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of the
South Carolina
Annual Conference
of ministers of the
Methodist Episcopal Church, South
Nov. 20-25, 1889

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MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH SESSION
SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.

The South Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in its One Hundred and Fourth Session, at the Methodist Church, in Camden, S. C., Wednesday morning, November 20, 1889, at 9.30 o'clock, Bishop John C. Emeuer, D. D., presiding.

The Session was opened with religious services conducted by the Bishop.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll of members, and 131 clerical and 90 lay members answered to their names.*

H. F. Church was re-elected Secretary, and L. C. Ligon, L. F. Beaty and E. Olin Wintson, Assistant.

The bar of the Conference was fixed.

9.30 o'clock, A. M., and 1.30 o'clock, P. M., were selected as the hours of convening and adjourning.

A. J. Stokes presented the report of the Presiding Elders, nominating the following Committees to serve during the present Conference Session, which was adopted:


*The Directory shows who were present during the Session.
Eight local preachers were elected to Deacons' Orders. (See Condensed Minutes.)

Two local preachers were elected to Elders' orders. (See Condensed Minutes.)

E. T. Hodges, of Los Angeles Conference, and John L. Ray, of Tennessee Conference, were announced as transferred to the South Carolina Conference.

A communication from Dr. Morton, Secretary of General Board Church Extension, was read, and, on motion, referred to Conference Board Church Extension.

The Report of the President of Wofford College was referred, without reading to Board of Education.

The Deacons of one year, Alpheus W. Attaway, Marcus L. Carlisle, Chas. W. Creighton and John A. Rice, were called, and having stood approved examinations in the prescribed course of study, their characters passed.

W. Creighton and John A. Rice, were called, and having stood approved examinations in the prescribed course of study, their characters passed, and they were advanced to the class of the Fourth Year.

Twelve traveling preachers were elected to Elders' Orders. (See Condensed Minutes.)

Announcements were made, and Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY.

November 21, 1889.

Conference convened at the appointed hour, Bishop Keener in the Chair, and was opened with religious services conducted by Samuel B. Jones.

The roll was called and 22 clerical and 5 lay members, absent at yesterday's session, responded.

On motion, the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

A communication from Dr. W. Smith was received and read, which, together with resolutions respecting the observance of the Sabbath, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of H. M. Mood, A. J. Stokes and R. N. Wells.

The Secretary was instructed to reply to the letter of Dr. Smith, conveying to him, in his afflictions, the sympathy and fraternal regards of the Conference.

The Committee of Trial in the case of S. J. McLeod, reported that the charges and specifications were sustained, and that S. J. McLeod be deposed from the ministry, and expelled from the Church.

Rev. John F. Carson, having lost his credentials, requested duplicates, and the Secretary was instructed to furnish them.

Thirteen remain on trial. (See Condensed Minutes.)

Rev. W. W. Wadsworth, of the North Georgia Conference, was introduced.

The paper presented by A. J. Stokes, on yesterday, was taken from the table and adopted.
The report of the President of Columbia Female College was referred without reading to the Board of Education.
Rev. Paul V. Bonar, of the Baptist Church, was introduced.
David R. Brown was readmitted.
W. A. Rogers was granted leave of absence after to-day's session.
On motion, the time was extended for the purpose of holding the regular Annual Session of the Legal Conference.
The Bishop then gave the Chair to Dr. S. B. Jones, President of the Legal Conference.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY.

MONING SESSION.

November 23, 1889.

Conference met according to adjournment, Bishop Keener in the Chair.
Divine Service was conducted by J. M. Boyd.
The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.
The names of L. C. Loyal and A. H. Lester were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for Superannuation.
Preston B. Jackson, previously referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for Superannuation, was changed in reference for the Supernumerary Relation.
The following resolution was offered by S. H. Browne, A. J. Stokes and A. J. Stafford:

Resolved, That in future no application for admission on trial shall be voted onunless the applicant shall have been heard to preach by one or more of the Elders present. On motion of R. D. Smart, it was laid on the table.
The names of the preachers of the Charleston, Columbia, Chester, Cokesbury, Sumter, Florence and Marion Districts were called, their characters examined and passed.
Dr. Barber addressed the Conference concerning the interests of the Publishing House.
Rev. T. H. Law addressed the Conference in reference to the Bible Cause.
On motion, it was resolved, that when Conference adjourns it be to meet at 3.30 o'clock, this afternoon.
On motion, the election for delegates to the General Conference was made the special order for 10 o'clock this afternoon.
Rev. David Morton, D. D., Secretary General Board of Church Extension, was introduced.
S. A. Weber presented the report of the Committee on Conference Relations, which was adopted. (See Condensed Minutes, questions 17 and 18.)
Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.
of Methodism, from the fact that we have no control of its management: be it

Resolved 1. That we take such steps as may be necessary to secure, if practicable, the influence of the Williamson Female College as a Conference Institution for the education of our daughters under our own immediate auspices.

Resolved 2. That a committee of three be appointed to ascertain on what terms, if any, the control of this institution can be secured by this body.

(Signed) J. A. CLIFTON,

W. H. WROTTON,

W. L. GRAY.

A. Coke Smith moved to amend so as to read, "and that said Committee be appointed to report one year hence."

W. L. Gray moved an amendment to the amendment requiring said Committee to report on next Monday morning. The resolution, as thus amended by the amendment, was adopted, and the Bishop appointed the following Committee: J. A. Clifton, W. C. Power and A. J. Cauthen.

Conference then adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY.

EVENING SESSION.

November 22, 1889.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Keener in the Chair.

T. G. Herbert conducted the opening exercises.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

The ballot for second Lay Alternate was announced, and J. Y. Westervelt was declared elected.

The second Clerical ballot was announced:

Whole number of votes cast ..................................................... 140
Necessary to a choice ..................................................... 71

J. O. Wilson having received 85 votes was declared elected.

A third ballot for two Clerical Delegates was ordered.

R. C. Oliver, on motion of T. G. Herbert, was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the Supernumerary relation.

Anderson, S. C., was selected as the place for holding the next session of Conference.

The Committee on Conference Relations reported, recommending that R. C. Oliver be made Supernumerary, and it was adopted.

The third ballot for Clerical Delegates was announced:

Whole number of votes cast ..................................................... 120
Necessary to a choice ..................................................... 61

R. D. Smart and Samuel Lander, each having received 64 votes, were declared elected. A ballot was then ordered for two Clerical Alternates.

The names of the preachers in Orangeburg, Greenville and Spartanburg Districts were called, their characters examined and passed.

SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

November 24, 1889.

The Annual Conference Love Feast was held at the Methodist Church, and was conducted by C. H. Pritchard.

Bishop Keener preached at 11 o'clock, and at the close of the service ordained those elected to Deacon's Orders. (See Condensed Minutes, questions 9 and 11.)

At the afternoon service, after a sermon by the Rev. J. D. Barbee, D. D., Bishop Keener ordained those elected to Elders' Orders. (See Condensed Minutes, questions 13 and 15.)

The Memorial service was held at 7:30 p.m., P. M. J. S. Beasley, by appointment of the Bishop, presided. J. M. Boyd conducted the opening service.

S. A. Weber presented a Memoir of Bishop H. N. McTyre, D. D., Dr. Morton and Dr. Barbee paid touching tributes to the memory of the Bishop.

The names of those who had died during the year were called, and Memoirs were read, as follows:

Rev. A. P. Avant, prepared by J. A. Clifton and read by G. P. Watson; L. M. Little, prepared and read by J. S. Beasley; Wm. Martin, prepared and read by A. C. Smith; Abram Nettles, prepared and read by H. M. Mood; J. H. Zimmermann, prepared and read by R. W. Barber; J. E. Watson, prepared by Thomas Rysor, and read by H. F. Chritletberg. The service was closed with the doxology and the benediction.

The pulpits of the evangelical Churches were occupied by members of the Conference.
MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH SESSION,

SIXTH DAY—MONDAY.

November 25, 1889.

Conference opened at 9:30 o'clock, Bishop Keener in the Chair. Opening devotion was conducted by J. A. Porter.

The Minutes of Saturday's evening session were read and approved; also, the Minutes of the Sabbath services.

The Statistical Secretary made his report, which gave answers to the following questions: 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33. (See Condensed Minutes)

The Special Committee charged with the communication of Dr. W. Smith made its report, which was adopted; and the Secretary was requested to furnish a copy to each paper in the State for publication. (See Reports.)

