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LAY MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE

BEAUFORT DISTRICT
Aiken—Miss Marie A. Brown—Rte. E, Box 160, Aiken
Allendale—Albert Gadsen
Appleton—Cephus Bing
Ashapoo—Stephen Smith
Bamberg—C. G. Harley
Bamberg Ct.—Howard Johnson
Beaufort—Fred Alston
Brunson—LeRoy Rice
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Hickory Hill—L. M. Morre
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Mt. Pleasant—Quillie Adams
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St. George—Joseph Wolfe

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Old Bethel—David Mack—418 Sumter St., Charleston
Wesley—W. L. J. Nelson—90-A Hanover St., Charleston
St. Jude—Solomon Major—Rt. 3, Box 461, Charleston
Cooper River—C. C. Myers—Box 546, Cordesville
Dickey Chapel—J. E. Caroline—Rt. 2, Box 160, Greenvile
Georgetown—Fred McCray—Rt. 3, Box 108, Salters
Greenvile—O. S. McDonald—6 East Williams St., Sumter
Green Hill—Edward Flood—Rt. 1, Box 144, Pineville
Jedburg—George Tucker—Rt. 1, Box 254, Summerville
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METHODIST CHURCH
Seigling—Hezekiah Brown—RFD, Sycamore
Springtown—W. H. Hodges—32 Walter St., Walterboro
Stokes—Walter Pinkney—RFD 3, Walterboro
Walterboro—Miller Williams—Ritter
Young's Island—Cato Waring—RFD 1, Ravenel

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Alcot—J. S. Rogers—Rt. 3, Box 70, Lamar
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Bethel-Ebenezer—H. W. Harrington—Cheraw
Cheraw—Mt. Tabor—H. W. White—P. O. Box 326, Cheraw
Clio-Asbury-Galilee—John Kollock—Bennettsville
Darlington—Benjamin Franklin—Darlington
Dillon—Mrs. R. K. Gordon—Box 26, Dillon
Hartsville—Mrs. Vida Hool—P. O. Box 691, Hartsville
Kingville—Mrs. Blondell Williams—1620 Brewer Ave., Hartsville
Level Green-Mt. Zion-Galilee—Mrs. Grace Kennedy—Box 295, Bennettsville
Little Rock—Jose Williams—Little Rock
Little Rock Ct.—L. M. McGinnis—Dillon
North Marlboro—Joe T. Bright—Rt. 2, Box 37, Gibson, N. C.
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St. John-Wesley—T. G. Kelly—Rt. 2, Darlington
Syracuse—L. M. Mack—Rte. 4, Box 193, Darlington
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Maryville—Oliver Gathers  
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Pinopolis—L. Stewart  
Ridgeville—Herbert Geddis  
Ridgeville Ct.—Mrs. Mary Felder  
Smith Chapel-St. Luke—M. B. Ravanell  
St. Stephen—Miss Corrie Freeman  
St. Stephen Ct.—Lucius Gourdine  
St. Thomas—R. Singleton  
Summerville—LeRoy Glover  
Washington—J. Drayton  

**FLORENCE DISTRICT**

Asbury-Bethel—Nathan Scott  
Bethesda-St. Mary—Peter Dicks  
Elijah-St. Paul-Kennedyville—Thomas Gamble  
Florence—U. S. Hilton  
Friendship—Jeremiah—Eddie Nesmith  
Kingstree—Julius Fulton  
Lake City—Mrs. Julia Graham  
Lake City Ct.—St. John—Albert Brown  
Latta—G. F. Owen  
Marion—Mrs. Willie Mae Eaddy  
Mars Bluff—Mrs. Gladys Miller  
Mullins—Edward Smith  
Salem-Wesley—Samuel Nettle  
Springville—E. M. White  
St. Luke—Eddie James  
St. Michael-St. Paul—Charles Scott  
Timmonsville—Mrs. Elreda Bacote  
Wilson Chapel Cades—Mrs. Minnie Morris  

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Greenville—W. O. Short  
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St. Andrews—Miss Corlie Nealy  
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Walhalla—Mrs. Albert Wiley  
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Wilson—J. Jackson  

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Columbia—Mrs. M. H. Baxley  
Denmark—B. T. Graves  
Edisto Fork—C. C. Moore  
Jamison—J. L. Boyd  
Jerusalem—Frank Nelson  
Macedonia—O. J. Tobin  
Midway—G. W. Kears  
North—D. D. Charley  
Orangeburg—S. T. Middleton  
Reevesville—David Risher  
Rowesville—Emmett S. Ashe  
Saint Paul—Harry Middleton  
Silas—W. M. Richardson  
Springfield—Willie James  
Swansea—Miss Queen V. Glover  
Zion—Samuel Small  

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Blacksburg-Wilkensville—P. R. Smith  
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Cowpens—G. H. Brown  
Gaffney—G. B. Littlejohn  
Harmony-Bethel—Mrs. P. E. McLaughlin  
Jefferson—Dorsey Miller  
Landrum-Inman-Duncan—Allen Bellanger  
Longtown—J. A. Hale  
McBee—A. B. Hart  
Rock Hill—New Hope—Mrs. Equator McCoy  
Sims Chapel—Mrs. Sadie E. Watts  
Spartanburg Ct.—Clarence Edwards
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1956

MORNING SESSION

CONFERENCE CONVENED—The South Carolina Conference, ninety-first session, convened in session in Silver Hill Methodist Church, Spartanburg, S. C., Bishop J. W. E. Bowen presiding.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE—The Devotional Service was conducted by Bishop Bowen. An offering of $62.35 was received for Overseas Relief, after which the Sacramental Elements were administered.

ROLL CALL—The Secretary of the Conference called the roll. The Conference stood with bowed heads while the prayer was offered for those who had passed away during the year.

ORGANIZATION COMPLETED—C. R. Bowen was elected Secretary. He named his assistants. R. G. Lawrence was elected Statistician. He named his assistants. The assistants to the Treasurer were named.

The Bar of the Conference was fixed on motion of K. D. Hough. He also offered a motion that the program as printed be the official guide with the necessary corrections. It prevailed.

On suggestion the Memorial Service was moved from 11:45 A. M. to 3:30 P. M.

J. W. Buddin was elected Postmaster.

K. D. Hough was elected reporter to the papers.

A check for $3,264.34 was presented to the Conference from the Methodist Publishing House. Dr. Howard made a motion that it be received with thanks and placed in the treasury.

M. D. McCollum was appointed to receive subscriptions to the Advocate.

Dr. H. V. Manning, the president of Claflin College, was presented. His parents, Rev. and Mrs. I. V. Manning, were also presented.

A visitor, Rev. C. L. Moore, of the Central Alabama Conference, was presented.

The announcements were made after which the Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Howard T. Risher.

AFTERNOON SESSION

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE—The devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. M. Mitchell.

CONFERENCE BUSINESS—With Bishop Bowen presiding, upon request of District Superintendent C. R. Brown, R. W. President, A. A. Pinacle, Wallace Graham and I. Smalls were to be excused to attend the funeral service of Rev. Paul Bonapart. Also J. L. Summers, J. A. Croker and J. D. Boone were excused to attend a funeral in St. Stephens on Friday morning.

The mimeographed reports of the various Boards, Commissions and Committees were distributed.

Bishop Bowen suggested the possibility of changing the date of the Annual Conference comparable to the other summer or spring conferences.

P. R. Tiller offered a motion that the suggestion be considered Friday morning after the Bishop's Hour. It was adopted.

TERM OF LAY DELEGATES—G. A. Thomas made a motion that the term of the Lay Delegates be limited to one year. C. M. Green offered a substitute to retain the policy of four years. The substitute was lost. The previous motion was adopted.
Following several suggestions by the Bishop the announcements were made.

MEMORIAL SERVICE—The Memorial Services were conducted by Rev. S. A. Gadsden. Eulogistic remarks were made by S. V. Fowler, E. C. Wright and E. W. Cole, and C. C. Reynolds. The sermon was delivered by Rev. S. A. Gadsden, after which he pronounced the benediction.

EVENING SESSION

With Rev. M. D. McCollum presiding, Hymn No. 465 was sung. Prayer was offered by C. C. Clark. “An Evening Prayer” was sung by Mrs. Sarah Fair.

A Panel Discussion was presented. Contributions were made by T. H. Fisher representing the Board of Economic and Social Relations; C. C. Reynolds of the Board of Hospitals and Homes; L. C. Gregg of the Committee on World Peace. Hymn No. 50 was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. C. Clark.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 11, 1956

MORNING SESSION

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE—The devotions were conducted by Rev. Harold Gray at 9:15.

CONFERENCE CONVENED—At 9:30 the morning session began under the direction of Bishop Bowen. The Committee on Journal reported that the Journal for the preceding day had been examined and found to be in order.

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS—The report was made by J. S. Thomas. He also made the report for the Committee on Conference Relations. W. R. Gregg was asked to write I. C. Wiley requesting him to accept location next year.

A. R. Howard made a motion that an expression of thanks be given to the committee for its excellent report. It was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS—The report was read by I. D. Newman.

T. H. Fisher made a motion that the Conference elect the Boards, Commissions, and Committees with the reservation that they fit the number of districts next year. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER—The report was made by the Treasurer, J. W. Curry. The report was received and referred to the Auditor.

On motion of A. R. Howard, the Treasurer was given an expression of appreciation for his report.

Announcements and recess.

MORNING SESSION RESUMED—The Conference was led in songs by H. B. Jones.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT—A composite report of the District Superintendents was read by H. B. Jones of the Beaufort District. It was adopted.

STATISTICIAN’S REPORT—The report was made by R. G. Lawrence. It was adopted.

REPORT OF BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITY—The report of the Conference Lay Leader and the report covering the work of the Conference Board was read by H. D. Smith. The report was adopted.

VISITORS—Dr. Harry E. Richardson, president of Gammon Theological Seminary, was presented. He spoke of the work being done at Gammon. Miss Rogers and Mrs. Zimmerman, representatives of the local Bethlehem Cen-
ter, were presented. Mrs. Rogers extended greetings. Other visitors were: Dr. M. L. Harris, of Philander Smith College; Rev. L. P. Grisson, C. I. Smith, J. A. Baxter, E. Gissentaner, of the Georgia Conference; Dr. Wynn, of Gammon; Rev. C. M. Johnson, Majority Baptist Church, and Rev. W. H. Ridley, of the Christian Methodist Church of Spartanburg.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS—Bishop Bowen presented the names for the Committee on Nominations who were to bring in a list of names from which the Trustees of Claflin College would be elected. The committee: W. M. Stokes, J. W. Taylor, Mrs. Grace Kennedy, W. M. Andrews, C. M. Green, H. V. Manning, Ex-Officio. The committee was accepted.

