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OF THE
Georgia Conference
OF THE
Wesleyan Methodist Connection,
or Church, of America
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REV. H. S. DIXON, President.
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COMMITTEES.

On Credentials:—J. D. Patterson.

Public Worship:—J. E. Cowart and H. S. Dixon.

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Examining Reports of Pastors:—H. S. Dixon, H. L. Parish,
Sister Cora Christian.

Pastoral Relations:—Ministerial:—J. D. Patterson, W. M.
Lee and H. L. Parish. Lay:—J. G. Willis, W. R. Coleman and
T. M. Cowart.

Secret Societies:—J. D. Patterson, Associate, W. J. Seekins.

Sunday-Schools:—W. H. Massey and Sister Josie Dixon.

Moral Reform:—J. E. Cowart and W. N. Taylor

Education:—Rev. Belle McClure and Sister Cora Christian.

Resolution of Thanks:—R. W. Gray and L. M. Gunby.

Collecting Funds for Minutes:—W. M. Lee and R. W. Gray.

Judiciary Committee:—H. S. Dixon, J. D. Patterson, W. M.
Lee and W. H. Massey.

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Advisory Board:—J. Lawrence and J. D. Patterson.

Missionary Board:—H. S. Dixon, N. E. Patterson, W. H. Massey and J. Lawrence.

Church Extension Committee:—J. D. Patterson, J. Lawrence, N. E. Patterson, H. S. Dixon and W. R. Coleman.

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders:—W. H. Massey, three years; H. L. Parish, two years; W. M. Lee, one year.

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

First Day. Morning Meeting.

The fourteenth annual session of the Georgia conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America convened in the new Wesleyan Methodist church at Dearing, Ga., in the forenoon of the 1st day of December, 1909. Rev. E. Teter, President of the conference in the chair and J. M. Willis acting Secretary Pro tem., J. Lawrence, regular Secretary, having not yet arrived.

The conference was opened with religious services by Rev. F. I. Thornton.

The roll of elders was called and the following answered to their names:—E. Teter, H. S. Dixon, J. D. Patterson, W. A. Coleman, F. I. Thornton, W. M. Lee, H. L. Parish and the following Licentiates:—J. E. Cowart, D. H. Willis, W. N. Taylor and R. W. Gray.

J. D. Patterson was elected a Committee on Credentials and soon made a partial report handing in the names of the following lay delegates:—G. W. Patterson, Sister Cora Christian, R. N. Clark, W. R. Coleman and T. M. Cowart.

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The two front and side seats, including the seats on the rostrum, was fixed as the conference bar.

J. E. Cowart and H. S. Dixon were elected a Committee on Public Worship.

W. M. Lee and J. D. Patterson were elected a Committee on Statistics.

H. S. Dixon, H. L. Parish and Sister Cora Christian were elected a Committee on Examining Reports of Pastors.

Rev. L. E. Swaney, Agent for the Wesleyan Methodist College at Central, S. C., and Rev. W. J. Seekins, Connectional Agent, were introduced to the conference. Their remarks which followed made a very favorable impression on the conference.

Friday afternoon was fixed as the time of hearing our Agent on the general interests of the Church.

The hours of holding conference were fixed as follows:—8:00 A. M. to 10:30 A. M. and 2:00 P. M. to adjourn on motion.

Friday night was fixed for the missionary address by Rev. E. Teter.

The election of officers was made the order of the day for Thursday afternoon.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

First Day. Evening Meeting.

The meeting was opened with religious services by J. D. Patterson.

The roll was called and minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials made a partial report and handed in the following new names:—L. M. Gunby, J. G. Lewis.

Rev. Jennie Ayers, of Berlin, Mich., General Organizer of the General Conference Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, was introduced and made a short address. The conference seemed very pleased at having her with them.

The following committees were elected:

On Pastoral Relations:—Ministerial:—J. D. Patterson, W. M. Lee and H. L. Parish; Lay:—J. G. Lewis, W. R. Coleman and T. M. Cowart.