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions was read and adopted. (See Reports.)


The report of the Committee on Quarterly Conference Journals was read and adopted. (See Reports.)

R. D. Smart, President of Board of Trustees of Columbia Female College, presented the following report: The Board of Trustees of the Columbia Female College respectfully report to the South Carolina Conference, whose servants they are, the following preamble and resolution—adopted at a meeting held this morning:

Whereas, a committee has been appointed by the South Carolina Conference, looking to the acceptance and endorsement, as a Conference Institution, of the Williamson Female College, a property owned and controlled by a Joint Stock Company, composed largely of gentlemen not members of the Methodist Church; and, whereas, such endorsement will and must tend to the diminution of the patrimony of the Conference institution for years burdened by a heavy debt, which is now being gradually reduced; and, whereas, said Conference college will be severely crippled, if not entirely destroyed, by such action; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees, whom you have put in charge of the Columbia Female College, feel bound to enter their solemn protest against the proposed action.

(Signed.)

THOMAS G. HERBERT, HENRY M. MOOD,
A. J. STOKES, JOHN A. FORER,
R. P. FRANKS, J. B. TRAYWICK,
A. J. CAUTHEN, SAMUEL B. JONES,
JOHN O. WILLSON, W. R. RICHARDSON,
MARION DARGAN, Board of Trustees.

The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read by W. T. Capers, and was adopted. (See Reports.)

W. C. Power presented the report of Committee on the Williamson Female College matter as follows:

The Committee appointed by this body to ascertain on what terms, if any, the control of Williamson Female College may be secured to the South Carolina Conference, respectfully submit the following formulated proposition:

The College to be under the management of a Joint Board of Control, to consist of nine Directors, to be chosen by the Stockholders, and eighteen Trustees, to be appointed by the Conference; the Directors, however, to have sole control of its financial affairs.

The College to furnish literary tuition and text books free of charge, and tuition in music and art at half rates, to as many daughters of clerical members of the Conference as it can accommodate, so long as they pay their other expenses promptly, and conduct themselves as orderly, studious pupils.

This arrangement to remain in force as long as the Conference may desire to continue it. The following facts were elicited

1. From two-thirds to three-fourths of the stock belongs to the members of the Methodist Church.

2. The present management is under contract with the corporators for three years, to 1st January, 1893.

(Signed) J. A. CLIFTON,
W. C. POWER,
A. J. CAUTHEN.

W. D. Kirkland moved that the proposition be referred to a special Committee of Five, to report at the next session of this Conference.

Thomas Bayser moved, as a substitute, that the proposition be now accepted. After a protracted debate, a motion for the previous question was made and prevailed.

The substitute was submitted and lost. The motion of W. D. Kirkland then came up and was lost by a vote of 29 against 31.

Harris C. Rothen asked a division, which was granted.

The business of the Conference having been finished, the Minutes of this morning's session were read and adopted.

The Bishop addressed the Conference, and announced the Appointments for 1890. (See Appointments.)

Conference adjourned sine die, with the doxology, and the benediction by the Bishop.

(Signed.) J. C. KEENER, President.

H. F. CHREITZBERG, Secretary.
MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH SESSION.

III.

CONDENSED MINUTES.

Minutes of the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Camden, S. C., November 20-25, 1889.

BISHOP JOHN C. KEENEH, D. D., President.

H. F. CHREITZBERG, Secretary.


3. Who are discontinued? None.


5. Who are readmitted? D. R. Brown.


16. Who are located this year? Harris C. Betha, at his own request.


20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called one by one and their characters examined and passed, excepting S. A. McLeod, who was expelled.

21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 157; Colored members, 43; White members, 6089; Total, 65,566.

22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 2,917.

23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1,764.

24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 904.

25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 4,848.

26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 38,736.

27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? $11,000.

28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? $8,400; and was distributed in open Conference, as per Report No. 3 of Joint Board of Finance.

29. What has been contributed for Missions? *Foreign, $10,725.34; Domestic, $3,143.66; Special, $1,506.13; Total, $15,375.13.

30. What has been contributed for Church Extension? $2,303.68.

31. What is the number, and what is the estimated value of Church-edi­fices? Number, 668; value, $72,215.

32. What is the number, and what is the estimated value of parsonages? Number, 12; value, $8,064.

33. What are the educational statistics? Two Colleges, one Conference School; value, $18,572.

34. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Anderson, S. C.

35. Where are the preachers stationed this year? (See Appointments—IV.)

* Taken from Report of Treasurer Mission Board.
IV.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1890.

Names of Undergraduates in Italic. Numerals indicate number of years on the Charge.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT
J. M. Boyd, P. E.

Charleston—
Trinity. R. N. Wells 3
Bethel. R. D. Stuart 3
Spring Street. J. Thomas Pati 3
Cumberland. W. A. Beets 3
Cainby. W. S. B. Poole 3
Berkeley. G. R. Whittingler 3
Summerville Station. J. E. Clark 3
Cypress. E. B. Loyless 3
Ridgerville. H. W. Whittingler 3
St. George's. Geo. T. Harman 3
North George's. J. C. Marum 3
Colleton. W. F. A. Arida 3
Round O. J. C. Mathis 3
Walterboro Sta. C. C. Georger 3
Walterboro Clt. J. C. Young 3
Hampton. A. R. Beale 3
Allendale. J. L. Silly 3
Black Swamp. J. S. Porter 3
Hardeeville. To be supplied by W. R. Buchanan 3
Beaufort Plantation. H. B. Campbell 3

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.
WILLIAM C. POWER, P. E.

Columbia—
Washington Street. H. F. Christberg 3
Marion Street. Marion Dargan 3
City Mission. S. D. Vaughan 3
Winnsboro Sta. H. H. Jones 3
Fairfield. J. C. Stoll 3
Blythewood. W. W. Hooks 3
Lexington Fork. O. S. Harman 3
Lexington. J. Ware Brown 3
Batson. S. P. Ellow 3
Johnston. J. B. Wilson 3
Edgefield. A. B. Watson 3
Upst. Matthew's. W. P. Meadors 3
Graniteville and Langley. J. N. Wool 3
Aiken. Samuel A. Weber 3
Columbia Female College. F. C. Darby, President 3

PAINE INSTITUTE.
George W. Walker, President 3

Editor S. C. Advocate.

W. D. Kirkland 5

CHESTER DISTRICT.
A. M. Christberg, P. E.

Chester Sta. W. W. Daniel 3
Chester Clt. N. B. Clarkson 3
Richburg. Thomas Bayor 3
Rossville. C. E. Wiggins 3
Rock Hill. J. A. Child 3
North Rock Hill. J. W. McKoy 3
York Sta. G. H. Waddell 3
L. A. Johnson. Superannuated.
Blackburg. J. A. Stafford 3
King's Mountain. G. G. Craftin 3
Port Mill. E. G. Price 3
Lancaster Sta. Peter F. Kilgo 3
Lancaster Clt. J. W. Atwood 3
Tradeville. George E. Posser 3
Chesterfield. J. L. Harley 3
Jefferson. J. B. Cope 3

DOAKESBURY DISTRICT.
Andrew J. Cantron, P. E.

Cokesbury. J. H. Dunlar 3
Greenwood Sta. E. E. Blackham 3
Ninety-Six. M. M. Brabham 3
Nebo. W. E. Pigues 3
Abbeville Sta. L. F. Beatty 3
Abbeville Clt. A. F. Berry 3
And one to be supplied by J. C. Abney.

McDonnell. J. M. Steinman 3
Lovellsville. W. E. Taylor 3
Tumbling Shoals. J. C. Coons 3
North Edgefield. J. A. Arent Amaway 3
Newberry Sta. W. S. Wightman 3
Newberry Clt. W. H. Layton 3
Limehouse. J. W. Daniel 3
Saluda. F. O. Watson 3
Richardsonville. R. R. Dagnall 3
Parker's. M. H. Posser 3
Prosperity. J. C. Chandler 3

SUMTER DISTRICT.
J. S. Readey, P. E.