Announcements. The Benediction was pronounced by Bishop P. A. Taylor.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. C. J. Smith.

COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE—The report and recommendations were read by J. S. Dial.

An amendment by R. G. Lawrence that under No. 2, Statistian read $250 was lost.

An amendment by H. B. Jones that under No. 2, Board of Evangelism read $300.00 did not carry.

An amendment by S. T. Middleton that the Board of Lay Activity read $400.00 was adopted.

No. 3 under section 3 was referred to the committee for further study.

No. 5 under section 3 was referred to the Board of Education.

An amendment by I. D. Newman that a special day for Missions and Extension be included in No. 6 was lost.

An amendment by Mrs. Grace Kennedy that No. 11, Section 3, the term "promotion expense," be deleted, carried.

No. 1, Section 4, was recommitted to the commission for rewording.

No. 2, Section 4, was deleted.

Authority was given to the commission and the District Superintendents to arrange for the T. V. Ministry Commission when the facts are received.

The report as amended was adopted.

J. W. Curry was elected Treasurer on recommendation of the Commission on World Service and Finance.

A motion by I. D. Newman, because of the superb way in which the Chairman of the Commission of World Service and Finance and its members have given leadership in the area of financial matters, that they be given a rising vote of thanks, was carried.

On request of Bishop Bowen, Bishop P. A. Taylor asked the questions pertaining to full membership and was answered by C. J. Smith.

Bishop Taylor was presented and his remarks were very inspiring.

Mr. Roberts, of the Publishing House, was presented for announcements.


On motion, the Friday evening session was moved from seven-thirty to seven P. M.

The Benediction was pronounced by J. E. Spears.
EVENING SESSION

The devotions were under the direction of Rev. J. K. Davis. A pageant, "America Is Calling," under the auspices of the Board of Missions. The Board of Evangelism and the Commission on Town and Country Work, with I. D. Newman as narrator, was presented.

An offering was received and the Benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. K. Davis.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1956

MORNING SESSION

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE — Rev. Edward Jenkins conducted the devotional service at 9:15.

CONFERENCE CONVENED—With Bishop Bowen in the chair, the Committee on Journal reported that the proceedings of the Thursday sessions had been examined and found to be in order. The report was adopted.

CLAFLIN COLLEGE—Bishop Bowen explained the responsibility of the conference concerning the building being erected at Claflin, and gave the recommendations of the Board of Trustees. He stated that the building would cost $219,000. Amount toward the cost on hand as follows: Insurance, $130,000; interest, $3,000; grant from General Board, $35,000; loan from board, $30,000; cash on hand from gifts, etc., $7,145. Leaving a balance to be raised of $16,855.

January 8, 1957, was given as the date for the Roll Call to raise the balance. It was further stated that at a time fixed by the Annual Conference, for three years there will be a Roll Call for the purpose of reporting $10,000 annually.

The $10,000 annually is to cover the $30,000 loan made by the board without interest.
favor of Orangeburg. The conference selected Trinity Church in Orangeburg as the next place of meeting. The Bishop announced that the conference would meet September 18-22, 1957.

WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE—A supplementary report was made but, because of the lack of proper wording it was recommitted to the commission.

REPORTS—H. V. Manning read the report of the Board of Education and J. B. Bowen read the report of the American Bible Society. The reports were adopted.

WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE—This report was amended, that under Section 2, Jurisdictional, should read $900.00.

CERTIFICATES—For having completed the four year course for undergraduate work, Bishop Bowen awarded certificates to Peter Singletary and Otis J. Nelson.


The announcement were made and the Benediction pronounced by H. B. Jones.

AFTERNOON SESSION

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE—At 2:15 the devotions were conducted by Rev. Efford Haynes.

CONFERENCE CONVENED—Questions 1 to 16 were asked and answered. Pertaining to Ministerial Relations, Eugene McCants was placed under 24 (a).

CLAFLIN TRUSTEES—The Committee on Nominations presented the following list from which the Trustees of Claflin College are to be elected in 1957: Bishop John Wesley Lord, E. C. Wright, John C. Williams, J. W. Taylor, C. F. Ferguson, Jonas T. Kennedy, Dr. Gertrude Rivers, Attorney Richard Fields, T. D. Green, and T. R. Frierson. Also giving power to the Bishop and the President to fill three places.

WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE—The reworded statements of Section 111, No. 2, and Section IV, No. 1, were adopted. The total report was adopted.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES—Mrs. H. M. Baxley made a report of the South Carolina Council of Churches and made a motion that it be adopted. J. W. Carrv offered a motion that it be accepted as information and appoint a committee to make further study and make a report later.

The motions were considered as filling blanks. The later motion prevailed. The same committee that had been attending the meetings was appointed to make the study.

VISITORS—Rev. M. S. Weeks, of the American Bible Society; Mrs. Barnette and Mrs. Edith Davis.

MINISTERS WIVES ALLIANCE—The Alliance gave a program after which they called the roll by districts.

EVENING SESSION

With J. W. Taylor presiding, J. V. Livingston delivered the invocation. During the program the Claflin Singers rendered several selections. W. M. Jenkins, the Conference Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, spoke in the interest of Christian Education in the local church.

President H. V. Manning spoke in the interest of the college.

Dr. J. S. Thomas, assistant Secretary of the General
Board of Education, was presented, and he spoke of relative interest of the General Board in the college.

An offering of $213.75 was received for the college. The visiting members of the faculty were presented by President Manning.

After the singing of the Alma Mater, the benediction was pronounced by Dr. A. R. Howard.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1956

MORNING SESSION

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE—At 9:15 A. M. the devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. E. Spears.

CONFERENCE CONVENE-D—Questions 25-46 were asked and answered. Privilege was granted the District Superintendents and Lay Leaders to make the list of District Lay Leaders and Associates. The District Superintendents made their reports.

PRESENTATION—Special privilege was granted G. W. Bolden of the local church. He presented J. E. Williams and Mrs. Hattie Barksdale, who after expressions of gratitude, presented gifts to Rev. and Mrs. Frierson.

BOARD OF PENSIONS—C. F. Ferguson was presented to make the report. It was adopted. The election of the members of the board was reconsidered. G. A. Adams was put on the board in the place of Paul Cunningham. Dr. T. B. Echols, of the General Board of Pensions, was presented and he spoke relative to the Board of Pensions.

By common consent, the conference was to remain in session until the business of the conference was completed.

Bishop Bowen spoke relative to the new legislature of the 1956 General Conference.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE RELATIONS — The board made a supplementary report that Question 40 read: J. S. Colter, 1 year.

CHRISTIAN ACTION COUNCIL — A. R. Howard made a motion that we accept membership in the Christian Action Council, and that the Bishop appoint representatives to the same. It was adopted. The Bishop appointed A. R. Howard, I. D. Newman, and T. H. Fisher.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS—The objectives were read by I. D. Newman. They were adopted.

CONFERENCE PUBLICITY—A motion was adopted that $30 be set aside from the Area Publicity Fund to be used for conference publicity. An offering of $30 was received to pay the present Conference publicity.

The Benediction was pronounced by Efford Haynes.

SATURDAY EVENING

A Song Fest was given by the choirs from the Greenville and Spartanburg Districts.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1956


WORSHIP SERVICE—The Worship Service was held with the host pastor, Rev. T. R. Frierson, presiding. An offering of $320.00 was received.

ORDINATION OF DEACONS—The names of the candidates were read by W. R. Gregg and presented to be ordained Deacons. The Disciplinary Questions were ask-
ed and answered. Bishop Bowen, assisted by the District Superintendents, ordained the candidates in accordance with the Discipline and the Ritual.

ORDINATION OF ELDERS—W. R. Gregg read the names of the candidates and presented them to be ordained Elders, at the request of Bishop Bowen. Bishop Bowen, assisted by the District Superintendents, ordained the candidates in accordance with the Discipline and the Ritual.

RECOGNITION SERVICE—A service of recognition for the retiring ministers was conducted by Bishop Bowen.

THE SERMON—The sermon was delivered to an inspired audience by Bishop Bowen.

CONFERENCE BUSINESS — The nominations for the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications, the District Boards of Church Location and Building, and the District Lay Leaders and Associate Lay Leaders were accepted.

RESOLUTIONS—The Resolutions were read by B. J. Cooper.

QUESTION 53—This question was answered when Bishop Bowen read the appointments for the conference year, 1956-1957.

The Benediction was pronounced by Bishop Bowen.

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CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This is to certify that in Silver Hill Methodist Church of Spartanburg, S. C., on the fourteenth day of October, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, I did ordain, under the election of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, the following:

DEACONS
John C. Barr        A. C. Jones        Omie Mark
Dottie A. Purvis    Charles J. Smith

ELDERS
Wallace C. Graham   Otis J. Nelson      Peter E. Singletary
James C. Voorhees   John Wesley E. Bowen

Presiding Bishop

THE METHODIST CHURCH

THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The minutes of the South Carolina Annual Conference held in Silver Hill Church, Spartanburg, S. C., from October 10, 1956, through October 14, 1956, Bishop J. W. E. Bowen, presiding.

Part I. Organization and General Business


2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated? (¶ 625). It is not.

3. a( What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts? (¶ 637 ¶ 3). The Treasurer, $10,000.
b) Have the books of said officers of persons been audited? (¶ 637 ¶ 3.). Yes.

4. Have the boards, commissions, or committees been appointed or elected? (¶ 630). Yes.
   a) Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications? Yes.
   b) Committee on Conference Relations? Yes.
   c) District Committees on Ministerial Qualifications? Yes.
   d) Committee of Investigation? Yes.
   e) District Boards of Location and Building? Yes.
   f) Board of Trustees of the Annual Conferences? Yes.
   g) Conference Commission on World Service and Finance? Yes.
   h) Town and Country Commission? Yes.
   i) Conference Deaconess Board? Yes.
   j) Conference Board of Missions? Yes.
   k) Conference Board of Education? Yes.
   l) Conference Board of Temperance? Yes.
   m) Conference Board of Lay Activities? Yes.
   n) Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes? Yes.
   o) Conference Board of Evangelism? Yes.
   p) Board of Conference Claimants? Yes.
   q) Commission on Christian Vocations? Yes.
   r) Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service? Yes.
   s) Committee on Proportional Payment of Ministerial Support? No.
   t) Other committees, commissions, or boards? Yes.

