

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
S. Carolina Conference
OF THE
Wesleyan Methodist Connection,
or Church, of America
HELD AT
GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA,
NOVEMBER, 16-21, 1909.

Rev. B. L. PADGETT, President.
REV. J. M. HANCOCK, Secretary.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

President:—Rev. L. W. Johnson. (Until resigned.)

Vice-President:—Rev. L. G. Clayton.

Secretary:—Miss Ina Gains. (Until election of officers.)

Treasurer:—J. M. Hancock.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

Elders.

Rev. J. T. Cary.

Rev. L. G. Clayton.

Rev. G. D. Watson.

Rev. J. D. 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.

Rev. B. L. Padgett.

Rev. S. I. Keeler.

Licentiates.

J. R. George.

L. E. Swaney.

J. R. Davis.

J. O. Burnette.

J. A. White.

W. L. Myers.

Dora Weibens.

E. L. Henderson.

W. D. Correll.

Lay Delegates.

D. M. Newton.

F. H. Presley.

A. C. Syzamore.

Mrs. S. J. Kelley.

D. A. Evens.

W. A. Matthews.

J. M. Hancock.

Ina Gaines.

G. W. Davis.

Nita Clayton.

Beth Harrington.

E. M. Snipes.

F. M. Neighbors.

S. M. Lee.

T. E. Henderson.

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JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

First Day. Morning Meeting.

The seventeenth session of the South Carolina annual conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church of America convened in the Wesleyan Methodist church at Greer, S. C., Wednesday morning at nine o'clock, Nov. 17, 1909.

The opening devotions were conducted by the President, after which the conference was called to order.

The roll of elders was called, three responding.

A Committee on Credentials was elected to consist of Rev. M. T. Hartsoe and Brother D. M. Newton.

Credentials of eight lay delegates were handed in and the names placed on the roll.

Rev. L. W. Johnson tendered to the conference his resignation as President. It being accepted, Rev. M. T. Hartsoe was elected Chairman, pro tem until the arrival of the Vice-President or until the election of conference officers.

A Committee on Public Worship was elected to consist of Rev. D. O. Powers and Brothers D. M. Newton and A. C. Syzmore.

The Chair appointed Rev. J. R. George and Brothers Matthews and Pressley a Committee to fix the Conference Bar. The bar was fixed to extend as far as the stove and on either side of the building.

The transfer of Rev. B. L. Padgett from the North Carolina conference to this body was read and accepted.

The report of the retiring Conference President was read and adopted.

The following committees were respectively elected: Temperance:—Rev. J. R. George with Rev. B. L. Padgett as his associate. Statistics:—Rev. J. M. Hancock and Brother W. A. Matthews. Secrecy:—Rev. D. O. Powers with Rev. Mr. Keeler associated.

Rev. Mr. Keeler of the Friends Church was introduced, responding with expressions of brotherly regard.

Committee on Sunday-Schools was elected to consist of Rev. M. T. Hartsoe.

The Committee on Public Worship reported as follows: Hours

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for religious services, 3 P. M. and 7:30 in the evening; business hours, from 8:30 A. M. until noon and from 1:30 P. M. until 3; resuming business after divine worship and adjourning by motion. Report adopted as amended.

Committee on Courtesy was appointed to consist of Rev. D. O. Powers.

Conference ruled that immediately after the convening of conference Thursday morning, the order of the day be the election of conference officers.

The time of Rev. L. G. Clayton having expired on Itinerancy and Elder's Orders, he was elected to succeed himself. At Rev. L. W. Johnson's request, he was released from this committee and Rev. B. L. Padgett was elected to fill his place. The committee now stands as follows:—Rev. L. G. Clayton, 3 years; Rev. M. T. Hartsoe, 2 years; Rev. B. L. Padgett, 1 year. Lay members:—Brothers Hancock and Matthews.

Committee on Examination of Character was elected, election resulting as follows: B. L. Padgett and G. W. Davis.

L. G. Clayton, B. L. Padgett and M. T. Hartsoe were elected a Judiciary Committee.

Committee on Pastoral Relations was elected to consist of Revs. Padgett, Clayton and Hartsoe and Brothers Mathews, Davis and Newton. Motion was effected that it be understood that the President for the ensuing year be considered a member.