Sumter Sta. E. Toland Hodges 3
Sumter Clt. W. E. Wait 3
Lyonsburg. J. A. Gwilliam 3
Wedgfield. J. W. Kilgo 3
Shooflyville. J. L. Stoford 3
Sathee. H. M. Mood 3

Forreston. J. C. Bissell 3
Manning. K. W. Barber 3
Oakland. W. E. Becce 3
Cheraw. W. C. Gentry 3
Canderson. E. J. Meyerville 3
Hanging Rock. J. C. Davis 3
Richland. A. J. Colham 3
East Kesoway. J. W. Workman 3
West Water. D. B. Lucas 3

FLORENCE DISTRICT.
John O. Wilson, P. E.

Florence Sta. II. Baseham Brown 3
Mar's Bluff. W. N. Thompson 3
Darlington Sta. J. R. Rice 3
Cheraw Sta. W. M. Dunham 3
Cheraw Clt. J. H. Bel 3
Society Hill. E. J. Wright 3
Clyde. J. E. R postponed 3
Darlington Clt. J. R. McCall 3
Lower Darlington Clt. J. W. Murray 3
Timmonsville Clt. W. S. Martin 3
Effingham Clt. Supplied by N. S. Jones 3
East Effingham.
Supplied by J. N. Stone 3

Serraton. S. H. Southard 3
Lake City. W. B. Baker 3
Kingstown. W. H. Hedges 3

S. P. B. Jackson.
Sailers.
To be supplied by D. Dunn 3
Georgetown Sta. W. T. Capper 3
Georgetown Clt. M. H. Major 3
Johnsbury. A. W. Jackson 3
Carterville. W. D. Barrow 3

MARION DISTRICT.
Andrew J. Stokes, P. E.

Marion Sta. W. A. Rogers 3
Centenary. Whitefield Sta. 3
Brickyard. Whitefield Sta. 3
North Marlboro. John L. Big 3
Bennettville. J. W. Daniel 3
Clarksburg. F. A. Porter 3
Blenheim. J. A. Porter 3
Little Rock. P. A. Murray 3
Mullins. J. H. Shorth 3
Little Pee Dee. J. C. Chandler 3
Conway Sta. J. W. Hunsker 3
Conway Clt. W. M. Harsh 3
Loris. J. W. Daniel 3
Bayboro. W. W. Jones 3
Rockville. A. S. Cutler 3
Cayce. X. K. Melton 3
Pee Dee Mission. John Massey 3
Bennettsville Clt. W. H. Klotz 3
Brightonville Clt. Geo. M. Boyd 3

ORANGEBURG DISTRICT.
Thomas J. Clyde, P. E.

Orangeburg Sta. G. P. Watson 3
P. E. Wannamaker. Sup. 3
Orangeburg Clt. J. E. Grier 3
Lowe's St. Matthews. W. W. Williams 3
Presbytery. D. D. Busier 3

Bamberg and Bufford's Bridge. J. L. Stokes 3
Belvidere. P. F. Kilster 3

Graham's. J. D. Tiller 2

Upper Edisto. M. A. Fenster 3
Blackville. J. W. Arier 3
Falling Springs. J. F. Platt 2
Orange. M. L. Banks 3
Williston. R. J. Young 3
South Branchville. J. S. Bellinger 3
Ellenton Clt. Geo. W. Darr 3

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.
J. WALTER DICKSON, P. E.

Greenville Sta. J. A. Clifton 3
Greenville Clt. J. R. Betts 3
Belvidere. H. E. Shaffer 3
North Greenville. A. C. Walker 4

Forks Shoals. S. E. Hadden 3

J. A. Wood. Supernumerary.

Williamson and Belt. 3

Pleasanton. T. C. Lyon 3
Anderson Sta. Charles J. Smith 3
Anderson Clt. To be supplied by J. N. Wright 3

West Anderson Clt. 3

To be supplied by J. C. V. Barnes 3

Townville. T. P. Phillips 3

Pendleton. T. C. O'Dell 3

Pickens. J. R. Fike 3

Fickie Mission.

To be supplied by R. M. Merritt 3

Seneca City. C. H. Pritchard 3

Walhalla. M. C. Corley 3

Oconee Mission. S. S. Andrews 3

Westminster. P. W. Walkers 3

S. Lanier. President 18

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.
Thomas G. Herbert, P. E.

Spartanburg—
Central Church. W. R. Richardson 3
S. B. Jones. Supernumerary.

Belvedere. J. D. Frieson 3

J. F. Smith. Supernumerary.

Union Sta. Walter H. Cauthen 3

South Union......... John Attaway 1
J. M. Fridy, Superintendency
Jonesville............. D. P. Boyd 3
and Adena H. King 1
Gaffney Cl.......... A. A. Gilbert 3
Laurens.............. T. E. Morris 5
North Laurens........ W. A. Clarke 1
Clinton................ J. E. Mabaff 9 3
Belmont.............. David P. Brown 1
Campobello........... S. T. Blockman 1
Pacotet.............. T. M. Baile 1
Clifton.............. J. W. Shell 1
Wofford College......
A. Coke Smith, Professor 4
J. C. Kilgo, Financial Agent 2
TRANSFERRED.
A. McFarlan to St. Louis Conference; John M Pike and John A
White, to Florida Conference;
Edwin D. Monzon, to Texas Conference, and J. S. Mattison to Brazil Mission Conference.

SUPERANNUATED.
W. C. Patterson, Whitefield Smith,
D. W. Seale, J. J. Newberry, L. M
Hamer, J. M. Carlinde, Manning
Brown, R. L. Bluffe, Stidi H Browne,
R. G. Jones, W. Hutto, Simpson
Jones, S. Lard, W. Carson, M. A
Connolly, J. J. Neville, T. W. Mun
nerlyn, W. W. Mood, Landy Wood,
R. P. Franks, A. H. Lester and L. C
Loyal.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.
The education of the people is recognized among all progressive nations
as a prime condition of social advancement, political safety, and material
development. As such, it receives the earnest support of the leading
statesmen, the best equipped scientists and the philanthropists of the
world. Even nations whose treasuries are almost bankrupt with the
accumulated debt of centuries of war and misrule, are stimulating their
resources to make large appropriations for this essential feature of modern
civilization.

We conclude from these facts that educated intellect will dominate the
future civilization to an extent far beyond example in the world's history.
And when we think of the possibility that this mighty movement may be
controlled and shaped by altruistic, agnostic, or even by rationalistic influ
ences, we are filled with alarm. The consequences of such a state of things
would be disastrous beyond expression; and, the only organization
capable of preventing such a catastrophe, is the Church. Hence, the
Church everywhere, in England and in Protestant lands, has felt itself
constrained by the irresistible logic of its providential surroundings, to
devote a large portion of its talent, time and treasure to developing and
propagating a distinctly Christian influence upon the great educational
movement of our time.

Thus the times in which we live call for an ever increasing interest in,
and devotion to, this great work, and we rejoice to believe that our people
are awaking to a clearer realization of duty in this matter.

Reviewing the educational work of our Conference during the year, we
find much to encourage us.

Wofford College
Reports that it is enjoying the most prosperous year of its history, hav
ing enrolled 107 names upon its College classes, and 38 pupils being in
attendance upon the Fitting School. The collections for tuition have been
better than any previous year. The Financial Agent, Rev. John C Kilgo,
has shown great energy and marked ability in laboring among the
Churches to secure a sufficient endowment; and his success is beli9
demonstrates that, with the united support of preachers and people, his great
enterprise is sure of accomplishment in the near future. He has visited
45 Churches and obtained in each subscriptions and notes, $2,000. The
College needs $1,700 for furniture and school-room apparatus. It would
also be much benefited by the purchase of another boarding hall, a suit
able one being offered to us for only $1,500. The economical boarding
system, as arranged in Wightman and Alumni Halls, has proven a complete suc
cess, especially in the eating and earnest piety maintained by the young
men there. The District and Circuit Boards of Education reported at our
last Conference have been duly organized and are working well. We look
for very effective aid from this source, when all the Districts shall be repre
sented by candidates for the ministry, under the care of the Church.

Columbia Female College.
The scholastic year, which closed last June, was one of marked prosperity.
One hundred and twenty-seven pupils were matriculated, of whom 54
were boarding pupils. All but four or five pupils were members of the
Church. A healthful and gratifying moral and religious tone pervaded

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the College during the entire year. The literary work of the College was equally gratifying. The daily meditations and the annual and semi-annual examinations gave evidence of diligent study.

