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of the

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I.

ORGANIZATION.

Bishop James Atkins, ................................................. President
E. O. Watson, ......................................................... Secretary
W. L. Wait, ............................................................ Assistant Secretary
H. Crady Hardin, ..................................................... Assistant Secretary
W. V. Dibble, ........................................................... Assistant Secretary
A. J. Cautlen, ........................................................... Statistical Secretary
W. Roy Phillips, ....................................................... Assistant Statistical Secretary
W. A. Beckman, ......................................................... Assistant Statistical Secretary
E. L. McCoy, ............................................................ Assistant Statistical Secretary

Legal Conference.

W. B. Duncan, President; A. D. Betts, First Vice President; W. H. Hodges, Second Vice President; D. D. Jones, Secretary and Treasurer; D. D. Wallace, Curator.

Conference Brotherhood.

W. H. Hodges, President; S. J. Belthau and G. H. Bates, Vice Presidents; J. Thos. Macon, Secretary and Treasurer.

Board of Managers of the Southern Christian Advocate.


BOARDS—1914-1918.

Education.


Missions.


Church Extension.


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Sunday School.

C. C. Derrick, Chairman; J. T. Peeler, Secretary; J. L. Tyler, Treasurer; R. E. Willis, H. C. Newton, W. J. Turbeville, M. F. Dukes, H. W. Ambrose, T. L. Belvin, J. R. Conn, G. F. Kirby, J. W. Hamsel.

Epworth League.


Bible Society.


Minutes.


Joint Board of Finance.


Committees of Examination.

Applicants.—W. H. Hodges, B. G. Murphy, G. T. Harman, E. L. McCoy.


First Year.—H. J. Cautlen, B. J. Guess, S. O. Cunth, C. B. Smith.


TRUSTEES—1914-1916.

Wofford College.


Columbia College.


Lander College.

South Carolina Conference.—M. W. Hook, Secretary; M. L. Banks, W. A. Massebeau, J. S. Bowman, Charlton DuRant, L. M. Lawson.
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Wofford Fitting School.

Trustees same as Wofford College.

Carlisle School.

Trustees same as Wofford College.


Cokesbury Conference School.


Textile Industrial Institute.


Horry Industrial School.


Wofford Fitting School.

Trustees same as Wofford College.

Epworth Orphanage School.


ERRATA.

Following Epworth Orphanage Board, Page 4, substitute the following:

Trustees and Donors.

J. S. Beanley, Chairman; D. M. McLeod, W. M. Hook, A. J. Cauthen, J. L. Tyler.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Lay Leaders.

T. H. Tatsum, Bishopville, S. C.

Conference Treasurer.

J. H. Nobbs, Sumterville, S. C.

Treasurer Board of Missions.

J. T. Fawcett, Hartsville, S. C.

Treasurer Sunday School Board.

J. L. Tyler, Gillsburg Station, N. C.

Commissioner of Education.

F. H. Shuler, Columbia, S. C.

Sunday School Field Secretary.

W. C. Owen, 81 L & E. Bank Bldg., Columbia, S. C.

Commission on Orphanages.

Peter Stokes, D. M. McLeod, R. C. Dennis, T. H. Tatsum.

Page 24, strike out words "Standing Resolutions."

Section 8, Statistical Tables. On account of demoralized conditions, these tables were transposed, much to our regret.

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II.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.

Methodist Church.


The South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened its one hundred and thirty-second annual session in the Methodist Church, Bishopville, S. C., at 9:30 a. m., Wednesday, November 21, 1917, Bishop James Atkins in the chair.

The Sacramento of the Lord's Supper was administered, H. W. Bays consecrating the elements, and B. J. Gurse, J. W. Elkins, J. L. Mullinax, and J. N. Wright assisting in the administration.

E. O. Watson, Secretary of the last session of the Conference, called the roll and one hundred and eleventh clerical and six lay members reported present.

E. O. Watson was elected Secretary, with W. I. Wilt, H. Grady Hardin and William V. Dibble, assistants. A. J. Cauthen was elected Statistical Secretary with W. A. Beckham and F. L. McCoy, assistants.

The hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed: Meet at 9:30 a. m., and adjourn at 1 p. m. The bar was fixed to include the main auditorium.

A. J. Cauthen presented the report of the Preaching Elders, a committee on nominations of committees and boards, and the report was adopted as follows:


Missions.—J. Marion Rogers to write memoir of J. B. Wilson, and D. M. McLeod to write memoir of S. D. Vaughan.

Vacancies and Substitutions on Boards.

George Harper, vice G. W. Gruber, deceased, on Board of Church Extension.

The following delegates were substituted as delegates: Charleston District—J. J. Walker, vice G. I. Rhoad; Kingstree District, R. E. Smith, vice W. N. Clarkson; Sumter District, J. R. Griffin, vice J. W. Henkel.

The following resolutions, offered by J. T. Fowler, were unanimously adopted:

We, the members of the South Carolina Conference, in Conference assembled, having a deep sense of appreciation for the religious and individual liberty vouchsafed to us by the government of the United States of America, and a high regard for the rich heritage of American
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Liberties handed down to us from our forefathers, do hereby present the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, We believe with all our hearts in the principles of freedom, justice and right upon which our government is founded and guaranteed to its citizens, and that it is the bounden duty of those in authority to uphold, maintain, and enforce the laws of our country, and international laws governing the nations of the earth, and to protect the liberty and make safe the ideals of this nation; and,

WHEREAS, Among the articles of our holy religion we are solemnly obligated to be loyal, and subject to the rulers of the United States, and the several States that compose the United States, and the said States are a sovereign and independent Nation, and ought not to be subject to any foreign jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, This is a time when great issues are at stake, and great problems to be met and solved, great perils to be faced, and great sacrifices to be made; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we pledge our whole-hearted devotion to our God, our Flag, and our Country; and pray God that our Country, with our Allies, may soon have a decisive victory over our enemies that the world may have peace—a peace founded on justice and right.

2. That we hereby express to the President of the United States our Christian sympathy, and assure him of our prayers and loyal support.

3. That we pledge our hearty cooperation in the conservation of food, the work of the Red Cross, all Liberty Loan campaigns, and our love, sincere and earnest support to the Army, Navy, and other Christian work among the soldiers.

(Signed) J. T. Fowler,
Peter Stokes,
T. E. Morris,
J. L. Tyler.

The following resolution, offered by A. D. Betts, was adopted:

WAR WORK.

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint a special committee of five on Memorials to General Conference.

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Thomas G. McLendon was introduced and delivered an address of welcome to which Bishop Atkins made appropriate response.

Resolution 22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? was called, and character of Presiding Elders examined and passed as follows: G. E. Edwards, Peter Stokes, D. A. Phillips, A. J. Cauthen, M. W. Hook, and H. W. Bays, each making brief summary report of the work of his district.

Examination and passage of character was continued as follows, each making brief summary report of his work:


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J. C. Chandler, T. B. Owen, H. L. Singleton, W. S. Stokes, J. F. Way, and H. W. Whittaker were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation.

W. W. Ariail was granted a location at his own request.

Question 2. Who remain on trial? was called, and Carey Thomas Fastinating, Jr., E. W. Hurst, Paul Kistler Crosby, and Achilles Sussard, approved in examination upon the prescribed course of study who were advanced to the class of the second year. Henry T. Morrison, not before the committee for examination, was continued in the class of the first year.

Question 10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? was called, and Warren Galloway Ariail, Theodore Elbridge Derrick, Ernest Key Epps, and J. D. Williams, having passed an approved examination in the prescribed course of study, were elected deacons and advanced to the class of the third year. J. E. Cook, already a deacon, and Joseph Singleton Rice, approved in examination, were passed to the class of the third year.

Question 9. Who are the deacons of one year? was called, and William Grisby, Elwell, and Jesse Emerson Ford, approved in examination upon the prescribed course of study, were advanced to the class of the second year. T. B. Owen, Grover Cleveland Gardner, Benjamin Gregg Vaughan, Millon Murray McLendon, not before the committee, remain in class of the third year.

Question 11. What traveling preachers are elected elders? was called, and Robert Reno Tucker and Paul T. Wood, approved in examination upon the prescribed course of study, were elected elders. Bert A. Powell, not before the committee for examination, remains in class of the fourth year.
SECOND DAY—THURSDAY.

MINUTES ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND SESSION

Methodist Church,
Bishopville, S. C., November 22, 1917.

The Conference was called to order at 9:30 this morning, Bishop Atkins in the chair.

Opening devotions were conducted by A. D. Betts.

The roll of absentees was called and eleven clerical and eight lay members not present yesterday answered to their names.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected and approved.

On motion of E. O. Watson, roll call was dispensed with during the remainder of this Conference session.

On motion of E. O. Watson, the Conference recognized J. S. Rice as an elder upon assumption of vows, with removal of hands, he having been received by us from the Church of the Disciples.

On motion of S. B. Harper, the Secretary was instructed to send an appropriate message of sympathy and appreciation to Dr. S. A. Weber.

The following committee, appointed pursuant to resolutions on "War Work," was announced by Bishop Atkins: E. O. Watson, R. M. Lofton, J. E. Wannamaker, A. D. Betts, P. H. Shuler.

Question 12. What local preachers are elected elders? was called, and answered, None.

Dr. Jno. O. Willson, President Lander College; Dr. H. W. Snyder, President Wofford College; T. W. Manめる, and J. J. Singleton, of the Upper South Carolina Conference, and T. G. Phillips, Pastor of the Baptist Church, were introduced to the Conference.

The following resolutions, upon request of A. D. Betts, President of Paine College, represented the work of that institution.

A collection, amounting to $105.50, was taken for Paine College.

A resolution offered by J. T. Fowler, concerning a return of Sunday School Pedagogy in Wofford, Lander, and Columbia Colleges, was referred to the Boards of Education, Missions, and Sunday Schools.

On motion of T. H. Tatsum, D. M. McLeod was recognized as host of the Conference, and member of the Committee on Public Worship in place of G. P. Watson, Pastor, unable to serve on account of illness.

Resolutions relative to the appointment of a commission to inquire into the betterment of Epworth Orphanage conditions were offered by Peter Stokes, and, on motion of J. W. Daniel, these resolutions were made a special order for tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

The report of the Commission on Education, presented by Peter Stokes, on motion of G. E. Edwards, was referred to the Board of Education.

The following resolutions, upon request of A. M. Trawick and W. D. Weatherford, of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, were presented and adopted. (See Reports.)