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Secret Societies:—J. D. Patterson ,associate, W. J. Seekins.

Sunday-Schools:—W. H. Massey and Sister Josie Dixon.

Moral Reform:—J. E. Cowart and W. N. Taylor.

Education:—Rev. Belle McClure and Sister Cora Christian.

Resolution of Thanks:—R. W. Gray and L. M. Gunby.

Collecting Funds for Printing Minutes:—W. M. Lee and R. W. Gray.

Judiciary Committee:—The same committee as last year was re-elected, consisting of H. S. Dixon, J. D. Patterson, W. M. Lee and W. H. Massey.

Camp-Meeting:—J. Lawrence, J. A. Murrell, W. H. Massey, J. M. Harris and W. J. Davis.

Brother Seekins gave a valuable talk on the best means of distributing minutes.

On motion meeting adjourned for committee work.

Second Day. Morning Meeting.

Opened with worship by Rev. L. E. Swaney.

Roll called and W. H. Massey and Belle McClure, newly arrived elders, answered. Minutes of last meeting read, corrected and approved.

The Committee on Credentials made a partial report, handing in the names of the following lay delegates:—R. W. Browning, J. Lawrence, E. E. Lytle and J. T. Payne.

On motion the hour of services Friday at 11 o'clock was set apart for Sister Jennie Ayers, Organizer of the General Conference Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, to make an address.

Rev. W. L. Thompson, President of the Wesleyan Methodist College at Central, S. C., was introduced to the conference, and on motion 11 o'clock Saturday was given to him and Brother Swaney to make an educational address.

On motion Revs. W. J. Seekins, W. L. Thompson, L. E. Swaney and Jennie Ayers were elected honorary members of the conference. It was included in this motion that other qualified visiting brethren be extended this same honor without motion.

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The name of H. S. Dixon, Vice-President and Conference Evangelist, was called. He read his report and on motion it was considered item by item. It was adopted with exception of that portion referring to the reception as elder of Rev. H. H. Sumlin, action on which was deferred awaiting his arrival, which is expected later, and on motion that part of the report in reference to reception of Rev. T. W. Clark was referred to Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

The name of J. D. Patterson was called. He read his statistical report, which was adopted, and his character passed.

The meeting adjourned by limitation.

Second Day. Evening Meeting.

The meeting was opened with religious services by Rev. E. M. Skipper, his name having been added to the roll of elders.

The roll was called and minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Election of officers being the order of the day Rev. W. M. Lee and J. M. Willis were appointed by the Chair as tellers.

H. S. Dixon was elected President and W. H. Massey Vice-President.

On motion the President was authorized to cast the ballot in favor of J. Lawrence as Secretary.

N. E. Patterson was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

J. D. Patterson and J. Lawrence were elected an Advisory Board.

On motion the conference officers, consisting of H. S. Dixon, W. H. Massey, J. Lawrence and N. E. Patterson, were elected as Missionary Board.

The newly elected officers expressed their gratitude for the confidence reposed in them.

The Educational, Foreign and Home Missionary, Church Extension and Tithing Secretaries made a report of their work during the past year.

H. L. Parish was re-elected Tithing Secretary. A motion to let the offices of Secretary of Education, Foreign and Home

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Missionary and Church Extension drop was voted down, and J. Lawrence was elected Educational Secretary. J. M. Willis, Foreign Missionary Secretary, W. H. Massey, Home Missionary Secretary and J. D. Patterson, Church Extension Secretary.

On motion a committee to devise a plan for church extension was carried and J. D. Patterson, J. Lawrence, N. E. Patterson, H. S. Dixon and W. R. Coleman were elected as such a committee.

The names of W. B. Thomas, C. M. Clark, J. B. Watts and C. H. Cox were called. They were not present but brethren testified to the efforts they were putting forth and their characters were passed.

W. A. Coleman read his report of the Cross Roads charge.

F. I. Thornton of the Laurens work read his report. His character was passed.

His report brought forth talks on pastors putting in full time and on the other hand his charge paying the full amount obligated for same. Brother Seekins made some apt remarks on this subject. He was followed by several other brethren.

