

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

South Carolina Conference

OF THE

Wesleyan Methodist Connection,
or Church, of America

HELD AT

LANDRUM, S. C., NOVEMBER 18-22, 1908.

WESLEYAN METHODIST PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION
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I. ORGANIZATION.

Ecclesiastical Conference:—Rev. L. W. Johnson, President; Rev. L. G. Clayton, Vice-President; Miss Ina Gaines, Secretary; Rev. J. M. Hancock, Treasurer.

Roll of Elders:—Rev. J. T. Cary, Rev. L. G. Clayton, Rev. G. D. Watson, Rev. J. E. Martin, Rev. L. W. Johnson, Rev. M. T. Hartsoe, Rev. C. A. Dunwoody, Rev. L. J. Harrington, Rev. D. O. Powers, Rev. J. A. Williams.

Licentiates:—J. R. George, L. E. Swaney, J. F. Mason, J. R. Davis, J. O. Burnett, J. A. White, H. G. Liner, W. L. Myers, E. C. Brown, Dora Wiebens, J. C. Jones.

Lay Delegates:—J. H. Parnell, C. F. McCraw, Ella Weathers, J. E. Bullington, G. W. Davis, W. L. Myers, A. C. Syzmore, D. M. Newton, J. P. Carroll, Geo. Ridley, F. M. Neighbors, J. M. Hancock, Grace Clayton, Ina Gaines.

II. CONDENSED JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

The South Carolina Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church convened its sixteenth session in the Wesleyan Methodist church at Landrum, S. C., Nov. 18, 1908, at nine o'clock A. M.

The opening devotions were conducted by the President.

The Secretary called the roll and three elders and eight licentiates responded.

A Committee on Credentials was elected to consist of Rev M. T. Hartsoe and Brother F. M. Neighbors. The credentials of eight delegates were handed in and placed on the roll.

The following Committee on Public Worship was elected: Revs. J. L. Morgan, M. T. Hartsoe and Brother D. M. Newton.

The conference bar was fixed to include the pews on either side of and two in front of pulpit.

Committee on Public Worship reported as follows: Hours for meeting, nine to eleven A. M., and one-thirty, P. M., to adjourn on motion. Religious services at eleven, A. M., three P. M., and seven in the evening.

Eleven o'clock Thursday morning was fixed as the hour for presentation of Educational interests by Rev. L. J. Harrington.

The following committees were elected in order: Temperance, Rev. J. R. George and Ina Gaines; Statistics, Rev. J. M. Hancock and Sister Dora Wiebens; Education, Rev. J. L. Harrington; Secrecy, Revs. L. E. Swaney and M. T. Hartsoe; Sunday-Schools, Sister Ella Weathers.

Dr. W. B. Godbey, the aged and revered evangelist of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was introduced and given the privileges of the floor. He responded in assurance of sympathy and brotherly love.

Rev. L. W. Johnson was elected a Committee on State of the Work.

Brother Cary's time having expired on Committee of Itinerancy and Elders' Orders, Rev. M. T. Hartsoe was elected to fill his place. The committee now stands as follows: Rev. M. T. Hartsoe, 3 years; Rev. L. W. Johnson, 2 years, Rev. L. G. Clayton, 1 year.

Conference ordered that the first item of business after the convening of conference Thursday afternoon be the election of conference officers.

The President's report was read and adopted.

The following were elected a Committee on Examination of character: Rev. L. W. Johnson, (Chairman ex-officio) Rev. D. O. Powers and Brother D. M. Newton.

Conference adjourned by limitation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the South Carolina conference Wesleyan Methodist Church:

Soon after the conference closed, I employed the Rev. J. O. Burnett, a licentiate, for the Pelzer circuit, but there being some objections to Brother Burnett at Pelzer, he would not serve that church. We then gave Pelzer church to Rev. H. G. Liner, and gave Brother Burnett Brother Liner's mission, consisting of Honea Path, and Ware Shoals. Brother Burnett retained the Williamston church of the Pelzer charge. After holding a revival meeting at Ware Shoals, and there being no hope of getting a class there, Brother Burnett was permitted to discontinue that appointment.

