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The South Carolina Conference

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Sunday School Secretary-J. C. Nunnally.

CONFERENCE ROLL

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Miss Faith Clayton	
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J. P. Hollis Central, S. C.

Journal of Daily Proceedings

Pursuant to call, the twenty-fifth annual session of the South Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection, or Church, of America met in the church at Piedmont, South Carolina, November 21, 1917, at 7:30 P. M.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. E. Teter, of Sheridan, Ind. The business of the Conference was not taken up until November 22, 1917.

Morning Meeting, November 22, 1917

The Conference met at 8:30 A. M., November 22, 1917. Religious worship was conducted by Rev. E. L. Henderson, after which Rev. S. I. Keeler, the President of the Conference, called the Conference to order, and made a short talk.

The roll was called.

The following named Committees were elected:

- W. L. Miller, W. D. Correll and S. J. McCurry, a Committee on Public Worship.
- J. R. George and J. P. Hollis, a Committee to suggest the Conference bar.
 - E. L. Henderson and T. Evatt, a Committee on Statistics.
 - E. L. Henderson and R. G. Lecroy, a Committee on Credentials.
 - J. R. George, a Committee on Courtesy.
- J. T. Carey and R. G. Lecroy, a Committee on Ministerial Character.
 - J. P. Byars, a Committee on Thanks.

The Committee on Credentials reported.

The Committee to suggest the Conference bar reported, suggesting the first five seats. By vote the report was adopted.

The time for holding the business meetings of the Conference was fixed as follows: To meet at 8 A. M. for worship, business to begin at 8:30, and close at 11:45; to meet at 1:30 P. M. and close by motion.

Rev. W. D. Correll was re-elected on the Committee on Itin-

eracy and Orders. The Committee now stands as follows: Rev. W. D. Correll, 4 years; Rev. S. I. Keeler, 1 year; Rev. L. B. Smith, 2 years; Rev. E. L. Henderson, 3 years.

Mrs. J. R. Bell was seated as a delegate in the Conference from

the Whitmire charge.

The Committee on Credentials made a further report. (See

Conference Roll).

Brother and Sister Harvey, returned missionaries from India, were introduced to the Conference. Each of them said a few words to the Conference.

Brother Elliott, from Pennsylvania, was introduced to the Con-

ference, and said a few encouraging words.

By motion, Brother and Sister Harvey and Brother Elliott were made honorary members of the South Carolina Conference.

By motion, the order of the day was referred to the Committee

on Public Worship.

S. I. Keeler and J. M. Hames were elected a Committee on State of the Work.

W. D. Correll and L. B. Smith were elected a Committee on

Apportionment of the Budget.

By motion, the Committee on Pastoral Relations was elected by ballot. The Committee stands as follows: J. R. George, D. O. Powers and W. D. Correll, Elders, and A. C. Sizemore, R. G. Lecroy and L. E. Kelley, lay members.

By motion, the Treasurer's books close Friday night.

By motion the Conference took a recess.

Afternoon Meeting, November 22, 1917

In harmony with the time set, the Conference met at 1:30 P.M. The devotional service was conducted by Rev. D. O. Powers.

J. P. Hollis was seated as a delegate from the Central charge.

It was moved and carried that the minutes be read one time a day, at the morning session.

The Committee on Itineracy and Orders made the following report, namely: J. C. Nunnally came before us and was recommended to travel under the direction of the Conference and to pursue the course of study. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Public Services made the following report: President's address at 3 P. M., Thursday; election of officers at 9 A. M., Friday. Friday at 3:30 was set apart for Dr. H. C. Bedford

to make an educational address, and Rev. E. Teter at 10 A. M. Saturday. By motion the report was adopted.

The Committee appointed to draw up a plan for a Church Extension Fund made a report. By motion, action on the report was deferred to a later date of the Conference.

Rev. E. Teter, the General Missionary Secretary, of Sheridan, Ind., was introduced to the Conference and made some remarks on the general state of the work.

Sister Cornelison, of the Georgia Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

Brother Farmer and Brother Tony, of the Nazarene Church, were introduced to the Conference.

By motion, Brother Teter, Sister Cornelison, Brother Tony and Brother Farmer were made honorary members of the Conference.

Mrs. H. C. Bedford was elected a Committee on Moral Reform.

S. W. Wright was elected a Committee on Education.

J. P. Byars was elected a Committee on Sunday Schools.

Brother Harvey was elected a Committee on Prohibition.

Friday Morning, November 23, 1917

Pursuant to adjournment, the Conference met at 8 A. M. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. R. C. Kendrick.

Rev. S. I. Keeler called the Conference to order.

The roll was called and the minutes of the previous meetings were read and corrected.

By motion, the following standing rule was adopted: The receipts for all Budget not having passed through the hands of the Conference Treasurer within thirty days after receiving the same, will not apply on the Budget.

Miss Faith Clayton was seated as delegate from the Central charge.

Brother J. H. Danner, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was introduced to the Conference.

The order of the day was called for, and the Conference entered into the election of officers.

The result of the election was as follows:

Rev. S. I. Keeler, President.

Rev. J. R. George, Vice-President.

L. B. Smith, Secretary.

Prof. S. W. Wright, Treasurer.

Sister Anna Kirk Folger was introduced to the Conference.

By motion, Brother Danner and Sister Folger were made honorary members of the Conference.

The following Committee on Vacancy was elected: D. O. Powers, J. T. Carey, J. R. Davis, elders, and W. M. Harris and W. A. Matthews, lay members.