The receipts of the year were sufficient to cover all the current expenses and appropriate one thousand dollars to the reduction of the bonded debt. The building and grounds are in good condition, and the whole Institution is neatly and comfortably furnished.

The College has been doing a great and good work for the Church and deserves the sympathy and support of all our ministers and members. The patronage now is not as large as at the close of the last school-year, and your Board begs leave to urge upon the Conference the importance of more earnest work in behalf of this invaluable Institution.

Cokesbury Conference School.

This School has enrolled about sixty pupils during the year. Its course of study prepares boys and girls for college, or the practical pursuits of business life. Mr. C. C. Reed has been re-elected Principal for the ensuing year.

Paine Institute.

Situated in the city of Augusta, Ga., presided over by a member of our own Conference, Rev. George Williams Walker, is doing a good and much needed work in supplying soundly trained preachers and teachers for the colored people. We recommend that the amount asked for its support, $350.00, be divided among the Presiding Elders, and that they be requested to endeavor to raise the same by whatever method may commend itself to their several judgments.

Appointments.

We recommend that the Rev. E. T. Hodges be appointed on Committee of Examination for Class of first year, in place of Rev. J. M. Pike, transferred; and Rev. W. R. Richardson to fill vacancy on the Board of Education, caused by same transfer.

Resolved, That an assessment of $4,000 be laid upon the Conference for the support of Wofford College during the ensuing year.

We request the Bishop to appoint Rev. Samuel Lander to the Presidency of Williamson Female College; Rev. A. Colle-Smith, Professor in Wofford College; Rev. John C. Ridg, Financial Agent for Wofford College; Rev. O. A. Darby, President Columbia Female College; Rev. Geo. W. Walker, President Paine Institute.

S. B. JONES, President.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The Bible is the Word of God in the words of men. It is God's Word to all mankind. It alone answers the questions that alike interest the philosopher and the little child. It shows us the Father in the countenance of the Son of Man. It teaches us how to live and how to die. It is the oracle of the legislator, the charter of human rights, the guide-book of human ignorance, the conso1er of the broken-hearted, the "day-spring from on high." Without it, the pupil is powerless, and personal piety an impossibility or a dream. And yet how many homes in South Carolina are without it; and how few people read and study it.

The Committee offers the following Resolutions:

1. That never has it been more imperative the duty of the ministry to urge on the membership to read the Bible prayerfully every day, and so to insist that this is indispensable to growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2. That every Pastor, early in the year, carefully prepare and preach a sermon on this subject and raise a collection for the cause.

3. That we recommend the Pastors to correspond with Rev. T. H. Law, Agent of the A. B. S., Spartanburg, S. C., with a view to supplying all the families with Bibles.

W. T. CAPERS, for Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Your Committee on Publication of The Southern Christian Advocate respectfully submits the following report: Our Conference organ is closing probably the most prosperous year in its history. While its circulation last year was much larger than the year preceding, it is still larger this year than it was last. The record made by its Editor the first year that he took charge of its columns was a good one, and he has succeeded in improving that record each successive year down to the present time.

Your Committee would also express its entire satisfaction with the manner in which Mr. C. A. Calvo, Jr., the Publisher, has been carrying out his part of the contract. Indeed, in more instances than one, he has done better by the Conference than his contract called for.

We note with pleasure the further fact that the agents of the paper, the brethren of our Conference, are fulfilling their part of the agreement in a manner more business-like and commendable than formerly. So marked has been this improvement, that, with a circulation of about five thousand last year, the books of the Publisher, at the close of the Conference, indeed only $450.00 of a balance, and this small arrearage the brethren have been paying in the present year. This statement indicates a state of things which the Publishing Committee, no less than the Publisher himself, contemplate with very great satisfaction.

Your Committee has audited the royalty account, as in former years, and finds everything correct, the receipts and expenditures being properly vouched. We also note that the contract under which the paper is now being published will expire with the year 1889, and we respectfully submit the following recommendation:

1. That we cordially endorse and support our Conference organ, and endeavor to increase its circulation yet more and more.

2. That at the close of this the quinquennium of service, we do hereby express our appreciation of the work accomplished and the success attained by our editor, Rev. W. D. Kirkland, D. D., in this delicate and difficult department of Church work.

3. That authority be given at this session of the Conference to renew the present contract, or make such arrangements as may be deemed expedient for the further publication of the paper.

R. D. SMART, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES.

The Committee on Minutes beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of the Publishers of the Minutes of last year, and find them correct.

Our Treasurer's report is as follows:

- Received from the Charges .................................. $413.28
- Less balance due Publishers of last year ................ 19

$434.00

The Committee nominate H. F. Creeth and H. B. Browne to edit and publish the Minutes of this Conference; and recommend that four thousand (4,000) copies be published.
The Committee recommend that an assessment of five hundred and fifty dollars be made for the publication of the Minutes of last year. The Committee hereby express their appreciation of the excellent manner in which the Editors and Publishers of the Minutes of last year performed their work.

The Committee recommend that the Publishers of the Minutes be instructed to prepare and distribute blanks suitable for making reports of the charges in accordance with the action of the Annual Conference last year.

H. B. Browne, Chairman.

J. C. Chandler, Secretary.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee appointed to consider that vital issue, so long under the advancement of great ecclesiastical bodies, and to-day claiming no small part of the attention of the political world, after mature deliberation, has arrived at the following conclusions:

The history of the world amply demonstrates the fact that all great revolutions, so far as the producing causes are involved, are of slow growth. It is therefore a Utopian dream to expect to eradicate in a day that which has prevailed for centuries. Great and powerful sentiments develop gradually. They are not born in a moment. Therefore we believe that in God's own appointed time universal prohibition will predominate, and that the whiskey traffic, which has destroyed its millions, will be forever exterminated, and that future generations will one day look back upon this evil of their fathers as one of the grosser crimes of a darker and less Christian age.

Therefore we believe it to be the duty of the Church to harvest every opportunity that a gracious Providence may present to it to increase this sentiment, now, we trust, in its infancy, that anticipates that happy day when both the manufacture and use as a beverage of intoxicating liquors shall be driven not only from the land which we love and call our own, but from the face of the earth.

While we are supremely thankful that the issue before us is fast becoming a great political question, we do not conceive that this or any other ecclesiastical body has the preclusive to interfere with political issues, pure and simple, for we are convinced that a "subject considered in itself" is not within our province to declare for prohibition, politically considered. Yet while this is true, the subject is also a moral one, and as individuals as a church we are bound by the highest moral obligations conceivable, not to aid, encourage or in any way abet, by practice or example, that which is wrong, otherwise we become equally guilty in the eyes of Divine law as the immediate transgressor. But a mere negative position on our part relative to this great issue will not restore the responsibility of God that has been placed upon us pertaining to the use, the sale and the manufacture of alcoholic spirits. It is therefore justly demanded of all Christian men and women that they positively forebear the perpetration of such traffic, nor manufacture, as gross violations of God's will as are revealed to us in the Holy Bible.

Therefore we are morally bound, severally and singularly, to diligently teach the children of the Church their duty and obligations relative to the virtue of temperance in its modern acceptation, feeling assured that when we have thus discharged our duty, that we have done the will of our Heavenly Father; and that we have served good seed which will ultimately produce, under God's blessing hand, a glorious and bountiful harvest. Thus, as the result of past achievements reach its all great moral revolutions have been accomplished. The Church, following the example of its Supreme and infallible Head, has sown the seed, and governments and empires have participated in the glorious reaping. We are to plant day by day; we must water continually that which has been planted by our prayers and sympathies, and it may be with our tears, and God will give the increase.

But our field is broader than that constituted by the children of the Church, or even by the sum total of the constitutions of the Church of Christ. We must catch the spirit of our illustrious and immortal founder, John Wesley, and with him we must come to the full realization of the fact that in this as well as other Christian duties, "the world is my parish." We are morally bound by the Word of God to proclaim from every pulpit the gospel of temperance, not only to the people of God, but to the poor inhabitant, bound hand and foot for the.knees of cruel, unlearned habit, and tortured by the Philadelphia fires of an acquired and depraved appetite. We should never forget that the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is powerful enough to save drunkards from the power and dominion of the drink fiend.

Resolved, That we as a branch of the Christian Church are fully committed to the cause of temperance, to work, by all legitimate means, for its advancement and final triumph in the land that gave us birth, and in a world beset by the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. For then, and only then, will the King of Kings and Lord of Lords have dominion "from the rivers to the ends of the world." J. W. Daniel, Chairman.