There being objections to Brother Morgan at Glendale, by the advice of President, Brother Morgan resigned that church, and it was added to Rev. E. L. Henderson's work.

The Rev. J. R. McEntire resigned his work as junior preacher under Rev. D. O. Powers, and Rev. H. G. Liner, was given that place in addition to the Pelzer church. Later, there was objections to Brother Liner, on Brother Powers' work, and it was thought best to remove him from that work, and let him keep Pelzer alone.

I organized a class at Belton, which was added to Brother Burnett's charge.

I also organized a class at Cowpens, and it was added to Rev. E. C. Brown's charge.

Brother Brown also organized a class in the country out from Gaffney, and it was also added to his charge.

Rev. J. R. Davis, organized a class at Pickens, which was added to his charge.

Rev. J. R. Davis also organized a class at Martins Grove. This class was not added to any charge.

One of Rev. J. A. White's classes went into the Pentecostal, or Tongue Movement, and Brother White was permitted to discontinue that appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. Johnson, President.

First Day. Wednesday Afternoon.

Pursuant to adjournment conference assembled at 1:30 o'clock, the President in the chair.

The opening devotions were led by Rev. D. O. Powers. The roll was called and minutes of morning meeting were read and approved. The names of Rev. J. M. Hancock, Grace Clayton and Ina Gaines were added to the roll of delegates.

A Judiciary Committee was elected to consist of the following: Revs. M. T. Hartsoe, J. L. Harrington, L. G. Clayton.

Committee on Pastoral Relations was elected to consist of Revs. J. T. Cary, D. O. Powers, M. T. Hartsoe, and Brethren Hancock, Neighbors and Bullington.

Rev. J. M. Hancock was elected assistant Treasurer to serve during this session of conference.

Recess was given for committee work, after which religious services were dispensed.

Second Day. Morning Meeting.

At the appointed hour, conference convened, the President in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. L. G. Clayton. After roll call, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The following pastors rendered, in order, their statistical reports: Revs. J. R. George, M. T. Hartsoe, J. T. Cary, H. G. Liner, J. O. Burnett, J. A. White, E. C. Brown. Reports were also heard from Revs. L. W. Johnson, L. G. Clayton and L. J. Harrington, after which recess was given and Educational interests presented by Brother Harrington as previously ordered.

Second Day. Afternoon Meeting.

Pursuant to adjournment conference convened at 1:30 o'clock, the President in the chair.

The opening devotions were conducted by Rev. M. T. Hartsoe. The roll call was dispensed with and minutes of morning meeting read and approved.

Rev. L. J. Harrington presented a paper defining the duties of the Conference President, with adoption of same. (See Report under head of "Duties of Conference President.")

The order of the day was called for and the election of officers held, resulting as follows: Rev. L. W. Johnson, President; Rev. L. G. Clayton, Vice-President; Ina Gaines, Secretary; Rev. J. M. Hancock, Treasurer.

A Committee on Vacancies was elected to consist of the following: Revs. J. T. Cary, D. O. Powers, M. T. Hartsoe, and Brethren Hancock and Neighbors.

Recess was given for religious services after which conference resumed work.

A committee to fix the salary and traveling expenses of the conference President was elected with the following result: Revs. M. T. Hartsoe, L. G. Clayton, and Brother A. C. McCraw.

Friday morning at eleven o'clock was fixed as the time for the address on the General Interests of the Church by the Missionary Secretary, and Friday evening for his Missionary address.

Conference ordered that a conference missionary evangelist be elected, and that the duties and compensation of this evangelist be referred to the committee empowered to fix salary of conference President.

On motion, it was ordered that the body elect the missionary evangelist by ballot.

Motion prevailed that the election of this evangelist be the order of the day immediately after the convening of conference Friday afternoon.

Committee on Education reported. Paper adopted. (See Report.)

Rev. J. R. Davis' name was called and statistical report rendered. Revs. D. O. Powers and E. L. Henderson gave in their reports respectively.

Sister Dora Wiebens gave an encouraging report of her mission work among the mountaineers.

On motion, conference adjourned.

Third Day. Friday Morning.