Sunday School Board: W. A. Matthews, S. W. Wright and

W. D. Correll.

W. D. Correll resigned so as to get some one that could give more time to the work. Resignation accepted.

Motion prevailed that the election of Sunday School Secretary

be deferred to a later date in the Conference.

Motion prevailed that the Missionary Board stand as last year, which is as follows: J. R. George, elder, and W. A. Matthews, lay member.

Rev. E. L. Henderson, Chairman of the Building and Loan Committee, reported on the Williamston Church. Motion prevailed that the Conference authorize the Trustees to sell the vacant lots and apply on the church debt.

The following made their statistical report: J. T. Carey, J. R.

George and R. C. Kendrick.

The Conference adjourned by motion.

Friday Afternoon, November 23, 1917

Rev. J. C. Nunnally conducted the worship.

The roll was called.

It was moved and carried that we have a Convention of the Southern Conferences, and Dr. H. C. Bedford was elected a Committee to form plans and resolutions for such a convention.

The first report of the Committee on Pastoral Relations was

read.

Rev. J. R. Garrett, Rev. W. D. Correll and Rev. E. L. Hender-son, their characters having been passed, made their statistical reports.

The order of the day was called for.

By motion, the matter of evangelistic work was referred to the Committee on Pastoral Relations, to be reported on at a later date in the Conference.

By motion, reports of all Committees and all Resolutions are to be published in the Minutes.

By motion, the Committee on Prohibition and Committee on Moral Reform are to unite their reports.

By motion the Conference adjourned.

Saturday Morning, November 24, 1917

Pursuant to adjournment, the Conference met at 8 A. M.

Rev. S. I. Keeler conducted the religious worship.

The roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected.

The following having had their characters passed, made their statistical reports: Laurence Kelley, J. Merck, R. G. Cudd, W. L. Miller and L. B. Smith.

The motion prevailed that the pastors should report only the totals on the statistical reports.

By motion, the order of the day was changed, and the time for Rev. E. Teter to address the Conference was set at 3 P. M.

By motion the Conference adjourned for religious worship.

Afternoon Meeting, November 24, 1917

Pursuant to adjournment the Conference met at 1:30 o'clock. Worship was conducted by Rev. S. I. Keeler.

By motion, L. B. Smith and R. G. Lecroy were excused from the Conference.

The Committee on Preamble and Resolutions, to better the method of Conference action in the matter of forming and supplying the various stations and circuits with pastors reported, and after discussing the proposed resolution item by item the report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read and adopted, with instructions to send a copy for publication in the Wesleyan Methodist.

Report of the Committee on Resolution of Thanks was read and adopted, and ordered to be read Sunday night.

Rev. C. C. Churchill's character having been passed, he read his statistical report.

Sister Dora Wiebins made a report of her work.

Rev. J. R. Davis, the Missionary Evangelist, made a report.

The names of L. G. Clayton, G. D. Watson, W. F. Stamey and C. A. Dunwoody were called and their characters passed.

The Committee on Moral Reform and Prohibition read their report. The report was adopted with instructions to send a copy to the Wesleyan Methodist for publication.

Motion prevailed that the South Carolina Conference express by resolutions their purpose to co-operate with the Connectional Agent in his campaign for the success of our publishing interests, and that we resolve to double our quota of subscriptions to the Wesleyan Methodist called for from this Conference.

The order of the day was called for and Rev. E. Teter made his official address.

The report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the-Auditing Committee.

J. P. Byars and J. C. Nunnally were elected an Auditing Committee.

Motion prevailed that the matter of expense of delegates to the General Conference be referred to the Committee on Apportionment; with instructions to apportion the amount needed to the churches.

The Stationing Committee gave the second reading; of their report.

By motion the Conference adjourned till Monday.

Monday Morning, November 26, 1917.

Pursuant to adjornment Conference met Monday at 8:00 A. M. Worship was conducted by Rev. R. G. Cudd.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

The Auditing Committee reported. Their report was adopted. The motion prevailed that J. C. Nunnally act as Secretary.

By motion, J. C. Nunnally was elected Secretary of Sunday Schools.

Committee on Itineracy and Orders made their final report. Thereport was adopted.

The time and place for next Annual Conference was left in thehands of the President and his Advisory Board.

The Trustees of the South Carolina Conference reported. The report was adopted.

The Camp-meeting Committee reported. The report was adopted.

The Statistical Committee reported. The report was adopted.

The Stationing Committee made their final report. The report was adopted.

The President of the Conference, Rev. S. I. Keeler, made his report. The report was adopted.

Resolutions offered by J. M. Hames were adopted. By motion the Conference adjourned.

President's Report

The following items of business came before the President, and action taken, with the approval of the Advisory Board:

- 1. A transfer was granted to Rev. J. M. Merrill to the Georgia Conference.
- 2. Westminster Church, which was left in the hands of the President, was assigned to the pastoral care of Rev. L. H. Kelley and added to the Walhalla charge.
- 3. Anderson Church, left in the hands of the President, was assigned to Rev. R. C. Kendrick, as pastor in charge.
- 4. Rev. R. G. Cudd was appointed a supply of Providence church on Carlisle circuit.
- 5. Sister Dora Wiebens was given appointment as Home Mission Worker.
- 6. Rev. W. F. Stamey, pastor of Glenville charge, because of the critical and prolonged illness of his wife, gave up the work in the Mountain Mission field. The work was for part of the time supplied by Sister Estelle Gaines, under the W. H. & F. M. Board. Brother Stamey also labored under this Board.
- 7. After a revival by our Conference Evangelist, Rev. J. M. Hames, a new class was organized at Iva, S. C., and added to the Fellowship charge, with Rev. J. T. Carey as pastor.