REPORT ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

One of the remarkable features of the closing years of this century is the multiplicity of books and periodicals. The land is flooded with books, magazines and papers. Some of these are very immoral. Their tendency is to poison all purity. For the young to read them is to run fearful risks. Their publishers use great ingenuity to get them into the hands of the youth of our land. There is another class which is not immoral, but through which runs a debasing current. In elegant language, pure fiction, and entertaining story-telling, an effort is made to undermine the foundation of Christianity. There is still another class, known as the higher critics, whose so-called advanced thinkers would rob the Bible of much of its inspiration. Their object seems to be to reduce the Word of God to the value of tales and legends, in which there are truths too sacred to be discovered. These classes of literature are most dangerous. The style and subjects make them attractive. They are published in cheap form. The effect of this poison is widely manifested.

It is the duty of the Church to stem this current by sending forth literature and literature — literature that will be attractive and entertaining, and that will win the attention of the reading public. No mathematic calculation can tell the benefit of this kind of literature. Our Publishing House has done a good work in this direction.

The efforts are widely seen in the Church and in the world. The books and papers have touched millions, and have been to a lasting redemption.

It is with pleasure that we report that our Publishing House continues to prosper. The sales have been larger than usual. Some excellent books have been sent forth. Among these books, special attention is called to Summer's Systematic Theology, Peterson's Revision of the Discipline, Leham's History of Methodism, and several works of equal importance. These books are having a fine sale, and their circulation is doing good. The revised Hymnal of the E. Church South, has been published. It will compete favorably with any Hymnal of any Christian Church. Every preacher should introduce it as soon as possible into all our congregations.

We are pleased to know that the Review is not paying expenses. The standard it maintains is very high.
The Sunday School literature is equal to that of any, and superior to that of many of the Christian Churches. The circulation is now about one million copies.

"The Graded Sunday School Libraries, of which there are eleven, are having an extensive sale, and are giving general satisfaction." The Church hopes that the graded system of catechism will soon be published. They are sorely needed.

We urge our preachers to patronize our House, buy the books, circulate its periodicals, and try to advance all its interests.

This report would be incomplete if attention was not called to the South Carolina Advocate. Under the editorial management of W. D. Kirkland, D. D., it continues to take high rank among the religious periodicals of the South. The paper deserves our earnest support. It is very near an ideal paper. A strenuous effort should to be made to place it in the homes of all the Methodist people of the State.

J. THOS. PATE, Chairman.
A. A. GILBERT, Secretary.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Sunday school work is now a broad term; for the modern Sunday school, if moving with the Church of Christ, is alive to questions embracing a knowledge of God's Word, its history and doctrines, and an earnest effort to lead to the experience of God's saving power through Christ Jesus and the agency of the Holy Spirit. It is glowing with missionary zeal. It is operating on a smaller scale, indeed, but operating none the less on the main lines of Church work.

In order to procure data upon which to base an intelligent report, the Board requested a circular and sent one to each Pastor. Had all of the brethren responded to the questions therein, we could have given the Conference a very accurate statement. As it is, sixty charges have reported, and, as they evidence every grade of interest, stimuli and ministerial support, it can arrive at a very safe average for our conclusions. Seventy per cent. report an increase in attendance, amounting to about fourteen hundred, seventy-six per cent. report schools open the entire year. In answer to the question: Are your teachers earnest Christians? Thirty-three per cent. answered affirmatively, but a very large proportion report them as only nominally Christian. There is need for serious thought here. If our teachers are not Christians, then their lives and examples are dangerous, whatever their moral standard may be.

Those sixty pastors report that about nine hundred have joined the Church from the Sunday school. Thirty-three per cent. report Bible reading general among the children. Thirty per cent. answered that we can not. The remainder did not reply. Is the Bible the religion of Protestants? Then this showing is fearful. We are forced to inquire, do the parents read it? Let the ministers take notes for sermons here; and let the Unity plan for needed reform. With the Bible so cheap as to be in reach of all, every child should have a copy, and be encouraged in reading it and studying it.

Children's Day was observed by sixty-six per cent. of the Sunday schools.

Seventy per cent. report missionary societies among the children. Methodism is missionary in root and branch. Union with Christ means sympathy with this cause for which He died. This thought must be made the salvation of the young, and the way in which it can be done is to organize Sunday schools with missionary societies in accordance with the action of the General Conference.

We want liberality; but we want more; we want intelligent Christian liberality. Begin with the children, and they will be prepared for Christian maturity and womanhood in the Church of Christ.
any application which comes signed by the Preacher in Charge, the Presiding Elder concurring.

We beg leave to ask the consideration of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we will endeavor to make our Sunday school work deeply spiritual, looking directly to the salvation of the young; will try to secure for teachers earnest Christians, and will train the children in the doctrines, history and usages of Methodism.

2. That we will earnestly strive to impress upon them the importance of reading and studying the Bible.

3. That we will work to train them in Christian character, and give them intelligent views of the nature of the various enterprises of our Church, and to this end we will use all practical occasions, especially Children's Day.

Signed for the Board,

W. A. ROGERS, President.

REPORT ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS.

The Committee to whom was referred the District Conference Journals ask leave to report that the Journals have been examined. We have been ready to find in them what is worthy of commendation as well as that open to adverse criticism. We have not been surprised that we have not found them perfect. We have been pleased to find them, in almost every instance, so nearly faultless. We think this annual review is having a happy effect.

Charleston District.

This Journal is very well kept. A feature worthy of special mention is the list of successive Conferences held, with names of Presidents, Secretaries, places and dates at the first of the Journal.

Florence District.

In the main this Journal has been well kept. It is somewhat marred by frequent erasures and interlineations.

Columbia District.

This record is pretty well kept.

Greenville District.

This record is remarkably well kept. We note particularly the good handwriting, uniform neatness and side column index, the latter advantage greatly facilitating in finding different items of the record. We have only praise for this model Journal.

Sumter District.

This Journal is beautifully kept.

Orangeburg District.

With a few trifling exceptions, we note no errors in this Journal. It has been well kept. "S. C. Advocate" and "Southern Advocate," we suggest, should not designate our Southern Christian Advocate.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board of Church Extension take pleasure in reporting, from year to year, an increase in the receipts for Church Extension. The Board return thanks to the brethren of the Conference for the prompt and business-like manner in making their returns. Only a few charges are yet to be heard from. The Treasurer has received up to this time $2,051.50, less postage and expenses of Secretary's office $1.50, leaving net $2,049.50; of this sum, one-half goes to the Parent Board, leaving $1,024.75 to be donated to the following Churches in the bounds of this Conference, viz.:

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Total.........................................................................$1,114.00

Of the sixteen applications presented to the Board, the majority were found imperfect, and cannot be paid until the papers are perfected. Our Secretary, J. G. Clinkscale, Columbia, S. C., will furnish blanks with necessary instructions for those making application for aid.
A communication was received by the Board from Dr. David Morton, Secretary of the General Board of Church Extension, asking that increased efforts be made in raising funds for Church Extension, as there is an urgent demand for money to aid in building churches in destitute places. This Board heartily extends Dr. Morton's request to the members of the South Carolina Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MURRAY, President.

GEO. W. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

A. J. STAFFORD, Acting Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS—1889.

Another year of toil and hardship has passed with our missionaries of the South Carolina Conference. The reports have come in from the field, and have been passed in review before the Board. The following is but a brief sketch and summary of what has been accomplished. The best part of the year's experience and achievement cannot be put upon paper. No record is possible here; but, thank God! the record is on high, and the rewards are sure. There is no wringing supplication, no heaviness of heart, no fast-falling tear shall be overclouded or unrequited.

There are present ten missions under the care of the Board, viz.: Cumberland, Charleston, Upper Edisto, Columbia City Mission, Parksville, Sparrington City Mission, Society Hill, Little Pee Dee, Pickens, Scranton, and Summer. This, according to a resolution of the Board, designating each charge a "mission" where the appropriation exceeds the amount paid by the people in the support of their Pastor.

The reports from all of these charges showed faithful work done by the Pastors the past year. All have not been as successful and progress. This is little Pee Dee, where the Pastor, doing his best, has not been physically able to do the work efficiently. At several points the progress of the work has been particularly gratifying; for example, Cumberland, Charleston, Columbia City Mission, Sparrington City Mission, Parksville, Oconee, and Society Hill. Our city missions are all doing finely, and many of the worse places of the wilderness are blossoming as the rose.