Conference assembled at nine o'clock, the President in the chair. Devotional exercises were led by the Rev. J. T. Cary. The minutes of Thursday afternoon's meeting were read and approved.

On motion, the conference missionary board, consisting of the President, Vice-President and Secretary, was re-elected.

Rev. L. J. Harrington offered motion providing that the theological students attending the Wesleyan Methodist Bible Institute at Central who pass their tests and examinations, shall have their standings acknowledged by the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders and receive their credentials on such standings.

Conference ordered that financial help be given the theological students, E. L. Henderson and W. D. Correll, thereby enabling them to continue their studies in school, motion was amended to include that subscriptions and collections be taken for them on the conference floor. Pledges being taken amounted to \$39; cash \$1.25.

Rev. L. E. Swaney read his statistical report.

The order of the day was called for and the General Interests of the Church presented. Benediction by Rev. E. Teter.

Third Day. Afternoon Meeting.

At 1:30 o'clock, conference was called to order by the President, devotional services having been conducted by Rev. H. G. Liner.

Incident to the absence of the Secretary during the afternoon meeting, M. T. Hartsoe was elected Secretary, pro tem.

The name of J. C. Jones was called, report given and character passed.

On motion, the order of the day was indefinitely postponed.

The names of Revs. G. D. Watson, C. A. Dunwoody, J. E. Martin and J. A. Williams were called and their characters passed.

Conference ordered that the money pledged for the theological students be given to the conference treasurer to be paid out by him.

Committee on Secrecy reported. Paper adopted. (See Report.)

The name of W. A. Matthews was substituted for that of C. B. Smith on Camp-meeting Committee. The entire committee stands thus: Revs. L. W. Johnson, L. G. Clayton, M. T. Hartsoe, and Brethren B. J. Johnson and W. A. Matthews.

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders reported. Report adopted. (See Report.)

On motion, L. G. Clayton and J. M. Hancock were elected an Advisory Board.

The name of Rev. J. L. Morgan was called, report given and character passed.

Rev. E. Teter was re-elected as conference trustee.

On motion, conference adjourned for committee work, after which business was resumed at 3:30 o'clock.

The first reading of the Committee on Pastoral Relations was heard.

Camp-meeting Committee reported. (See Report.)

Report was read by the Committee appointed to fix conference evangelist's salary. Report adopted. (See Report.)

The date of the annual camp-meeting was fixed for Wednesday before the first Sunday in August.

The Camp-meeting Committee was empowered to select the leader or leaders for the meeting.

By the vote of conference Greer was chosen as the place for its next session; the time to be left in hands of Connectional officers.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to arrange for the holding of District Union Holiness Meetings, meetings to be held on fifth Sundays, committee to consist of Revs. J. R. George, L. E. Swaney, and M. T. Hartsoe.

A motion carried to take collection to help defray the traveling expenses of the Greenville city missionary to conference. The offering being taken, amounted to \$2.25.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay to the Reedy River church \$32 from the Church Extension Fund.

By the ordering of conference, the Missionary Board was empowered to sell the Abbott's Chapel property.

Brethren J. R. Davis, D. M. Newton and G. W. Davis were granted leave of absence.

On motion, conference adjourned.

Benediction by M. T. Hartsoe.

Fourth Day. Morning Meeting.

Conference convened at nine o'clock, the President in the chair. The opening devotions were conducted by E. L. Henderson.

The minutes of Friday afternoon's meeting were read and adopted as corrected.

Committee on District Union Holiness Meetings reported the following which was adopted: District No. 1, Gaffney, Carlisle, Spartanburg, Greer, D. O. Powers, District Elder; District No 2, Easley, Piedmont, Pelzer, Williamston, J. R. George, District Elder; District No. 3, Walhalla, Central, Pickens, Mt. View, M. T. Hartsoe, District Elder.

Rev. E. Teter offered motion that the Superannuated Minister's Fund be made a loan on debt of Church Extension Fund. Motion adopted.

By consent of conference, the Committee on State of Work was allowed to omit reading report with the understanding that the Secretary examine and approve before publication of same.

Motion carried to have minutes published by the House and pastors sell same to members.