That that part of resolution 7, in "Resolutions Concerning the Division of the South Carolina Conference," which reads as follows: "This Board (the Board of Managers of the Southern Christian Advocate) shall be elected quadrennially upon nomination of the Board of Managers of each Conference"—be so changed as to read: "This Board shall be elected quadrennially, upon nomination of the Board of Education of this Conference."

(Signed) Peter Stokes.
(Signed) E. O. Watson.

The following concerning election of Board of Managers of the Southern Christian Advocate, offered by F. H. Shuler, was adopted: "Resolved, That the Board of Education be requested to nominate at least two new members of the Board of Managers of the Southern Christian Advocate at each election of said Board."

(Signed) F. H. Shuler.
W. V. Dibble.

Dr. Jno. O. Willson, President Lander College; Dr. H. W. Snyder, President Wofford College; T. W. Manmer, and J. J. Singleton, of the Upper South Carolina Conference, and T. G. Phillips, Pastor of the Baptist Church, were introduced to the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Minutes, presented by R. M. DuBow, was adopted. (See Reports.)

The report of the Board of Managers of the Southern Christian Advocate was presented and adopted. (See Reports.)

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The following resolutions, upon request of A. M. Trawick and W. D. Weatherford, of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, were presented by E. O. Watson, and, on motion, unanimously adopted:

In the present world crisis there is imminent danger that lawlessness and disorder and crime will take advantage of the unrest of the times to accomplish their hideous work in our midst;

Particularly in the realm of social morality, industrial adjustments, and race relations are these evils likely to manifest themselves;

The presence of these evils in our organized life constitutes a greater menace to our peace and happiness than all the arms and military tactics of the nations with whom our country is at war;

The evils of which we complain have for their ultimate end the complete overthrow of our homes, our churches, and the Kingdom of God on earth;
The Church is the greatest agency known to the world for arousing the conscience and inspiring the motives of men for loyal and selfless conduct, and as loyal members of the Church, we make our appeal. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we proclaim anew our confidence in the Gospel of the Son of God as the only and sufficient solution of the social and national ills from which humanity is today suffering;

That we lift our voices against all exploitation of the weak by the strong, all injustice, all lawlessness and disorder, all greed and hate and evil passion, wherever in individual or social life we see such things practiced;

That we as an organized body, representing a great and powerful Church in the world, put ourselves on record as unalterably opposed to lynching, race riots, unfair and unjust treatment of our fellow citizens of African blood, unfairness to immigrants and aliens of all races who may be living among us;

That we use the pulpit, church press, daily newspapers and every other lawful avenue of publicity, to call to the attention of our people to the need of fairness, brotherly love, and unceasing prayer in order to win the battle against lawlessness, disorder, hate and prejudice in our national life.

The following resolutions concerning chaplains in the Army and Navy, offered by A. D. Betts, were adopted:

ARMY CHAPLAINS.

Whereas, There has recently been an enlargement of the regiments of the United States Army from 1,200 men each to approximately 3,500 men, with proportionate increase in the number of officers; and,

Whereas, Other branches of our military and naval forces have been enlarged in like manner; and,

Whereas, There has not been an increase in the number of chaplains to meet these larger needs; and,

Whereas, It is the earnest conviction of this Conference that proportionate increase in chaplaincy is necessary to developing and maintaining the morale of the Army; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, hereby petitions the Congress of the United States to specify law to provide for three chaplains for each regiment, and a like ratio for the Navy, and other branches of the service.

Resolved, 2. That a copy of these resolutions be sent by our Conference Secretary to President Wilson, to Secretary of War Baker, to Secretary of the Navy Daniels, and to our South Carolina Senators and Representatives in Congress.

(Signed) A. D. Betts.
D. A. Phillips,
J. T. Fowler,
T. G. Herrick.

Report No. 1 of the Sunday School Board was presented by C. C. Derrick. J. E. Tyler presented a minority report recommending discontinuance of the Joint Sunday School work of the South Carolina and Upper South Carolina Conferences. A motion was made that the minority report be substituted for the majority report. The substitute was lost, and the majority report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT NO. 1- SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Feeling that the best interests of our Sunday School work in South Carolina will be conserved by a continuance of the present arrangement

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of joint work between the Upper South Carolina Conference and the South Carolina Conference, your Board recommends the continuance of the present arrangement and asks the Conference to indorse its attitude in the matter.

(Signed) J. T. Peeler,
M. E. Dukes,
H. W. Anderson,
C. C. Derrick,
G. F. Kirby.

On motion of D. A. Phillips, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That as the sense of this Conference that our Sunday School Board provide for an elementary worker for this Conference, under the direction of the joint superintendent of the Sunday School Secretary of this and the Upper South Carolina Conference, as soon as possible.

(Signed) D. A. Phillips,
A. D. Betts.

On motion of E. O. Watson, after announcements were made, Conference adjourned with the doxology and the benediction pronounced by A. J. Cotton,

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY.

Methodist Church,

Conference met at 9:30 a. m., Bishop Atkins in the chair.

The opening devotions were conducted by S. B. Harper.

Six clerical and four lay members, not previously in attendance, reported present.

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

Question 3. Who are discontinued? was called, and Paul K. Crosby was discontinued.

The report of the Board of Managers of the Epworth Orphanage, presented by W. H. Hodges, was adopted. (See Reports.)

On motion, the order of the day was suspended at the pleasure of the Bishop.

E. O. Watson presented the report of the Committee on "War Work," as follows:

WAR WORK.

We, your Committee on "War Work," have looked carefully into the matters committed to us, and now offer our report:

At their last meeting in Jackson, Tenn., in October past, our College of Bishops asked the Church to raise a special fund of $100,000 to meet the special religious needs of the Army camps in our midst.

It is observed that the Y. M. C. A., while doing a great and indispensable work in these camps, sorely needs the assistance of the Church in evangelistic and distinctly spiritual work; and that in the Army organization the present supply of chaplains is wholly inadequate to supply this deficiency. Our Church, in common with other leading denominations, feels a great responsibility in the matter at this time. Many Conferences have raised considerable sums for this purpose already, and have requested the Bishops to appoint some of the strongest men to this special duty in the camps.
Reviewing the situation in South Carolina, we find that the Methodist Episcopal Church expects to place a man with the New York soldiers at Camp Jackson. It is not clear from the text whether there are any North Carolina or Tennessee troops at Camp Sevier.

We are convinced that the South Carolina Conference should see after Camp Jackson, which is within the bounds of our Conference, and where our South Carolina troops are encamped.

We, therefore, recommend:

1. That the sum of $5,000.00 be guaranteed from the South Carolina Conference for the War Fund planned for by the Church, to be used first to meet our needs at Camp Jackson.

2. That the Board of Missions apportion the sum of $5,000.00 to the several charges on the basis of the assessment last year for pastor’s salary, said apportionment to be collected within the first ninety days of the Conference year.

3. That a special offering be taken on Christmas Sunday, December 23, or the Sunday following, December 30, for this work.

4. That the Board of Missions be authorized to borrow such amounts as may be needed pending the collections.

5. That the Bishop be requested to appoint a suitable man from our Conference to this work at Camp Jackson.

(Question 4. Who are admitted into full connection? was called, and after an address by Bishop Atkins, and satisfactory answer to the disciplinary questions, Warren Galloway Ariail, John Edward Cook, Theodore Elbridge Derrick, Ernest Key Epps, and J. D. Williams were received into full connection.

A ballot was ordered for clerical and lay delegates to General Conference, four delegates being declared the number at which the South Carolina Conference is entitled. P. L. Glennan and C. C. Derrick were appointed tellers, with W. V. Dibble, Secretary for the clerical ballot, and E. C. Dennis and F. P. Pegues, tellers, with W. L. Wilt, Secretary for the lay ballot, the teller to collect the ballots and retire with the secretaries for counting, while the Conference continued other business.

The reports of Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman’s Missionary Society, and Mrs. J. P. McNeill, Conference Treasurer, were read by the Secretary and ordered published in the minutes. Bishop Atkins addressed the Conference concerning the work of the Woman’s Missionary Society, with congratulations upon the splendid showing of these societies in raising more than $21,000 the past year.

The first ballot for lay delegates was announced, resulting as follows: Votes cast, 16; necessary to a choice, 9; and T. H. Tatum receiving 15 votes; Charlton Dilliant, 9, and B. C. Gregg, 9, were declared elected. A second ballot for one lay delegate was ordered, resulting in 16 votes, 9 necessary to a choice—no election. A third ballot was ordered, resulting in 15 votes cast; necessary to a choice, 9—no election. Fourth lay ballot was ordered, resulting in 17 votes cast; necessary to a choice, 9—and A. E. Godlins having received 10 votes was declared elected, completing the lay delegation.
Dr. W. N. Ainsworth, of the South Georgia Conference; Dr. H. N. Snyder, President of Wofford College; Rev. L. I. Legters, Pastor Presbyterian Church; W. I. Herbert, of the Upper South Carolina Conference; Rev. J. J. Harrell, Pastor Presbyterian Church at McComb, and Rev. J. A. McMillan, Pastor Baptist Church at McComb, were introduced to the Conference.

Question 52. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? was called. McComb and Orangeburg invited the Conference. H. G. Hardin addressed the Conference, presenting the claims of McComb, and W. A. Massie and A. J. Cantith presented the claims of Orangeburg. McComb received 38 votes, Orangeburg receiving the remainder. Orangeburg was declared the choice of the Conference, and, on motion of H. G. Hardin, extending invitation for the succeeding session to be held in McComb, the selection of Orangeburg was made unanimous.

The report of the Epworth League was presented, and after address by Dr. F. S. Parker, was adopted. (See Reports.) The report of the Committee on Conference Relations, presented by G. T. Harmon, was adopted. (See Condensed Minutes.) The report of the Committee on District Conference Journals, presented by J. W. Walling, was adopted. (See Reports.) Rev. Mr. Harnes, of the Virginia Conference, was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning the work of the American Bible Society.

The Bishop appointed the following Commission, pursuant to action relating to Epworth Orphanage: Peter Stokes, D. M. McLeod, E. C. Dennis, and T. H. Tatnup. Amendments were made, the doxology sung, and Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced by Dr. W. N. Ainsworth.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY.

Methodist Church, BISHOPVILLE, S. C., November 24, 1917.

Conference met at 9:30 a. m., Bishop Atkins in the chair. Opening devotions were conducted by J. L. Mullinnix. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved. The second ballot for clerical alternate was announced: Total votes cast, 51; necessary to a choice, 26, and J. W. Daniel, having received 51 votes, was declared elected, completing election of clerical alternates.