The President traveled the Conference, holding quarterly conferences, evangelistic meetings, and made a missionary tour of the mountains of North Carolina, our home mission field. He collected on the field on salary \$302.00. Traveling expenses were \$74.50.

We return grateful thanks to God for His great mercies toward us as a people and for the victories granted. As a whole we have had a good year, and there is a decided advance. Not only has the Budget been much more than raised, but there is a rising tide of spiritual force and an increasing note of victory. We believe we are on the threshold of greater things at the hand of our God, if we keep clean and humble, and push forward vigorously. To this end we would urge a few things upon our people:

1. In order that we greatly strengthen the things that remain, the work already established, we urge that our Discipline be studied by both preacher and people, and its requirements be more diligently followed, and its rules be enforced; that in dealing with those who

violate them, we do so with grace, meekness and restoring love, rather than in a severe, legalistic spirit.

- 2. That we take advantage of the special price of \$1.25 per year to new subscriptions to the Wesleyan, and push a campaign to get our splendid paper in every Wesleyan home.
- 3. That we study earnestly the problem of securing a better pastoral support as one means to greater pastoral efficiency.
- 4. That we push the matter of educating our people in the matter of tithing, in order to greatly increase the number who stand by the work financially.
- 5. I further urge the use of every means available to further revivals among us, and the utilizing of all our forces in aggressive evangelizing work, by cultivating the spirit of prayer, holding cottage meetings, personal work, distribution of tracts and holiness literature, and that greater effort be made to convert children and young people and organize the converts into prayer meetings.

While two new classes have been added to our work this year, and others are in prospect. We want to enlarge our borders much more this coming year, and trust that under God's blessing upon our evangelists, in answer to earnest prayer, which we call for from our people, this hope will be realized.

As the past year has been one of victory in securing missionary and educational funds, let us not slacken our pace, but vigorously push the Budget from the beginning of the year.

Lastly, we believe the great work of salvation committed to us, which must be kept constantly before our minds, will be best promoted as we press successfully the work of entire sanctification among our people. The chief reason for our existence in South Carolina is to spread scriptural holiness over the earth and to perpetuate that distinctive experience among the people of God. This must we do if we expect Heaven's continued blessing on our churches.

S. Irving Keeler.

Reports of Committees

REPORT OF PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Relations Committee begs leave to submit the following report of appointments:

Anderson Circuit—Anderson, Iva, Fellowship—L. H. Kelley. Carlisle Circuit—Carlisle, Graham's Chapel, Providence, Eden— J. C. Nunnally.

Central Station-E. L. Henderson.

Easley Circuit-Easley, Davis Chapel-J. R. George.

Gaffney Circuit-Gaffney, Landrum-R. G. Cudd.

Glenville Circuit—Glenville, Victory Hill—To be supplied by the W. H. & F. M. Society.

Greenville Circuit—Greenville, Williamston, Reedy River—Levi Rigdon.

Greer Circuit-Greer, Tucapau, Bethany-

Mt. Olive Circuit—Mt. Olive, Martin's Grove, Golden Grove— J. E. Merck.

Piedmont Circuit-Piedmont, Pelzer-W. L. Miller.

Walhalla Circuit—Walhalla, Welcome, Pickens' View, Smith's Chapel, Rock Hill, Mt. View—J. T. Carey, with W. L. Ramsey and J. H. Presley as assistant pastors.

Westminster Circuit—Westminster, Oakway—D. O. Powers supply.

Whitmire Circuit—Whitmire, Fountain Inn—D. O. Powers.

Conference Evangelists-J. M. Hames and J. R. Davis.

Missionary Evangelists—J. R. Garrett, C. E. Crenshaw, L. B. Smith, W. E. McIntyre.

Home Mission Worker-Dora Wiebins.

To choose their own field of labor—L. G. Clayton, G. D. Watson, W. F. Stamey, C. A. Dunwoody, C. C. Churchill.

President of Wesleyan Methodist College-H. C. Bedford.

President of Conference-S. Irving Keeler.

Professor of Theology-S. W. Wright.

S. Irving Keeler,

J. R. George, D. O. Powers,

W. D. Correll,

A. C. Sizemore,

R. G. Lecroy,

L. H. Kelley,

Committee.

REPORT OF THE STATIONING COMMITTEE.

The Stationing Committee also made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

- 1. That the President travel the Conference, having general oversight of the work, holding either the first or second quarterly conference on every charge, and as many other quarterly conferences as may be arranged for by the President and pastor; doing evangelistic or Bible teaching work as opportunity is afforded; that his salary be fixed at \$600.00; that collections apply on salary, with the privilege of dividing collections with a co-worker in evangelistic services.
- 2. That J. M. Hames be employed as a Conference Evangelist, to work in new fields, from the first of March until fall, with the privilege in slack times in the winter months of accepting calls from churches, or labor under Brother Teter in North Georgia or Alabama. That his salary be fixed at \$800.00 per year, his collections applying on the salary, of which he is to render an itemized account quarterly; with the privilege of dividing collections with a co-laborer. That he is to work diligently in the interest of the Wesleyan and the Southern School, and present the Budget.
- 3. That J. R. Davis be employed as a Conference Evangelist in new fields, with the privilege of accepting calls among churches in slack times; that he be paid \$800.00 per year for time of service rendered; that his collections are to apply on his salary, with the privilege to divide with a co-laborer; that he is to labor for the general interests of the work.
- 4. That Sister Dora Wiebins be appointed a Home Mission Worker; that she be paid \$50.00—\$25.00 now, and the balance the latter part of the year.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER November 24, 1917