It was ordered that the Secretary be instructed to have minutes published drawing on the conference treasury for funds incidental thereto.

Rev. L. J. Harrington was appointed a committee on Resolution of Thanks.

Committee on Temperance reported. Paper adopted. (See Report.)

Second reading of Committee on Pastoral Relations was heard.

Report of Committee on Resolution of Thanks was read and adopted. (See Report.)

Committee on Statistics rendered report which was adopted with the understanding that it be corrected or as nearly as possible perfected.

Committee on Sunday-schools reported. Report adopted. (See Report.)

Announcements, including the preaching services for Sunday, were made, and conference adjourned with the Doxology and the benediction by Rev. E. Teter.

Rev. J. R. Davis also organized a class at Martin's Grove.

Fourth Day. Afternoon Meeting.

At the hour appointed, conference was called to order, the President in the chair.

Devotional exercises were led by J. C. Brewington. The minutes of the morning meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. (See Report.)

A motion carried that when the pastors make their statistical reports, that they pay to the Treasurer all cash and receipts in order that there be a tally.

Motion was effected that after the Missionary Secretary make his settlements, that the conference be instructed to turn over balance on hand to the educational department of home missions or Southern school.

A motion before the conference to eliminate that portion of conference resolution relative to tobacco, referring to the probationary state was amended in effect that the entire resolution be rescinded. Motion carried as amended.

Conference adjourned on motion, to meet at call of the chair.
Ina Gaines, Secretary.

III. CONDENSED MINUTES.

Of the sixteenth session of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, held at Landrum, S. C., beginning Nov. 18, 1908, ending Nov. 22, 1908; Rev. L. W. Johnson, President; Ina Gaines, Secretary.

1. How many elders are on the conference roll? 10.
2. Who of the elders are on the stationed list? L. W. Johnson, L. G. Clayton; G. D. Watson, L. J. Harrington, M. T. Hartsoe, J. T. Cary, D. O. Powers, J. E. Martin, J. A. Williams, C. A. Dunwoody.
3. Who of the elders are on the supernumerary list? None.

4. Who of the elders are on the superannuated list? None.
5. Who of the elders have been deposed this year? None.
6. Who of the elders have withdrawn this year? (1) By transfer? None; (2) By letter of standing? None.
7. Who have joined the conference this year? (1) By ordination? None; (2) By transfer? None; (3) By letter of standing from some other religious body? None.
8. Who of the elders have died this year? None.
9. How many licentiates are reported from the quarterly conference rolls? 32.
10. Who of the licentiates are on the stationed list? J. R. George, L. E. Swaney, J. F. Mason, J. R. Davis, Dora Wiebens, J. A. Williams, J. C. Jones, H. G. Liner, J. O. Burnett, E. C. Brown, W. L. Myers.

II. What has been contributed on the several circuits and stations for the support of: (1) Pastors? \$2,772.39; (2) Missions? \$636.78; (3) Education? \$14.20; (4) Sunday-schools? \$308.92; (5) Superannuated ministers? \$27.21; (6) Evangelists? \$974.12; (7) Incidental expenses? \$280.72; (8) Building and repairs? \$556.08; (9) All other benevolent objects? \$264.39; (10) Total amount contributed? \$5,834.81.

12. What number are in connection? (1) Full membership? 1,640; (2) Probationers? None; (3) How many churches on the conference roll? 35.

13. Sunday-schools: (1) Number of? 24; (2) Superintendents? 24; (3) Scholars? 1,225; (4) Teachers? 104.

14. When and where shall the next conference be held? Greer, S. C.; time left to Connectional officers.

15. How is the work supplied? Walhalla Circuit, J. F. Mason; Central Station, M. T. Hartsoe; Williamston Ct., W. L. Myers; Mt. View Ct., J. A. White; Pickens Ct., J. R. Davis; Easley Ct., J. T. Cary; Pelzer station, H. G. Liner; Piedmont Ct., J. R. George; Greer Ct., D. O. Powers; Carlisle Ct., J. O. Burnett; Gaffney Ct., E. C. Brown; Spartanburg Ct., L. E. Swaney; Good Hope Mission, Dora Wiebens; Inman Mission, J. C. Jones; Autun church, left in hands of President; G. D. Watson, J. A. Williams, J. E. Martin, C. A. Dunwoody, L. G. Clayton to choose their own field of labor; L. J. Harrington, General Educational and evangelistic work; theological students, E. L. Henderson and W. D. Covell to do evangelistic work through vacation: J. C. Brewington, Sunday-school worker.