On motion conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by B. L. Padgett.

First Day. Afternoon Meeting.

Conference was called to order at 1:30, Rev. M. T. Hartsoe presiding.

The opening devotions were led by Rev. J. R. George.

After roll call the minutes of the morning meeting were read and adopted as corrected.

Rev. J. M. Hancock was elected a Committee on Thanks.

Camp-Meeting Committee was elected to consist of Revs. M.

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T. Hartsoe, L. G. Clayton and Brother W. A. Matthews.

Committee on Credentials reported three more lay delegates whose names were enrolled.

A motion was made to empower the Camp-Meeting Committee to select the helper or helpers for the camp-meeting. Motion as amended to include that if others than the conference preachers be desired, this committee be so empowered. Motion prevailed.

Rev. B. L. Padgett offered motion to rescind action of last conference relative to fixing permanently the date of camp-meeting to commence Wednesday evening before the first Sunday in August. Motion carried.

Conference ordered that Aug. 24 to Sept. 4, inclusive, be the dates arranged for the camp.

Conference ruled that the Committee on Pastoral Relations be empowered to arrange for the salary of the conference President, provided it be necessary. Rev. J. M. Hancock offered motion that this committee be authorized to define the duties of the conference President. Motion prevailed.

On motion conference adjourned for religious services, after which it was called to order by the Chairman.

Recommendations of T. H. Pressley and L. C. Douthitt for admission to conference were read and referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

Rev. L. W. Johnson reported the moneys collected during the year for students Henderson and Correll of the Wesleyan Methodist College. The conference Treasurer reported for this fund as follows:—Board for E. L. Henderson, \$59, paid on same, \$47.85; balance due, \$11.15. Board for W. D. Correll, \$72; paid on same, \$37.86; balance due, \$34.14. Balance due for both, \$45.29.

Rev. W. J. Seekins, Wesleyan Methodist Connectional Agent, was introduced, responding in assurances of esteem and fellowship.

Revs. Richardson of the Presbyterian Church and Ramsey of the Alabama Wesleyan Methodist work were introduced respectively and given the privileges of the floor.

On motion conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. Mr. Keeler.

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Second Day. Morning Meeting.

Conference was called to order at 8:30, Dr. L. G. Clayton in the chair.

Devotions were conducted by Dr. Clayton.

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

The order of the day was called for and election of conference officers held, resulting as follows:—Rev. B. L. Padgett, President; Rev. M. T. Hartsoe, Vice-President; Rev. J. M. Hancock, Secretary and Treasurer. Dr. Clayton as elder was elected on the Advisory Board with Rev. J. M. Hancock, laymen.

Ina Gaines, Secretary.

The Rev. L. W. Johnson was elected to fill the vacancy on the Committee on Pastoral Relations caused by the election of the Rev. B. L. Padgett as President of the conference. Brother Johnson immediately resigned and his resignation was accepted. The Rev. D. O. Powers was then elected to fill said vacancy.

In view of the fact that the Rev. L. S. Crenshaw was to leave on the noon train he was permitted to talk in regard to an orphanage, which he is wanting to establish. After an explanation, by Rev. E. Teter, of the conditions that the matter could come before the Connection, the Chair appointed Revs. L. G. Clayton, J. R. George, D. O. Powers and M. T. Hartsoe as a committee to whom Brother Crenshaw could present the matter.

The Rev. L. W. Johnson was elected to fill the vacancy on the Judiciary Committee.

Revs. B. L. Padgett (ex-officio), L. G. Clayton, M. T. Hartsoe, Elders and W. A. Mathews and J. M. Hancock, laymen, were elected a Conference Missionary Board.

The Rev. E. Teter gave an excellent talk and explanation of how to carry on conference missionary work.

The Rev. J. T. Cary was elected to fill the vacancy of the Committee on Examination of Character.

The name of Rev. L. E. Swaney, pastor of Landrum charge, was called. His character having passed, he read his report.

Rev. J. T. Cary's name was called and his character having

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passed, read his report.

Dr. L. G. Clayton's name was called and character passed.