Budget

Undivided Budget	\$1739.29	
Education	482.65	
Foreign Missions	799.48	
Home Missions	33.50	
Missions undivided	236.23	
Total Budget receipts		\$3291.15

Minutes

Cash on hand Nov. 17, 1916		\$44.30 53.82
Total for Minutes		\$98.12
Superannuated Ministers' Fun	d	
Cash on hand November 17, 1916	23.94	\$45.81
From Levi Rigdon to apply on Williamston Church debt	4.00	
Total during year	\$27.94—	27.94
Total for Superannuated Ministers' Fund		\$73.75
Assets.		
Due on Williamston Church Debt Due on Tent Note	\$327.56 43.32	
Total	\$370.88	
Total receipts during year Total cash debit		\$3372.91 \$3463.02
Total Budget receipts		\$3291.15
Disbursement of Budget.		
For Education to H. C. Bedford, by cash and receipts	\$503.82 746.60 10.00 293.21	
Total Budget disbursements		\$1553.63
Total cash balance		\$1737.52

Total for Minutes	\$98.12 44.30
Total cash balance	\$53.82
Total for Superannuated Ministers' Fund Total cash balance	\$73.75 \$73.75
Grand total cash balance	\$1865.09

S. W. Wright, Conference Treasurer.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, the Auditing Committee, report as follows:

We have examined the Treasurer's books and receipts and found

them correct.

J. P. Byars,

J. C. Nunnally,

Committee.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE EVANGELIST

Your Conference Evangelist wishes to report the following:

During the year we have given our entire time to the evangelistic work. We have helped weak points and other places as we were needed. One church was organized at Iva, S. C., as a result of a revival held there. They have a nice church building, out of debt, deeded to the South Carolina Conference.

God has been pleased to pour out His Spirit on our labors in revival power, in which some 600 have been saved or sanctified. Sixty-eight members have been added to the Wesleyan Church. In some places the membership has been doubled as a result of these evangelistic meetings. During the year we have visited a number of weak points and newly organized churches and strengthened the classes.

We have raised in cash and pledges for the Conference \$1,495.00;

for the Budget, \$490.50; for new churches, \$914.00; for salary, \$732.00. In the eastern part of the Conference there are new fields in which we hope to be able to organize new classes the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Hames, Conference Evangelist.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Why is it necessary for us to have Sunday Schools? Because in them we study God's Word. By such study we find out God's will concerning us. Then as we do His will it brings spiritual life, which is retained and developed by continued obedience. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

It is the rule of our Church to use our own literature. That rule should be enforced. If we wish our children to be Wesleyan Methodists they must know the doctrines of the Church. The Sunday School is the nursery of the Church. Our teachers should be Spirit-filled men and women. When they do not know Jesus, how can the child be brought to His feet? The pupil should be helped to a knowledge of Jesus as his own Saviour, then how easily he will step from Sunday School to church when he is old enough.

Workers' meetings and attending state and county conventions are two ways in which our Sunday Schools may be helped to do more efficient work. We should not be slow about using approved methods. Organization and methods are necessary to the best life of a cause.

May this next year's work among our Sunday Schools be one in which we take advantage of every opportunity for development along all lines of Sunday School work.

J. P. Byars, Committee.

MISSIONARY EVANGELIST'S REPORT

To the Members of the South Carolina Conference, Greetings! I beg leave to submit the following report of my year's work as Missionary Evangelist. I had no contract with the Conference, but

held and assisted in seven meetings, in which 135 professed salvation. Out of this number twelve united with the Wesleyan Methodist Church. I received \$175.50. I also organized a church of seven members in the mountains where Brother W. L. Miller held a meeting. Also by invitation I preached twice on the Budget and received in cash and pledges \$226.00.

J. R. Davis, Missionary Evangelist.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

A meeting of the Trustees of the South Carolina Conference was called on November 26, 1917, and the following business came before them:

Item 1. It was moved and carried that the Williamston church lots be sold for one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) each, and that the pastor, Rev. L. Rigdon, be authorized to help sell said lots and the money to be paid on the church debt.

Item 2. We also recommend that the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina Conference correspond with the Connectional Agent in regard to moving the Oneal church to Tucapau, S. C., for a Wesleyan church, by Rev. R. C. Kendrick, and that the lot be sold for not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and when said lots are sold the Trustees be instructed to make a proper deed.

J. R. Davis, Chairman,

D. O. Powers,

I. R. George, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MORAL REFORM

Your Committee on Moral Reform begs leave to submit the

following report:

We believe that the mission of the Wesleyan Church is to spread the Gospel of salvation from all known sin; therefore, every reform that has for its object the banishment of any sin from the community, state and nation is a legitimate matter for the Church to consider.

As a holiness people we stand opposed to the popular evils of the day, such as—

Liquor in all its forms—one of the greatest curses of the human race.

Tobacco and cigarettes—twin evils and very present ones. We deplore the encouragement the people are giving the tobacco interests by sending such large quantities to our soldier boys.

Cards, which always lead to gambling.

Theaters and movies, which are demoralizing to our youth, and old people as well, also paving the way to murder, divorce, robbery and hell itself.

The dance, in which men and women mix and perform to music, lewd and sensuous exercises that lead to the destruction of the purity of thousands of girls and boys annually and prepares the way for their everlasting damnation.

The modern fashions of low-neck dresses and short skirts, which are an abomination to God and the delight of the devil.

Believing these should all be denounced in strong and unmistakable terms, therefore be it

Resolved, That every minister and member of the church should be urged to do all in their power to correct these evils of the day by example, precept, circulation of literature and any other means in their power, and that they seek the co-operation of all Christians in the effort.