16. Who are the conference officers? L. W. Johnson, President; L. G. Clayton, Vice-President; Ina Gaines, Secretary; J. M. Hancock, Treasurer.

IV. REPORTS.

State of the Work.

I am glad to report that I find the work is on the up-grade, and we as a denomination, are gaining ground, and attracting more and more the attention of the people where we are best known.

A few years ago when we first began to organize in this state, the most of the people thought that we would never amount to anything, and that our work would soon go down. But I thank God, it did not start from beneath, and it is not going "down." We are like the Irishman's sign over the entrance to the cemetery, "We are here to stay."

I am more and more convinced of the fact, that we have a place to fill in South Carolina, that no other church is filling. The Wesleyan Methodists are the only incorporate body in this state, that I know anything about, that stands square for holiness, or sanctification, as a second work of grace, and that will dare to take a stand against all the evils of the day.

We have made mistakes, it is true, and we have not always presented the truth in the most attractive manner, but we have done the best we could under the circumstances, and God in His loving kindness has overruled our mistakes, and blessed us, and made us a blessing.

We have had hindrances the past year, both among ourselves, and from the outside. The "Pentecostal" or "Tongue Movement" has come among us, and some good honest souls have gone after the "tongues." But amidst it all, we have only lost one small class from the tongue movement, and during the year, as the president's report shows have added several new classes, and gained in membership nearly three hundred. This gain will not show up in the statistical report, on account of an error in the reports for 1906.

There are plenty of open doors for us to enter and the people are calling for us on almost every side.

We need some more good pastors to shepherd the flocks, and some good evangelists to organize the new fields, and more prayers and money to back them up.

We now have thirty-eight churches, and twelve circuits and stations. So you can see that we are spreading out, and brethren, and sisters, let us do what we can to girdle the globe with "holiness unto the Lord."

We need a more efficient ministry, and we are glad to note the progress of the Southern Bible School at Central, S.C., where we have some bright young men, and women in training for the work. Let us take new courage, and work, and pray, for we know our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

L. W. Johnson, Committee.

Education.

No report.

Sunday-Schools.

Truly the Sunday-school as it has been said, is the open door to the church, where not only the feet but also the minds and hearts of the children as well as the older ones should be carefully guided, lest something creep in to detract instead of invite.

It is of the greatest importance that the officers and teachers be qualified for their positions. Especially should superintendent and teachers have tact and wisdom, and, above all should they be wholly consecrated to God; for how can the blind lead the blind, or how can one teach what he does not experience.

The ultimate end of the Sunday-school should be constantly worked toward the salvation of the souls of the pupils.

We should like to call attention to the following: "Some years ago a warning note was struck in an editorial in the Wesleyan Methodist which it would be well to constantly remember. The alarm was given that Wesleyan Methodist parents were sometimes permitting their children to attend Sunday-schools in worldly churches where the teacher stood before the little ones robed in the attractive, alluring dress of the world, and the very fact of her position made the sight one of peculiar danger to the innocent, confiding childish mind."

We need to awake to both good and evil in this potent factor, and in love and wisdom of God make the most of our opportunities.

Ella Weathers, Committee.

Secret Societies.

We as a Wesleyan Methodist church standing as we do for Bible holiness, believe membership in secret societies to be inconsistent with the word of God from the following Scriptures: "I spoke openly to the world, I ever taught in the synagogue and in the temple whither the Jews always resorted, and in secret have I said nothing." There are the words of Him who spoke as One having authority. Again, He said, speaking of Himself, "If they shall say He is the secret place, believe it not."