The name of Dr. G. D. Watson was then called and as he did not report the Secretary was instructed to correspond with him in regard to his relationship to this conference.

Moved and carried that the name of the Rev. J. C. Brewington be associated with that of Rev. M. T. Hartsoe on the Committee on Sunday-Schools.

The committee appointed to meet Brother Crenshaw and hear his proposition in regard to an orphanage, reported. The matter was recommitted. On motion the committee was instructed to fully investigate the matter and report to this session of conference if possible, if not, to report to the President and his Advisory Board, at their earliest convenience.

Adjourned. Benediction.

Second Day. Afternoon Meeting.

The conference was called to order by the President at 1:45. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. T. Cary.

After roll call the minutes of last meeting were read, corrected and adopted.

The Rev. L. W. Johnson tendered his resignation as a member of the Judiciary Committee and on motion his resignation was accepted.

On motion the Rev. J. T. Cary was elected to fill the vacancy on the Judiciary Committee caused by the resignation of Rev. L. W. Johnson.

Rev. D. O. Powers was elected the last member of the Judiciary Committee.

Rev. Levi Rigden's recommendation as a suitable person to travel under the direction of the conference was presented. Moved and carried that this recommendation, with all similar recommendations, be referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

Rev. W. M. Rhodes was permitted to give a verbal report of his work as pastor of Eneree, a new class. He was advised to

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appoint a building committee and see what could be done about building a house in which to worship.

The name of Rev. E. L. Henderson was called, his character having passed, read his report.

Rev. W. M. Rhodes' name was called, his character having passed, read his report as pastor of Eneree class.

Moved and carried that Rev. J. C. Brewington become an honorary member of the conference. Brother Brewington was invited into the conference bar.

Moved and carried that the names of E. L. Henderson and W. D. Correll be substituted for the names of W. A. Matthews and J. M. Hancock on the Committee on Statistics.

Adjourned for committee work to the call of the chair.

Third Day. Morning Meeting.

The conference was called to order by the President at 8:50. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. D. Correll.

After roll call the minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Prof. W. L. Thompson was introduced to the conference. On motion Prof. Thompson was made an honorary member and invited into the conference bar.

A recommendation from the trustees of the conference in regard to the indebtedness of the Williamston church was read and adopted. (See Resolution.)

Moved and carried that the trustees be made the Church Extension Board and that all requests for help for churches be made to this Board.

Sister Jennie Ayers was introduced to the conference.

J. M. Hancock read a report of the condition of the account of the school expenses of Revs. E. L. Henderson and W. D. Correll. (See Report.)

As there is yet due Mrs. Asbell \$45.29, Rev. E. Teter proposed that if the members of the conference would buy twenty-five of the Besse books he would pay \$25 of this indebtedness.

Moved that an appropriation be made from the Home Mission-

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ary Fund to pay the rest of this indebtedness. Motion lost.

Rev. W. J. Seekins proposed to assume \$20 more of the above named debt if members of the conference would take and sell twenty more of the Besse books. They were at once taken. This leaves only twenty-nine cents, provided the rest of the books on the proposition of the Rev. E. Teter are taken. J. M. Hancock paid this deficiency.

The conference thanked with a rising vote, Brothers Teter and Seekins for their aid in this matter.

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

The committee on defining the duties of the President and fixing the amount of his salary presented their report. The report was recommitted.

Adjourned by motion. Benediction.

Third Day. Afternoon Meeting.

The conference called to order by the President at 1:40.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. B. L. Padgett.

After roll call the minutes of last meeting were read, corrected and approved.

By request Brother E. M. Snipes was excused from the conference.

The name of Rev. J. F. Mason was called and the Secretary read his report. In view of the fact that Brother Mason had not taken the collections according to the resolutions of the conference the motion made that his character pass was lost.

The committee on defining the duties of the President and fixing the amount of his salary read its report. Report adopted. (See Report.)

As the Rev. B. L. Padgett had more work to do in the North Carolina conference before he could complete his report, he was released from further duties to this conference at this session.

Brother J. C. Brewington gave a verbal report of his work in the Sunday-schools. He said that he had but little in this conference, but had labored elsewhere. His report was accepted

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and his request referred to the Committee on Pastoral Relations.