Meeting adjourned on motion.

Third Day. Morning Meeting:

The meeting was opened with religious worship by W. N. Taylor.

The roll was called. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials made a partial report handing in the name of Sister Josie Dixon.

Those interested in the Annual Conference Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society were requested to report to Sister Cora Christian.

Brother Sumlin not having arrived and no probability of his coming on account of sickness the item of the Vice-President's report referring to his acceptance was voted on and by a standing vote was unanimously adopted. Said vote restoring him as an elder among us and his name placed on the roll as such.

The name of W. L. Dixon was called and a communication read from him. His character was passed.

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W. M. Lee made a report of the time he was engaged in the work. His character was passed.

H. L. Parish read his statistical report. His character was passed.

J. A. Gardner's character was passed in his absence. There was no communication from him.

Rev. J. H. Smith's report was read, he not being present. His character was passed.

Mrs. M. V. Wicks-Eggo's character was passed. Not present.

Rev. Belle McClure of the Ashburn charge read her report. Her character was passed.

D. H. Willis read his statistical report. His character was passed.

A. J. Parish, not present, his report was read and his character was passed.

Meeting adjourned by limitation.

Third Day. Evening Meeting.

The meeting was opened with religious services by Rev. Belle McClure.

The roll was called, Rev. J. P. Smith, a new arrival, answering to his name. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Immediately after the morning meeting Sister Jennie Ayers presented the claims of the General Conference Home and Foreign Missionary Society, when there was taken about \$600 in cash and subscriptions.

W. N. Taylor made a statement of his past year's work. His character was passed.

The order of the day being the hearing of the Connectional Agent's report, was called for and Rev. W. J. Seekins gave a very encouraging and much appreciated report of his work. Appreciated because the conditions of the different corporations was so clearly and plainly put before the conference that they were easily understood. He closed his address while the tears were coming down the cheeks of many members of the conference.

The election of Conference Evangelist was here entered into and H. S. Dixon was elected as such to hold quarterly conferences.

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The apportionment of the Conference Evangelist's salary was referred to the Committee on Pastoral Relations.

The meeting on motion adjourned.

Fourth Day. Morning Meeting.

Meeting opened with religious services by Rev. J. E. Cowart.

The roll was called. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The church at Bell, Fla., was presented to the conference and received. Referred to Committee on Pastoral Relations to be located on a charge and supplied with a pastor.

A communication was read from Rev. M. L. Pardo who lives in Waco, Texas, having returned from Cuba. His character was passed.

J. E. Cowart read report of his (Wren's) charge. His character was passed with a shout.

W. H. Massey, Missionary Evangelist, read a report of the work he did during the year. It was real encouraging. His character was passed.

A communication was read from Rev. W. B. Thomas which was much enjoyed by the conference.

Rev. Belle McClure read the report of the Committee on Education. It was spoken to by several and adopted.

Rev. W. M. Lee read the Statistical report. Adopted after some remarks.

Rev. J. D. Patterson read the report on Secret Societies. It was adopted.

J. P. Smith read his statistical report. His character was passed.

W. H. Massey was re-elected to fill the vacancy on the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made by the expiration of his own time. The committee now stands:—W. H. Massey, three years; H. L. Parish, two years; W. M. Lee, one year.

Rev. W. M. Lee, chairman of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders read their report, which was adopted.

The report on Moral Reforms was read by Rev. W. N. Taylor. It was adopted.

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Fourth Day. Evening Meeting.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

The meeting was opened with religious services by N. E. Patterson.

Calling of roll was omitted. Minutes of last meeting read and approved

Immediately after the previous meeting Rev. W. L. Thompson, Principal and L. E. Swaney, Agent of the Wesleyan Methodist College at Central, S. C., made two stirring Christian educational addresses after which a collection amounting to \$835 in cash and subscriptions paying annually for five years, was taken.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the conference funds now on hand towards the overdraft on conference funds.