Be it further resolved, That we cannot see how any one can be a Christian and not use his ballot against the manufacture and sale of all alcoholic beverages in our country and to take an active interest in all law enforcement.

> Mrs. H. C. Bedford, C. B. Harvey, Committee.

COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT

		Resolu	General Conference	D
	Budget	Minutes	Travel	Pres. Salary
Central	\$250.00	\$6.50	\$25.00	\$15.00
Carlisle	250.00	6.00	15.00	15.00
Spartanburg	275.00	6.50	25.00	25.00
Piedmont	154.00	4.25	10:00	20.00
Walhalla	276.00	7.00	20.00	40.00
Greenville	141.00	4.25	10.00	20.00
Gaffney	59.00	3.00	5.00	10.00
Whitmire	75.00	2.75	10.00	20.00
Oakway	75.00	2.75	10.00	20.00
Greer	275.00	6.50	25.00	50.00
Easley	200.00	6.00	20.00	40.00
Anderson	114.00	4.00	10.00	20.00
Mt. Olive	315.00	6.00	25.00	40.00

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Resolutions

A Preamble and Resolutions to Better the Method of Conference Action in the Matter of Forming and Supplying the Various Stations and Circuits with Pastors.

Whereas, The Discipline, in paragraph 102, with its sub-sections, gives the Annual Conference jurisdiction of all the churches within its bounds, and may group them together into circuits, or many constitute a single church a station; therefore be it

Resolved by the South Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America, now in session, that the arrangement of the churches into circuits or making a church a station, made this session of Conference, shall not be changed by any future session of this Conference, except in the following manner:

1st. If any change is desired upon the part of the churches composing a circuit, in which they desire to be made a station or become a part of some other circuit, said church or churches must bring that matter up in the quarterly conference at its last quarter, or in a monthly meeting, where a church is a station, and let the proposed change be agreed upon by said meeting. Then let the quarterly conference that the church wishes to become a part of so as to add to the circuit, also have the matter brought before it, and when both quarterly conferences mutually agree to said change. that matter shall be reported to the President, by a petition to the Annual Conference asking for said change, and the President shall report the same to the Annual Conference at its next session. Said petition must come from both quarterly conferences that are involved in said change, showing that it is the action of a majority of said conferences, and that due notice had been given. Annual Conference may then refer it to the Committee on Pastoral Relations, or may create a Committee on Boundaries, and refer it to that committee.

2. No changes are to take effect till the Annual Conference authorizes said change, except as is provided for in No. 4 of this paper.

3. In selecting a pastor, the method prescribed in paragraph 78 is to be followed, and the majority vote of all the members on the

charge that vote determines the call, and the minority are bound by said vote, and are as much bound by it as if they had voted for the pastor selected by the majority.

4. If it should appear that any arrangements of the work by any session of the Annual Conference is not the best after due notice is given, then let the church or churches for a change be presented to the President and his Advisory Board, and request that the President call a meeting of all the churches interested, as a special quarterly, or in a regular quarterly meeting, and let the matter be considered by all the churches involved both as to the separation and being united with another quarterly meeting or circuit, and if both circuits affected in the matter mutually agree to said change, declaring the same by vote, then the President, with the advice of his Advisory Board, may authorize said change and report the same to the next session of the Annual Conference, and when the Conference adopts his report, then said change shall stand, and the circuit remain as thus changed, till legally changed as is provided for in No. 1 of this paper.

E. L. Henderson,

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

Resolved, That we, the members of the South Carolina Conference in session assembled, extend our thanks and appreciation to the members of the Piedmont Church and to the friends, all of whom have opened their homes and so royally entertained us. May God's richest blessings be upon you.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. Byars.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That we, the South Carolina Annual Conference now in session at Piedmont, S. C., do extend to H. C. Bedford, President, and faculty of the Wesleyan Methodist College, Central, S. C., our appreciation for the great work they are doing for us in this Southland, and pledge to them our undivided support in prayer, sympathy and money.

That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Professor Bedford and published in the Wesleyan Methodist.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Adopted in 1898

Resolved, 1st, That as a body in Conference assembled, we will not allow our pulpits or churches to be used by those who do not give evidence of being sound in the doctrines of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and true to our polity.

2nd, That as ministers and laymen we will use our best endeavors to prevent the promulgation of doctrines or usages not in accord with the Wesleyan Methodist faith.

Resolution Adopted in 1905

Resolved, 1st, That the law with regard to complaints or violations of orders and resolutions found on page 37 of our Discipline, and beginning with the words, "When the President," shall apply to all cases of the violaters of our Discipline, and no charges shall be entertained by the Judiciary Committee without said previous investigation and labor.

2nd, That no member of the 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.

Resolutions Adopted in 1907

Resolved, 1st, That we affirm our faith in the soundness of the position taken by the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America in denying any of its members membership in any secret society.

2nd, That we believe that the preaching of Holiness that does not include a clear and distinct opposition to all secret societies is seriously lacking in the essential elements and must be more or less displeasing to God.

3rd. That we believe that the right type of Holiness preaching and teaching is the most effective means by which to induce men to separate themselves from all large entanglements; therefore, we will do our best to double our diligence in this line of effort.

4th. That we affectionately admonish our people to avoid all compromise with secrecy. Hence we as a Conference require that our pastors and churches shall not elect, or suffer to be elected, super-

intendents or teachers of any Sunday Schools that are held in our churches if they hold membership in secret societies; furthermore, those belonging to secret orders shall not be allowed to hold services in our churches.