We believe secret societies themselves to be condemned by the word of God, because they are sworn to conceal crime. In the Master Mason's degree, the candidate is sworn that a Master Mason's secrets given him in charge shall remain as secure in his breast as in the Master Masons, murder and treason excepted. We quote from the Royal Arch Degree of Masonry: "I promise and swear that I will aid and assist a companion Royal Arch mason when engaged in any difficulty, and will espouse his cause so far as to extricate him from the same whether he be right or wrong." Then follows the awful, bloody penalty (with which we are all familiar) for violation of vows.

What crime is it—how dark and dangerous must it be to lead men to bind themselves under such bloody vows to conceal good things? Good deeds do not need to be concealed; bad ones should not be hidden. James says, "Above all things, swear not, neither by heaven, nor the earth, neither by any other oath, but let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay, lest ye fall into condemnation." James 5:12.

With a firm faith in the ultimate triumph of the Redeemer's kingdom, and an unyielding determination to ever stand at our post for righteousness, we will earnestly wage warfare against this monster evil until his throne shall crumble and his empire totter to its fall. Amen.

M. T. Hartsoe, L. E. Swaney, Committee.

Temperance.

It is with a feeling of horror that we view the ravages of the rum demon in this our Christian land. His destruction of property, happiness, virtue and life itself is more extensive and awful

than that of any other evil in the world. Famine, war and disease furnish no parallel. Seated upon a throne of almost universal power, this monster dominates nearly the entire political world. His hosts are legion and his empire is universal. The great, the small, the rich, the poor, the learned and the unlearned are alike his vassals. How shall his overthrow be accomplished? The two principles of total abstinence and prohibition must be embodied in whatever policy contemplates this great end. The gospel remedy must be applied and the strong arm of the law must be brought to bear in this uncompromising warfare.

We view with delight the aggressive movements in the recent past against the liquor power, and especially are we gratified that our own southland is in the vanguard of this crusade.

As a reform Church, we can take no backward step from our declarations on the matter, and we, therefore, reaffirm our declarations that "Christians, everywhere; should pray and vote against this evil and not suffer themselves to be controlled by, nor support political parties which are managed in the interests of the drink traffic."

J. R. George, Ina Gaines, Committee.

Resolutions.

Resolved, that the law with reference to complaints or violations of orders and resolutions found on page 37 of our Discipline, beginning with the words "when the President" etc., shall apply to all cases of the violations of our Discipline, and no charges shall be entertained by the Judiciary Committee without said previous investigation and labor.

Resolved, That all pastors take at least one collection in each church, each year, until the next General Conference, for the purpose of sending our delegates to the General conference.

Resolved, That each pastor take at least one collection at each church during the year for the publishing of the minutes of the conference, and the amount collected be brought to the conference at its annual gathering.

Resolved, That no member of this conference shall have his character passed who fails to carry out all the rules and orders of this conference, (unless providentially hindered) except upon a three-fourths vote of the body.

Report of Conference Missionary Evangelist.

Report of Conference Missionary Evangelist to the annual conference:

I have held sixteen revival meetings, and attended the annual camp-meeting, I have organized two classes. I have secured fifty-one new subscribers for the Wesleyan, and some renewals. I have collected fifteen dollars for the Southern School.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. Johnson, Evangelist.

Treasurer's Report.

Missions received from all sources \$533.88; Paid to E. Teter \$533.88.

Superannuated Minister's Fund: Amount on Hand. Nov. 17, 1908, \$115; Cash collected during conference \$28.06; Total, \$143.06.

Amount loaned, \$115; Balance on hand Nov. 21, 1908, \$28.06.

General Conference Fund: Received from all sources \$10.19.

Total on hand Nov. 21, 1908, \$10.19.

Conference Minutes Fund:—Amount on hand Nov. 17, 1908, \$8; Received from all sources Nov. 21, 1908, \$36.42; Balance on hand Nov. 21, 1908, \$44.42.

Southern School—Amount received to Nov. 21, 1908, .75; Receipts \$32.45; Total, \$33.20; Paid out, \$32.45; Balance on hand Nov. 21, 1908, .75.

Theological Students:—Messrs. Henderson and Correll: Received from all sources \$1.25; Balance on hand Nov. 21, 1908, \$1.25.

J. M. Hancock, Assistant Treasurer.

Report of Committee on Itinerancy and Elders Orders.