N. E. Patterson, Treasurer, read his report, action on it was deferred.

R. W. Gray read the report of the Committee on Thanks. It was adopted and ordered read at the eleven o'clock service tomorrow.

Sister Josie Dixon read the report of the Committee on Sunday-Schools. It was spoken to and adopted.

Pending a consultation of the Committee on Church Extension a question service was engaged in.

J. Lawrence read the report of the Committee on Church Extension which was adopted.

H. L. Parish read the Tithing report which was adopted.

H. L. Parish read the report on Pastoral Relations, which was adopted.

The Treasurer's report was explained and on motion adopted.

Remarks were made about preachers and delegates leaving before the conference closed. Such practice was condemned.

Brother Thompson explained the birthday plan for assisting the Central School and the conference requested Superintendents of Sunday-schools to take such offerings.

Rev. Belle McClure asked for a letter of standing. Same was granted.

A resolution was passed disapproving of the action of the

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Michigan annual conference in reference to the proposed union of the Free and Wesleyan Methodist Churches as premature and hasty.

Ashburn was selected as place of holding next annual conference.

On motion the Missionary Board was instructed to apportion the \$200, for missionary work within the conference, to the several charges.

Meeting adjourned subject to call of Chair. No call being made the conference stood adjourned.

REPORTS.

Vice-President's Report.

Rev. W. N. Taylor resigned Ty-Ty charge Jan. 18, 1900.

On Feb. 3, W. A. Coleman was relieved of the Nankin church and Ty-Ty and Little River was assigned him.

On Feb. 8 Rev. E. M. Parish was assigned to Funston and Kingwood churches.

On Feb. 8 Rev. T. M. Coon was assigned to Nankin church.

On April 9 Revs. H. H. Sumlin and E. M. Skipper were received as elders.

On March 5 T. M. Coon and R. W. Gray mutually agreed to exchange works with the consent of the Vice-President and Advisory Board, R. W. Gray taking charge of the Pinetta charge and T. M. Coon going into the evangelistic work with tent.

On Aug. 31 I received credentials from Rev. T. W. Clark coming to us from the Missionary Baptist Church and gave him certificate.

Rev. T. M. Coon and J. M. Willis organized a church at Cherry Sink, Fla.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. Dixon, Vice-President.

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Education.

Of all God's creatures, man comes into this world the most helpless and ignorant. While other creatures have instinct to guide them in the direction of necessary good, the human seems to be even devoid of that, and instead, when left to follow his own devices, takes a course which rapidly leads to physical, moral and eternal ruin.

The highest form of creation upon this earth begins at the lowest round of the ladder, and all our progress, usefulness and destiny depend upon the kind and amount of information placed within reach of the individual, and the extent to which he uses such information.

The aim of true education must be the development of the whole man, moral, intellectual and physical. This complete education can never be supplied by secular schools which almost of necessity subordinate the moral development to that of the intellectual. Our people are everywhere demanding a better qualified ministry and are reluctant to grant indulgence to those who learn in the school of experience, what could have been gathered in a much shorter time in a properly organized school of the church. If we demand qualified men we must supply the schools through which this qualification must come.

We recognize the church schools at Houghton, N. Y., Central, S. C., Miltonvale, Kan., and Fairmount, Ind., as worthy of our support by prayer and means.

(Miss) Cora Christian, (Mrs.) Belle McClure, Committee.

Secret Societies.

The word "Society" means a number of persons associated together for a common interest. The word "Secret" means, that what those who belong to such a society, purpose to do, is kept from the balance of the world. To enforce this "Secrecy" some societies have a death penalty for revelation, and all have "Ostracism."

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Nearly all, if not all, secret societies, have a religious feature in them, but not one of them is the religion of Jesus Christ, for they do not teach repentance towards God or faith in the Lord Jesus as essential to salvation. They do not teach their members to seek to be either justified or sanctified through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. In fact Jesus Christ as Savior is excluded.