Moved and carried that this conference give the Rev. L. W. Johnson an additional sum of \$25 to re-emburse him for moneys spent for stationery and postage.

In addition to this a free-will offering was taken for Brother Johnson and \$10 in cash was raised.

Adjourned by motion. Benediction.

Fourth Day. Morning Meeting.

The conference called to order by the Vice-President at 8:40. Devotions were led by Rev. M. T. Hartsoe.

After roll call the minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The Committee on Pastoral Relations read their report for the second time.

The name of Rev. D. O. Powers was called, his character having passed he read his report.

Moved and carried that Prof. W. L. Thompson constitute the Committee on Education.

Th names of Revs. M. T. Hartsoe, J. R. Davis and J. A. White were called and their characters having passed they read their reports.

The name of Rev. W. L. Myers was called. In view of the fact that Brother Myers had neglected to comply with the resolutions of the conference, it was moved, and carried that his character be passed. He then read his report.

Rev. J. C. Jones' name was then called. As he was not present his report was read by the Secretary. It was then moved and carried that the conference pass his character.

The Rev. L. W. Johnson's name was called and he gave a verbal report. Various members of the conference spoke words of commendation on Brother Johnson's work as President of the conference.

The Rev. S. Irving Keeler presented himself, with papers, to the conference for membership in the same. He and his papers were referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

The names of Revs. J. E. Martin, C. A. Dunwoody and L. J. Harrington were called. As none of the brethren were present

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it was moved and carried that their characters be passed by the conference.

Rev. J. A. Williams' name was called. As there was no communication from him the Secretary was instructed to correspond with him and require him to report to the next conference.

Rev. J. O. Burnetts' name was called and his character having passed he gave his report.

The Committee on Temperance read its report. Report adopted. (See Report.)

In view of the fact that the Committee on State of the Work could not make its report until the Committee on Statistics reported, he was permitted to arrange said report and submit it to the President and his Advisory Board.

Moved and carried that this conference buy a tent to be used in its borders.

The Rev. J. T. Cary asked to be excused from further attendance upon this session of conference. His request was granted.

Since the minutes of 1907, page 8, where they show that the amount of money in the Superannuated Minister's Fund was authorized to be transferred to the Southern School is a misstatement of what was really done it was moved and carried that this conference hereby declare that statement incorrect.

The Committee on Sunday-schools read its report. Report adopted. (See Report.)

The Rev. Mr. Creach, pastor of the M. E. Church South, of Greer, was introduced to the conference.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders read their report in reference to Rev. S. Irving Keeler and the licentiates. Report adopted. (See Report.)

Moved and carried that Revs. B. L. Padgett and L. E. Swaney raise the funds to buy the conference tent. The committee was authorized to determine the size and material of said tent.

Moved and carried that the recommendation of the Rev. L. C. Douthit to this conference as a suitable person to travel under its direction be transferred, according to his request, to the North Carolina conference.

Moved and carried that the Rev. M. T. Hartsoe constitute a

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committee to see about the conditions of Davis Chapel church and if in his judgment it is best to sell said church, the trustees of the conference are hereby authorized to make said sale.

Moved and carried that the present conference trustees, viz: L. W. Johnson, L. G. Clayton and E. Teter be re-elected conference trustees to hold office until their successors are elected.

Adjourned by motion. Benediction.

Fourth Day. Afternoon Meeting.

Conference called to order at 1:30.

Devotions were led by Rev. M. T. Hartsoe.

After roll call the minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The conference Trustees gave their report. Report adopted. (See Report.)

The Committee on Pastoral Relations read their report the third time. Report adopted as amended. (See Report.)

Rev. F. H. Presley, J. A. White, L. G. Clayton and Brothers D. A. Evens and W. A. Matthews asked to be excused from further attendance upon this session of conference. Their requests were granted.

The Committee on Education read its report. Report adopted. (See Report.)

Moved and carried that the name of the Wesleyan Methodist College with its faculty appear in the minutes.

The conference requests the Sunday-schools of the conference to establish a birthday offering, the proceeds of said offering to be contributed to the Wesleyan Methodist College of Central, S. C.

The Statistical Committee read their report the third time. Report adopted. (See Report.)