We find that the Brethren we have examined could not stand satisfactory examination on books required, in order to travel under direction of conference by Discipline. We find, however, that their religious experience and their understanding of doctrine is satisfactory. We, therefore, recommend that the following Brethren be employed by conference if needed, with the understanding that they

pursue the course of study required by Discipline and stand examination at the next session of conference: J. F. Mason, W. L. Myers, J. T. Green, J. O. Burnett.

Those not employed will be held in reserve to be used in interim of conference.

L. W. Johnson, M. T. Hartsoe, L. G. Clayton, G. W. Davis,
F. M. Neighbors, Committee.

Duties of the Conference President.

1. Pastoral:—He is required to attend the quarterly meetings, assist the pastors in their work, by advice and counsel in the administration of Discipline, and have a general oversight of the charges of the conference.

2. Evangelistic:—It is his duty to so thoroughly understand the needs of the conference that he will be able to counsel the evangelists as to plans and methods of work, indicate the unoccupied territory, and cite such other work as he may see is needed in the evangelistic field.

3. Educational:—In this capacity he is to instruct the licentiates, and encourage them in pursuing the Course of study; also, to represent the Wesleyan Methodist Bible Institute, publicly and privately, to secure funds and students for the same. He is to keep in touch with the President of the school in order that he may be constantly informed as to its condition and progress, and report the same to the charges on his rounds of visitation.

For all of this work he is to receive a suitable compensation.

L. J. Harrington, Committee.

Report of Camp-Meeting (Building) Committee.

Your Committee has erected a tabernacle on the ground, size 50 x 80, at a cost of \$350. The aforesaid amount has been raised and the building is free of debt.

M. T. Hartsoe, L. W. Johnson, L. G. Clayton, C. B. Smith,
B. J. Johnson, Committee.

Report of Committee for determining Salary of Conference
Evangelist.

Salary and travelling expenses of Conference Evangelist \$500.
Evangelist to consult with pastors to arrange dates, and if they
cannot agree, he shall have power to make dates. Collection to be
taken for expense of the work.

M. T. Hartsoe, L. G. Clayton, C. A. McGraw, Committee.

Thanks.

We, the ministers and delegates of the South Carolina conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church do hereby express our thanks to the members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and to all the friends in our Sister Churches in Landrum for the kind hospitality they have shown us during our stay among them.

We pray that Christ the great Head of the Church may abundantly bless them.

L. J. Harrington, Committee.

OUR DEAD.

In order of name, place of death, and year.

- Rev. H. G. Scuddy, Mosley, S. C., 1896.
- Rev. I. M. Abbott, Pacific Grove, Cal., 1896.
- Rev B. J. Davis, Greer, S. C., 1898.
- Rev. A. K. Willis, Canon, Ga., 1898.
- Rev. J. D. Wilson, Central, S. C., 1900.
- Rev. C. W. DePew, Pelzer, S. C., 1903.
- Rev. W. B. Padgett, Easley, S. C., 1903.

SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE.

Sessions of the South Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in order of number, place held, date, President, Secretary and membership.