Now our objections to all such societies are two-fold. First We hold that all that the Lord wishes to accomplish in the world, for society and for the individual can be accomplished in the home, the state and in church relations, and hence any other form of society or organization is not only unnecessary but become rivals to the God-ordained institutions of Home, State and Church.

Second. If the religion of Jesus Christ is the only true religion, then all other religions are false, hence idolatrous and since the lodge systems do not make Jesus Christ the only foundation for salvation, the religious element in them is false and will end in the destruction of the soul, instead of salvation. Because of these two things, we are opposed to all forms of organized secrecy in society.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. Patterson, W. J. Seekins.

Itinerancy and Orders.

Your Committee on Itinerancy and Orders recommend M. M. Strickland, H. R. Gunby and J. M. Willis as suitable persons to travel under the direction of the conference and to take up the course of study.

We recommend that Rev. T. W. Clark be admitted to Elder's Orders.

W. M. Lee, H. L. Parish, W. H. Massey, Committee.

Moral Reform.

We, your Committee on Moral Reform, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas it has pleased God that the world should be saved

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through the foolishness of preaching and the world cannot see God only through man, it behooves us to use every means in our power for the advancement of His kingdom, Therefore we recommend:

That we discourage the use of all unnecessary expenditure of God's money, such as using of tobacco, snuff, cold drinks—as Coco-Cola and such like, and that we allow no liquors of any kind to be used in our families, not even for medicinal purposes, for we believe there are other stimulates that can be used to better advantage and to the glory of God.

Also we recommend that our people as Wesleyans abstain from all ordinary work on Sabbath and give our time and talents on that day to God and not to the body.

And we believe we ought to forbid our children marrying ungodly men and women, from a Bible standpoint and a command of God not to be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. While we cannot train them into salvation we can train them to honor and respect their father's and mother's God.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Cowart, Wm. N. Taylor.

Resolution of Thanks.

We, your Committee on Resolution of Thanks, beg leave to submit the following:

We, the Georgia conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, are under many obligations to the people at Dearing, Ga., for their genial hospitality extended to us in their homes and for the freedom we enjoyed while in them, for which we do thank them and pray God's blessings upon them. But, above all we thank God for the spirit of unity that prevailed through the session.

R. W. Gray, L. M. Gunby, Committee.

Sunday-Schools.

We, your Committee on Sunday-schools submit the following:

We as Wesleyan Methodists ought to bend our efforts and raise our voices in behalf of our Sunday-schools for many of us

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can think back to the Bible training we received in early childhood from our sincere Sunday-school teachers and the effect it had upon us. In many cases the passages of scripture implanted in the hearts of children will be used by the Holy Ghost to bring conviction to them, whereas if there was no scripture stored away possibly it would be harder to bring them to Christ. If a Sunday-school is conducted as it ought to be it is a great moral benefit for thus conducted it is obeying the commandments of our Heavenly Father who says to train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.

(Mrs.) Josie Dixon, W. H. Massey, Committee.

Church Extension.

Resolved: That a fund be created called the Church Extension Fund to aid in building and repairing churches and parsonages.

Said fund to be created by getting through the pastors, 300 individuals to pledge annually 50 cents each towards every new church or parsonage built and 25 cents towards those repaired within the bounds of the Georgia conference. If more than 300 individuals subscribe, the sums fixed to be proportionately decreased and correspondingly increased if only a less number is secured.

The Committee on Church Extension to approve of all applications for help from this fund. They shall also apportion to each charge the number of subscribers to this fund expected therefrom. After pastors make a canvass of their charge for this purpose they are to report to J. D. Patterson, Hortense, Ga., the names and addresses of the individual subscribers.

Application for aid is also to be made to J. D. Patterson, who will immediately put the claim before the committee and if passed upon favorably will notify the pastors to collect the amount from those who have obligated to subscribe to this fund, and remit to N. E. Patterson, Treasurer, Sparks, Ga. When the amounts are all in the Treasurer shall remit to applicants the amounts granted them by the committee.