There were no new missions opened, and none discontinued.

There were also cheering reports from the charges aided by the Board. The general assurance was that we had made a good investment of the Lord's money. Some of these charges will not ask for any further aid.

We thank God and take courage!

J. L. STOKES, Secretary.

W. D. KIRKLAND, President.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Statistical and Financial Report of the South Carolina Conference Woman's Missionary Society of the M.E. Church, South, October 1, 1888, to October 1, 1889.

Number of Adult Societies: 153
Number of Juvenile Societies: 58
Total Societies: 211
Net Increase Societies: 10
Life and Honorary Life Members: 63
Honorary Life Patron: 1
Chinese Scholarships: 731
Subscribers to Woman's Missionary Advocate: 731
Amount remitted to General Treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.,
October 1, 1888, to October 1, 1889:
From Adult members ................................................................. $3,637 02
Juvenile members, "Palmetto Leaves"........................................ 578 12
Received for Contingent Fund and Minutes ................................... 122 08
Total ................................................................. $4,337 22
Respectfully submitted.

MRS. J. W. HUMBERT, Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

Report No. 1.
The Joint Board of Finance, South Carolina Conference, in account with Bishops' Fund, 1889:

Dr.
To Charleston District ...................................................... $117 06
To Chester District ................................................................ 112 65
To Cokesbury District ........................................................... 113 07
To Columbia District ............................................................ 112 08
To Florence District ............................................................. 113 45
To Greenville District .......................................................... 112 06
To Marion District .............................................................. 112 52
To Orangeburg District ......................................................... 112 43
To Spartanburg District .......................................................... 112 52
To Sumter District ............................................................... 119 55

Total ........................................................................ $1,263 10

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By paid Mrs. Wightman ........................................................... $29 00
By paid Bishop Duncan ................................................................ 575 28
By paid Bishop Keener ............................................................ 575 24
Total ............................................................................... $1,303 10

Reports Nos. 2 and 3.

Amount collected for Conference Collection, South Carolina Conference, for 1889:

Dr.
To Charleston District ........................................................... $1,147 20
To Chester District .................................................................. 660 25
To Cokesbury District ............................................................ 909 83
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MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH SESSION.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED ON THE COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE CONFERENCE BY REV. WHITEFOORD SMITH, D. D.

The Conference received with pleasure the communication addressed to them by Rev. Whitefoord Smith, D. D., Emeritus Professor of Wofford College, and assure him of our sympathy in his affliction, and our fullest endorsement of the Scriptural views touching the observance of the Sabbath contained in his kindly letter to the Conference. It is difficult for us properly to estimate the blessings of the Christian Sabbath, viewed as a natural gift of God to man. In its happy effects every portion of society, and millions of the sons of toil are set free. The counting houses, the workshops, the fields, the markets, the marts of trade, the factories, the mines, and other industries, sent forth their crowds to enjoy the freedom and blessings of the Sabbath, and tired men, women and children throw off life's burdens and breathe fresh vitality from the day of rest, while countless millions of dumb animals share the common rest and joy.

If the Sabbath did this only for our race, its blessings would be incalculable, and it would be the duty of every Christian to use all effort to keep it in its integrity and purity. But this is the smallest of the good resulting from the observance of the Sabbath. Its religious blessings reach out farther than these in the quality and extent of their benefits. Life is a journey, and our Sabbaths are ways stations along the road we travel. The Sabbath does not end the journey, but brings us a week nearer home. Life's business in the week leads to draw us from God and make us carnal; the Sabbath calls us to remember the day, and with the day our responsibilities as immortal creatures. We are captives of earth for six days, and as prisoners we wear its chains and hear its burdens; but on the Sabbath we are summoned to the door to look out and up to our immortality, where there is an eternal Sabbath of rest and peace and duty of which this earthly Sabbath is but a faint simulation.

In the observance of the Sabbath extreme austerity on the one hand and license on the other should be avoided; the one leading to a rigidity of manner, the other to a reckless disregard of the requirements of the day. How beautifully Christ steered the vessel, avoiding the superstitions of the Jewish Pharisee on one hand and the intemperance of the worldly pleasure-taking Romanist on the other. Life is a journey, and our Sabbaths are ways stations along the road we travel. The Sabbath does not end the journey, but brings us a week nearer home. Life's business in the week leads to draw us from God and make us carnal; the Sabbath calls us to remember the day, and with the day our responsibilities as immortal creatures. We are captives of earth for six days, and as prisoners we wear its chains and hear its burdens; but on the Sabbath we are summoned to the door to look out and up to our immortality, where there is an eternal Sabbath of rest and peace and duty of which this earthly Sabbath is but a faint simulation.

But this Sabbath is "the Lord's Day;" the day set apart for God's work; the day for religious enterprise, labor and endeavor; the day in which it is not only lawful to do good, but the day which is set apart for this special purpose.

The Sabbath is essential to the existence of the Church in purity and active service. It is one of the pillars upon which it rests, and just as the Sabbath is encroached upon, so the sanctity and activity of the Church is injured. The avarice of the human heart is clearly discernible in the prostitution of the Sabbath by public conveyances, such as steamboats, railroads, &c. There are no grosser violations of the day, or more corrupting to public morals, than the customary Sabbath excursions by steamboats and railroads. How religious people can hold connection with these companies and pocket the avails of these Sabbath desecrations is beyond our ability to divine, and yet these companies are largely made up of members of the Church of God.

One of the most specious arguments for railroad Sabbath desecration is "to enable us to transport the mails." Where the necessity? Why should postmasters and other employees of the postal service not enjoy the immunities and blessings of the Sabbath as well as others? There is not the slightest necessity existing in this branch of industrial enterprise than any other, and we plead and insist that the postal department of the nation have the benefits of the Sabbath as other departments.

We are glad to know that the Postmaster-General of our government is
attempts to grapple with this gigantic question, and we most earnestly desire and pray for his success.

We would also express our pleasure at the effort which is now being made by the "Law and Order League" of Charleston, to obtain signatures to a petition to the Legislature of this State for the better observance of the Sabbath, and regret that it has been received too late for us to secure signatures by the 21st instant, from our various congregations.

We present the following Preamble and Resolutions received from Dr. Smith:

Whereas, the Sabbath was established by God, in the beginning of the world, and was ordained for the benefit of man, and is therefore of Divine obligation; and whereas, it has been recognized by the civil law of our country, and has been approved by the wise statesmen as important to conserve the peace and security of our country; and whereas, the desecration of this day is a violation of the law, Divine and human, and is subversive of the public morals as well as of the general peace of society; and whereas, some of the steamboats and railroads of this State have of late perverted and prostituted this sacred day by running excursions therein, and, by offering low rates of fare, have demonized society and greatly offended the pious feelings of those who recognize the authority of God as well as the authority of the civil law, thereby weakening the safeguards of our institutions as well as offending the majesty of heaven; therefore,

1. Resolved, That this Conference, representing a community of more than sixty thousand members in this State, has viewed with profound regret and pain this gross infraction of a law Divine and human.

2. Resolved, That we invoke all those who have control of our railroads, steamboats or other expediency, to use their influence and authority to suppress this profanation of the Lord's day.

3. Resolved, That we call upon those whose duty it is, and who are bound by their solemn oaths faithfully to administer the laws, to fulfill their duties in this respect, and protect the best interests of society against this fearful desecration of the Sabbath.

Resolved, That the sum of $4,000 be assessed upon the Conference, for the benefit of the Sunday-schools, for the support of the Sunday-school Union, and for the General Conference to convene in St. Louis.

Henry M. Mood,
A. J. Stokes,
R. N. Wells.

Assessments on South Carolina Conference for the Year 1890.

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John O. Wilson, Chairman Joint Board.

R. H. Jameson, Treasurer Joint Board.

November 15, 1889.
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VIII.

MEMOIRS.