Reports of Boards and Committees were presented and adopted, as follows:

Reports 1, 2, and 3, of the Board of Education, presented by A. D. Betts;

Books and Periodicals, by G. A. Teasley;

Sunday School, by D. D. Jones;

Lay Activities, by T. H. Tatnum;

Church Extension, by P. A. Murray;

Temperance, by J. W. Price;

American Bible Society, by R. W. Humphries;

Joint Board of Finance, 1 and 2, by J. H. Noland;

Auditing Committee, by D. D. Jones;


Report No. 3 of the Sunday School Board, was presented by G. F. Kirky. A. J. Cantith moved to amend by inserting Carlisle School among the institutions to be beneficiaries of the fund to be raised for chairs of Sunday School Pedagogy. A. D. Betts moved further amend-
On motion, the session of Conference was extended thirty minutes. On motion of D. M. McLeod, it was determined that when we adjourn it be to meet at 4 p.m. tomorrow for the Memorial Service, and at 7:30 p.m. to receive the appointments.

Dr. Edgar H. Rue, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced, and spoke to the Conference concerning the World Outlook, a missionary magazine.

The following resolution, offered by Peter Stokes, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Legal Conference be requested to appropriate from its funds an amount of money sufficient to enable the publishers of the minutes to publish in the minutes for this year the Charter of the Conference and the Charters of all our Conference institutions.

(Signed) Peter Stokes, P. B. Ingraham.

A memorial to the General Conference, asking for increased representation of laymen in Annual Conferences, was concurred in. (See Memoirs.)

A recess was taken for the holding of the session of the Legal Conference.

Conference session was resumed, Bishop Atkins in the chair.

The following resolution, presented by J. P. Inabnit, was adopted:

Resolved, That we heartily appreciate the presence of J. Y. Robinson and Samuel D. Vaughan.

(Signed) J. P. Inabnit, D. M. McLeod.

T. E. Willis was substituted for T. A. Altman on the Sunday School Board.

Announcements were made, and Conference adjourned with the doxology and the benediction by Dr. J. C. C. Newton.

FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY—MEMORIAL SESSION.

METHODIST CHURCH, BISHOPVILLE, S. C., November 25, 1917.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, at 4 o'clock this afternoon, in Memorial session, D. Arthur Phillips, by appointment of the Bishop, in the chair.

The opening devotions were conducted by D. Arthur Phillips, J. S. Beasley leading in prayer.

The Committee on Memoirs presented their report, answering Question 21. What preachers have died during the year? John B. Wilson and Samuel D. Vaughan.

A memoir of J. B. Wilson was read by J. Marion Rogers.

A memoir of Samuel D. Vaughan was read by D. M. McLeod.

Tributes were paid the memory of the deceased by J. S. Beasley, J. A. Campbell, D. M. McLeod, W. A. Betts, J. S. Wright, and others.

The minutes were adopted. (See Memoirs.)

J. H. Noland announced the death during the year of Mrs. George H. Wells, and was requested to furnish the Secretary her full name, the date of her birth, marriage, and death, for memorial record in the Minutes.

The following resolution, offered by A. J. Cauthen, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be requested to furnish to the Secretary of this Conference the names of widows of preachers dying during each year.

After singing "How Firm a Foundation Ye Saints of the Lord," Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced by E. O. Watson.

FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY—EVENING SESSION.

METHODIST CHURCH, BISHOPVILLE, S. C., November 25, 1917.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 7:30 p.m., Bishop Atkins in the chair.

The opening devotions were conducted by R. S. Truesdale.

The minutes of yesterday, and of today's Memorial session, were read and approved.

A collection amounting to $17.03 was taken for the janitor.

Resolutions of thanks, offered by W. B. Duncan, were adopted, as follows:

THANKS.

WHEREAS, After the vicissitudes and struggles of a century's progress, the Methodists of the growing town of Bishopville felt able to invite the South Carolina Conference to hold its session for the present year at this place; and,

WHEREAS, Our acceptance of the said invitation has brought us one of the most delightful sessions this body has ever had; and,

WHEREAS, All the most sanguine hopes that were excited by the admirable address delivered in connection with the invitation; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the South Carolina Conference now in session in Bishopville:

1. That we express our thanks to the pastor and the good people of this community for the un-tinted hospitality with which they have entertained us during our stay among them, and that we shall ever pray that Heaven's richest blessings may perpetually abide upon the people here.

2. That we most heartily reciprocate the Christian courtesy and fraternal spirit accorded us by the various denominations of the town, manifested in their cordial invitations to our Committee on Public Worship to supply their pulpits on Sunday.

3. That we extend our thanks to the choir for the delightful music rendered during the session of this body.

4. To Mrs. B. S. Dumas from her courtesy in handling our mail.

5. That we record our gratitude to Almighty God for His sustaining grace, vouchsafed to our beloved President, Bishop James Atkins, D. D., under whose able administration and by means of whose wise executive ability the business of the Conference has been so easily and pleasantly dispatched, and who, by his gentle spirit and considerate deportment, has won his way to our confidence and love.

(Signed) Watson B. Duncan, M. L. Banks, R. S. Truesdale.

After an address by Bishop Atkins, the appointments were announced answering Question 38. Where are the preachers stationed this year? (See Appointments.)

On motion, Conference adjourned sine die, after the reading of the minutes, and the singing of the doxology, Bishop Atkins pronouncing the benediction.

James Atkins, President.

E. O. Watson, Secretary.
III.

CONDENSED MINUTES.

Of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Session of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Held at Bishopville, S. C., Beginning November 21, 1917, and Ending November 25, 1917.

Bishop James Atkins, President.

F. O. Watson, Secretary.

Postoffice of Secretary, Columbia, S. C. (811 L. & E. Bk. Bldg.).

1. Who are admitted on trial? Herbert Attaway, Julius Edell Clark, Edward King Garrison, Waldorf Duncan Glatton, Robert Latner Routbude. (H. T. Morrison, not before the Committee for examination, continues in the class of the first year.)

2. Who remain on trial? C. T. Easterling, Jr., R. W. Harst, and Achilles Sissor (S. D. Colyer, pursues his studies with this class.)

3. Who are discontinued? Paul K. Crosby, at his own request.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? Warren Galloway Ardall, John Edward Cook, Theodore Elbridge Derrick, Ernest Key Epps, Julius Derrick Williams. (Joseph Singleton Rice, advanced from second year, and Grover Cleveland Gardner and Benjamin Gregg Vaughan, not before the committee, continue with this class.)

5. Who are readmitted? None.

6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? None.

7. Who are received from other churches as local preachers? None.

8. Who are received from other churches as traveling preachers? None.


10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Warren Galloway Ardall, Theodore Elbridge Derrick, Ernest Key Epps, Julius Derrick Williams. (Joseph Singleton Rice, Grover Cleveland Gardner, and Benjamin Gregg Vaughan continue studies with the class of the third year.)


12. What local preachers are elected deacons? None.

13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? None.


15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Gobe Smith, Robert Reno Tucker, Paul T. Wood, and Joseph Singleton Rice, whose orders were recognized, upon taking vocation without reposition of hands.

16. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

17. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

18. Who are located this year? F. Warren Dibble, at his own request.


21. What preachers have died during the past year? J. B. Wilson, S. D. Vaughan.

22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? The names of all the preachers were called, one by one, in open Conference, and the character of each examined and passed.

23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 514; members, 52,912; total, 52,966.

24. How many have been licensed to preach during the year, and have their names and addresses been furnished to the Department of Ministerial Supply and Training? Licensed, 31; names and addresses furnished as required.

25. How many candidates for the ministry are there, and have their names and addresses been furnished to the Department of Ministerial Supply and Training? Six applicants—names and addresses not furnished.

26. How many are licensed to preach? 524.

27. How many have been licensed to preach during the year? 104.

28. What is the number of Episcopal Leaders? 11.

29. What is the number of Episcopal Leaders? 1,363.

30. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 410.

31. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the Conference year? 3,399.

32. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the Conference year? 12,940.

33. What amount was assessed by the last Conference for the support of supernumerary preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? $8,269.

34. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? Collected, $7,656.60; applied to the several claims by the Joint Board of Finance according to need.

35. What has been contributed for missions?

Foreign missions—Assessment $12,821.00
Special $4,057.00—$11,764.00

Home and Conference—Assessment $16,512.00
Special $3,632.00—$20,144.00

Total $80,935.00

36. What has been contributed for church extension? Assessment, $6,598; special, $161; total, $6,759.

37. What has been contributed for education? $2.597.

38. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? $878.

39. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, $1,085; preachers in charge, $147,152.

40. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? $2,253.

41. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 120; number of houses of worship, 400.
42. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount

43. What is the number of pastoral charges and of parsonages owned
by them? Pastoral charges, 131; number of parsonages, 123.

44. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount
of indebtedness thereon? Value, $337,005; indebtedness, $21,910.

45. What is the number of districts and of district parsonages? 
Number of districts, 0; number of district parsonages, 0.

46. What is the number of churches have been damaged or destroyed
during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged, 2; amount of damage, $1,522.

47. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, $676,700;
losses sustained, $1,905; premiums paid, $1,705; collections on losses,
$1,705.

48. What are the educational statistics? Name of Institution.

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50. How many copies of the General organ of the Conference organ
are taken? General organ, 191; Conference organ, 2,182.

51. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report
from the Committee on Lay Activities? Thos. H. Tatum. (See Report.)

52. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Orange-
burg.

53. Where are the preachers stationed this year? (See Apportion-
ments.)
Trinity—R. H. Jones—1.
Embere and Bannerg Mills—E. K. Garrison—1.
Burnwell—E. E. Peeler—1.
Branchville—J. A. White—1.
Cameron—J. K. Inabinet—2.
Democrat—J. M. Rogers—2; W. S. Stokes, supernumerary.
Grover—W. S. Myers—1.
Harleyville—W. T. Patrick, supply—1.
Olar—J. Sams—1.
Orangeburg Circuit—W. A. Beekham—4.
Orange—T. L. Belvin—1.
Providence—P. K. Rhoad—2.
St. George—S. W. Henry—1.
Smock—E. F. Seagraves—2.
Springfield—T. J. White—2.
Spring Hill—M. M. Byrd, supply—2.
Editor Southern Christian Advocate—W. C. Kirkland—4.

SUMTER DISTRICT—D. M. McEwen, P. E.—.1
Camden—J. H. Graves—3.
College Place—J. P. Patton—3; J. C. Chandler, supernumerary.
Elloree and Jerusalem Station—J. W. Wolling—2.
Fort Mote—O. N. Rostree—3.
Heath Springs—To be supplied.
Kershaw—R. M. Dillhoe—3.
Lyons—F. L. Glenn—3.
Manning—C. B. Smith—1.
Pineville—A. S. Leslie—2.
Providence—T. E. Devine—3.
St. John's and Hembry—J. P. Attaway—4.
St. Matthews—J. T. Peel—1.
Sunter:
Broad Street—J. P. Dunlap—1.
Vance—W. B. Cleaton—1.
West Kershaw—A. C. Corbett, supply—1.

