROBATIONERS AND DEACONS ON THEIR APPOINTED COURSE OF STUDY.


FOURTH YEAR—S. Leard, M. A. McKibben, R. J. Scott.

A COURSE OF STUDY.

For the ensuing Probationers and Deacons of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to be continually observed in all the Annual Conferences, as provided for by the late General Conference.

FIRST YEAR—The Bible as in Doctrines; with reference to Wesley's Notes, the Bible Dictionary, and Commentaries of our own publication; Concordance and house's Collections of Sacred Scriptures, Wesley's Sermons, Fletcher's Appeal and Christian Perfection, English Grammar and Composition.

SECOND YEAR—The Bible as in Doctrines or Systematically. Reference books the same as the first year. Watson's Life of Wesley, Bishop Watson's Apology, Wesley's Christian Perfection, Methodist Discipline, Geography, Composition.

THIRD YEAR—The Bible as in Historical Chronology. Reference books as before. The first and second parts of Watson's Institutes, Gregory's Church History, Justinian, Written Essay, or Sermon.

FOURTH YEAR—The Bible generally. Reference books the same. The third and fourth parts of More's Life of Wesley, Powell on Apostolic Succession, Old Christianity contrasted with the Novelties of Popery, by Gideon Ouseley, Lects, 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 their own, or any part of it, such only as may be considered.

Miscellaneous Department.—The Bible continued, Fletcher's Checks, Life of Dr. Eusebius, Modern Church History, Dr. Edwards's Revolution, D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation, Baker's Anatomy, Natural Philosophy, Moral Philosophy, Civil History; and 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.
RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were passed at different times during the session:

Resolved, That the first Friday in April and September next be observed as days of fasting and prayer to Almighty God for a general revival of religion within the bounds of this Conference, for an increase of laborers in the vineyard, and his blessing upon our literary institutions. And that our people be requested to assemble on those days at their respective places of worship.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested at least six weeks previous to each Fast Day to give notice of them in the Southern Christian Advocate.

Resolved, That this Conference is deeply impressed with the importance of some form of receiving members into the Church in order to secure uniformity in the administration of Discipline as well as for other purposes, and that we respectfully request the attention of the ensuing General Conference to this matter.

Resolved, That the Preachers of the several charges procure the Record Books lately published at Nashville, and that the Presiding Elders be requested to use their influence to have this resolution carried into effect.

Resolved, That we take up in all our circuits and stations during the month of March next, collections to defray the expenses of our Delegates to the ensuing General Conference, and the moneys so collected be handed to the Delegates most convenient, and that any surplus, remaining after defraying said expenses be handed to the Treasurer of the Joint Board of Finance.

Resolved, That an earnest effort be made by all the Preachers of this Conference to secure donations the present Conference year for the benefit of Carolina Female College, and if deemed expedient to take up collections for the same purpose, and that all sums collected be either forwarded to Rev. T. R. Walsh, or brought to the ensuing Annual Conference.

Resolved, That this Conference earnestly request the Examining Committees for the ensuing year to be more thorough in their examination; and that the Committee for the first year address a letter to each member of the class calling his attention to the Course of Study, the necessity of application, and of a punctual attendance before the Committee at the Annual Conference.

Resolved, That this Conference takes pleasure in expressing its high appreciation of the ability with which the Southern Christian Advocate has been edited and managed by our respected friend, Dr. E. H. Myers, and pledges itself to a sustained and earnest effort to make the paper the foremost now published by the M. E. Church, South.

Resolved, That we have learned with great satisfaction that the Rev. W. M. Wightman, D. D., has consented at the special request of the family of the late Bishop Capers, to write the life of our honoured and deceased friend, so long a member of this Conference.

Resolved, That we hereby heartily approve of this selection, and take occasion to express the hope that the work will soon be presented to the public.

The Bishop presented the resolution of the Alabama Conference, memorializing the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to be held in Nashville, in May, 1858, to expunge from the General Rules the following rule, to wit: "The buying and selling of men, women and children with an intention to enslave them." The Ayes and Noes were called for, and upon the roll being called, 115 voted in the affirmative, and none in the negative.

The following Delegates were elected to represent the South Carolina Conference in the General Conference, to meet at Nashville, May, 1858:


Reserves, Wm. P. Monzon, and H. C. Parsons.

ADDENDA.

NAMES of Contributors on Combahee and Ashley Mission: Daniel Blake, $150; Mr. Butler, $100; Estate of Arthur Hayward, $100; Charles Hood, $100; Wm. H. Hayward, 80; Rev. T. W. Smith, 80; Estate of Mary Smith, 50; Rev. W. C. Paget, 40; Capt. W. Godfrey, 40; Total $500.

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