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We recommend that pastors put their best effort into establishing this Church Extension plan.

J. D. Patterson, J. Lawrence, H. S. Dixon, N. E. Patterson, W. R. Coleman, Committee.

P. S:—We apportion the 300 subscribers to the several charges as follows: Ashburn, 45; Hortense, 40; Appling, 35; Laurens, 35; Telfair, 15; Cross Roads, 35; Pinetta, 35; Bell, 15; Harmony, 15; Ty Ty, 10; Fenholloway, 10.

Tithing Secretary's Report.

Your Tithing Secretary reports the following:

The number given in to us is only seventy-one that tithe their income. We ask all the pastors to look after this and try and increase the number and report to your Secretary before next conference.

H. L. Parish, Secretary.

Pastoral Relations.

We, your Committee on Pastoral Relations beg leave to submit the following report:

Appling charge:—Mt. Pleasant, Bethlehem, Friendship and New Salem: W. M. Lee, Pastor.

Ashburn charge:—Ashburn, Tifton, Mt. Pleasant and Liberty. H. H. Sumlin, Pastor.

Bell charge:—Bell, Cherrysink, Salem and Bethpage. M. M. Strickland, Pastor.

Cross Roads charge:—Cross Roads, Sylvester and Greggs. D. H. Willis, Pastor.

Fenholloway charge:—Fenholloway, Pleasant Grove and Talahassee. T. M. Coon, Pastor.

Harmony charge:—Harmony, Wesley Chapel and Dearing. W. A. Coleman, Pastor.

Hortense charge:—Philadelphia, Waycross, Brunswick and Oak Grove. J. D. Patterson, Pastor.

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Laurens charge:—Little Rock, Antioch and Walkee. F. I. Thornton, Pastor.

Pinetta charge:—Pinetta, Pine Island, New Zion and Nankin. R. W. Gray, Pastor.

Telfair charge:—Liberty, Union Grove and Pine Level. H. L. Parish, Pastor.

Ty Ty charge:—Ty Ty, Little River, Funston, Kingwood and Bethlehem. E. M. Skipper, Pastor.

We recommend that our Conference Evangelist be paid \$600, \$400 of which sum be apportioned to the different charges, viz: Appling charge, \$50; Ashburn charge, \$60; Bell charge, \$20; Cross Roads charge, \$40; Fenholloway charge, \$15; Harmony charge, \$40; Hortense charge, \$55; Laurens charge, \$50; Pinetta charge, \$40; Telfair charge, \$25; Ty Ty charge, \$15.

We also ask our Conference Missionary Board through Rev. N. E. Patterson, Treasurer, to pay \$200 of said amount.

We recommend that one of the conference tents be placed in the hands of the President to be used as in his judgment will best conserve the work.

We recommend that the Rev. W. H. Massey be put out as Missionary Evangelist to work in the bounds of the Georgia conference and that the other tent be given to him for said work. We ask the said W. H. Massey to take missionary collections in each meeting and to report to the Rev. N. E. Patterson, Treasurer, quarterly.. Also we recommend that we put behind him a salary of \$200 to be apportioned by the Missionary Board to the several charges on the same basis as the Conference Evangelist's, he having privilege to take collection for himself and general expenses.

We recommend that Revs. J. B. Watts, C. H. Cox, W. L. Dixon, M. L. Pardo, J. A. Gardner, J. H. Smith, Mrs. M. V. Eggo, W. D. Thomas, C. N. Clark and T. W. Clark, Elders and J. E. Cowart, A. J. Parish, W. N. Taylor, J. P. Smith, E. M. Parish, J. M. Willis and H. R. Gunby, Licentiates, choose their own field of labor.

H. S. Dixon, J. D. Patterson, W. M. Lee, H. L. Parish, T. M. Cowart, J. G. Lewis, W. R. Coleman, Committee.

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Resolution of Disapproval.