SUPERNUMERARY:

V.

REPORTS.

Standing Resolutions.

According to the authority given the Educational Commission by South Carolina and the Upper South Carolina Conference the campaign for the raising of an educational fund of $300,000.00 was projected and presented during the month of April last, with very gratifying results, notwithstanding the fact that our country became involved in the great world war just at the time the campaign was to begin.

The results of the campaign are as follows:

Amount subscribed in the city of Spartanburg $40,000.00
Amount subscribed in Greenwood $6,000.00
Amount subscribed in Columbia $5,000.00
Amount subscribed in Bannberg $4,500.00
Amount subscribed in the rest of the State $67,000.00

Making thus a grand total for the entire State of $127,000.00. Of the above amount, the following has been collected:

From Spartanburg $16,000.00
From Columbia $12,000.00
From Bannberg $2,500.00
From Greenwood $2,000.00
From the State at large, outside the above cities $15,000.00

Making thus a grand total of $35,771.00 collected up to November 14, 1917. All things being considered, we believe this to be a most creditable showing.

There are some facts that the Commission would bring to the attention of the Conferences and the Methodist people of the State. Of the 263 ministerial charges in the State, fifty-five have made no report whatever of a Conference to the Commissioner of Education. Eighty-three other charges have reported less than $100.00 each. Among these charges that have been unworked, or but poorly worked, are some of the strong charges of South Carolina Methodist. Only 4100 of the more than 100,000 Methodists in the State have as yet made a contribution to this cause. These items reveal the fact that there is a vast proportion of our membership that has not yet been worked, and your Commission is, therefore, unanimously of the opinion that the campaign should be pursued until the entire amount has been secured.

Let the $300,000 be apportioned among the several Districts as follows:

1. Conference Interests—Wofford College. The enrollment for the present session has reached 471, besides 80 in the Fitting School, making a total of 391. This is about the same as last year, but when the war conditions are considered it is a most remarkable record. Many
of the upper classes have responded with splendid patriotism to the call of our country. It is highly significant that the Freshman Class numbers 465, as against 86 last year. The indebtedness has been reduced from $1,200,000 to $280,000. The income of the College last year was $28,628.38. The present indebtedness is $10,187.61. We are glad to note that three years of Bible and one year of Ethics are required of all students. The strong religious influences that now are most gratifying. There are 20 students for the ministry at Wofford.

Columbia College.--This institution is decidedly on the upgrade. The enrollment is already 256, of whom 182 are boarders. And although burdened with a debt of $10,821.34, it reports last year that the receipts exceeded disbursements by $155.18. We wish to commend the management for this excellent showing. A comprehensive financial statement was submitted to your Board by the President giving exact and valuable information. The religious life of the students is considered of first importance, and a gracious revival blessed the College last winter. Special efforts are being made to keep the institution abreast of the best college standards as to scholarship and character.

Lander College.--The President reports a year of decided prosperity. Already 265 students have enrolled, of whom 183 are in the College. This is an advance over last year. The indebtedness is $88,364.14, or nearly $1,000.00 less than at last report. Two substantial additions to the loan fund are reported: $1,000.00 each from Mr. D. D. Davenport and the Robinson Brothers estate. Special attention is given to the religious life and training of the students. Twenty-three graduated last year.

Lander's steady growth is much gratification.

Carliot School.--The Headmaster makes a most encouraging report. The number of students has already reached 114, and the good accomplished is nothing short of remarkable. The report was read with great satisfaction.

Colleton Conference School.--It is not generally known that this was the "Daughters' Manual Training School of the South Carolina Conference." This institution, once of large and historic usefulness, is on the decline, with only two teachers and fifteen students. The report is encouraging in another report that it is closed with the present session.

Textile Industrial Institute.--This school continues to do its unique work most efficiently. The enrollment of last session reached 131. There are seven teachers. The institution is now worth over $10,000,000, being a considerable gain over last year. The indebtedness is $83,570.08. The form seems to be quite a success. We earnestly commend the administration for the excellent showing made in the report to the Board.

Horry Industrial School.--To date 150 students have been enrolled in this school of our missionary-educational enterprises. The school is doing good work. The President has secured $7,200.00 in cash and subscriptions for the erection of the new building proposed. We commend his effort to all of our people for their aid and support.

The property is worth $200,000.00 at least. There is no indebtedness, but the need for a new building is imperative. Two young men are students for the ministry.

Summary.--Our school and college property is valued at $81,045,000.00. The endowments total $228,212.50. We have 88 professors and teachers teaching 1,251 pupils. The total indebtedness of our institutions now amounts to $34,110.00. South Carolina Methodism has wrought wonderfully well in building up an educational system, and we do not know another section of Southern Methodism that has equaled our record except the very large donations that have been received.

2. Connectional Interests.--We rejoice to note the steady growth of the educational work of our whole Church. Last year realized the addition of nearly $80,000,000 to the permanent resources of our schools. Our people are giving more liberally each year to this vital part of our Church's activities.

We note with pleasure that the General Sunday School Board has set apart one Sunday during the year to be observed in all our Sunday Schools as "College Day." We urge all of our pastors and people to make the observance of this day a true manifestation of the value to themselves and to the schools of Methodism.

Our General Boards of Sunday Schools and Education have prepared courses of study designed to train young men and women for high grade service in Sunday Schools and in other lines of religious work, and we earnestly urge our Methodist colleges in this State to offer these as credit courses.

Another Educational Conference for the whole Church will be held early next summer. We have elected our Conference Secretary of Education and two additional delegates to attend this important gathering, and we request our schools and colleges to be represented there also.

The effort of the General Board to secure a thorough correlation of all of our Church schools is most commendable, and we trust that our own institutions will cooperate with this movement to the fullest possible extent.

The movement for giving financial aid to young men studying for our ministry grows in influence, and the good accomplished is in getting to be a Church-wide policy. We do not forget that it originated in our Conference. Our standing resolution takes care of the matter in this direction. Our people are growing in the understanding that the source of our spiritual wealth is in the work of the Church. Our General Conference has set apart one hundred thousand dollars for this purpose.

We have not received a report from the Correspondence School, but we learn that it continues to grow in size and usefulness. It is gratifying to know that so many of our young preachers are availing themselves of its aid.

The report of the Educational Commission of the last General Conference has been received and read with much joy. Emory University now has four well-organized departments: Theology, Law, Medicine, and Liberal Arts. Four new buildings have been erected during this year. From nineteen States and five foreign countries there gathered at Emory University 651 students. Two hundred thousand dollars have been added to the permanent resources during the past year. Our South Carolina Methodists should patronize this great institution very much more than at present. Especially do we wish to urge our young men preparing for the ministry to study theology there. We must insist on a better trained ministry.

The Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, is also making a rapid progress. Last session 625 students were enrolled, not counting the Summer School students. It is particularly gratifying to learn that we had over 250 students in our theological schools last year, the largest in our history so far.

We only regret that South Carolina did not have her proportionate share of the same.

We commend to our people the needs of these new Universities, and especially the proposed James H. Carlisle Memorial Teachers' College, which ought to be built with Carolina money.

Peter Stokes, President.
Albert D. Peters, Secretary.
of new type have been installed in the Printing Department; registered
folders are being put in the dairy.

Old bedsteads and bedding have been discarded and new furniture
put in the houses. The dormitory occupied by the big boys,
equipped throughout with single beds. The dining rooms have been
supplied throughout with new dishes and linen.

The Epworth Orphans' Home is supported by the gifts of our people
and the fund is largely made up of monthly contributions of $30 to $80
from various churches, Sunday Schools, individuals and Wesley Classes.
We earnestly request that our pastors and presiding elders render every assistance
possible to Commissioner Shuler. A little timely assistance from
each one will swell the mighty volume of cash that is so much needed in
our educational work. By another Conference session we can and
ought to have the entire $800,000.00 provided for.

PETER STOKES, President.
ALBERT D. BETTS, Secretary.

Board of Education—No. 3.

Charleston District—January 5-17.
Sumter District—March 13-April 11.
Florence District—February 3-11.
Kingstree District—April 28-May 9.
Orangeburg District—March 5-14.
Marion District—May 26-June 6.

Epworth Orphanage.

To the South Carolina Conference, Bishopville, S. C.

DEAR BRETHREN: We beg to make the following annual report of the
Epworth Orphanage, and are grateful that God through His people has
blessed us this year. The children have had perfect health, have worked
and studied well, a wholesome Christian atmosphere pervades the
institution and the reports have been sufficient to meet all expenses—for
these things are truly grateful.

Thirty children have been admitted, thirty-five have been discharged
or returned to relatives. Eighty have graduated. There are 217 children
in the Orphanage. Exempting measles and whooping cough, there
has been practically no sickness at the Orphanage this year. Constant
attention is given to the sanitary conditions; the diet is varied from
Sunday and daily morning prayers are held in the Chapel.

This year has been one of improvement. New floors have been laid
where needed in four of the dormitories. Seven of the dormitories
have been painted and ceilinged inside and outside and roofs painted. The
dining room, kitchen and all the houses have been screened. Sleeping
porches have been built to four of the houses, all roofs have been repaired
and painted where necessary. Gas mains have been laid on the campus
and an operating room equipped at the Infirmary. Plans and specifi-
cations have been prepared for the Elevich and the Dantelte homes, and
some of the material placed on the ground. A new press and a supply

MINUTES ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND SESSION

Board of Education—No. 2.

The Board of Education herewith transmits to you the report of the
Educational Commission which was referred to us. We unanimously
recommend its adoption by the Conference.

We beg to call attention to the fact that never before in the
history of South Carolina Methodism there has been so much subscribed for
education; more than $825,000.00. With such an encouraging start we
cannot afford to lag in this most worthy and necessary cause that
has been accomplished is vastly more significant when we realize that
it was done during the month in which our country entered the great
war that the greatest uncertainty prevailed. With the amount of
money that is now in the State it is easily possible to finish our task.

To this end we urge that all our pastors, presiding elders and people line
up for a great united drive to our goal.

In order that we may collect notes promptly and thoroughly we earnestly request that our pastors and presiding elders render every assistance
desirable to Commissioner Shuler. A little timely assistance from
each one will swell the mighty volume of cash that is so much needed in
our educational work. By another Conference session we can and
ought to have the entire $800,000.00 provided for.