5th. That we seriously urge upon all our brethren and sisters that they may be careful to maintain a consistent, but radical, attitude of opposition to all organizations, secret or open, which are opposed to Jesus Christ and His doctrine and principles of right-eousness.

Resolutions of 1914.

Resolved, 1st, That all of our Licentiates not receiving any appointment to pastoral or evangelistic work be required to preach at least once a month, or twelve times during the Conference year.

2nd. That in addition to the above resolution we earnestly request all preachers not receiving a regular appointment by the Conference, except those attending school preparatory to the ministry, to hold, if possible, a two weeks' revival during the year.

3rd. That all preachers unemployed by the Conference during the coming year be urged to select a fellow-laborer with whom they can work harmoniously, and go out and try to build up new works as they may have opportunity, and revive desert places.

4th. That in order that the foregoing resolutions may have the greatest effect possible, and that each preacher may have a higher estimation of the dignity of his calling, and that the burden for souls may be increased, and that they may feel the sympathy of the Church to which they belong, we urge each charge to pass like resolutions.

5th. That it is not only the duty, but binding on each circuit preacher of our Conference, to receive whomsoever the Conference may designate as quarterly conference evangelist, and give him their hearty support and co-operation.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE STATISTICAL REPORT.

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	Time Employed	Appointments	No. of Church Societies	No. Wesleyans Taken	S. S. Banners Taken	Teacher's Quarterlies	Scholar's Quarterlies	Junior Quarterlies	Primary Class Papers	Little Folks Cards	Members Received
Central Station Carlisle Spartanburg Piedmont Walhalla' Greenville Gaffney Whitmire Greer Easley Anderson Mt. Olivet Martins Grove Fellowship Providence Glenville	12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 1	1 3 3 4 4 4 4 2 3 3 3 3 1 1 2 2 4 1	1 3 3 2 4 4 3 2 3 3 3 1 2 2 3 3 1 1 2 2 3 1 1 1 1 1	15 6 24 8 10 10 8 8 25 15 5 9 13 8 3 3	20 48 12 40 24 24	9 9 15 80 36 21 6 8 12 10 3 6 7 44	88 25 205 355 56 98 30 70 145 30 40 85	25 45 15 50 36 148 40 58 140 7 20	25 30 180 60 53 30 10 36 12 20 33 20 10	25 50 62 120 80 54 25 75 80 36 30 40 91 20 10	15 7 16 18 7 10 6 17 13 23 7 29 3 15
Totals	188	41	38	170	211	271	1267	594	549	798	186

STATISTICAL REPORT-Continued.

	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	No. Reported Last Year	No. at Beginning of Year	Present Number	Gain	Loss	Associate Members	Baptized	Unstationed Elders	Licentiates	Membership Tithing	No. of Sabbath Schools
Central Station Carlisle Spartanburg Piedmont Walhalla Greenville Gaffney Whitmire Greer Easley Anderson Mt. Olivet Martins Grove Fellowship Providence Genville	5	11 18866 111 5 288 4 5 3	22 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	6	250 212 85 122 111 67 96 130 102 31	175 155 85 122 85 67	175 147 88 122 80 62 80 137 106 29	3	8 5 5 16 2	9 2 17 1	2 3 5 4 2 4 7 7 6 1 1 14	1	2 2 2 1 1 3 3 5 4 4 2 2 1 1	10 2 10 5 8 8 2 15 4 10 9	1 3 3 2 4 3 2 1 2 3 1 2 2 3 1 1
Totals	6	81	11	61	1576	1418	1438	59	39	34	56	1	27	86	34

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

	Officers not Teach. or Schol.	No. Teachers	No. Scholars in Home Dept.	No. Scholars in Cradle Roll	No. Schol. in Main School	Total No. in Sab. Schools	Average Attendance	No. of Scholars Converted	No. Schol. Joining Church	No. of Departmental Supts.	Teach, in Training Course	Schol. in Adult Bible Class	No. of Books in Library	No. of Church Buildings	Value of
Central Station Carlisle Spartanburg Piedmont Walhalla Greenville Gaffney Whitmire Greer Easley Anderson Mt. Olivet Martins Grove Fellowship Providence Glenville	7 4 6 4 2 6 4 4 4 8 8 6 2 4 4 4 6 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	9 10 16 12 16 14 4 10 12 16 3 7 7 9 10 2 3		12 27 32 30 7	115 200 225 175 162 249 110 133 200 34 104 80 108 45	143 214 247 191 180 272 124 187 252 40 115 100 124 47	115 110 200 161 150 150 113 167 35 100 75 75 30	4 6 18 7 2	4 4 4 6 6 6 4 1 1 4 6 2 1 10 2	1 2 3 2 1		22 25 30 28 55 10 36 2		1 3 3 1 3 3 2 1 2 3 1 2 2 3 1 1 2 2 3 1 1	\$1250 2500 4000 1000 3500 3500 1200 1500 200 1500 900 2662 900 500
Total	68	153		108	1940	2236	1591	94	49	13		208		32	\$32612

STATISTICAL REPORT-Continued

	Amt. of Indebtedness	No. of Parsonages	Value of	Amt. of Indebtedness	Cash or Other Val. on Hand	Pastor's Salary	Parsonage Rent
Central Station Carlisle Spartanburg Piedmont Walhalla		1 1 1	\$1500.00 1000.00 800.00	\$649.00	\$6.00	\$520.00 291.00 519.15 457.03	\$60.00 60.00
Greenville	\$600.00 200.00				25.39	301.80 328.79 191.95 400.50 403.50	138.00
Easley Anderson Mt. Olivet Martins Grove Fellowship Providence Glenville	26.50				29.00	441.79 78.35 194.20 175.00 175.64 54.35	100.00
Totals	\$826.50	3	\$3300.00	\$649.00	\$60.39	\$4532.95	\$418.00