5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept their respective records upon and according to the forms prescribed by The Methodist Church? (¶ 637 ¶ 2.) Yes.

6. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? (See supplementary Report).

7. What is the schedule for minimum support for pastors? (¶ 826.) See Report.

8. What is the plan and what are the approved claims for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year? (¶¶ 801-2.) District Stewards Council.

9. What amount has been apportioned to the pastor charges within the conference to be raised to the support of conference claimants? Amount equal to 12 per cent of pastor's cash salary.

10. What are the apportionments transmitted by the Council on World Service and Finance to this conference:
   a) For World Service? $27,850.00.
   b) For Episcopal Fund? 2% of pastor's cash salary.
   c) For General Administration Fund? $1,051.00.
   d) For Interdenominational Cooperative Fund? $323.00.

11. What amount is apportioned to this conference for the Jurisdictional Administration Fund? $1,000.00.

12. What are the reports, recommendations, and plans of the boards of the conference:
   a) What is the report of the Board of Conference Claimants, and what appropriations for conference claimants are reported and approved? (¶ 1623.) See Treasurer's Report.
   b) What is the report of the Conference Board of Missions of disbursements of missionary aid within the conference? (¶¶ 1295-69.) See Report.
   e) What are the other reports? See Report.

13. What Methodist institution or organizations are approved by the conference for annuity responsibility? (¶ 1618, ¶ 2c, 11.) Claflin College.


   b) What is his report? See Report.

Part III. Pertaining to Ministerial Relations

16. Are all the ministerial members of the Conference blameless in their life and official administration? Yes, with the exception of R. M. Walker, now under indictment.


19. What approved supply pastors now under full-time appointment are taking the conference course of study:
   c) In the third year? A. C. Jones.
   d) In the fourth year? C. J. Johnson.

20. What approved supply pastors are credited with annuity claim on account of full-time service during the past year? (¶ 1631.) The same as 18 with the exception of W. T. Boggs, D. A. Purvis, A. Hool, W. T. Goodwin.

21. What preachers, coming from other churches, have had their orders recognized (¶ 411): As local deacons? None. As local elders? None.

22. Who have been received from other churches as traveling preachers: None.
   a) As members on trial: Deacons? None. Elders? None.
   b) As members in full connection: Deacons? None. Elders? None.

23. Who are received on trial:
   a) In studies of the first year? Raymond Thirkield Gibson, Omega Franklin Newman, Joseph Stanfield.
   b) In studies of the third year under the seminary rule? None.
   c) Exempt from course of study under the seminary rule? None.

Who are continued on trial:
   a) M. C. Bennett, James Bradley, Jennings H. Cooper,

38. Who have had their conference membership terminated:
None.

39. a) What ministerial members have died during the year?
   Miller B. Brown, R. H. Cunningham, P. E. Wingo, Paul Bonapart.
   b) What deaconesses have died during the year? None.

40. Who are the supernumerary ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation?
   (§ 365.) B. J. Brock, 2 years, J. S. Colter, 1 year, E. W. Wiley, 2 years, D. C. Wiley, 7 years.

41. Who are granted sabbatical leave? (§ 364.) None.

42. What ministerial members have been retired (List alphabetically):
   a) This year? Abraham Mack, G. S. McClary, S. M. Miller, Samuel Grayson.

43. What approved supply pastors have been retired:
   a) This year? Peter Keels.
   b) Previously? Wiley Huggins, Benjamin J. Jones.

44. Who are left without appointment to attend school? (List alphabetically) Marion C. Bennett, B. F. Bradford, Jr., James Bradley, Heyward Cooke, J. H. Cooper, Raymond T. Gibson, J. W. Heyward, James Scott.

45. What is the number of:
   a) Pastoral charges? 166; Approved supply pastors? 36; Received on trial? 3; Received into full connection? 1; Transfers in? None; Transfers out? 4; Received from other churches? None; Readmitted? None; Discontinued? 4; Withdrawn? 1; Expelled? None; Located? None; Deceased? 4.
   b) Ministers:
      (1) On trial:
         (a) As pastors? 9.

46. What other personal notation should be made?
   1) Correct the Journal of 1955 to read that Percy Carter is in the studies of the third year, as of that date.
   2) Correct the Journal of 1955 by placing Joseph A. Wilson in the studies of the third year.
   3) Correct the Journal of 1955 by striking the name of John C. Barr from the answer of Disciplinary question number 31.
   4) Correct the Journals of 1954 and 1955 by changing the name listed as J. S. Carter or Cotter to James S. Colter, wherever the name appears.
   5) Correct the Journal of 1955 by eliminating the name of James C. Voorhees from the answer to question 19d.
   6) Correct Journals to read, received into full connection: M. D. McCollum, 1943; H. V. Manning, 1946; W. D. Primus, 1940.
   7) Correct 1955 Journal, question 20, to include the name of Dock C. McClam.

Part III Concluding Business

47. What is the report of the conference treasurer? See Report.


49. What are the detailed objectives of this conference for the coming year? See Reports of Boards, etc.

50. Where shall the next session of the conference be held?
Trinity Methodist Church, Orangeburg, S. C.

51. Is there any other business? None.

52. What changes have been made in appointments since last Annual Conference session? Old Bethel, Charleston District, John C. Barr, Ninety Six, Greenville District, W. T. Boggs.

53. Where are the preachers stationed for the ensuing year? (SEE LIST OF APPOINTMENTS).

### APPOINTMENTS AND ADDRESSES

(addresses in South Carolina unless otherwise stated)

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#### DISTRICT SECRETARY OF EVANGELISM

| Dist. Supt.—W. M. Stokes, 428 E. Palmetto St., Florence | Elder 3 | District Secretary of Christian Education—Rev. C. R. Brown |

#### DISTRICT SECRETARY OF MISIONS

| Dist. Supt.—W. M. Stokes, 428 E. Palmetto St., Florence | Elder 8 | District Secretary of Missions—Rev. W. M. Stokes |

#### DISTRICT SECRETARY OF TEMPERANCE

| Dist. Supt.—W. M. Stokes, 428 E. Palmetto St., Florence | Elder 3 | District Secretary of Temperance—(to be appointed) |
SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Darlington—W. J. Gulpke, 354 Pearl St., Darlington ......... Elder 1
Darlington Mission—Zion—A. Hool, Hartsville ............... Supply 1
Dillon—J. W. Robinson, 202 Jackson St., Dillon .......... Elder 1
Greenville—L. E. Tiller, 163 S. Coit St., Florence ...... Elder 6
Friendship—Jeremiah—L. W. Curry, Kingstree ............. Elder 3
John Wesley–Quesa Newman, 21 Riker St., Charleston . O. T. 1
Lake City—J. V. Manning, RFD 2, Box 492, Lake City .... Elder 6
Lake City—St. John—K. D. Hough, 603 McQueen St., Florence Elder 1
Latta—Isaiah Boone, Box 21, Lake City ..................... Elder 3
Little Rock—R. B. King, Box 6, Little Rock ............... Elder 5
Lilac—W. M. R. J. A. Curry, Little Rock ............. Supply 3
Marion—B. C. Stewart, 621 S. Main St., Marion .......... Elder 6
Mar's Bluff—J. A. Wilson, Lake City ....................... Deacon 3
Mullins—Fork—S. D. Cooper, Rt. 3, Box 196, Kingstree .... Elder 5
Salem-Wesley—E. E. Cole, 208 S. McFarland St., Florence Elder 3
Olatna—Union—Clayton Brown, Olatna ..................... Supply 1
Sears-Hopewell-Sardin—J. B. Rouse, S. Ballard St., Florence Elder 1
Springfield—Methodist, No. 301, First St., Darlington .. Elder 1
St. John-Wesley Chapel—H. C. Brewer, Box 664, Hartsville Elder 5
Timmonsville—S. V. Fowler, 397 Brockington St., Timmonsville Elder 1

District Secretary of Evangelism, District Secretary of Missions, District Secretary of Christian Education—Rev. W. R. Gregg
District Secretary of Temperance—to be appointed.

ORANGEBURG DISTRICT

Orangeburg—W. R. Gregg, Rt. 1, Box 137, Orangeburg .... Elder 5
Branchville-St. Philip—W. V. Conners, Branchville ...... Elder 3
Camden—W. M. Jenkins, 269 DeKalb St., Camden .......... Elder 1
Cobble Hill—J. B. Rouse, Camden ......................... Elder 1
Columbia—P. S. Fowler, 1725 Gervais St., Columbia .... Elder 9
Denmark—E. J. Cooper, 722 Fair St., Camden .......... Elder 6
Edisto Fork—Sally Chapel—J. M. Mitchell, Rt. 2, Box 41A, Bamberg Elder 7
Jamaica—E. G. Lemon, Sumter, 39 Beck St. ........ Deacon 1
Jerusalem—S. C. President, RFD 1, Box 86, Cross ........ Supply 4
Macedonia—L. G. Gregg, 734 Goff Ave., Orangeburg .... Elder 4
North—L. R. Stewart, Rt. 1, Box 60, Reevesville .. O. T. 1
North Camden-Macedonia—H. J. Kirk, P. 0. Box 55, Sumter Supply 1
Orangeburg—M. D. McCollum, 185 Blvd., N.E., Orangeburg Elder 7
Orangeburg City—R. G. Lawrence, 752 Goff Ave., Orangeburg Elder 1
Pineland—Bowman—R. C. Conner, Bowman ................. Elder 3
Reevesville—J. W. Matthews, Box 86, Bowman .......... Elder 1
Rowesville—Fulton Edwards, 1207 E. Russell St., Orangeburg Elder 5
Silas—W. M. Nelson, RFD 2, Cross ...................... Supply 8
Springfield—H. W. Hinson, 185 Blvd., N.E., Orangeburg Elder 1
Swansoe—M. C. Day, Rt. 1, Box 49, Bowman ............ O. T. 3
St. Matthews—Spring Hill—F. G. C. Dubose, Camden .... Elder 1
St. Paul—Frank Small, RFD 3, Box 312Y, Charleston .... Supply 3
Wateree—Blayney—T. J. E. Curry, Darlington .......... Elder 1
West Camden—S. R. Porter, Camden ..................... Elder 1
Westover—Zion—G. W. Page, St. Matthews .......... Elder 1
Westover—Mount Zion—J. E. K. Prince, St. Matthews Elder 1

Methodist Church

Zion—J. S. Green, RFD 1, Cross .................................. Elder 1
District Secretary of Evangelism, District Secretary of Missions, District Secretary of Christian Education—Rev. W. R. Gregg
District Secretary of Temperance—to be appointed.