The name of Sister Dora Weibens was called and her character having passed she gave a verbal report of her work. Report adopted.

J. M. Hancock, treasurer of the conference read his report. Report adopted. (See Report.)

The Committee on Secret Societies gave their report. Report

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adopted. (See Report.)

Moved and carried that we accept the invitation of Central Church for the conference to be held there next year.

Moved and carried that the President and Advisory Board constitute a committee for the purpose of proportioning the amount that it will take to print the conference minutes among the several churches and the pastors be required to collect the same and bring it to conference next year. And in the event that the pastors fail to collect said money, they are to pay the same out of their own pockets.

The conference authorized a loan for one year, of \$29, out of the General Conference delegates Fund, at 8 per cent, to the Rev. M. T. Hartsoe. The loan to be made on a note with at least two names.

Moved and carried that the Secretary be a committee to have these minutes published.

On motion the conference decided to take a free-will offering for the Secretary at the 11 o'clock service, tomorrow.

Adjourned to the call of the Chair.

J. M. Hancock, Secretary.

CONDENSED MINUTES.

Of the seventeenth session of the South Carolina annual conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, held at Greer, S. C., Nov. 16-21, 1909.

1. How many elders on the conference roll? 12.
2. Who of the elders are on the stationed list? L. W. Johnson, L. G. Clayton, L. J. Harrington, M. T. Hartsoe, J. T. Cary, D. O. Powers, C. A. Dunwoody, B. L. Padgett, S. I. Keeler, G. D. Watson, J. A. Williams.
3. Who of the elders are on the supernumerary list? J. E. Martin.
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 trans-

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fer? None; (2) By letter of standing? None.

7. Who have joined the conference this year? (1) By ordination? None; (2) By transfer? B. L. Padgett; (3) By letter of standing from some other religious body? S. I. Keeler.

8. Who of the elders have died this year? None.

9. How many licentiates are reported from the quarterly conference rolls? 28.

10. Who of the licentiates are on the stationed list? J. R. George, L. E. Swaney, J. R. Davis, Dora Weibens, J. C. Jones, J. O. Burnette, F. H. Presley, W. M. Rhodes J. C. Brewington; Theological students in the Wesleyan Methodist College, E. L. Henderson and W. D. Correll, who are to do evangelistic work during vacation.

11. What has been contributed on the several circuits and stations for the support of: (1) Pastors? \$2451.68; (2) Missions? \$807.94; (3) Educational? \$103.95; (4) Sunday-schools? \$412.55; (5) Superannuated ministers? \$26.42; (6) Evangelists? \$1117.98; (7) Incidental expenses? \$389.34; (8) Building and repairs? \$1962.81; (9) Conference minutes fund? \$19.25; (10) Church extension fund? \$60.43; (11) General Conference delegate fund? \$19.06; (12) President's salary? \$145.78; (13) All other benevolent objects? \$556.62; (14) Total amount contributed? \$8063.81.

12. What number are in connection: (1) Full membership? 1670 (this number is not correct, but we cannot determine just the number); (2) Probationers? None; (3) How many churches are on the conference roll? 35.

13. Sunday-schools: (1) Number of? 25; (2) Superintendents? 26; (3) Scholars? 1368; (4) Teachers? 110.

14. When and where shall the next conference be held? Central, S. C. Time left with Connectional officers.

15. How is the work supplied? Easley circuit, J. T. Cary; Piedmont circuit, J. R. George; Gaffney circuit, In hands of President; Spartanburg circuit, L. W. Johnson; Carlisle circuit, M. T. Hartsoe; Pelzer circuit, In hands of President; Greer circuit, D. O. Powers; Walhalla circuit, J. O. Burnette; Central station, S. I. Keeler; Pickens circuit, J. R. Davis; Mt. View circuit, F. H. Presley; Enaree church, W. M. Rhodes; Good Hope Mission,

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Dora Weibens; Inman Mission, J. C. Jones; L. G. Clayton, L. J. Harrington, C. A. Dunwoody, to choose their own field of labor; G. D. Watson, J. A. Williams, left without appointment; J. E. Martin, Supernumerary; Theological students, E. L. Henderson, W. D. Correll, to do evangelistic work during vacation; J. C. Brewington, Sunday-school worker.