PETER STOKES, President.
ALBERT D. BETTS, Secretary.
viced at the Orphanage. Former students are now managers and stockholders in commercial enterprises; others have become landholders, and the housewife in many homes over our State, with her children and dependents, was once a little Orphanage girl.

Verify the Church is making no mistake in caring for the dependent orphan child and fitting him for usefulness and happiness.

We beg to report further that your Board has held two full meetings during the year and has given the affairs of the Epworth Orphanage careful consideration, and the Superintendent was instructed to carry forward the necessary improvements to give the Epworth Orphanage equal rank with all similar institutions.

A thorough audit of the books of the Epworth Orphanage, for the last fifteen years, was made by Mr. Gooch, Public Accountant, Columbia, S. C., and his report shows that all cash has been accounted for. This report may be seen by any member of the Conference who desires to do so.

We report that Rev. H. Z. Nabors has been re-elected Superintendent, and his book has been audited and found correct.

In conclusion, we desire to thank the brethren of the Conference, and through them, our people for the splendid support the Epworth Orphanage has received this year. Contributions have increased 10 per cent. and Labor Day Offering is per cent. Especially are we grateful for the kind words and good wishes that usually accompany your gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Murray, Chairman Trustees.

H. H. Hoke, Secretary.


Sunday School Board.

Feeling that the best interests of our Sunday School work in South Carolina will be served by a continuance of the present arrangement of joint work between the Upper South Carolina Conference and the South Carolina Conference, your Board recommends the continuance of the present arrangement and asks the Conference to endorse its attitude in the matter.

J. T. Peeler,

C. C. Derrick,

M. C. Deeks,

H. W. Ambrose,

G. F. Kuykendall.

Treasurer Sunday School Board.

In making our report to the Conference, we desire to record a year of substantial progress in our Sunday School work. Our Field Secretary, Rev. W. C. Owen, has been untrammelled in his efforts to further the interests of the great work committed largely to him, and we are glad to say that arrangements have been made that will enable him to remain in the work as Field Secretary.

We would remind the brethren of the ideals presented to us Wednesday evening in the splendid address by Dr. Cheappell, and say to them that the members of the Sunday School Board are planning to the best of their ability to use the resources at their command to make such ideal a reality. We recognize that we are accredited agents of the Conference and as such are the servants of the whole Church. We further recognize that unless a united Methodist, preachers and hymnals alike, stand with us and support us in our efforts, all our planning and all our endeavors will result in failure. We, therefore, beseech for our Field Workers the most sympathetic cooperation in all their work. We especially urge this cooperation upon the Preaching Elders in assisting to arrange for Conferences, in billeting, tours, or any other plans that may contribute to the success of the work. We feel that the stage of inspirational addresses alone and the common "scoop-up" methods and occasions has passed. Almost everywhere our people are beginning to understand that the Sunday School is the "biggest thing in the world," to use the language of our preiding Bishop. How to make the "biggest thing in the world" the most efficient agency in the world for disseminating pure gospel truth and for extending the borders of the Kingdom, is the problem that confronts the Church, and which has been entrusted to you largely to your Sunday School Board. Whether we fully realize it not, we are already in the beginning of a new era in Sunday School work. Old methods of organization and conduct are not satisfying present-day needs. The Sunday School must become the public school of Christian education; and to make it such is our task.

The first thing necessary to any educational institution is an efficient teaching force. The Sunday School hasn't that. We, therefore, consider the process of creating this efficient teaching force the thing of very first importance to us. Then, in addition to inspirational addresses, we need schools of instruction. In this connection we cannot too strongly recommend the organization of teacher-training classes, wherever it is possible. At great pains and expense the General Sunday School Board through its accredited representatives is preparing a new course which we believe will fully meet the needs of the Church in this particular. The press of course trained teachers makes this absolutely imperative. We cannot recommend too highly the Jumachan Training School and the Sunday School Leaders, and respectfully suggest that it would be a wise investment on the part of any school or charge to have the experts of the pastor and a few picked workers who might be induced to attend this school during the few weeks of its course. Knowing that this can be the privilege of only a few, for some years, yet our work must be done through our present workers who desire to be induced to do their work better; and to enable them to do so, we beg the pastors and Preaching Elders to cooperate with our Field Workers in bringing results of lesser magnitude, but with the same purpose, within their reach.

In order to meet our needs our Sunday Schools should be articulated in a very practical way with other educational agencies of our Church and become a part of a great system of Christian education. As a move in this direction we feel that the time has come when steps should be taken to put into the curriculum of our school, and colleges a course of study for the training of Sunday School workers that is endorsed by our General Sunday School Board and the General Board of Education. We have approved a resolution concerned in the Board of Education and the Board of Missions, which will be offered by us in Report No. 3.

It has been shown by actual tabulation that no fewer than two hundred requests come to the Sunday Schools for the observance of special days, while some of them are innumerable, we pray the brethren of our Church to stand by the following resolution, which was adopted by the Conference of Chairmen of Boards and Field Secretaries at Lake Jumachan.

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that our Annual Conference should ask the Sunday School to observe only such special days in the Sunday School as may be recommended by the General Sunday
School Board of the Annual Conference Sunday School Board, or may be provided for in the Discipline.

Your Board desires to call attention to the fact that a serious conflict of interests has been brought by the attitude and plans of work of the South Carolina Sunday School Association, which is an independent organization that is in no wise responsible to or officially representative of us. We, therefore, urge upon our people the exclusive use of our own literature, our own standards, and our own methods of work. We do this in the consciousness that they are second to none in point of excellence and are entirely sufficient for our own needs. When we realize the primacy of the Church, the loyalty of our people, and the purpose of our work, we cannot ask for less.

We heartily endorse the action of the Conference of Chairmen of Boards and Field Workers in regard to this matter, entitled, "A Statement of the Primary Responsibility of the Denomination for the Development of Its Sunday School Work."

The development of our work depends upon the financial support derived through our Children's Day offerings and the one per cent assessment. Not merely for this reason, but for the educational value of Children's Day as well, we urge the observance of the day in every school in every charge.

We request the Conference to order the levy of an assessment equal to one per cent. of the pastor's salary, proportioned as heretofore for the use of the Sunday School Board; and beg the brethren to secure this assessment very early in the year.

The Board has decided to offer pennants or banners on the same basis as last year. The banners for the year just closing have been awarded by the committee as follows:

- District making largest total Children's Day contribution—Florence.
- District making largest per capita contribution—Charleston.
- Charge making largest total contribution—Deptford, with $81.39.
- Charge making largest per capita contribution—Deptford.
- School making largest total contribution—Hampton, with $75.50.
- School making largest per capita contribution—Tabernacle, Lake View Circuit.

In view of our enlarging plans for work, we ask that a special offering for the use of the Board be taken on Rally Day or "Go-to-Sunday-School-Day."

Having been informed through Dr. E. B. Chappell of the great and urgent need of relief work among the sufferers in Armenia and in Persia, we ask our Sunday Schools to take a Christmas offering for that purpose and to forward the same to Rev. J. L. Tyler, Treasurer of the Conference Sunday School Board, who will turn forward the total to Dr. E. B. Chappell.

Your Board has elected Mrs. Clay E. Smith, of Little Rock, Arkansas, as Elementary Worker for our Conference.

We request the Bishop to appoint Rev. W. C. Owen as our Field Secretary for the ensuing year.

We express our hearty thanks to all persons and institutions that have assisted us in our work, with special reference to the Editor of the Southern Christian Advocate for the generous space tendered for the columns of the paper.

Finally: We commend to your prayers and sympathetic brotherly interest and co-operation our chosen leader, Rev. W. C. Owen.

C. C. Derrick, Chairman.
J. T. Peeler, Secretary.

Epworth League Board.

DEAR BROTHER: We have before us the report of the General Secretary of the Epworth League to the Annual Conferences. This report shows marked advancement along many lines. The reports which the Presiding Elders and some of the pastors made on last Wednesday, strike the same note of progress.

This is very encouraging. However, we note that there are many of the charges in which there are no Epworth Leagues at all. This condition exists in spite of the fact that the Disciplinary requirement of the organization of our Epworth League in each congregation has not been revoked.

Our Christian young people need this agency to help them in the activities of the Church's work.

The General Epworth League Board has authorized a campaign under the name of "The Big Drive," the object of which is to organize an Epworth League in each pastoral charge. This campaign is now on. Therefore, be it

WHEREAS, Sunday School work becomes more and more important in the Church of God; and,

WHEREAS, Trained leaders and efficient teachers are sorely needed in our Church and Sunday School work; and,

WHEREAS, We have the right to look to our Church colleges for these leaders and teachers, and we should make it possible for these institutions to furnish them trained for all phases of Sunday School work; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1st. That the South Carolina Conference, hoping the Upper South Carolina Conference will also act herein, direct Wofford, Lander and Columbia Colleges and the Carliile School to make provision for a chair to prepare fully trained Sunday School leaders and teachers.

Resolved, 2nd. That in order that Wofford, Lander and Columbia Colleges and the Carliile School may be able to carry out this provision, the South Carolina Conference, hoping the Upper South Carolina Conference will do the same, order a collection to be taken annually in each one of our Sunday Schools for the above chair.

Resolved, 3rd. That the third Sunday in September be fixed as the day for the collection and that the Sunday be known as Education Sunday.

Resolved, 4th. That the Presiding Elders be required to preach on this phase of religious education and call attention to it in all of the Quarterly Conferences in their respective districts.

Resolved, 5th. That the Sunday School Field Secretary co-operate in this work by giving it a place on the program of Sunday School Conferences and urging the Sunday School Superintendents to observe the day and take the collection; the distribution of which amount shall be left to a committee composed of the Chairmen of the Sunday School Board of this Conference and the Secretary of the Boards of Education of both Conferences.

Resolved, 6th. That the Treasurer of the Sunday School Board be the treasurer of these funds, and that he be required to give bond in an amount to be determined by the Sunday School Board.

(Signed) J. T. Fowler.
T. E. Morris.
J. L. Tyler.

Epworth League Board.
Resolved, 1st. That every pastor organize his young people so that there will be at least one League in each charge. This to be accomplished by April 1st, 1918.

2d. That Emisport League Anniversary Day in May be observed by each Chapter where there is no organization. The pastor is requested to call his young people together at that time and suitably observe the day with them, and an offering be taken, the proceeds of which shall be sent to Miss Edna Winn, College Place, S. C., who is the Emisport League Conference Treasurers.

Respectfully submitted,

P. L. Guinnan, Secretary.

Board of Missions.