1. Central, Nov. 1, 1893, H. S. Abbott, S. J. McElroy, 412.
2. Anderson, Oct. 24, 1894, H. S. Abbott, S. J. McElroy, 637.
3. Central, Nov. 6, 1895, S. J. Cowan, J. W. Bailey, 580.
4. Oakway, Sept. 21, 1896, W. H. Kennedy, S. J. McElroy, 740.
5. Calhoun, Oct. 13, 1897, G. B. Nalley, Estella Gaines, 859.
6. Central, Oct. 12, 1898, G. B. Nalley, J. W. Bailey, 954.
7. Central, Nov. 15, 1899, G. B. Nalley, L. W. Johnson, 1156.
8. Converse, Nov. 6, 1900, L. G. Clayton, L. W. Johnson, 1131.
9. Spartanburg, Nov. 13, 1901, L. G. Clayton, L. W. Johnson, 1133.
10. Pelzer, Oct. 15, 1902, L. G. Clayton, L. W. Johnson, 1281.
11. Greer, Nov. 18, 1903, L. G. Clayton, L. W. Johnson, 1300.
12. Central, Nov. 15, 1904, L. G. Clayton, Ina Gaines, 1608.
13. Anderson, Nov. 22, 1905, E. Teter, Ina Gaines, 1484.
14. Central, Nov. 21, 1906, L. W. Johnson, Ina Gaines, 1634.
15. Piedmont, Nov. 20, 1907, L. W. Johnson, Ina Gaines, 1718.
16. Landrum, Nov. 18, 1908, L. W. Johnson, Ina Gaines, 1975.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CIRCUITS	Time employed Months	Appointments Churches	Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Present Number	Baptized	Licentiates	Wesleyan Meth. taken	S. S. Banners taken	Wesleyan Lesson Helps	Subbath Schools	Superintendents	Teachers	Scholars	Books in Library	Meeting Houses	Value of Parsonage	Value of	Pastor's Salary	Evangelist's Receipts	Superannuated Ministers	Missions	Sabbath Schools	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Other Benevolent Objects	Gen. Conference Expense	Minutes	Educational	Church Extension Fund	
Walhalla.....	12	5	5	58	9	22	1	164	17	5	27	106	1	1	4	32	2	750	1	187.83	\$70.66	\$2.90	\$60.00	\$ 9.14	\$25.06	\$12.50	\$65.75	\$....	\$ 3.75	\$ 2.00	\$....			
Gaffney.....	12	5	1	30	4	3	1	100	12	2	13	40	3	3	11	85	1	600	1	150.00	50.00	...	9.50	21.25	10.00	5.00	...	1.50	...	...				
Spartanburg.....	12	2	2	8	2	24	1	96	2	2	44	50	2	2	7	80	1	1800	1	119.60	46.00	1.95	21.50	16.00	...	5.00	...	1.55	...	...				
Carlyle.....	12	5	5	93	8	6	3	321	52	5	40	...	4	4	14	165	5	2000	1	425.00	160.00	2.00	165.00	50.00	140.06	45.00	3.00	...	5.00	...	...			
Central.....	12	1	1	20	2	2	1	107	11	2	23	96	72	1	5	85	1	1200	1	375.00	16.92	3.01	61.86	25.60	68.78	25.79	...	3.81	3.10	2.50	...			
Piedmont.....	12	3	3	74	12	70	1	209	23	4	35	1688	3	3	23	230	2	1800	1	375.90	231.40	4.75	90.40	82.75	31.00	64.65	28.18	4.63	6.30	.75	32.00			
Landrum.....	12	2	2	17	...	7	2	100	12	2	4	...	197	1	4	45	2	900	1	200.83	73.92	1.75	48.50	11.08	...	16.50	5.00	...	2.55	...	...			
Mountain View.....	12	2	2	11	...	8	1	34	5	2	4	...	...	1	4	40	2	800	1	39.46	21.00	...	6.50	...	...	...	...	1.30	...	...	...			
Honeapath.....	12	3	3	26	2	6	7	61	8	4	25	...	125	2	2	13	125	1	1200	1	126.44	206.42	1.75	19.51	44.50	60.50	37.65	8.81	...	3.00	...	8.85		
Pelzer.....	12	1	1	53	...	19	6	66	23	1	8	...	120	1	2	6	107	26	...	113.51	37.50	1.00	...	...	19.83	26.00	...	1.50	...	...	...			
Mears.....	13	7	7	58	2	7	3	229	23	3	50	...	125	1	1	6	156	3	2000	1	477.80	14.60	7.60	119.01	20.00	10.50	50.00	6.45	1.00	4.37	8.20	2.85		
Anderson.....	12	4	3	10	3	3	2	153	8	2	12	24	49	3	3	7	75	3	2800	1	195.68	45.10	...	35.00	28.60	20.00	7.00	117.20	...	3.50	...	...		
Total.....	144	40	35	458	42	117	14	1640* 1975	183	32	285	120	2447	23	27	104	1225	26	24	18706	1	900	2712.39	974.12	27.21	636.78	308.92	556.08	280.92	264.39	10.19	37.42	14.20	46.20

*Mistake in pastor's returns.