16. Who are the conference officers? B. L. Padgett, President; M. T. Hartsoe, Vice-President; J. M. Hancock, Secretary and Treasurer.

REPORTS.

President's Report.

To the South Carolina conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Greeting in Jesus.

Soon after the close of the conference of 1908 Rev. W. L. Myers resigned the pastorate of the Williamston church, which was a part of the Williamston circuit. Brother Myers was relieved of the above named church and Rev. E. L. Henderson was appointed pastor.

Later Brother Myers was permitted to discontinue the appointment at Honea Path.

Rev. H. G. Liner resigned the pastorate of Pelzer church, and also withdrew from the Wesleyan Methodist church. Pelzer church was then added to Rev. J. T. Cary's work.

The Auton church having been left in the hands of the President, Rev. E. A. Jones was appointed its pastor. But there was not a sufficient membership to keep up the class and Brother Jones was permitted to discontinue the appointment.

The class at Greenwood Mills, Easley, S. C., became scattered and so small in numbers that it was thought best not to keep up that appointment and Brother Cary was permitted to discontinue it.

The following classes have been organized during the year: A class was organized at Seneca, S. C., by the Rev. J. R. Davis. A class was organized in the country, between Liberty and Pick-

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ens, known as Smith's Chapel by the Rev. J. R. Davis. A class was organized near Enaree, S. C., by Rev. W. M. Rhodes. The above named classes were all accepted as Wesleyan Methodist churches.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. Johnson, President.

State of Work.

Your Committee on the State of the Work, beg leave to submit the following report:

In doing the work that was assigned me as President of the conference I have visited all the churches in the conference except two new classes that were organized during the year. I find that most of the churches are in a prosperous condition, some few classes are not doing so well, but taking the work as a whole I think we are doing well

This has been a hard year in many respects and especially on the financial line. But the most of the pastors have worked hard and have brought up very good reports on that line.

We find in looking over the statistical report that the membership does not show up as large as it did last year. I think the reason of this is, we have not had correct reports in the past as to the number of members. The report of the pastors this year show that there has been more members received into the church than has gone out and yet the statistical report does not show it, so there surely has been some error in the past in reference to numbers.

The fields are white unto the harvest and people want meetings on every side. Sister Dora Weibens has done a good work in the mountains and is now beginning to see the fruit of her labors. Brother J. R. Garrett has also done good work in the mountain section.

What we need most now is more spirit-filled men and money. We need two or three more good pastors to supply the work that has already been organized and we need more money to

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open up new territory. We now have a good evangelist in the field, the Rev. L. E. Swaney, and if the people will rally to his support he will be able to do a good work. Rev. B. L. Padgett, the new President, is to visit the quarterly meetings and also do some evangelistic work. With two men in the field things should move for God the coming year.

Brethren, let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more spirit-filled laborers in the harvest.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. Johnson, Committee.

Resolution of Thanks.

As we near the close of the seventeenth session of our annual conference we bless God for having been privileged to enjoy the kind hospitality of the good people of Greer, who so generously entertained us in their comfortable homes. We hereby tender to these people our thanks for their kindness to us. In taking leave of them, we continue to pray the blessings of God, the head of the Church, upon them.

J. R. George, Committee.

Duties and Salary of President.

Report of the committee defining the duties of the President, and the amount he should receive for his services, and how the same should be met.

1. It shall be his duty to attend all the quarterly meetings of the various circuits and charges, and to assist the pastors in their work by advice and counsel in the administration of the Discipline, and to have general oversight of the conference, as is provided for in the Discipline. He is to arrange with the pastors as to the time of holding the quarterly meetings, and to publish the same in the Wesleyan Methodist. If the pastor and President cannot agree as to the time then the President must set the time

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as nearly the time the pastor wants as possible, but all appointments must be arranged so as to save traveling expenses.

2. It shall be the duty of the President to so thoroughly inform himself as to the needs of the work in the conference, both as to Missionary territory and the need of evangelistic help, as that he will be able to report the same to the Missionary Board, that the needs of the work may be supplied as far as possible. He shall also help in this work where possible.