REV. ABRAM PINCKNEY AVANT

Was born in Darlington County, S.C., December 26, 1813, and died in Spartanburg, S.C., July 27, 1889. He joined the South Carolina Conference in 1841, and for more than forty years served the various fields to which he was appointed, with fidelity and zeal. He was a genial, sweet-spirited Christian, a firm friend, and an affectionate husband and father. Cheerfulness and gravity beautifully blended in his life, making him helpful as a pastor and successful as a preacher. Humility and mighty faith characterized this man of God. In prayer he seemed to mount right up to Heaven and talk with God as a friend to friend. In a revival he was a power, and the Lord owned him in leading more than a thousand souls to Christ. For nearly half a century Abram P. Avant wore the white plume of a useful, holy life. What a record in a sentence!

His class-mate, Rev. John M. Carlisle, says of him: "He was my friend and I admired him, and trusted him. He was my brother in Christ, and I loved him. We joined the Conference together, and in 1841 traveled together on the Montgomery Circuit, N.C., and were thrown much together, and I always found him the affable companion, the perfect gentleman, the devout Christian, and the earnest preacher. He was popular as a man, and as a preacher—especially among the common people. I have witnessed as great effects under his preaching and exhortations as under those of any one I ever knew." Indeed, taking into account his preaching ability, their effects were at times most astounding. The good man, the earnest Christian, the faithful and useful preacher is gone! I sorrow for his loss, but hope to meet him in heavens and renew the associations which to me were on earth, so pleasant."

"Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."—J. A. CLIFTON.

LEWIS MANNA LITTLE

Was born in Lincoln, afterwards Catawba County, North Carolina, July 12, 1815, and died in the city of Sumter, South Carolina, December 5, 1888, in the 74th year of his age.

The exact time when he was converted and joined the
Church is unknown; but it was at the old Rock Springs camp ground, in Lincolnton County, where his father for many years taught. His education was deep and genuine; he never for a moment doubted it; but about three years after, he was gradually brought to feel that there were depths in Christian experience not yet sounded, sweet not yet tasted, and by faith sought and obtained the consciousness of complete conservation and perfect peace.

His license to preach was given by the Quarterly Conference of Lincolnton Circuit, December 7th, 1838, and bears the signature of William Creek, the Presiding Elder. He was a preacher, therefore, for forty-nine years, wanting only two days.

His advancement to the different orders in the ministry was regular, having been ordained Deacon by Bishop Wauh in 1842, at the close of his second year, and Elder by Bishop Sootl two years later.

He closed his active ministry of forty-eight years, without a single break or turning aside to rest for even a year, 1888, only one year, he was on the non-effective list. He was not obliged long to take a retired place among the forces of his Lord and Master. Thus would he have had it if left to his own choice.

Lewis M. Little was a gentleman by instincf and culture, and utterly incapable of anything not comporting with such a character.

As a Christian, he was thoroughly consecrated. All there was in him belonged entirely to the Lord, to be used as He might lead; and he walked in the light of His countenance. He always carried a bright, cheerful face, and no cloud could drive the sunshine from it. It was pathetic, during the last months of his life, to watch him as with unalloyed, wasted form, he slowly moved among his friends, yet never without his accustomed smile, telling of his resignation and cheerfulness of spirit.

His was a life of supreme and restful trust in God. He came to his closing time without having laid away anything for the rainy day, yet was content, and to his faith and experience the rainy day never came.

He was a good, without being a great preacher, as weighed in the ordinary scales of greatness. His was very far from being a perfunctory ministry. He looked the results, and not applause. The burden of souls was upon his heart,—he preached as one that must give account, and was content if souls were lost to the Saviour. He was no revealer, always fervid,—his preaching was generally entertaining, and sometimes attended with great power. Many in the last day will rise up and call him blessed.

As a pastor, he was wise, sympathetic, tender, always ready with words of comfort for the sorrowing, and hope for the despairing.

Beautiful was his home life,—patient, affectionate, thoughtful. His home beamed with tenderness and love unfeigned. His children were devoted and embalmed.

His last year on earth must have been his happiest. Often was he in the "Beulah Land." His full soul would burst forth in songs of gladness and shouts of praise. His de-
sent to the grave was gradual as the gathering shadows of evening, so gradual that those about him knew not when his feet first touched the icy waters of death. On Tuesday he gave directions concerning some business, heard with delight the news from the Conference, which had died closed, rejoiced in spirit when his much treasured collateral of other days led in worship with him, and went to sleep his last time that night.

The next morning he could not be aroused, the deep sleep of death was settling upon him. He slept quietly, peacefully, until two o'clock Wednesday, December 5th, when, without a groan or a groan, he ceased to breathe, and his liberated spirit obeyed the summons secret and home. Like Enoch he walked with God, and like him, as concerns any pains of death, simply "one act," for God took him.

A good man and faithful preacher has gone to his reward. Earth is bereaved, Heaven is enriched.

J. S. BEASLEY.

REV. WILLIAM MARTIN

Was for sixty-seven years a member of the South Carolina Conference. Born in Mecklenburg County, N. C., March 9, 1807. Licensed to preach in 1827, admitted on trial in 1828, and died in Columbia January 10, 1888. Of Covenant decent his ancestors had stood with Knox and signed the solemn League and Covenant; no wonder there was a bent towards uprightness and all the inculcations to a pure and noble life.

Taught religious habits by a pious mother, who led regularly in family worship, he grew up a moral man, when at the age of sixteen years he was converted to God, and at the age of twenty-one years entered upon that ministry which he held down with his life sixty-one years afterward.

In the heavy travel of that early day, and being but poorly equipped for the work, no wonder discouragements beset him, and that often he was ready to faint. Prayer was his resource, and the Bible his daily counselor. His few books greatly helped him up to its study, and there was he divinely furnished for his work. In 1852 he traveled the Flint River Circuit, covering five counties, requisite hundreds of miles of travel along Indian trails and overhanging streams. With his own hand did he assist in clearing the ground and erecting the first Methodist Church in Talladega, Ala. He occasionally visited the Asbury Mission among the Creek Indians, in Alabama. He served many years on Missions to the slaves, and while living in Columbia was instrumental in leading a Chilmark to Christ. Thus, of the five races of men, he had trophies from four.

He served during his life Churches, Stations and Districts, in agencies, and as president of the Columbia Female College. During the late civil war the sufferings of the soldiers engaged his deepest sympathies, for his eldest son had fallen as its first victim. He founded, in Columbia, the famous Wayside Hospital, where many a sick and wounded
soldier was cared for. He was made Superintendent of the Central Bureau for relief of the soldiers, until Sherman burned the city. He made the first experiment in Carolina in preaching to the insane, as also in the deaf mutes at Cedar Springs, and called attention to the need of regular religious services for the convicts in the State Penitentiary.

To this chapelry he was appointed in 1864, continuing in it to the time of his death.

As a preacher he was not eloquent in the usual acceptation of that word; he never tried to be. His preaching was expository, his style simple and fervent; his illustrations plain and pointed. "Jesus and Him Crucified" was the centre and soul of his theology.

In his last illness an cloud obscured his sky. A day or two before his death he opened his eyes and said: "O what a sweet season of peace! I have had such nearness to God. He has made my way clear and shining up to Him;" and towards the close, whispering. "What wonderful calm!" passed without a struggle or fear into the presence of his Saviour.

A. COKE SMITH.

REV. ABRAHAM NETTLES

Died, November 6th, 1888, after an illness of ten days. He was born near Summerville, S. C., June 4th, 1818, joined the South Carolina Annual Conference at its forty-ninth session in Columbia, July 3rd, 1848. He leaves a wife and four grown children, three of whom reside in Clarendon County, and one in Texas. An older brother survives, and only a few years ago a sister died, aged eighty-seven years. Fifty-four years have passed since he connected himself with the church and conference, embracing two years in the local ranks. For thirty-nine years he was in the active work, but increasing disability, made it necessary for him to resign; a Supernumerary in the last thirteen years of his life.

Though not educated in a technical sense, his logical mind was well trained. His speech, though not polished, appeared in the force with which he conducted an argument.

He was master of Methodist theology and expounded it through many a hard fought campaign. His mind was clear as a looking glass, and his bow abide in strength. He never rambled or scattered in his discourses, but with a point in view he reached it, with the accuracy of an accomplished archer.

When he began his ministry, fifty-four years ago, Methodism in this State was weak, poor, misunderstood, and scattered. The South Carolina Conference embraced South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and a large part of North Carolina. There were few if any stations, and her circuits were large and interious, many of them numbering from twenty-four to twenty-eight appointments. It needed just such a

 warrior to lead her hosts to battle and to victory. His was the mind, heart, and education for the times, and his success was marked.