PIEDMONT DISTRICT

APPOINTMENT MINISTER ADDRESS RANK YRS.
Dist. Supt.—A. P. Sumter, 309 Echols St., Greenville Elder 5
Anderson—J. E. Spears, 209 W. Market St., Anderson Elder 4
Belton—J. H. Buddin, Belton .................................. Elder 1
Blackburg-Benjamin—J. C. Voorhees, Blacksburg ...... Elder 2
Cheer—C. C. Clark, Cheerne ................................. Elder 1
Clover—G. A. Thomas, 211 Kings Mt., St. Clover Elder 1
Cowpens—Eau Anderson, Cowpens .......................... Supply 1
Crescent—B. C. Rouse, 17 N. Second St., Camden Elder 8
Gaffney—Percy C. Carter, 233 E. Buford St., Gaffney Deacon 1
Greenwood—T. B. Thomas, 307 Green Ave., Greenwood Elder 4
Greenwood-McCormick—Dallas Jones, Greenwood .... District 2
Greer—Z. C. Taylor, 26 Arlington Ave., Greer .......... Elder 6
Harmony—E. E. Sawyers, Rock Hill ........................ Elder 1
Landrum-Duncan—C. W. James, RFD, Wellford .......... Supply 1
Lenoir—J. S. Jordan, 100 Minus St., Greenville Elder 4
New Hope—Mt. Zion—M. L. Lane, Box 88, Richburg .... Elder 1
Ninety-Six—H. L. Pendarius, Ninety-Six ................. Elder 1
North Greenville—Mt. Carmel—W. E. Conner, Travelers Rest Elder 1
Packers—T. R. Robinson, Packers ............................ Supply 1
Pendleton—Clifford Ferguson, Pendleton ................. O. T. 1
Picks—T. H. Williams, Picks ........ Deacon 1
Rockmill—Granville Hicks, Claxton College, Orangeburg Elder 1
Seneca—Eldon Haynes, 205 Second St., Seneca .......... Elder 9
Sims Chapel—W. J. Shelton, 472 S. John St., Spartanburg Supply 3
St. Andrews—Mt. Zion—F. L. Lawton, 213 S. Calhoun St., Greenville Elder 5
St. James—J. C. McTeer, RFD, York ....................... Elder 4
St. Mark—St. Matthews—H. O. Mims, Taylors .......... Elder 5
Spartanburg—B. J. Cooper, 269 Converse St., Spartanburg Elder 1
Spartanburg City—J. S. Jackson, 254 Austin St., Spartanburg Elder 4
Rainville—Laurel Creek—J. S. Dill, 100 Bethel St., Greenville Elder 11
Walhalla—Clyde Calhoun, Westminster ........................ Elder 3
West Anderson—J. S. Gaedden, Gammon Theo. Sem., Atlanta, Ga. Elder 3
Wellford—Evelyn Williams, Wellford ........................ Elder 2
Williamston—T. H. Robinson, Williamston ............... Deacon 1
York—C. J. Smith, York ........................................ Deacon 3

SUMTER DISTRICT

Dist. Supt.—T. R. Frierson, 514 S. Main St., Sumter Elder 1
Aiken—W. D. Primus, Rt. 2, Box 75, Bishopville .... Elder 13
VI. REPORTS

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS’ COMPOSITE REPORT

Bishop Bowen, Members of the South Carolina Annual Conference and Friends:

With a sense of appreciation to God for the privilege, we make the fourth joint report of the District Superintendents of this conference. At the adjournment of the last Annual Conference, the eight of us returned to our several districts with a greater zeal to do a greater financial and spiritual task than we did the year before. This report, and the reports of the Statistician and Treasurer will show to what extent we have achieved our goal with loyalty of the Pastors and Members under the leadership of our Resident Bishop and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

HEALTH OF MINISTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

BEAUFORT DISTRICT: Rev. G. S. McClary requested retirement because of failing eyesight. Rev. S. Grayson has suffered failing health during the year. He asks for retirement at this conference. Rev. B. J. Reddish’s health has not been good this year. The health of the rest of the ministers and their families has been good.

BENNETTSVILLE DISTRICT: Rev. and Mrs. M. B. Brown and the wife of Rev. R. B. King passed to their reward this year. The other ministers and their families were blessed with good health.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT: Rev. P. E. Mingo, the pastor of Old Bethel Church in Charleston, departed this life Tuesday morning, April 10th. His work as a Pastor and a District Superintendent is well known throughout the entire conference. Mrs. R. W. President passed the last week in March. Rev. Peter Keels, for many years the untiring pastor of Dickey Chapel, is retiring this year because of ill health. Mrs. F. H. Grant has been confined to her home for a period of time because of ill health. She is herself again.

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FLORENCE DISTRICT: The pastors and their families have enjoyed good health this year with few exceptions. Rev. Coultier was confined to the Veteran’s Hospital for several months. Brother Session was in the hospital for a brief period with a minor operation. Mrs. I. V. Manning has been on the sick list for...
the past few weeks. Rev. T. W. White has been in the hospital for treatment for his eyes. We are delighted to say at present all these persons are doing much better and seem to be back to normal health.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT. The Pastors of the District and their families have been blessed with good health this year. The work of the District has gone forward with outstanding achievements.

ORANGEBURG DISTRICT: Rev. W. M. Conyers and Rev. Benjamin Wilson were patients at the Veteran's Hospital in Columbia. Rev. W. M. Conyers, after a prolonged illness, was dismissed. Rev. Wilson is still in the hospital. He solicits our prayers for his recovery. Mr. J. S. Spann, the father-in-law of Rev. W. M. Nelson, and the Rev. R. H. Cunningham and Mrs. A. P. Gillard passed to the reward after several years of illness.

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT: Most of the ministers and their families have enjoyed good health, with the exception of Rev. S. Jackson who was ill for several weeks this summer. Rev. J. H. Black, one of our supply pastors, was called from labor to reward in August. He died in the faith.

SUMTER DISTRICT: The Rev. E. C. Wright was confined for a few days to the hospital. We rejoice to report that his recovery was speedy. Little Barbara Jean Norwood, granddaughter of the Rev. John R. Norwood, was plucked from God's earthly flower garden and transplanted in the "Sweet fields of Eden where the Tree of Life is blooming." Also, hospitalized this year were Mrs. V. S. Carter and Mrs. W. A. Smith. We are thankful to be able to report that they have recovered and regained their former health and vigor.

(2) BIRTHS: The William Fergusons during the year became the proud parents of another fine son, Master Ricardo. The James S. Thomases also boast of the arrival of an additional girl to their lovely family.

District Conference, Area, Jurisdictional and National Meetings

We have used a variety of meetings to promote the work of the Kingdom on our Districts. Some of the meetings are as follows: District Conference, Laymen's Retreat, Clinics on Evangelism and Missions, Annual Meetings and Educational Seminars of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Daily Vaca-

tion Church School Institutes, Schools and the Achievement Days, the Church School Conventions, and Methodist Youth Fellowship Assemblies. Bishop Bowen spoke to the Youth Fellowship at the Spartanburg District Youth Fellowship Assembly. His address was inspiring to the youth.

Conference Meetings: The Conference meetings have been very helpful. The four most influential ones used in helping to create Missionary attitude in our conference were the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service held at St. Michael Church, Bennettsville, the Woman's Society of Christian Service School of Missions and Christian Service at Mather Academy in Camden. The Missionary Conference held at Cumberland Church in Florence, and the Methodist Youth Assembly which convened at Claflin College in Orangeburg. The Conference Young Adult Fellowship met at Mather in Camden. We are greatly indebted to the leaders of these meetings for the inspiration and information derived.

Area Meetings: For several years the Area Leadership School has been sponsored by the General Board of Education in our area. This year the school met at Bethune-Cookman College at Daytona Beach, Florida. We are grateful to Bishop Bowen, Dean Warren M. Jenkins and the General Board of Education for the leadership given to this school.

Jurisdictional Meetings: The Central Jurisdictional District Superintendents' Seminar met at Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta February 21-March 1. These Seminars have been very helpful in the training of the District Superintendents for their work. Rev. C. R. Brown and Rev. W. R. Gregg attended the Seminar from our conference. The Central Jurisdictional Conference met this year at Dillard University in New Orleans, La. It was well attended by ministers and laymen of our conference.

National Meetings: All of the District Superintendents and many of the laymen and ministers attended the General Conference which met in Minneapolis, Minn., April 25th-May 7th. This conference will be long remembered, for it was a history making conference in Christian Social Relations.

Building and Improvements

Beaufort District: Aiken $450.00 on building and Appleton $825.00 at Bently Hill Union $600.00 on pews. Bamberg, interior of parsonage beautified, installed modern kitchen equipment,


Greenville District
An Educational Annex was built to the Easley Church at the cost of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000), Rev. B. C. Rouse, Pastor. The parsonage at Seneca has been renovated and put in good condition inside and outside. Some work has been done on the Church also twenty-seven hundred dollars have been spent on the charge ($2700), Rev. E. Haynes, Pastor.

Orangeburg District: Wesley Church at Columbia has been renovated at a cost of four thousand ($4,000.00) dollars. Pastor, Rev. T. H. Fisher, Jr. Rev. E. J. Cooper is working to complete the Franklin Church at Denmark. The Orangeburg District of the Southeastern Jurisdiction contributed $400.00 to this project this year. Mt. Zion Church, Midway Charge, was beautified. Pastor, Rev. Benjamin Wilson.

Rev. K. D. Hough has as his goal the beautification of all the churches on the Orangeburg Circuit this year. St. John Church was painted this year. Silas Church at Cross is being remodeled at a cost of $3,000. Rev. W. M. Nelson is leading his people in the undertaking. Rev. J. S. Green is working hard to complete Zion Church. The amount of $1,000.00. The cornerstone of Salley Chapel Church on the Edisto Fork Charge was laid in the month of August. The pastor, the Rev. J. M. Mitchell is now contemplating the rebuilding of Jerusalem Church. Under the supervision of Rev. Fulton Edwards, the pastor of the Rowesville Charge, the Cedar Grove Church was re-roofed and painted, and a school and two acres of land were purchased for the use of the Forest Chapel Church.

Charleston District: The Charleston District is going forward materially as well as spiritually and financially. New churches have been started at Bethel on the Bethel Charge. St. Luke-Georgetown and Lane Charge, Centenary-Pinopolis Charge, and a new church has been completed on the Summerville Charge. Mt. Carmel in Charleston has purchased the three adjoining buildings, looking forward to expansion in the near future. Many churches have been renovated, especially Enoch's Chapel on the Maryville Charge, and Wesley.