3. It shall be the duty of the President to instruct the Licentiates in their duties and help them in their studies and encourage them in pursuing the course of study and to also represent the interests of the Wesleyan Methodist College at Central, S. C., by giving information, collecting moneys, taking notes, on the one year or five year plan and also to secure students for the same and to encourage the people to help the students in obtaining an education, when such help is needed. In order to do this he is to keep in touch with the President of the school, who shall impart any information necessary in order that its progress and needs may be known so that the reasons why money is needed shall be known to the President and the people.

4. He is to work in the interest of missions, both home and foreign, and also to secure renewals and subscriptions to the Wesleyan Methodist and do all he can to help on the work of the church in general and of the South Carolina conference in particular.

5. We recommend that the compensation for said work shall be \$700 and he pay all his expenses.

6. We recommend that the Wesleyan Methodist College shall pay such a portion of the above named amount as the work done for the same will warrant. Of what that is the Missionary Secretary and his Board shall determine.

7. The President is to report his work quarterly to the Missionary Secretary, giving the number of meetings held, the number of Wesleyan subscriptions taken and renewals and also the amounts collected for missions, and the school, together with all the notes and pledges secured, and also the amount received on salary, in the collections. We require all our pastors to raise their proportion of what is due before the quarterly

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meetings are held or take collections at the time they may select as the best method in their judgment to raise the proper amount, but see to it that the people have a chance to contribute to the cause as the Lord has prospered them.

8. We hereby request the missionary society to settle with the President every three months and pay any amount that may be unpaid, provided the money is in the treasury to pay the same, and hereby instruct the Treasurer of the conference to turn all monies raised and paid to him over to the Missionary Secretary, and also that where the pastors raise money, pay it to the Missionary Secretary, that the receipts given shall be reported to the Treasurer of the conference and that the Missionary Society shall reimburse itself out of said funds and divide the remainder to the most needy places, provided, always, that the wishes of the donor when he pays in the money shall be carried out. That is to say, if the money is paid in specifically for Foreign Missions it must be credited to that fund; otherwise it may be used where most needed.

Report of Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

We find that the Brethren were not prepared to stand examination on books required by the Discipline, but find, however, that their religious experience and their understanding of doctrine is satisfactory. We, therefore, recommend that the following Brethren, F. H. Presley and Levi Rigdon, be employed by the conference, if needed, with the understanding that they pursue the course of study required by the Discipline and stand examination at the next session of the conference. Brothers L. E. Swaney and J. O. Burnette have passed on the following books: the Discipline and Binney's Compend.

M. T. Hartsoe, L. G. Clayton, W. A. Mathews, G. W. Davis,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Elder's Orders.

Your committee to whom was referred the case of Rev. S.

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I. Keeler beg leave to submit the following report:

We find, on examination, that our brother agrees with us in doctrine. Further, that he has taken a course of study, in general, equal to our course. We recommend, therefore, that he be received, and that his name be placed on the roll of elders.

M. T. Hartsoe, L. G. Clayton, W. A. Mathews, G. W. Davis,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Secrecy.

One of the perils of modern times is a form of godliness but denying religion without the Holy Ghost; and the boast of Christianity while denying or ignoring Christ as man's only Savior and His shed blood as man's only atonement and remedy for sin. This peril takes many insidious forms; as, Christian Science, higher criticism, new theology, new thought. One of the most subtle forms of this peril which is quenching spiritual forces and clearing the way for worldliness and infidelity is Masonry and other lodges of like character. Because such institutions claim to be religious, many are substituting them for the Church of Christ and their teachings for the Bible way of salvation through Jesus. Others though holding membership in some orthodox churches are losing their love for the true church, absenting themselves from the prayer-meeting and spiritual activities and doing most of their benevolent work through their lodges. Often they join with the enemies of Christ and make such unfavorable comparisons of the church with the lodge as to constitute a serious reproach to the cause of Christ. Thus the Lord Jesus is wounded in the house of His friends by those disloyal church members, who honor their lodges above Christ, and the church of God.