Optimistic and encouraging tidings come to us even in this hour of darkness. There is an abundant cause for gratitude that in the midst of madness and horror that have swept over the earth—the cause of missions has maintained its way with increasing power. While the national relations have been disturbed and the ties of country that seemingly held them together—have been broken. The golden bonds of Brotherhood, which have been formed by the pierced hand of Him, who was brother to all men, have withstood the stress of war.

It is encouraging to know that in 1916, the United States and Canada, paid more to the cause of missions than ever before. The aggregate was for Home and Foreign Missions, $2,000,000. This was an increase of $7,000,000 over that the previous year. While Great Britain has been called upon to meet the largest demands for war purposes in her history, the people have not forgotten to be generous to the Kingdom of King Emanual. The Methodists of Great Britain had last year the best year in their history, receiving $5,000,000 more than was called for.

In Southern Methodism the year was the best that we have ever had. The total amount for missions from all sources from our people was $1,496,638.35. This represented an increase of $94,092.13, over that of 1915, of course, the figures for 1917 are not yet available, but reports so far received indicate that the contributions for the current year will break all records. The office at Nashville reports that for the first six months of the present year the income of the Board was forty per cent. greater than the corresponding period of last year.

We would call the attention of our people to the preparation for the celebration in 1918, of the Centennial of organized missionary operations of Methodism. We beg the pastors and lay leaders make an earnest effort to enlist the cooperation of our people everywhere in this great epoch, which should not be a commemoration of past achievements, but a more thorough preparation for a great future.

We would urge the Preaching Elder and pastors who serve the charges helped by this Board to call the attention of the stewards of said charges to the necessity for increased self-support on their part, in order that the Board may use available funds for new and more needful fields.

We hope to adopt a method next year—whereby most of the appropriations will be granted on the basis of a de-escalating scale. To make this effective, we shall need the assistance of all concerned.

We have received an annual report of the Treville Industrial Institute and of the Horry Industrial High School and note the splendid showing that has been made under conditions not altogether favorable. We commend these mission schools to the confidence and liberty of our people.

We recommend the reappointment of S. B. Harper as Conference Missionary Secretary.

### SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, BISHOPVILLE, 1917.

The Mid-Year Meeting of the Board will be held in Florence, Thursday, January 17th, 1918.

We urge that the assessments for Foreign Missions and those for Home and Conference Missions be raised by May 1st, 1918.

### Amount Collected on Regular Assessment.

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Total: 8,125.80 9,131.50 816,518.50

These figures include Conference Teller's commission. Ninety-six per cent. will be paid the claimants upon the Conference Mission Fund.

### Total Receipts for the Year.

- Foreign Missions assessment: $125,927.00
- Home and Conference Missions assessment: $16,060.00
- Special for Foreign Missions: $1,040.00
- Special for Home Missions: $1,047.00
- Special for Conference Missions: $3,165.00
- Special for Sunday Schools: $2,200.00
- Special for Emisport Leagues: $290.00
- Woman's Missionary Society: $21,152.00

Grand total: $165,814.00

### Assessment for 1918.

- Foreign Missions: $16,900.00
- Home Missions: $4,018.00
- Conference Missions: $14,000.00

### Appropriations of Board of Missions, South Carolina Conference, 1918.

**CHARLESTON DISTRICT**
- Beaufort: $600.00 Lodge: $250.00
- Beaufort: $500.00 Sanderson: $200.00
- Hampstead: $300.00 Yeeley Island: $200.00
- Early Branch: $250.00 Hertotville: $200.00

**FLORENCE DISTRICT**
- Bethlehem: $500.00 Page Land: $150.00
- East Chesterfield: $150.00 Twomlealville Circuit: $200.00
- Epworth: $150.00 West End: $150.00
- Jefferson: $300.00 Pomplio: $100.00
- Patrick: $200.00 Liberty: $100.00
MINUTES ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND SESSION

KINGSTREE DISTRICT.

Cordesville ........................................................................ $300.00
McClellanville .................................................................. 300.00
Pinopolis ............................................................................. 300.00
Hemingway ........................................................................ 300.00

MARION DISTRICT.

Bucksville .......................................................................... $300.00
Little River ........................................................................ 300.00

SUMTER DISTRICT.

Bethune .............................................................................. $600.00
Broad Street ....................................................................... 400.00
Fort Mott ........................................................................... 200.00
Kershaw ............................................................................. 600.00

ORANGEBURG DISTRICT.

Bamberg Mills and Embree $250.00
Spring Hill .......................................................................... 400.00

Corresponding Secretary Woman's Missionary Society, South Carolina Conference, 1917.

Districts .............................................................................. 6
Adult Societies ................................................................. 158
Adult Members ............................................................... 3,750
Young People's Societies .............................................. 40
Young People's Members ............................................. 741
Junior Societies ............................................................... 76
Junior Members ............................................................. 1,700
Baby Roll Members ........................................................ 152
Subscribers Missionary Voice ....................................... 1,144
Subscribers Young Christian Worker .............................. 40
No. Scholarships ............................................................ 10
No. Day Scholarships .................................................... 8
No. Missionaries ............................................................ 5

Treasurer's Report.

Dues ................................................................................. $6,268.53
Pledge .............................................................................. 8,791.84
Scholarships and Bible Women .................................... 1,488.00
Retirement Fund ........................................................... 165.99

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Scarritt Bible and Training School .................................. 551.87
Week Prayer ................................................................... 506.65
Expense Fund ................................................................. 599.88
Life Member ................................................................. 200.00
Baby Division .................................................................. 4.50
Total ................................................................................ $819,080.96
Home Work .................................................................... 3,483.12
Grand total ..................................................................... $821,523.08

Mrs. J. P. McNeill, Treasurer.

Your Board presents the following report:

Amounts Received by Districts.

Charleston ......................................................................... $1,818.00
Orangeburg ....................................................................... 1,095.00
Marion ............................................................................... 1,300.00
Orangeburg ....................................................................... 1,300.00
Sumter .............................................................................. 1,095.00
Total ................................................................................ $87,009.89
Less Treas. Commission .................................................. 70.09
50 per cent. to General Board ......................................... $8,149.90
10 per cent. set aside for Loan Fund ............................... 316.99
Amount of Distribution .................................................. $81,259.91
Brought over from last year ............................................ 26.52

$81,516.43

Money distributed as follows:

Mount Pleasant Square ................................................... $400.00
Trinity ................................................................. 300.00
Wilkes Chapel ........................................................... 125.00
Siloua ............................................................................ 175.00
Lodge ............................................................................. 200.00
Elevener .......................................................................... 200.00
Furman ........................................................................... 200.00
Dorchester ................................................................. 200.00
Pamplico ................................................................. 200.00
Wando ............................................................................ 200.00
Little River ................................................................. 100.00

Total ................................................................................ $83,259.00
Expense ......................................................................... 5.50
Balance on hand ........................................................... 27.50

$83,157.48

Your Board has shared in the general prosperity of the year, and as a result we have been able to respond more liberally to the appeals that have come to us.
MINUTES ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND SESSION

The demands on this arm of the Church are ever increasing and it is the purpose of the Board to so keep the subject before the Church at District Conferences, by communications through the Church Press, and by the distribution of literature provided by the General Board, that we may be of all possible help to the Church in every effort to build up the reign of Christ on earth. The broader view of the matter of Church Extension, and of the work of the Board naturally suggests the possibility of aiding the Church at home to a greater extent.

Canvass for the previous year's collections, unless otherwise stated, have been given us by Presiding Elders and pastors in all districts, and that some faithful work is being done in charge of it. It is the desire of the Board to have the matter of Church Extension represented in every District Conference and that time and thought be given it, just as missions and schools and other important matters are considered.

There are just two things your Board would particularly emphasize.

1. In building churches now, it is almost evident where it is possible to do otherwise, to make no provision for the Sunday School work.

2. We ought to pay more attention to the appearance of our churches.

When we look upon the beautiful world for man's habitat, and upon the magnificent temples built under Divine instruction, we are impressed with the idea that He has an eye for the lovely and that the more tasteful class rooms will not only enable us to do more satisfactory work, but will serve to greatly increase the attendance in our schools.

We still think the every member canvass, if properly put on, in the mission charges of our Conference, will reduce the voluntary appropriations, and suggest that our Board of Missions adopt the policy of refusing any appropriation to charges that have not made an every member canvass for the preceding year's demands, unless a satisfactory explanation for such failure is made to the Board of Missions. We desire to express our appreciation of the cooperation that has been given us by Presiding Elders and pastors in all lines of activity we have undertaken. The success of the work has largely been due to their untiring zeal for the cause.

THOS. H. TAYLOR, Chairman.

A. P. GOLDFrNC, Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, BISHOPVILLE, 1871.

Southern Christian Advocate.

Since our last report to you, the Board of Managers of the Southern Christian Advocate, have continued to publish the same under the contract system, but after three years' experience and observation we are fully persuaded that the Advocate should have a permanent home and ultimately its own printing plant.

At the Anderson District Conference of the year 1916, a memorial was sent to the Upper South Carolina Conference, suggesting among other things that the two co-operating Annual Conferences establish such a home. After considering said memorial the Upper South Carolina Conference made it the duty of the Board of Managers to look into the matter of securing "a permanent home for the Advocate."

At a meeting of this Board in Columbia, S. C., February 2, last, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. It is the sense of this Board that we need a permanent equipment for publishing the Advocate.

2. That we endeavor to raise $10,000.00 with which to buy the same.

As a result of our plans and efforts we have in cash $1,400.00.

We, therefore, recommend that the two co-operating Conferences, i.e., the South Carolina Conference and the Upper South Carolina Conference, empower this Board to take out a charter of incorporation and buy such a home. Respectfully submitted,

F. H. SHULL, Chairman.

Geo. D. Gillispie, Secretary.

Committee on Books and Periodicals.

Your Committee on Books and Periodicals finds that the report of the agents in charge of the Publishing House shows a continued increase in business and usefulness to the Church.

The Methodist Review, the Christian Advocate, and the Epworth Era are published at a loss of about nine thousand dollars, but their usefulness to the Church is worth all the money put in them. We do not report favorably upon the suggestion of the Editor of the Christian Advocate that the Committee on Books and Periodicals should be made a subordinate Board of Publication. But we do recommend that there should be a general rally on the part of the whole Church in the interest of the official organ of our Church.

The Southern Christian Advocate is doing a splendid work for the Church in South Carolina. We commend most heartily the effort to secure a home office for the paper and recommend that the hearty support of the pastors and members of the Church be given the movement.

Geo. A. Teasley.

American Bible Society.