Spartanburg District: Six churches have been erected on the Spartanburg District in the past five years. The most outstanding was the building of a beautiful church at York, S. C., at a cost of thirty-five thousand ($35,000.00) dollars under the leadership of Rev. C. J. Smith. Salem Church, Pageland, Rev. Marches, pastor, is about completed. Griffin Hill at Pacolet, S. C., is almost completed, under the guidance of Rev. J. H. Black. The following pastors have beautified their churches: Reverends T. R. Frierson, H. O. Minus, G. S. Sawyer, Z. Y. Taylor and C. N. James are paying the debts on their churches.

Rev. C. C. Clark has kept up the church at Gaffney.

Florence District: The Asbury Church on the Asbury and Bethel Charge is still under construction. Rev. C. C. Barr is directing a building program in the building of the church at Elijah, which will be one of the finest brick buildings in our conference. The pastor and people at Salem have raised three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) for improvement. Wesley has cleared the debt on the pews. Rev. Reynold has purchased a Rosenwald school building at Pee Dee which is being converted into a very nice place of worship. Rev. J. W. Curry and the people at Florence have raised above three thousand ($3,000.00) dollars for relocation of the parsonage. The other property over the district is in good repair. Rev. B. C. Steward has a program to rebuild the parsonage at Marion.

Sumter District: We rejoice that Sandy Grove Church, under the peerless leadership of Brother G. H. Bowen, has finally liquidated the indebtedness from that church.

New Haven Church, under the dynamic leadership of Rev. John W. Williams, has been paid for and dedicated by the District Superintendent.
Antioch Church, complete with modern sanctuary, kitchen, dining salon and Sunday school rooms, has been built, paid for and has been dedicated by Bishop J. W. E. Bowen. Rev. Al W. Wright is the inimitable and heroic pastor of this heroic congregation.

A new parsonage has been built by the congregation of St. Paul’s Church on the West Camden Circuit at a cost of better than $8,000. Pastor Smith was the guiding genius in this enterprising undertaking.

Interim Appointments

At Brunson: On the retiring of Rev. McClary, Rev. L. C. Cave and the District Superintendent carried out the year.

At Ninety Six: On the transfer of Rev. Joseph Bethea to the N. C. Conference, Brother Boggs carried on the work.

At St. Pickens: On the leaving of Rev. Scipio, the District Superintendent carried out the year.

At Charleston-Old Bethel: After the death of Rev. P. E. Mingo, Rev. John C. Barr was appointed to Old Bethel.

Spiritual Achievements

The report of the Treasurer is an indication of our loyalty to God and the great Methodist Church of which we are a part. We express our appreciation to Dr. J. W. Curry for his efficiency in the reports of the conference. Many persons have been Baptized, trained and brought into the church on profession of faith, by restoration and transference. The report of the Statistician shows to what extent we have been good Stewards.

We hail the coming of Rev. H. V. Manning as president of our great school—Claiiln College—and pledge him and the school our loyalty.

As we close this conference year, may we dedicate ourselves to God with a hope that the desire to do a greater work might be realized more fully in us.


Thanks to God for the fine fellowship we have had in the Cabinet of the South Carolina Conference these six (6) years.

To Bishop J. W. E. Bowen: We thank you for your fine leadership you have given us these six years. We return to the pastorate better qualified to do greater work as pastors in the South Carolina Conference.

Finally, Brethren: Pray for us that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified even as it is with you.


REPORT OF CONFERENCE LAY LEADER AND BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

Bishop Bowen, Members and Friends of the South Carolina Conference, I am grateful for the privilege of making my first report for the Board of Lay Activities. As your Conference Lay Leader I have, through speeches, talks, and by other methods of participation in programs of cultivation, attempted to interpret the program of the church to the Laymen of the conference. This was done with the hope that a greater interest would be stimulated in the program and a deeper sense of loyalty developed for the church in general.

I am grateful to the Bishop, the District Superintendents, the Ministers, and the Laymen who helped to make it possible for me to render this service. I trust that I have helped in some little way in fostering the total program of the churches of the conference.

I was fortunate during the year in having the privilege to attend the General Conference, the Jurisdictional Conference, the annual meeting of the Board of Lay Activities, the Area Council, and the World Methodist Conference. All of these meetings were inspirational and informative. In the South Carolina Conference, I traveled more than 3,500 miles; visited 29 churches; delivered 20 speeches, and helped in the organization of 17 new Methodist Men’s Clubs. This service could have been greatly extended had I the energy and the resources to do more. To my regret, a number of my engagements had to be canceled because of conflicts of one type or another. A much larger number might have been canceled were it not for the fact that my schedule had been made for the year and I tried to carry it through even though it was extremely taxing at times.
I am convinced that there is a big and important job to be done among the laymen of the South Carolina Conference. It is a job that is worth the undertaking and will pay off in many ways once it is done. My experience has been that when people do not know the program of the church, they show little interest; but when they learn the program and know what it is all about, it makes a difference.

I am hoping that whoever is elected your Conference Lay Leader for the next year, will have even greater assistance from the conference than I have had this year. With the small appropriation that we have for next year it is difficult to see how a good job can be done without this amount being supplemented by the districts or the local charges. I trust that sufficient means will be available to make it possible to carry on a rich program of cultivation and education among the laymen of the conference during this period when the emphasis is rightfully placed on the local church. I believe that this can be done only as we plan and work together in promoting the total program of the church.

To the Ministers and Laymen, I wish to express my personal appreciation for the very fine way in which I was received at your churches. I also want to express my gratitude to Brother S. T. Middleton, our former Conference Lay Leader, for his wise counsel and suggestions in getting me started in the work for this year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. Smith,
Conference Lay Leader.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of Lay Activities in session September 29, 1956, nominated Mr. H. D. Smith for Conference Lay Leader for the next conference year. It also elected the following officers: Mr. S. T. Middleton, Vice Chairman; Mr. C. M. Green, Secretary; Mr. G. M. Richardson, Assistant Secretary and Reporter; Mr. G. M. Adams, Treasurer.

The following suggested program was approved and is hereby recommended to the conference for adoption:

Suggested Program for Next Conference Year

1. A Laymen's Retreat on Each District.
conference—the results of which will be shown in the Treasurer’s report.

Holy-Week services were also conducted in most churches with favorable results, as of report of Statistician.

Some of the districts reported special meetings of evangelism during the year, and in some District Conferences there was an hour of evangelism observed.

All pastors have been instructed through the General Board and Bishop to observe World-Wide Communion Sunday with special significance of its meaning.

Recommendations

1. That special meetings be held from Easter to Pentecost holding up the birthday of the Christian church.
2. That training classes for church membership, of children, youth and adults be conducted in all churches.
3. That all pastors will work toward a 10% increase in membership in each church or charge.
4. That the use of as many of the 70 Evangelists (students from the Theological schools) be promoted during the summer as possible.
5. That each District Superintendent see that there is an active Commission on Membership and Evangelism functioning in each local church of his district.

Respectfully submitted,
M. P. Pyatt, Chairman
Mrs. Dora P. Bristow, Secretary

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SECRETARY

With the co-operation of the District Superintendents and the Resident Bishop, the Conference Board of Missions has made appreciable progress towards implementing the Aim of Missions as set forth in Paragraph 1166 of the 1952 Discipline of the Methodist Church.

Two meetings of the board were held this year. The first meeting was held at Cheraw and the second at Florence. At both these meetings attention was given to Church Extension within the conference.

A letter was mailed to each pastor emphasizing the importance of the free will offering for Church Extension within the conference.

The Annual Conference on Missions was held at Cumberland Church in Florence July 31-August 2. Seventy-nine ministers and lay workers registered for the conference, as did all the District Superintendents. Outstanding highlights of the conference were: the clinic conducted by the Bishop, the workshop conducted by Dr. P. R. Tiller, and a program entitled “America Calling,” presented by the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Cumberland Church.

During the year the board contributed $1,000 towards the debt liquidation program at Greer, and $500 was donated to Sandy Grove Church on the Lamar Charge. Sandy Grove has completely settled its debt.

Special Days Offerings

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Recommendations

1. That the conference accept one or two prospects each year, and that all funds from the conference for Church Extension purposes be allocated to the project or projects selected.
2. That the selection of the prospects be made by the District Superintendents, the executive committee of the Board of Missions, and the Resident Bishop.

T. R. Frierson, Board President
I. DeQ. Newman, Missionary Secretary

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TEMPERANCE

Your Conference Board is alert to the needs and sensitive to the Macedonian call for help and we have done our best to answer these calls. We are still attempting to implement the four point program projected by our General Board of Tem-
perance, via-Education, Commitment, Rehabilitation and Legislation.

We are approaching the problem of Education first from the total church angle, where we are urging our pastors to see to it that a strong committee on Temperance is expected to carry on a program of Temperance Education under the direction of the pastor. Second, on the District level where we hope to have an aggressive and progressive District Secretary who will constantly bring before both ministers and laymen the importance of Temperance emphasis. Then your Conference Board which is the wheel around which the other agencies revolve hopes to continue a program that will challenge both members and college youth.

COMMITMENT

We rejoice in the fact that the last General Conference passed legislation setting aside the first Sunday in December in each year as Commitment Day. This is not to be a Temperance pledge signing campaign but a bold attempt on the part of our pastors to lead our people in a Commitment of total life—Time, Talent and Possessions to God. We pause here to urge our pastors to begin at least thirty days before December, by preaching, teaching and distributing literature, to prepare our people for the occasion and lead them in a service of Consecration and Commitment.

REHABILITATION

Sad but true the church has not taken the lead in reclaiming the men and women who have been over come by what is now called the disease of Alcoholism. The "A.A." is taking the lead in this endeavor. The Church must become conscious of its obligation in this field, and our ministers must prepare themselves for counseling the Alcoholic and teach our members that it is a part of their Christian duty to help save the unfortunate victims. This must be done by example, patience, love, prayer and an intelligent approach.

LEGISLATION

There is much Christians can do in this field. Via: First of all know the political aspirants and for what they stand. Inform our members of those candidates and advise them to vote for men in politics who believe in and will work for law enforcement. We need first of all to be registered ourselves and vote. When favorable bills are introduced write or wire your Congressman and let him know you are expecting him to support such bill. It is your Christian responsibility to vote and support your government. To this end your Conference Board of Temperance has labored.