In the home circle all looked to him as the principal. He was kind, tender, and loving.

The writer was often with him in his last illness. His faith was strong in God, and the nearer he approached the final crisis the more confiding, earnest, and confident were his words, and his last utterances were not those of the vanquished, but of the victor, and with his faith reposing in God, he fell asleep.

HENRY M. MOOD.

REV. JOHN EMMORY WATSON

Was born in Laurens County, November 7th, 1838, and died at St. George's, Colleton County, June 11th, 1889. At the time of his death he was Principal of the St. George's "English and Classical Institute," and sustained a supernumerary relation to the Conference.

Bro. Watson was reared by deeply pious parents. They lived in the heroic days of Methodism; an age that developed spiritual muscle, and inspired great moral courage, devotion and sacrifice.

No wonder that young Watson—brought up under such influences, trained in such a school, breathed such a pure, religious atmosphere—was converted, and joined the Methodist Church at an early age, between eleven and twelve.

He was prepared for college at the historic Colleton Institute School, where his parents then resided. In 1858, he entered the Sophomore Class in Dickinson College, Carlisle, Penn. Here he won distinction, and received honors. After Abraham Lincoln was elected President of the United States, he returned home—by he was intensely Southern in his feelings—and entered Wofford College, and was graduated from that College with the Class of 1861. He was admitted into the South Carolina Conference, at its session held in Sumter, December 10th, 1862, Bishop Pierce presiding.

For twenty-seven years he was engaged in the active work of the Church as pastor, teacher, or leader, on circuits and stations, in schools and colleges. Bro. Watson was a deeply consecrated man of God. The voice of duty was supreme with him; indeed, it was to him the will of God. He was ready for any service, or sacrifice, that looked to the advancement of the cause of truth and righteousness. He had, in common with his race, a full share of human nature; but the settled principle and controlling purpose of his life was to honor God and benefit his fellowmen. He walked literally in the light of the "Golden Rule." In social and official life, he was gentle, companionable, firm and dignified. As a preacher he was clear, instructive, and, at times, very powerful; but his best work was in the school-room. He had gifts and aptitudes for this work that few possess, the culti-
vation of which made him a great success. His was a checkered life; sometimes he felt that his plans and work, that he had failed or was as Divine appointment, and the was misunderstood; he desired to follow the path of duty; he ascended at once but he never murmured or complained. He accepted his lot, hard or easy, as by Divine appointment, and "practically learned to suffer and be strong." He felt just where he desired to fall, at the post of duty; he "ceased at once to work and live." As the shadows of death gathered around him, he said: "Tell my brethren of the Conference, I die at my post, meet me in Heaven."

From the school-room he ascended to the courts on high and stands with the blood-washed throng in the presence of God. "His work is done and the workman is at rest." THOM. RAYSOH.

REV. JOHN H. ZIMMERMANN

Was born in Abbeville County, S. C., March 15, 1816, and died in Westminster, S. C., March 24, 1888, in his 72d year. His boyhood being uneventful, we introduce him where he commences to make history in connection with the Methodist Church. In 1832, at the age of sixteen, he joined the Church, and in 1833, at Asbury camp-ground, in Cokesbury Circuit, he was converted. Going to Cokesbury in 1837 for the purpose of attending school, he soon became a leader in the students' prayer meeting, where, says Bishop McVey, who was there at the same time, "Zimmerman was in his glory." During the year, a gaudious revival, that has become a matter of history both in the school and the town, occurred, and under the blessing of God, its wonderful results are to be attributed largely to the earnest efforts of the subject of this paper.

Leaving Cokesbury in pursuit of a wider field in which to work for the Master, he knocked at the door of the South Carolina Conference. His record at Cokesbury was sufficient recommendation to that body, and January, 1838, he was admitted on trial. During his pastorate of 36 years he traveled 25 circuits and missions, and both the Superannuate relation at the close of 1883.

During these years he traveled some of the hardest and most laborious circuits that, in the days of his young manhood, constituted the fields of labor of an itinerant preacher. One year he traveled a large circuit "about," that his boys might have his horse to cultivate a small farm, the proceeds of which were necessary as a supplement to his salary to relieve him of sudden and unexpected financial embarrassment.

Amid all these toils and privations he reared a large family of children of intelligence, usefulness and respectability.

He was five years a Superannuate, but a man of such energy, determination and religion as he possessed found it hard to realize that the infirmities of age were upon him and to desist from active employment. During the week he often worked beyond his strength on his little farm; but Sunday morning he was among the first at the Church, whether for preaching or Sunday-school. Besides superintending the Sunday-school of his own Church he kept up two regular monthly appointments, one at the Methodist and the other, by invitation, at the Presbyterian Church, which was without a pastor; and to both congregations he preached with great acceptability. Notwithstanding his feebleness, frequently in his sermons and always in prayer, the fire of his youth would rekindle: the vigor of his manhood reassert itself and the Zimmerman of other days was before you exhorting shun to repentance, or pleading for a baptism of the Holy Ghost upon the Church.

As a man, he had convictions and stood by them; as a preacher, he was methodical, orthodox and at times powerful. As a Methodist, he was loyal to the core. He loved his Church, and subordinated everything to her claims upon him. As a husband and father he was devoted and kind, and no one was ever more diligent to provide for the necessities of his household. As a friend he was true and faithful. In fact, in every relation of life, faithfulness was a prominent trait of his character. And above all as a Christian, he enjoyed daily the consolations presence and power of the Holy Ghost, and exhibited in his life the saving grace of the Son of God.

His departure was triumphant, and he now wears the crown of a soldier and herald of the Cross. He was buried in the Cemetery at Westminster, S. C., and his children have erected a handsome monument over his grave.

R. W. BARBER.
IX.

CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL

OF THE

Clerical Members of the South Carolina Annual Conference,

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January, 1833. \*Whiteford Smith.
February, 1833. Saml. Leard, David W. Scale.
January, 1838. S. Jones.
December, 1844. Wm. H. Patten, M. C. Patten, \*F. C. Stoll.
November, 1855. John W. Murray.
December, 1858. F. Auld, T. G. Herbert, Cas. C. Stoll.
December, 1862. R. C. Oliver, S. A. Weber.
November, 1874. John Attaway, S. Landor.
November, 1875. J. B. Platt, J. B. Traywick.
December, 1876. Reuben L. Dauble.
December, 1877. Elias P. R. Elsvill.

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MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH SESSION.

Conference met at 1:30 P. M., S. B. Jones, President, in the chair.

Minutes read and approved.

Report of managers, as read, showed that the income from invested funds amounted to $1,087.40. Applied to and distributed to Missions, Conference claims and needy persons.


The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

S. B. Jones, President.
A. J. Sikes, First Vice-President.
J. M. Boyd, Second Vice-President.
A. J. Callihan, Third Vice-President.
T. G. Herbert, Fourth Vice-President.
L. F. Beatty, Secretary.
W. K. Blake, Treasurer.


H. F. Christlberg was ordered to purchase a safe for keeping the books and papers of Conference, and A. C. Smith to have shelves at Wofford College repaired for the use of the Conference.

Conference adjourned.

L. F. BEATY, Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Historical Society of the South Carolina Conference held its annual meeting in the Methodist Church in Camden, S. C., November 19, 1889, at 2:30 P. M., the President, Samuel A. Weber, presiding.

The devotional services were conducted by Henry M. Mose.

H. B. Browne was appointed Secretary pro tempore.

President Weber introduced the Rev. John O. Wilson, who had been appointed to deliver the annual lecture before the Society. Mr. Wilson read a carefully prepared sketch on "Methodism in Camden."

On motion of W. A. Rogers, the thanks of the Society were tendered Mr. Wilson for his able lecture, and a copy was requested for publication in the Southern Christian Advocate.

Contributions of valuable relics were received from W. W. Mosd and from Mrs. William Martin. A vote of thanks was tendered for the same, and the articles ordered to be deposited in the archives of the Society.

On motion of John Ataway, the editor of the Southern Christian Advocate was requested to publish the same presented before the Conference by the Rev. F. Ashley Moss, D. D., at the session held in Morgantown, W. Va., consisting of H. B. Browne, J. B. Traywick and J. Ataway, to be appointed to nominate a lecturer for the next annual session.

This committee subsequently reported, nominating the Rev. William C. Power, and the nomination was confirmed.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Samuel A. Weber, President.
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