Your Board is gratified to report that in the era of prosperity that has come to other interests of the Church, the American Bible Society has shared.

Seven hundred and ninety-eight dollars ($798) have been contributed this year, against $880 last year; the number of Churches failing to make any contribution to this cause is very largely decreased.

While the above increase in both the amount contributed and interest shown is to be commended, it is entirely inadequate to the need of the hour.
Together with the increase in cost of production and the ever increases
in the production of goods, the vitally important work of suppressing
the slave trade is specifically provided.
Will not the brethren in this hour of great need, see to it that every
Church in our Conference has an opportunity to contribute to this cause?
R. W. H. Hughes, Chairman.
R. H. Doyle, Secretary.

Committee on Sabbath Observance.

We believe that "the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the
Sabbath," but we deny that this fact grants any license for the gratifica
of the flesh; for man finds his highest good in the discovery of and
obedience to the laws of truth and life as they are written in the Word
of God and in the constitution of things about us. It is evident that
these laws demand of man spiritual development, and that spiritual
development requires time and attention as truly as does material de
velopment. God, with fatherly love and wisdom, has fixed the seventh
day as a day of rest from the material in order that the spiritual may have
intense attention. Therefore, it is important that "the people called
Methodists" in this day, as in other days, should not be creatures of
public opinion; but, under God, the creators of it. There is keen need
for a clear call from our pulpits, Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues and
papers for aggressive opposition to every force that tends toward
indifference to the Christian Sabbath, such as Sunday amusements, Sun
day visiting, Sunday excursions, pleasure trips, open drug stores, etc.
We wish especially to commend the efforts our people are making to
preserve the sanctity of this Holy Day in our military camps.
D. D. Jones, Chairman.

Report of Temperance Committee.

The Temperance movement has made greater progress in the last
twelve months than ever before in the same period of time. Ten years
ago there were three dry States, now there are twenty-seven, and in
every Legislative body of the Union the measure of all legislation
is based on the principles of Temperance legislation is under discussion, and in practically every case pro
ounced progress is being made.

The Heed amendment, introduced in the United States Senate as a
joke, by the enemies of Temperance, was adopted by its friends, and in
conjunction with other legislation in our own State has made South
Carolina nearer a prohibition State than it ever was before.

There will be action in Congress within the next few weeks upon an
amendment to the United States Constitution entirely prohibiting the
manufacture and sale of liquors for use as a beverage. We submit here
with a resolution favoring the adoption of this amendment, with the sug
 gestion that the same be adopted by this body.

We would also suggest that the proceedings of our Conference on next
Sunday, or the Sunday following, either preach especially upon the sub
ject or refer to the matter of this constitutional amendment in our
sermons, especially to the public prayers, and that resolutions favoring
the constitutional amendment be adopted in the different congrega
tions and sent to our Congressmen.

The pronounced progress in our legislation emphasizes certain defects
that should be remedied, as follows:
1. We think that permission should not be given to import liquor for
medical purposes simply upon an affidavit of the importer, but that
there should be a physician's prescription also or some other method of
limiting the transportation to necessary cases.
2. Drug stores are not allowed to sell or sell whiskey and do not do so,
but in a great many cases they are practically saloons through the
sale of bitters, patent medicines and extracts.
We hope that these defects will be cured soon, as they are very real evils at present.

The success of the United States Government in suppressing
liquor selling and vice around the army camps shows what can be done
when the government authorities are really in earnest, and we wish
to express our approval of their success in law enforcement and to point
to it as another reason why National Constitutional Prohibition will be
successful.

In conclusion, we would give a word of caution: While all these
things encourage, yet the fight is not won, and it becomes every friend
of temperance, and especially every Christian, to redouble his efforts
until final success is obtained.
Respectfully submitted.

Charleston District, Chairman.

George H. Way, Secretary.

Committee on District Conference Journals.

Your Committee appointed to examine the District Conference Journals
would report as follows:

The journals presented have been examined with care, and we find that
the journals of the Charleston District is kept with care and exactness;
the journal of Marion District did not call for any criticism; the journal of Orangeburg District is written
with neatness and care; the journal of Kingstree District is kept with care and exactness; the journal of the Florence District is kept with care and exactness; the journal of Kingstree District does not call for any criticism; the journal of Sumter District is in almost perfect order. So that these five journals all merit praise rather than any blame, showing that the respective secretaries have done their work well.

The journal of the Florence District was neatly and accurately kept.
Respectfully submitted.

J. P. Larratt, President.
J. W. Worrell, Secretary.

Committee on Minutes.

Your Committee on Minutes has given careful consideration to the
matters committed to our care, and now beg leave to make the following
recommendations:

1. That $8,000 be assessed for the ensuing year for the publication of
the Minutes, and that $800 of the amount raised be allowed the Secretary
of the Conference for his expenses.
2. That 5,500 copies of the Minutes be issued this year, and that a
copy of each Minutes be furnished to each member of the Upper South
Carolina Conference, and we wish to express the hope that the members
of our Conference may receive the same favor from them.
3. We nominate E. W. Watson and A. J. Cauthen as editors of the
Minutes for the current year.

Albert D. Biers, Chairman.
R. M. DeBose, Secretary.
Joint Board of Finance—No. 1.

The Joint Board of Finance respectfully submits for the Conference Claims' Fund the following report of receipts and apportionments:

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To Superannuate Endowment Fund                    | 8,548.66 |

To Mrs. A. J. Stokes                                | 5.00    |
To Mrs. T. E. Wamsanaker                            | 5.00    |
To Mrs. W. A. Wright                                | 5.00    |
To Mrs. S. D. Vauglan                               | 75.00   |
To Mrs. J. B. Wilson                                | 50.00   |
To Mrs. W. C. P镗er                                 | 5.00    |
To Miss Fannie Power                                | 250.00  |
To Miss Lillie Monroe                               | 110.00  |
To Miss Jennie O. Pegues                            | 100.00  |

We recommend that an assessment of $9,000.00 be made for the year 1918 for Conference Claimants and the Superannuate Endowment Fund.

J. Hubert Noland, Secretary.
**REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.**

We, the undersigned, have examined the record of receipts and disbursements submitted by the Conference Treasurer, the Rev. J. H. Noland, and have found the same true accounting for the year ending November 29, 1916.

The committee desires to commend the Treasurer for his neatness, accuracy and method, and to express hereby to him the thanks of this body for the efficient service he is rendering.

We earnestly urge the use of the Treasurer's blanks in remitting funds during the Conference year.

D. D. JONES.
W. D. RITGAR.

**Assessments on the South Carolina Conference for 1918.**

Distributed to the several Districts on the basis of Assessments for Preachers in Charge, 1918.

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Calculation by E. O. Watson.

J. H. NOLAND,
Treasurer Joint Board of Finance.

**District Boards are earnestly requested to make distribution to Charges in dollars without extra cents.**
MEMORIAL ON LAY REPRESENTATION IN THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

To the General Conference of 1918, Atlanta, Ga.

DEAR FATHERS AND BROTHERS: We respectfully petition you to authorize a larger representation of the laity in the Annual Conferences of our Church. We suggest that each Presiding Elder's district be entitled to one lay delegate for each 1000 members, or majority fraction thereof, in said district; provided, however, that each district shall be entitled to at least three delegates. These delegates should be elected by ballot without nomination, as now provided for.

Albert D. Betts,
W. C. Owen.

MEMORIAL ON NEGRO WORK.

To the General Conference of 1918, Atlanta, Ga.

DEAR FATHERS AND BROTHERS: We believe that it is time that Southern Methodism should do much more for the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church than we are now doing. We, therefore, petition you to make a provision for this work hereafter on a scale really worthy of our great Church, according to any plan that you, in your wisdom, may determine.

Peter Stokes,
Albert D. Betts.

South Carolina Annual Conference, Beaufortville, 1917.

VI.

MEMOIRS.


Rev. John B. Wilson was born January 14, 1847. His parents, the Rev. Wright Wilen and Mrs. Susan Meville Wilson, were natives of North Carolina. They came to Marion county, South Carolina, in early life, and after their marriage they settled near the present town of Clarks. They were sturdy, industrious, God-fearing people, possessing the confidence and clemency of all who knew them. The father was a useful and honored local Methodist preacher. There was a distinctly Christian home, and it was under such strong, wholesome influence and training that the children were reared. Three of their sons became Methodist ministers. One of them, Alexander, was an acceptable local preacher, and the other two of this number, James and John B., were members of the South Carolina Conference. Rev. James Wilson's incident career was short, as he died early in life. But to the other brother, John B., were given the rare privilege and glorious opportunity of preaching the gospel for nearly forty-eight years and of being a member of the South Carolina Conference for more than forty-five years.

Like most of his contemporaries, Brother Wilson grew up amid times and under conditions that did not afford him the advantages of a college course in his education. He was coming into manhood just at the close of the Civil War, and during the trying years that immediately followed. In the midst of the destruction and impoverishment that existed throughout the South just then, he had to give first attention to the physical necessities of life. But he availed himself of the best educational advantages that came in his way. He attended the common schools of Marlboro county and also the Clarks and the Red Bluff academies. After leaving school, he taught for two years in Darlington county, and at the same time kept up a course of study. In this way he laid a good foundation and upon it he continued to build. He was a diligent student, and thus by methods of self-education he continually added to his mental equipment until he became recognized as a profound thinker, and a man of excellent intellectual attainments.

In his Christian experience, Brother Wilson was more of his foundation. More than once the writer has heard him tell, with brightening face, of his conversion. Like the beloved John, of old, he could recall the place, and circumstances, and the hour, too, when he first met the Master. He said: "It was on the first day of November, 1867, about 10 o'clock in the morning, while I was in the house alone, sitting by the fire and meditating upon my unhappy condition as a sinner, that I gave myself to Jesus Christ, and then and there I was converted and born again."

The life in Christ which began in that hour he lived for nearly fifty years in the common ways of the spirit's witness, for he had both experienced and preached the doctrine of the full assurance of salvation. In those more than forty-nine years of Christian life there were sorrows and joys, defeats and victories, but through them all he kept his face ever toward the right and his conscience always void of offense toward God and man. He grew in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There was an ever increasing self-sacrifice and joy in his Christian experience, and he loved to be-ify that the religious life became rich and sweeter as it grew in length.