We look with regret upon the action taken by the Michigan annual conference, at its last sitting, in reference to the proposed union of the Free and Wesleyan Methodist Churches. Our reasons for expressing this regret lies in the fact that at no time has there been any basis presented or proposals made to unite the two bodies, but simply meetings to see whether or not it would be desirable. Under these circumstances all action, to either condemn or approve of the proposed union is premature.

Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President and by him to be presented to his Commission on Union.

Apportionment for Missionary Evangelist.

Apportionment for the evangelist doing missionary work within the bounds of our conference:—Appling charge, \$25; Ashburn, \$30; Bell, \$10; Fenholloway, \$7.50; Harmony, \$20; Hortense, \$27.50; Laurens, \$25; Pinetta, \$20; Cross Roads, \$20; Telfair, \$12.50; Ty Ty, \$7.50. We request that one-fourth of above amounts be taken quarterly and sent immediately to the treasurer.

H. S. Dixon, J. Lawrence, N. E. Patterson.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CIRCUITS	Months	Appointments	Number of Churches	Members Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Baptized	Present Number	Licentiates	Unstated Elders	Wesleyan Meth. taken	Sunday School Banners	Wesleyan S. S. Helps	No. of Sunday Schools	Superintendents	Teachers	Scholars	Meeting Houses	Value of	Parsonages	Value of	Pastor's Salary	Evangelists Receipts	Superannuated Ministers	Missions	Educational	Sabbath Schools	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Other Benevolent Objects	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	President's Salary	Conference Missions	
Laurens	12	3	3	4	17				1	58		1	18	1		14		5	25	3	\$ 1700	1	\$ 300	\$ 243 30	\$ 162 50			\$ 5 00			2 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 8 40				
Telfair	12	3	3	4	17				1	29		2	11	20		173		5	25	3	900			290 33	149 45	\$ 1 45		6 00	\$ 7 00	\$ 125 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 40			
Ashburn	12	4	4	30	5	1	1		1	109		2	28			4		12	106	3500			363 60	4 58			39 50		57 42		50 25	62 32	10 34	434 10	\$ 50 60	\$25 00	
Cross Roads	12	5	5	4	5				9	122		1	15					1	3	1500			312 55	109 00	2 00		2 50				5 00	10 00	6 25	37 80			
Nankin	12	4	4	19					9	122			10					3	46	1000			197 94	25 70	1 55				3 00	37 00	5 00	4 00	2 35	22 75			
Tallahassee	12	3	1	5					5	32			5					1	15	300			76 00	16 50			10 00		5 00		5 00	11 00	5 10	10 40	14 50		
Fenholloway	12	4	4	1		13	3	6	1	99			6			42	3	9	90	700	1	300	141 11	26 05		25		14 99		258 50	2 72	5 00	5 00	73 85	60 00	5 25	
Hortense	12	4	4	13		2	2	1		107			31		100	3	3	10	107	2000			435 82	55 80	4 00	\$ 5 25	10 60	22 59	258 50	10 00	5 00	5 00	73 85	60 00	5 25		
Appling	12	6	4	13		9				76			10			3	3	9	85	1200			360 00	70 00			6 00	10 00	320 00	6 00	20 50	16 00	20 50	29 90			
Harmony	12	3	3	8						34		2	9			2	2	5	40	1800			130 26	205 51			6 00	6 00	1000 00	5 00	10 00			1 00			
Bethlehem	12	1	1			5			1	33			1						1	300			26 00														
Funston	12	2	2	2		1		1	1	22			3						7	88 07			88 07	11 00								8 50					
Bell	12	2	2							47			7		15	1	1	2	32	400			18 94				4 00	4 00									
Total	138	44	40	96	60	7	9	29	890	21	3	154	21	344	20	20	57	546	31	\$15300	2	\$ 600	\$2683 92	\$ 836 09	\$ 9 25	\$ 5 25	\$73 60	\$130 00	\$1740 50	\$102 82	\$162 32	\$48 84	\$645 88	\$194 19	\$30 25		

One church left out.

W. M. LEE, J. D. PATTERSON, Committee.