THE FUTURE

We have submitted to the Commission on World Service and Finance an intensive program which we feel, if carried out will lift the moral standards of our people. We have suggested a work shop in each District, a seminary at Claflin College, and one adult and one youth scholarship to our National School of Alcohol Studies and Christian Action. When we consider that according to the report of the F.B.I. fifty nine per cent of all crimes stem from alcoholic beverage and when we view the suffering caused by drinking and drunken drivers, I think our hearts ought to be stetned and our forces united for aggressive action.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. R. Howard, Chairman
Mrs. P. M. Gibbs, Secy.

REPORT OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY WORK

Bishop Bowen, Members of the South Carolina Conference and friends:

The Town and Country Work is progressing and these efforts culminating in lifting some of the strain financially from the shoulders of the Official Board. Through recreational days, excursions, club picnics, social feast, and "The Lord's Acre", we are accomplishing this goal.

The cultivation program has not reached its height of District or Conference levels, but on Charge level we are making progress.

On some Districts, literature, institutes and club rallies were introduced with gained results. The Annual days planned and came out. We pray that continued efforts be made until District and Conference levels are reached.

GOALS

TOWARDS A MORE VITAL COMMUNITY RELATION

1. To help our Churches serve the community—
a. By properly relating churches as worthy agencies in order to cooperatively build a Christian community.

b. By providing through every possible means an understanding that a good community must possess all the elements for the good life.

c. By planning a program of leadership training on every charge each year, using Town and Country literature and Quarterly Conferences.

d. By cooperating with other groups.

TO URGE THE ADOPTION OF AN ADEQUATE SALARY PLAN IN THE CONFERENCE—

By calling attention to provisions in the Discipline dealing with minimum salary for the Conferences.

By providing help in promoting stewardship projects, such as, "The Lord's Acre", Ascension Day, Excursion trips, Thanksgiving, Harvest Festivals and Rural life Sunday.

TOWARD A RURAL PARISH PROGRAM

To strengthen the Commission on Town and Country Work in the Conference.

a. By urging that the Commission be fully organized according to the Discipline.

b. By assisting each Commission to see to its function as an interboard agency in the Conference, and adopt its program to fit local needs.

c. By urging the Bishop, District Superintendents, Boards and Administrative agencies to cooperate with the Commission for service to the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy C. Connor,
Conference Secretary

REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON WORLD PEACE

Bishop Bowen, Members of the South Carolina Annual Conference, Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the members of your Committee on "World Peace", wish to submit this report for your consideration.

The problem of peace is old. Isaiah had to deal with troubled people of his day. Isaiah always asserted the truth that the future is safe in the hands of God. We note that man's trouble and insecurity today are of his own as it were in the day of Isaiah.

If man is to see the doom of evil and the day of the Lord, he will have to be more than a spectator sitting in an arm chair giving advice. There must be action and participation as well as faith and trust. The future is safe in the hands of God, but is our future safe when we forget, neglect and make social security a substitute for eternal security.

Every day many enter through the open door way of medicine and thousand of lives are saved. Scientists push through the open door of scientific discovery and announce undreamed wonders to the world. Almost hourly through the open door of industry new types of airplanes, new trains, new automobiles, new everything, astonish us.

But there is one door man hesitates to open as widely as it should be opened. This is the door of peace and understanding among nations. Above all else God wants mankind to pass through this open door and enter upon the pathway to peace. No one can shut this door that he has opened. The great leaders and wise followers are those who are doing all they can to help others enter into life abundant. This can be done through the door God has opened long since in the person of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

The world is still in the shadow of war. We may describe it as being either "cold" or "hot" war. All of this may be attributed to the fact that our attitudes toward our fellow-man are still on the negative side. We are still in the debate over races, color, and creed. We just do not seem to realize that there is only one God and we still are all children of God. What are we doing about world peace? Are we going to follow the words of Jesus or are we going to continue the state of disorder and confusion?

Peace can come only if we know God in the pardon of our sins. If world peace is to come on earth, it will not come by the use of material swords; it will come as a result of the use of the sword of the spirit which is found in the word of God.

OBJECTIVES FOR 1957

1. To continue the effort of getting Christians committed to world peace as a goal.
2. To study new approaches to world peace.

3. To continue committees on world peace in the local churches in order to help remove psychological, social, political and economic causes of war.

4. To encourage the pastor of each church to plan for the observance of world order Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,
Your Committee on World Peace,
L. C. Gregg, Chairman
W. E. Conner
B. C. Wilson
W. D. Primus
A. R. Howard
H. B. Rouse
L. C. Cave
B. C. Rouse

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Dear Bishop Bowen, District Superintendents, Ministers and Layman of the South Carolina Conference:

Your committee on the American Bible Society desires to thank you for the help, cooperation and support given in the distribution of Bibles throughout the South Carolina Conference in the past quarter, and we look forward with great hope for increased interest and a larger distribution of Bibles.

Recommendations

1. That the week following Easter be observed as Bible study week.

2. That Bible vacation school be held on every charge.

3. That a prize be given to the one who can memorize the greatest number of verses in the Bible.

Respectfully submitted,
C. C. Clark, Chairman
E. J. Cooper, Secretary

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Bishop J. W. E. Bowen and members of the South Carolina Conference, the Board of Education wishes to thank you for your cooperation in helping us to help you with your programs of Christian Education in the conference, districts, and local churches. We feel that there is a rising appreciation for the work of Christian Education and eventually the conference will feel that it can afford a full time program.

Our summer Youth Conference held at Claflin College this summer was quite a success. It was well attended by the youth themselves, but it is the opinion of the Executive Secretary that adult leadership has not aroused itself to the privilege of assisting youth to a Christian concept of life. This is indicated in the fact that the weak point of the youth program is the inability to get a competent staff.

Two very excellent meetings of young adults and staff were held this year. These, we think, have set the stage for excellent work in this area. All that is needed now is the support of districts and local churches.

The Area Leadership School held at Bethune Cookman College was attended by thirty persons from the South Carolina Conference. We hope that each of these persons will be given an opportunity to help in the program of Christian Education. We were successful in sending a representative to the National Conference of Methodist Youth.

The Executive Secretary has served the Conference as best he could. Service was rendered wherever possible in and out of the conference. He visited the meeting of executive secretaries in Cincinnati, Ohio, served as dean of the Atlantic Coast Leadership School; and is now serving as a member of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church.

Recommendations

1. That plans be set at the beginning of the year for the program of Christian Education in the conference, districts and local churches. That preparation for institutes, seminars, and assemblies include accreditation so that the General Church will know that the South Carolina Conference is not as far off as it seems.

2. That the fourth Sunday in each month be used for World Service — noting its educational value and its help toward the realization of the world service offering.

3. That Church School Rally Day be observed the first Sun-
day in May and funds be sent to the conference treasurer marked “Board of Education.” This is our best hope of a full time program of Christian Education.

4. That the South Carolina Conference support the new academic program of General Education at Claflin College.

5. That the South Carolina Conference, as soon as it is feasible, establish a full time program of Christian Education.

6. That the student work aid be administered by the College.

OBJECTIVES OF THE BOARD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS

1. To hold during the Conference year a Conference-wide Seminar on Christian Social Relations.

2. To urge each Pastor to distribute and disseminate the Social Creed of the Methodist Church with a view to acquainting our people with the historical and contemporary position of the Methodist Church on questions of social significance.

3. Through study and meetings together, to work co-operatively with the Board of Social and Economic Relations of the South Carolina Conference (S.E.J.) in promoting interracial goodwill, and other projects of mutual concern.

4. To seek to establish through the Pastor a Commission on Social and Economic Relations in the local churches. (The 1955 Discipline of the Methodist Church permits the organization of this Commission in the local church on an optional basis.)

5. To enlist the co-operation of the Annual Conference Board of Temperance, and the Board of World Peace in an effort to develop a keener social consciousness among our ministers and church members.

6. To encourage wider participation on the part of our people in civic affairs with particular emphasis on registration and voting.

I. DeQ. Newman, Chairman
Mrs. Mamie Fields, Secretary

CONFERENCE BOARD OF HOSPITALS & HOMES REPORT
FOR 1955-1956

The South Carolina Conference Board of Hospitals & Homes

METHODIST CHURCH

in Session at Florence, S. C., October 1, 1956, submits the following report:

Present Financial Statement

At the beginning of this Conference Year, we had a balance of $1,291.36

Hospital Aid to seven pastors @ $50 each, this year: $350.00
Hospital Aid to two Pastors Wives @ $50, this year: $100.00
Transportation for eight Board Members to Meetings: $54.30
Cultivation, Office expense & Mimeographed Report: $25.00

Total amount drawn from our Funds this year as of Oct. 1, 1956: $529.30

We have now, in hands of Conference Treasurer, as of Oct. 1, 1956: $762.06

Brief History & Achievements

The South Carolina Conference Board of Hospitals & Homes was Organized in 1948, at the Annual Conference in Anderson, S. C., with C. C. Reynolds as chair., Mrs. Louise W. Reed as Sec., and Rev. P. R. Tiller as Treas. At the beginning of the 1952 Quadrennium the new Board elected as its Chair: C. C. Reynolds; Secretary: Rev. T. W. White; & Treasurer: Mrs. Effie A. Strother. So, for two full quadrennia, your Board of Hospitals & Homes have been Officially Organized in the South Carolina Conference.

The Conf. Board started out in 1948 with no Funds, but throughout the years it has FOSTERED “Golden Cross Sunday”; Distributed Hospitals and Homes Literature; and Instituted “Hospital Aid” for Participating Pastors, their Wives and Widows. Consequently, through the Loyal Response of the Pastors of the South Carolina Conference, this Board has been able to accomplish the following results:

27 Pastors have received Hospital Aid, to the amount of $1,341.00
3 Widows were given checks for their Husbands Claim of $125.00
2 Pastors Wives have received checks, to the amount of $100.00
The Board has spent for: Cultivation & Exp. to Oct. 1st 434.63
And the Conf. Treas. has in hand now a cash balance of 762.06
Therefore, the Conf. Board has raised through its "Golden Cross Sunday" OBSERVANCE, from 1950 through Oct. 1, 1956 $2,762.69
Adding the amount Collected from Pastors, their Wives, and Widows, this Conf. Year which amount to $762.06. Your Board has Raised in two Quadrennia, a Grand Total of $1,435.06.

Recommendation for 1956-1957
1 We recommend that: Each Pastor Observe “Golden Cross Sunday” on the 3rd Sunday in July—which is July 21, 1957.

2 That: Pastor Wives and Widows of Pastors, may become Participating Members of the Board of Hospitals & Homes, by Contributing and additional amount of $5.00 or more.