Brother Wilson believed in a divine call to the ministry. From childhood he was impressed that he would be called to preach, and when he was converted that impression became clear and convincing. He was
received into the Church by the Rev. Lewis M. Little. Later on, in July, 1868, he was licensed to exhort by the Quarterly Conference of the Little Rock Circuit, Marion District. In May, 1869, he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Darlington Circuit. At first he tried to answer this Divine call to the ministry by serving as a local preacher. But the hand of God led him into a larger field, and in December, 1871, he was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference. In accordance with his own judgment, he was given the appointment of superannuate again by the Conference in Florence one year ago. Only a few weeks later, on January 17, 1871, in his comfortable home in Sumter, he suddenly ceased to work and to live on earth and entered fully into life eternal and upon the glorious activities of the Church Triumphant in Heaven.

As a preacher, Brother Wilson ranked among the strong men of the Conference. In the preparation of his sermons he analyzed his subjects clearly, studied them thoroughly, and delivered his messages with unusual power. He knew men, and from the common experiences of life he drew illustrations that helped to fix the gospel truth in human minds and hearts. He studied the Word, and from that exhaustless source he drew the truth which he preached to men. His sermons in the pulpit were the product of truth, inspired them to action, and filled them with the breath of life. The aim and end of his preaching was to win souls to Christ, to establish them in the faith, and to help build the kingdom of our Lord in the hearts of men and in the world in which we live. Many who sat under his strong ministry of the Word and who lived under his wise, sympathetic and faithful pastoral care will rise up in the crowning day and call him blessed.

Outside the Church he was a man of influence. He was a true citizen of his country, standing always for those issues and supporting those measures which made for more betterment and Christian progress. Being too young for active service at the front, he served in the South Carolina Confederate Reserve during the latter part of the war. He remembered those trying days and cherished the feeling of comradeship toward the men of that fearful struggle. At the time of his death he was Chaplain of the Dick Anderson Camp of United Confederate Veterans, a position which he held during most of his residence in Sumter. In business and social affairs he mingled among men and commanded their confidence and esteem. He was possessed of fine judgment and clearness of insight. His mechanical talent might have made him a skillful architect and builder. His business foresight and clear judgment might have made him a merchant prince, or a master of finance, or a captain of industry. His powers of analysis, and reason, and common sense might have distinguished him at law. All those splendid powers of body, mind, and heart with which he was so abundantly endowed were given, without reserve, to the work of the gospel ministry to which he had been divinely called.

On January 16, 1870, Brother Wilson was married to Miss Rosie L. Galloway, of Darlington county. For forty-seven years they journeyed together, having observed their last wedding anniversary just the day before he passed from earth. Into their home were born nine children. Four of these remain to share with the devoted wife and mother the loss of husband and father. Brothet Wilson loved his home, and he sought to provide his family with the best of educational, social and religious advantages within his reach. In the family circle, as well as elsewhere, there were exemplified the fine qualities of his mind and heart. He directed the affairs of his household with patriarchal grace.
knowledge of him proved how noble and manly were the qualities of his heart, and how self-sacrificing and enduring was the heroic spirit within him. As one who came well within that inner circle of his younger friends, the writer can say that Brother Wilson truly spent his life in willing service to God and man and that his good works do follow him. Through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ he lived godly and wrought faithfully in time, and through all eternity he shall share the rapturous joys of his Lord. J. MARION ROGERS.

Rev. Samuel D. Vaughan.

On the thirteenth day of February, 1917, as many preachers as could do so gathered to lay to rest in the graveyard at Cypress the body of Brother Samuel D. Vaughan. After the session of the Conference in Florence, his strength rapidly declined, and he passed above on the 13th of February, 1917, in the assurance of acceptance with Christ and in hope of a glorious resurrection.

Brother Vaughan was born not far from where he died, and a large part of his life as a Methodist Itinerant was spent in the same section, so that in youth and manhood and in service he was among his own people and in the section of the State he especially loved.

Brother Vaughan was born April 26, 1842, in Colleton county. He had home school advantages, which were interrupted by the war. He entered the Confederate army at sixteen years of age, and was a true soldier among men.

He was married December 29, 1869, to Miss Lou R. Cummings, who survives him. They have had six children, four of whom are living and one, Gregg Vaughan, is a member of the South Carolina Conference.

Brother Vaughan was converted under the ministry of Rev. A. R. Danner, whose body was buried just behind Cypress Church and just a few feet away lies the body of Brother Vaughan. He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference, December, 1874. Christian experience and the Christian religion were realities in Brother Vaughan's life. He believed and strongly contended for the Bible teaching concerning sin, righteousness and judgment, and held always that repentance and faith in Christ must be or there was no conversion. A light or superficial type of religion or conversion did not meet his approval or come as his teaching. He did not contend for these doctrines and experiences because they are old, but because they are true. By this faith he was converted, this faith he preached and in this faith he passed without fear into the presence of God.

His genial disposition and outspoken, hearty manner is known as well as his courage in expressing his honest conviction. During his ministry he preached Christ our only salvation, and now he knows as he never could have known here the truth of Christ and the power of Christ.

Doubtless there were faults that appeared in minor places in the grain of his life, but he ran straight, and had the humanity which shows itself some failure as the voice fails sometimes to carry the note that is being sung in the heart. Brother Vaughan's body rests at Cypress Camp Ground, which he loved so well, and is near his friends and loved ones. He is the triumph of his faith in Christ and abides with Him.

D. M. McLEOD.
VII.

MINUTES OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The sixty-second session of the Historical Society of the South Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in the First Church, Bishopville, on Tuesday evening, November 20th, 1917, at 8 o'clock. Rev. C. B. Smith, President, in the chair.

After the singing of "America" by the congregation, J. P. Attaway led in prayer. The Bishopville choir sang a special selection.

The address of the evening was delivered by D. M. McLeod on the general subject of "Church Extension." A resolution of thanks, offered by F. H. Shuler and D. D. Jones, expressing the appreciation of the Society to Brother McLeod for his able address, and requesting the Secretary of the Society to have it published in the Advocate, and in pamphlet form to be sent to each member of both South Carolina Conferences, was unanimously passed.

On motion of W. C. Owen, the minutes of the previous session were approved without reading. The treasurer made his report.

Envelopes were distributed and the annual dues of 25 cents were collected from all members present.

Donations were made as follows:

By G. E. Edwards, "Minutes of Early General Conferences."

By W. C. Owen, for himself and uncles, Messrs. W. H. and C. T. Crook, the library of his grandfather, and their father, the Rev. William Crook, for a number of years a member of the South Carolina Conference.

On motion of Watson B. Duncan, the present officers were re-elected for another quadrennium as follows: C. B. Smith, President; A. D. Betts, First Vice President; W. H. Hodges, Second Vice President; W. C. Owen, Secretary-Treasurer. W. C. Owen offered his resignation, which was accepted, and nominated D. D. Jones, who was elected in his place.

Announcements were made by G. P. Watson, host of the Conference, and the Society adjourned with the singing of hymn No. 208, and with the benediction by J. S. Beasley.

CHARLES B. SMITH, President.

W. C. OWEN, Secretary-Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand after division ................................................................ $2 17

Received from dues, 1916 ........................................................................ 35 20

Total ........................................................................................................ $37 37

Less expenses D. D. Wallace to Florence ................................................ 5 90

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VIII.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

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**Chronological Roll**

Of the Clerical Members of the South Carolina Annual Conference, A. D. 1862 to 1918.

- December, 1862: S. A. Weber
- December, 1863: J. S. Baylor
- December, 1864: D. D. Dantler, W. H. Whittaker
- December, 1865: W. Barber, J. C. Davis
- December, 1867: J. W. Arrill, A. C. Walker
- December, 1868: H. H. Jones
- December, 1869: J. Walter Daniel, J. M. Fraly, B. J. Guess, T. E. Morris, P. A. Murray
- December, 1870: W. A. Betts, J. C. Chandler
- December, 1871: W. J. Elkins, C. B. Smith
- December, 1873: G. H. Waddell
- December, 1874: E. O. Watson
- December, 1875: W. W. Hook
- December, 1876: J. P. Atway, W. B. Duncan, W. L. Wait
- November, 1878: J. Hubert Noland, D. Arthur Phillips
- December, 1879: A. J. Cauken
- November, 1879: H. W. Bays, from the Western North Carolina Conference
- December, 1880: R. H. Beckham, R. M. D'Boise, Shula W. Henry, E. Palmer Hutson, from the Presbyterian Church
- December, 1881: J. L. Beldenough, A. J. Campbell, Thos. G. Herbert, W. A. Massebou, Peter Stokes
- November, 1881: Martin L. Banes,Conor B. Burns, Henry J. Caufen, J. R. Sojourn
- December, 1883: S. B. Harper, W. C. Kirkland, F. H. Shuler
- December, 1884: J. H. Graves, R. W. Humphries, J. L. Mllliman
- November, 1886: James T. Fowler
- December, 1887: I. W. Belavenah, Samuel O. Cantey, G. W. Dukes, G. Emory Edwards, Joseph A. Graham, J. LaVance Tyler
- December, 1888: George T. Harmon
- December, 1890: C. Devreeck, Theo. B. Owen
- November, 1892: D. H. Everett, T. W. Godbold


November, 1914. F. L. Glennan, from the Florida Conference.


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* King, W. R.

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* Pate, J. C.
Dennis, E. C.
Gregg, W. G.

Kingstree District—
Lofton, R. M.
* Poston, A. L.
Joyner, R. F.
Smith, R. E.

Orangeburg District—
Bates, O. H.
Dukes, E. S.
Riley, W. L.
Murray, F. P.

Sumter District—
Beattle, A. J.
DuRant, Charlton.
Griffin, J. H.

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Names and Addresses of Local Preachers.

Charleson District.
Dibble, V. C., Charleston.
Hilton, J. W., Charleston.
Walker, C. E., Branchville.
Thower, D. E., Ridgeville.
Moore, J. S., Laris.
Ulmer, B. H., Walterboro.

Florence District.
McLendon, B. F., Bennettsville.
Rouse, R. A., Cheraw.
Macfarlane, Allan, Cheraw.
Galloway, C. W., Lydia.
Taylor, J. E., Florence.
Chavis, L. C., Bennettsville.
Quick, Franklin, Kollock.
Warr, J. W., Cheraw.
Jermain, W. V., Patrick.
Hill, R. L., Timmonsville.
Truet, J. D., Effingham.
Hook, F. S., Timmonsville.
Carter, J. E., Patrick.
Ward, Woodrow, Darlington.
Watkins, R. W., McCle.
Guy, W. I., Bennettsville.
Marvin, A. R., Hartsville.
Davis, J. V., Darlington.

Kingston District.
Buddin, F. A., Spartanburg.
Burnett, J. O., Charleston.
Carraway, J. O., Rose.
DuPont, C. E., Lake City.

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Rev. S. C. Morris, President

Horry, South Carolina