STATISTICAL REPORT-Continued

	Fees, Marriage and Funerals	Gifts	Total Pastor's Receipts	Conf. President's Salary	Evangelistic Help	Sabbath School Expense	Building and Repairs
Central Station Carlisle Spartanburg Piedmont Walhalla Greenville Gaffney Whitmire Greer Easley Anderson Mt. Olivet Martins Grove Fellowship Providence Glenville	\$4.00 1.00 7.00 2.95 1.00 1.00 4.00 6.50 6.00	\$15.00 .75 90.05 34.97 5.00 66.50 22.15 24.00 92.95 163.49	544.29 215.10 28.56 502.95 711.28 78.35 194.20 185.00	11.15 6.33 12.75 35.25 37.55 13.25	25.90	\$75.00 25.00 67.07 142.20 40.00 83.97 21.10 20.00 68.00 17.56 30.00 36.33 7.72 8.00	311.05 101.98 30.00 186.50 30.00 100.00
Totals	\$36.45	\$553.76	\$5141.36	\$268.66	\$1096.25	\$744.17	\$1587.53

STATISTICAL REPORT-Continued

Carlisle 45.00 239.96 142.25 71.89 21.45 3.7 Spartanburg 95.00 340.09 128.60 81.70 42.52 6.0 Piedmont 72.10 317.13 35.25 65.90 47.00 3.5 Walhalla 171.74 91.25 87.61 42.31 5.2 Gaffney 44.90 218.21 31.94 5.00 13.50 2.7 Greer 69.70 368.40 239.75 249.96 48.70 5.0 Easley 37.92 416.54 287.50 46.80 51.25 4.7 Anderson 20.00 168.60 21.50 20.00 21.75 1.0 Mt. Olivet 124.56 299.00 20.00 3.2 Martins Grove 25.00 146.19 175.60 43.64 6.00 3.0 Fellowship 121.80 351.16 38.75 25.22.65 2.265 2.0		Incidental Expenses	Total for Church	Undivided Budget	Missions	Education	Minutes
	Carlisle Spartanburg Piedmont Walhalla Greerville Gaffney Whitmire Greer Easley Anderson Mt. Olivet Martins Grove Fellowship Providence	45.00 95.00 72.10 75.25 44.90 40.00 69.70 37.92 20.00 25.00 121.80 3.25	239.96 340.09 317.13 171.74 566.52 218.21 252.75 368.40 416.54 168.60 124.56 146.19 351.16 26.32	142.25 128.60 35.25 91.25 99.39 31.94 84.00 239.75 287.50 21.50 21.50	71.89 81.70 65.90 87.61 35.13 5.00 49.90 249.96 46.80 20.00 43.64 62.52	21.45 42.52 47.00 42.31 7.67 13.50 24.75 48.70 51.25 21.75 2.00 6.00 22.65 5.00	\$5.00 3.75 6.00 3.50 5.23 3.20 2.75 4.05 5.00 4.76 1.03 3.25 3.00 2.06 1.25

STATISTICAL REPORT-Continued

	Superannuated Min. Fund	Other Benevolent Objects	Total for Benevolence	Total Pastor's Receipts	Totals for Churches	Totals for Benevolences
Central Station Carlisle Spartanburg Piedmont Walhalla Greenville Gaffney Whitmire Greer Easley Anderson Mt. Olivet Martins Grove Fellowship Providence Glenville	Sie	22.00 200.00 150.00	164.45 366.40 238.82 117.44 202.70 630.31 477.83 86.28 504.25 388.24 155.92	215.10 428.50 502.45 711.28 78.35 194.20 185.00 195.44	168.60 124.56 146.19 351.16	86.28 504.25 388.24 155.92 23.85

Note.—The fifth column of figures on the next page should be headed, "Conference Minutes," instead of simply "Conference."

STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued

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	Total for All Purposes	Undivided Budget	Missions	Education	Conference	Total		
Central Station Carlisle Spartanburg Piedmont Walhalla Greenville Gaffney Whitmire Greer Easley Anderson Mt. Olivet Martins Grove Fellowship Providence Glenville	\$1621.31 892.05 1240.86 1036.53 745.94 1339.63 550.75 883.95 1401.16 1605.65 333.28 823.01 719.43 702.52 105.72 67.00	128.60 35.25 91.25 99.39 31.94 84.00 239.75 287.50 21.50 299.00 175.60 38.75	71.89 87.70 65.90 87.61 35.13 5.00 49.90 249.96 46.80 20.00	48.70 51.75 21.75 2.00 6.00 22.65	\$3.00 3.75 6.06 3.50 5.23 3.20 2.75 4.05 5.00 4.75 5.103 3.25 3.25 3.20 2.00	239.34 258.88 151.65 226.40 148.39 53.19 162.70 543.41		
Total	\$14271.74	\$1925.79	\$1476.08	\$473.25	\$51.82	\$3347.19		

MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SO-CIETY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

OFFICERS

President-Miss Ina GainesGreer,	S.	C.
Vice-President-Mrs. L. G. Clayton Central,	S.	C.
Secretary-Mrs. S. I. Keeler	S.	C.
Assistant Secretary-Mrs. W. D. Correll Spartanburg,	S.	C.
Treasurer-Mrs. Claude BoggsCalhoun,	S.	C.
Organizer-Miss Ina GainesGreer,	S.	C.
Supt. Y. M. W. B Miss Estelle Gaines Greer,	S.	C.

MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. L. Rigdon,
Mrs. I. Keeler,
Mrs. C. Lawrence,
Mrs. L. G. Clayton,
Mrs. Beulah Brannon,
Miss Faith Clayton,
Mrs. W. D. Correll,
Mrs. H. A. Harvey,

Miss Estelle Gaines, Mrs. Hattie Davis, Mrs. H. H. Chapman, Miss Ina Gaines, Mrs. H. C. Bedford, Mrs. S. I. Keeler, Mrs. Lucia Shirley, Miss Dora Wiebens.

Delegates

Mrs. J. R. George, Mrs. Beulah Brannon, Mrs. H. H. Chapman, Mrs. S. I. Keeler,

Mrs. Hattie Davis. Mrs. Lillie Finley, Mrs. W. D. Correll, Mrs. Charles Lawrence

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

The eleventh Annual Conference meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society met in the Presbyterian Church at Piedmont, S. C., November 22, 1917.

The opening devotions were conducted by Mrs. H. A. Harvey, after which the meeting was called to order by the President.

Authority was given the President to appoint the various committees.

Committee on Credentials was appointed, to consist of Miss-Faith Clayton and Mrs. H. H. Chapman.

Mrs. W. D. Correll was appointed to solicit names for the Membership Roll.

The Committee on Credentials reported eight names, which were ordered placed on the roll.

Motion was made and adopted that Y. M. W. B. members in attendance be permitted to vote.

Motion prevailed that Mrs. S. I. Keeler and Mrs. W. D. Correll be seated as delegates without credentials.

The following committees were appointed:

Courtesies-Mrs. W. D. Correll.

Auditing Accounts-Mrs. Charles Lawrence and Miss Faith Clayton.

Statistics-Mrs. Charles Lawrence and Miss Faith Clayton.

Program-Mrs. H. C. Bedford and Mrs. Claude Boggs.

Resolutions-Mrs. H. C. Bedford.

Rev. Anna K. Folger, of the Illinois Conference, was introduced, who gave warm words of greeting to the Conference.

Sister Harvey, returned missionary from India, was introduced and encouraged the body with assurances of endorsement and prayer.

Sister Doty, of Illinois, was introduced, giving the Conference her sympathy and fellowship.

These sisters were given the rights of the floor, both to speak and vote.

The Secretary called the names of the following Societies, their delegates rendering respective reports, which were adopted: Easley, Central, Greenville, Greer, Issaqueena, Calhoun, Piedmont, Reedy River, Spartanburg, and Landrum.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at 1:30 o'clock. Benediction by Sister Harvey.

Afternoon Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the President. The opening devotions were conducted by Sister Folger, after which the roll was called and the minutes of the morning meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The report of the President and Organizer was read and adopted. Election of Conference officers was entered into, the chair appointing as tellers Miss Faith Clayton and Mrs. J. R. George.

The following were elected officers: President, Miss Ina Gaines; Vice-President, Mrs. L. G. Clayton; Secretary, Mrs. S. I. Keeler; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. W. D. Correll; Treasurer, Mrs. C. W. Boggs; Organizer, Miss Ina Gaines; Conference Superintendent of the Y. M. W. B., Miss Estelle Gaines.

The following pledges were made toward the support of our mountain missionary for the coming year: Central, \$12.00; Issaqueena, \$5.00; Calhoun, \$5.00; Greer, \$20.00; Easley, \$15.00; Spartanburg, \$15.00; Greenville, \$15.00.

Motion was carried to appoint a committee to perfect a plan to raise the necessary amount to support a mountain missionary, the committee to consist of the President, together with Sisters Folger and Keeler.

Miss Faith Clayton was appointed Reporter for the Conference Society.

Conference adjourned by motion, to meet Friday at 1 P. M. Benediction by Sister Doty.

Friday-Afternoon Meeting

Conference convened at 1 o'clock, Mrs. Doty conducting the devotional exercises.

The roll was called and the mintues of Thursday afternoon meeting read and approved.

Report of the Conference Superintendent of the Y. M. W. B. was read by Miss Faith Clayton. Report was adopted.

Committee on Resolutions reported. Report adopted. (See report.)

The Auditing Committee, the Statistical Committee and the Treasurer gave in partial reports. The reports were adopted with the understanding that as early as possible after dismissal these com-

mittees give final report to the Executive Board. (See Statistical and Treasurer's Report.)

Motion prevailed that our Conference meet one day earlier next

year than the ministerial conference.

Sister Harvey gave an inspiring address to the body.

A rising vote of thanks was given the visiting sisters for their helpful presence.

By motion Conference adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

Mrs. S. I. Keeler, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

Resolved, That we, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference, extend to the people of Piedmont our hearty thanks for the warm welcome given us to their homes, and for the royal entertainment received from their hands.

Be it further resolved, That this Conference tender their thanks and appreciation to the members of the Presbyterian Church for the use of their building.

May the Lord bless each one who has in any way contributed to our comfort during our stay.

Mrs. H. C. Bedford, Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 1917

Carried over from 1916	\$90.48 128.22
Total Disbursed	\$218.70 90.00
Balance on hand	\$128.70 ggs, Treasurer.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE W. H. & F. M. SOCIETY STATISTICAL REPORT

	Members	Active	Honorary	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Medical	Local Church Work	Total Receipts
Central Piedment Issaqueena Reedy River Calkoun Easley Greenville Landrum Spartanburg Greer	18 24 19 28 6 21 23 6 16	24 19 6 14 9	7 6	\$6.00 13.52 7.00 6.00 3.00 14.20 10.46 5.00 26.30	\$9.10 3.00 5.10 10.46		\$12.95 15.00	5.00 7.10