3 That: Each Participating Pastor, Wife, Widow and Retired Minister—who is hospitalized—be given Hospital Aid in proportion to the amount Contributed, up to $50, but A NON PARTICIPATING PASTOR who Retired since 1955, shall not receive Hospital Aid; However, all Retired Ministers who have Contributed to our Hospital Funds shall receive not less than $25.

4 That: All Claims for “Hospital Aid” be sent: to the Office of the Conf. Board Chairman, through the Claimant’s Dist. Supt.

5 That: We courteously request our Resident Bishop to continue to: Appoint each Dist. Supt. as “District Director of the Board of Hospitals” on his respective District.

ADDENDUM: This report closes the 1952 Quadrennium. Our Bishop and his Cabinet shall appoint a new Conf. Board for the 1956 Quadrennium; consequently, this old Conf. Board pledges its unstinted Support and Co-operation to the New Board, and our best wishes are extended to those who will be elected to carry on.

Respectfully submitted,
Calvin C. Reynolds, Chair.,
Thomas W. White, Secretary,
Effie B. Strother, Treasurer,
For the Conf. Board of Hospitals

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That the South Carolina Annual Conference accepts the responsibility for Claflin College in the erection of the girl’s dormitory of:

First, raising the sum of $17,000.00 to complete the amount due to the contractor in erecting the building;

This sum to be apportioned to the pastoral charges by the Bishop and the District Superintendents and be reported at a Conference-wide Roll Call led by the Bishop on January 8, 1957 at Claflin College, beginning at 11 A.M.;

That the pastoral charges send their money to the Conference Treasurer as soon as they raise it and that the Treasurer send it to the College President for payment to the contractor as it is sent to him.

That the Conference Treasurer issue to each charge suitable vouchers for the money sent to him.

Second, that by the above method of apportionment and raising, the sum of $10,000.00 annually be raised for three consecutive years for the annual installments on the $30,000.00 loan made to the college by the Board of Education of The Methodist Church to assist in financing the erection of the dormitory;

The same to be sent by the Conference Treasurer directly to the Board in Nashville; the date of the Annual Roll Call be fixed at each annual conference session;

Third, That we hereby thank the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church for its generous donation of $35,000 and its loan of $30,000 without interest charges for the erection of the dormitory, and

Fourth, We pledge our full support to the President of the College in carrying on and developing Claflin College.

An amendment by Dr. A. R. Howard:

That any amount raised over the $17,000.00 be accredited to the $10,000.00, the first payment to the General Board of Education. Was adopted.

W R Gregg
P. R. Tiller
C. R. Brown
RESOLUTION

Bishop J. W. E. Bowen, District Superintendent, Fellow Ministers, Conference Lay Members, and Friends of the South Carolina Conference.

Whereas through tradition, we are assembled in another annual conference in Silver Hill Methodist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina;

We feel sure that through the wise counsel, timely efforts, profound leadership, and fatherly advice of our dear Bishop, we have been lifted to a higher realm of our Christian mission. Whereas the recognition of these values is imprinted upon our minds, they will be forever remembered and cherished;

Whereas the official constituency of this conference go on record as adopting, studying and following these tentative values for the development of our conference,

Whereas our Bishop's brotherly spirit has brought many friends to visit us in the session of this Annual Conference, namely: Bishop P. A. Taylor, Bishop of Liberia, Africa, Dr. M. L. Harris, President of Philander Smith College; Dr. Harry V. Richardson, Gammon Theological Seminary; Dr. J. S. Thomas, Associate Secretary of the Board of Education; Dr. Timothy Echols, General Board of Pensions of the Methodist Church; Miss Rogers and Mrs. Zimmerman from the Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg; Rev. S. Marion Weeks, Secretary of the American Bible Society; Professor J. H. Touchstone, the Board of Lay Activities; Mrs. J. W. E. Bowen, the Bishop's wife; Secretary Dickerson, and the District Superintendents and Ministers from the following conferences: Florida, Georgia, East Tennessee, North Carolina, Texas, Alabama and Washington.

Be it resolved that we extend our heartfelt thanks to the faculty and singers of Claflin College and the choirs of the Greenville and Spartanburg Districts for their inspiration through music.

The same to The Herald for the splendid way the news of the Conference was published.

Be it further resolved, that we thank Mrs. Campbell and the Administration of the Mary H. Wright School for allowing us the use of its facilities for the fellowship banquet.

We further resolve to express high appreciation of the warm spirited hospitality of the District Superintendent, host pastor, members and friends of the Silver Hill Methodist Church, for their delicious food and comfortable homes.

We resolve, that the South Carolina Conference go on record as giving a standing ovation, to our recently elected president for his splendid work done at Claflin College.

Be it finally resolved that we adopt these resolutions unanimously.

C. F. Ferguson, Chair.
B. J. Cooper, Sect.
Mrs. Jessie Wright
C. M. Green
R. C. Corner

COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE

SPECIAL REPORT

Whereas, an action was contemplated and attempted with reference to the equalization of the District Superintendent's salary at the annual Conference of 1954, the Commission has given the matter specific study. We therefore wish to recommend for action at this Annual Conference that we go on record as:


2. We recommend that a special Committee consisting of the Commission on World Service and Finance, the District Superintendents, the Conference Lay Leader be created. This Committee will have the responsibility of working out all the fine points pertaining to salary, house rent, office expense, travel, District Administration, etc.

3. We humbly request that such meetings be held at a time and place that will make it possible for the presiding Bishop to be present.

J. S. Dial, Chairman
Mrs. Beulah Baxley, Sect.
REPORT OF BOARD OF PENSIONS

We the Committee on Pensions recommend the following:
1. That the secretary of the Board be named guardian of the late F. D. Curry's children and to locate Barbara the fifth child and get her address so that she can receive her claim.
2. Secure the address of Mrs. Marie Smith, widow of the late Rev. N. A. Smith, the last check sent to Pineville, returned address unknown.
3. That C. F. Ferguson and E. C. Wright check the record of Mrs. L. C Cleveland and Richard Lloyd and make recommendations of the same to the General Board.
4. That the Journal of 1955, question 20, be corrected to include the name of Dock C. McClam.
5. We recommend that the apportionment to the charges for the 1956-1957 conference year be an amount equal to 12% of Pastor's cash salary for Pensions.
6. That the Conference observe Fathers' Day (the third Sunday in June) in honor of the Veteran Preachers of the South Carolina Conference and an offering be taken in interest of the Board of Pensions.

C. F. Ferguson, Chairman
B. J. Cooper, Sect.

WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE COMMISSION

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

I

We your Commission desire conformity between the pastor's report and funds actually received by the Conference Treasurer. In order to effect more accurate reporting and accounting, we recommend the following procedure:
1. Any church treasurer remitting funds to the Conference Treasurer shall use the prescribed remittance form only. (remit by cashier check or money order only.)
2. This form shall show in details the cause for which remittance is made. (forms are obtainable from the Conference Treasurer, or District Superintendents.)

II

We your Commission recommend a total Conference Budget of $86,913.00 as follows:

ADMINISTRATION:
General $ 1,051.00
Interdenominational Co-operation Fund 832.00
Jurisdictional 900.00
Conference 6,325.00 9,108.00
World Service 27,855.00
Conference Benevolences 49,950.00

CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION INCLUDES:
Conference Journal $ 1,200.00
Secretary's Honorarium 375.00
Conference Entertainment (retired minister and Conference program) 650.00
Statisticians Expense 50.00
Treasurer's Honorarium 750.00
Commission on World Service and Finance 350.00
Incidentals (Auditing, Bonds, Supplies and Special Emergency $200.00 800.00
Area Promotion 2,000.00
Publicity (Area $120.00 Conference $30.00) 150.00
Total 6,325.00
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DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

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We further recommend that the above amount be allocated to the Districts as follows:

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We recommend that the District Superintendents distribute the above amounts to the charges of the Districts.

1. We further recommend that the Area Council expense be apportioned to the charges (average $5.00 per charge) by the District Superintendents and the funds sent to the Conference Treasurer so designated; by each local church treasurer.

2. We also recommend that each member of each church of the South Carolina Conference be urged to give a minimum of five dollars and twenty cents ($5.20) per year to the Benevolence Budget; all who are able are urged to give more.

III

1. The Episcopal fund is an amount equal to 2 per cent of the cash salaries for the current year.

2. The Conference Claimants Fund (pensions) is an amount equal 12 per cent of the cash salaries for the current year.

3. We recommend that the rate of entertainment for the Members of the Annual Conference be fixed at $15.00 per person attending the Annual Conference and pre-conference session, irrespective of the total number of days attended.

4. We recommend that the entertaining church pay for the entertaining of the retired ministers, Claflin Singers, visiting ministers from other conferences, and program arrangement expense out of the amount allotted for conference entertainment.

5. We recommend that week of Dedication, Methodist Student Day, Church School Rally Day, World Wide Communion Sunday, and Golden Cross Sunday be properly observed by every congregation and that an offering be taken on said days and sent immediately to the Conference Treasurer, designated to the cause it represents.

6. We recommend that the Sunday School offering on Church School Rally Day be sent to the Conference Treasurer immediately designated Church School Rally Day.

7. We recommend that all Boards, Commissions and Agencies of the conference adhere to the "Round Trip Bus Fare Rate" as the norm of its travel expense to meetings within the Conference bounds. Where a car is used the driver shall be paid at the rate of seven cents per mile.

8. We recommend that the World Service, all Administration funds and the Board of Ministerial Training fund be non ratio items.

9. We recommend that the bond of the Conference Treasurer be set at $10,000.00.

10. We recommend that all items pertaining to District Superintendents' salary, office (rent where there is no parsonage), and travel expense be fixed and apportioned by the District Stewards Council.
IV

1. "In the interest of economy*" We recommend that all Boards and Commissions having over seven members elect an Executive Committee which shall function for the entire Board or Commission in the interim between Annual Conferences. Exceptions to this provision shall be all Boards and Commissions which are required by the Discipline to meet in their entirety and others whose work cannot be effectively done by an Executive Committee.

2. All agencies receiving funds from the Conference Treasurer shall, with each voucher submit adequate supporting data, such as bills, vendor's invoices, etc.

3. The Commission on World Service and Finance shall hold a meeting or meetings about 20 days before the coming of the Annual Conference for the preparation of a Budget to be submitted to the Annual Conference.

All Boards, Commissions and Agencies of the Conference shall at this time account for funds used in writing and make their request known to the Commission orally or in writing. This procedure is requested so that all interests of the church can receive adequate consideration.

4. We recommend that all Boards as far as practical plan their operation for the current year on the basis of proceeds raised during the previous year.

Respectfully your Commission,
J. S. Dial, Chairman
Mrs. Beulah Baxley, Secretary

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE 1956-60 WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE COMMISSION

We nominate Dr. J. W. Curry as Conference Treasurer for the quadrennium 1956-60.

Respectfully your Commission,
J. E. Dial, Chairman
Mrs. M. H. Baxley, Secretary

REPORT OF THE MINISTERS' WIVES ALLIANCE

Beaufort District $ 510.00
Bennettsville District 506.00

AUDITORS REPORT

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Statements of Receipts and Disbursements

JUNE 1, 1955 TO MAY 31, 1956

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METHODIST CHURCH

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SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Week of Prayer 431.04
Children 27.50
Methodist Youth Fund 57.00
Supplies 138.00

Woman’s Division of Christian Service 5,670.53
Central Jurisdiction Cultivation 325.00
Conference Cultivation 983.81
Transfer to Miss Addie Thomas, Treasurer 1,000.00
Total Disbursements 7,981.34
Cash Balance, May 31, 1956 $1,728.45

BANK RECONCILIATION MAY 31, 1956

The South Carolina National Bank, Florence, South Carolina
Balance per Bank Statement, May 31, 1956 $2,819.05
Less-Outstanding Checks:
No. 252 $ 19.98
259 6.00
262 62.12
263 2.50
Transfer to Miss Addie Thomas 1,000.00 1,090.60
Cash Balance, May 31, 1956 $1,728.45

AUDIT REPORT

South Carolina Conference
of the Methodist Church
Central Jurisdiction

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

November 1, 1955 to October 31, 1956

Cash Balance $ 19,974.78
Receipts:
See Schedule — 1 104,688.60
Total Receipts $124,663.38

Less-Disbursements:
Maintenance Appropriation 3,182.90
Conference Board of Hospital and Homes 529.30
Conference Board of Education 590.12

METHODOIST CHURCH

General Council W.S. & F.
World Service $20,665.00
Episcopal Fund 4,365.00
Interdenominational Fund 679.00
Week Dedication 426.00
Fellowship of Suffering & Service 399.00
Methodist T.V. Ministry 75.00 26,609.00

General Board of Pensions:
1—From Charges 22,117.00
2—Methodist Publish House 3,269.38
1—Special Pension Fund 6,052.00
2—Minister’s Wives 4,430.00
3—Watch Night 146.00 36,014.38

Conference Board of Pensions 300.00
General Board of Education Claflin College 18,128.00
General Administration Fund 849.00
Conference Board of Evangelism 96.40
Conference Journal 1,200.00
Conference Board of Temperance 63.75
Jurisdictional Fund 891.00
Conference Board of Missions 1,181.01
Area Office Expense 2,000.00
Conference Statistical Expense 50.00
Sustentation—Retired Ministers Travel 30.10
Conference Commissions of Town and Country Work 70.00
Conference Entertainment 500.00
Methodist Youth Fund—Nashville 286.59
Conference Treasurers Honorarium 750.00
Conference Administration Expense 600.00
Conference Commissions of W. S. & F. 209.25
Special Administration (For Choir) 157.06
Area Council 591.00
Area Publicity 150.00
Methodist Student Day—Nashville 359.00
Conference Secretary Honorarium 3750.00
Conference—W. S. C. S.—M.Y. F. 284.60
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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS**

November 1, 1955 to October 31, 1956

**Receipts:**

**Districts:**
- Florence: $17,480.75
- Sumter: $11,822.00
- Bennettsville: $10,985.00
- Charleston: $15,346.73
- Orangeburg: $11,736.75
- Greenville: $8,905.50
- Spartanburg: $7,271.75
- Beaufort: $9,962.00

**Others:**
- Board of National Mission - M.A.: $3,294.70
- Methodist Youth Fund and Mather Academy - M.Y.F.: $437.19

**RECONCILIATION OF CASH ON HAND AND IN BANK**

October 31, 1956

Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, Florence, South Carolina

Balance per Bank Statement, October 31, 1956: $23,641.75

**Less-Outstanding Checks:**

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Balance Cash, October 31, 1956: $20,691.03

**FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT**

**BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS**

**SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE**

**OCTOBER 10-14, 1956**

Receipts during 1955-56 to be distributed during 1956-57

**RECEIPTS:**

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE SOURCES:**

1. Balance Previous Year: $510.42
### Statement of Prospective Distribution

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### SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

#### STATEMENT OF PROSPECTIVE DISTRIBUTION

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#### VII. MEMOIRS

**REVEREND PERRY E. MINGO**

I knew Rev. Mingo as a student in Gammon Theological Seminary, from 1916 to 1919, where we studied together and shared Christian fellowship. Brother Mingo was very studious and he made a large contribution to the ethical standing of the school. He observed all the school laws and regulations. He loved the "Hills of the Prophets" as we called it. I knew Brother Mingo as a minister in the South Carolina Conference, where he served untiringly for thirty-five years. He served as a Pastor twenty-nine years and as a District Superintendent six years and came down with high honors. He was happy to be an ambassador for Christ. He said as Paul said, "Nothing will be able to separate me from the love of God which is in Christ our Lord."

S. V. Fowler

**REVEREND R. H. CUNNINGHAM**

The Reverend R. H. Cunningham who died in the early part of this Conference year, was listed among the Retired Ministers of our Conference. I first met him at Claflin University, when I was a student there. He was appointed Orderly over the boys, and he endeared himself to us through his friendly, firm, sympathetic and impartial manner to all the boys.

In later years he joined the South Carolina Conference, and he was an earnest, sincere and acceptable Pastor; who made constructive contributions to the spiritual and temporal welfare of every Charge he served.

When I heard of his death, I immediately contacted my neighbor, Rev. A. Mack, who also knew him at Claflin, and we made arrangements to attend his funeral in Orangeburg, S. C. Our main reason was; that Retired Ministers are soon forgotten and their funerals are poorly attended. Rev. Mack and I thought that Rev. Cunningham's should be an exception, because of our life-long knowledge of his sterling qualities.

This good friend and true Minister of the Gospel is gone, but I believe his life and earnestness portrays the spirit of this Anonymous Poem I came across sometime ago:
“Not I but Christ, be honored, loved and exalted;
Not I but Christ, be seen, be known, be heard;
Not I but Christ, in every action and word;
Not I but Christ, in every thought and word.

C. C. Reynolds

REVEREND MILLER B. BROWN

Rev. Miller B. Brown was born in Sumter County, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frasier Brown. Early in life he moved to Sumter, and joined St. James Methodist Church; it was from this church that he entered the itinerant ministry of the South Carolina Conference in 1937.

He was married to Miss Eva James, to this union were born four children; Mrs. Dorothy Willis, Mrs. Luciel Dicks, Frasier Brown, of Sumter, S. C., and Miller Brown, Jr. of Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. Brown preceded him to the grave twelve years ago.

In 1946 he was married to Miss Rena B. Woods, of Lamar, S. C. It was early in the morning May 29th, 1956 that Rev. and Mrs. Brown were last seen alive by their neighbors. They went on a fishing trip down on the Santee River; three days later their decomposed bodies were found on the sandy shore at a point known as Rock Landing. Together they sweetly lived, together they died.

Rev. Brown was a sincere Gospel preacher; he was quiet, unassuming, trustworthy. He endeavored to exemplify Christ in the life he lived. He was a loving husband, a kind father, a devout Christian, a good citizen and a brother beloved.

Surely Heaven has been made richer in the passing of this couple from labour to reward.

E. C. Wright

REVEREND J. H. BLACK

A few years ago, it was my privilege to be appointed to serve one of the Charges on this the Spartanburg District, namely Rock Hill. I found the progressive wheel turning at a rapid speed. It was not very long before I discovered what was responsible for its rapidity.

Whenever men are found bathing in the atmosphere of love,

and working in the sun light of cooperation, their efforts are not in vain. Among these gigantic Christian leaders was one who labored hard, and found much pleasure and dignity in his work as a pastor, and one, who possessed profound faith and confidence in God. Of these qualities previously mentioned, we assure you without doubt, Brother Black possessed.

We all have our creeds. My creed may be to treat my neighbor; but as a gesture of elimination, we quote Fifer's poem may be to gain whatever he can without respect for his neighbor; but as a gesture of elimination, we quote Fifer's poem as his creed:

“I do not know his creed, I only know that Here below,
He walked the common road and lifted many a load,
Lightened the task, brightened the day for others toiling on a weary way
This, his only need, I do not know his creed.”

His creed? I care not what his creed; enough that ever yielded he to greed,
He served a brother in his daily need, plucked many a thorn and planted
Many a flower, glorified the service of each hour; had faith in God,
Himself and fellow men — perchance he never thought in terms of creed,
I only know he lived a life, in deed.”

E. W. Cole

MRS. RENA WOODS BROWN

Mrs. Rena Brown was reared in a christian home. Through her christian influence she was able to mold the lives of children in the public schools. In that position she was wedded to the late Rev. M. B. Brown. She labored with him in the churches and WSCS until the end when they both were called to the great beyond together.

Now the laborer’s task is o’er,
Now the battle is past,
Now upon the farther shore
Land the voyagers at last.
MRS. R. B. KING

Mrs. R. B. King was a sincere worker in kingdom building through the WSCS. She gave her wholehearted support to the Ministers Wives Alliance and to the churches where her husband served.

There the tears of earth are dried,
There it's hidden things are clear,
There the work of life is tried
By a juster Judge than here.

MRS. A. P. GILLARD

Mrs. A. P. Gilliard who passed in September just before the convening of this Conference, worked with her husband untioringly from charge to charge. She was a faithful member of Bethel Church of-Livingston, S. C. Though ill over a period of years, she kept the faith.

Earth to earth and dust to dust,
Calmly now the words we say,
Left behind, we wait and trust,
For the resurrection day.  Mrs. W. J. Gupple

In Sacred Memory of Our Departed Comrades

Rev. P. E. Mingo
Rev. M. B. Brown
Rev. R. H. Cunningham
Rev. Paul Bonapart
Rev. J. H. Black
Mrs. A. P. Gilliard
Mrs. R. W. President
Mrs. M. B. Brown

"Behind my life the Weaver Stands,
And works His wondrous will;
I leave it in His all-wise hands,
And trust His perfect Skill;
Should mystery enshroud His plan,
And my short sight be dim,
I will not try the whole to scan,
But leave each thread with Him.

Not till the loom is silent,
And the shuttle cease to fly,
Shall God unfold the pattern,
And explain the reason why;
The dark threads were so needful
(In the Master's skillful hand)
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern which He planned."
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