Masonry is most emphatically a religion without Christ. First, it claims to be a religious institution which saves and purifies men for heaven. Copious quotations from the standard Masonic works might be sighted. The following is from Albert G. Mackey, in *Mystic Tie*, page 32: "Free Masonry is emphatically a religious institution. It teaches the existence of God. It points to the Celestial Canopy above where is the eternal lodge and where He

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presides. It instructs us in the way to reach the portals of that distant Temple." Thus Masonry claims to teach men how to reach heaven. To quote from another standard work, *Masonic Trowel*, by L. E. Reynolds: "A lodge in general signifies heaven, or the dwelling place of the Lord, and includes all on earth who are being prepared for heaven." "Each man who is about to be regenerated is led by his guardian angel to the door of the lodge, of which it is said, 'Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened.'" "Regeneration or Masonry proceeds in progressive order, states or degrees." "Man cannot work or correct the irregularities of life until he is clothed with innocence or the badge of a Mason." Pages 131, 188, 214, 219.

"Masonry is the excellence of Christianity and every Mason is, if he is in reality a Mason, a true Christian; or at least he is in reality truly religious, according to his profession, whether he be Jew or Christian."—Taken from the general history cyclopedia and dictionary of Freemasonry, by Robert McCay. Thus Masonry claims to be Christianity yet the name of Christ is persistently excluded and the Jews who reject Jesus are in full fellowship. But God's Word says there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12.

Not only is faith in Christ excluded from the salvation which Masonry professes to teach, but even belief in the divine authenticity or inspiration of the Bible is not required. To quote again. "That some Masons may teach the divine authenticity of the Scriptures is true, because some Masons are Christians; but Masonry does nothing of the sort, but leaves every man to his own opinions upon that subject, as it does upon his politics, his religion, his profession." "Under the shelter of this wise provision, the Christian and the Jew, the Mohamedan, and the Brahim are permitted to unite around our common altar, and Masonry becomes in practice as well as in theory, universal."—*Masonic Jurisprudence*, page 95. "No religious test shall ever be required of the applicant other than a steadfast belief in the existence and perfection of Deity."—*Digest of Masonic Law*, Chase. Thus Christ is ignored and His enemies embraced by Masonry.

Loyalty to Christ demands that we "have no fellowship with

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the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather that we reprove them." Ephesians 5:11. As one means of counteracting the evils of secrecy let us be careful to maintain in the care of our own people in time of sickness and distress, as well as sustain our testimony for separation from the world.

D. O. Powers, S. Irving Keeler, Committee.

Recommendation of the Board of Trustees.

We find that there is in the treasury of the Church Extension Fund the sum of \$156.43, including the \$100 received from the sale of the Abbotts Chapel church.

We recommend that there be paid to the Rev. D. O. Powers, pastor, for the use in paying for the Oneal church the sum of \$100; that there be paid to the Rev. J. R. George, pastor, \$25 for the use of the church at Greenville, S. C., and that there be paid to the said J. R. George, for the use of the Reedy River church, another sum of \$25. We further recommend that the remaining \$6.43 be paid to Rev. E. Teter as a credit on the debt due him on the church at Williamston, S. C.

It is understood that these amounts are to be repaid by said churches by collections made for this purpose as fast as possible that there may be funds in the treasury to help other needy churches, and that when repaid, that it be without interest.

L. G. Clayton, L. W. Johnson, E. Teter, Trustees.

Treasurer's Report.

Missions:—Missions, undivided, \$407; Missions, Foreign, \$203.34; Missions, Home, \$48.72; Total, \$658.09.

Paid E. Teter at various times, \$641.09; Paid E. Teter by Dora Weibens, receipt, \$16.40; Total disbursements, \$658.09.

Church Extension Fund:—Received of E. Teter, sale of Abbotts Chapel church, \$100; From all other sources, \$56.43; Total amount received, \$156.43.

Paid J. R. George, for Greenville church, \$25; Paid J. R. George,

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for Reedy River church, \$25; Paid D. O. Powers, for Oneal church, \$100; Paid E. Teter, on Williamston debt, \$6.43; Total disbursements, \$156.43.

General Conference Delegates Fund:—On hand last year, \$10.31; Received this year, \$19.26; Total amount on hand Nov. 20, 1909, \$29.57.

Southern School Fund:—Received from all sources, \$28.50; Paid E. Teter at various times, \$28.50.

Superannuated Ministers Fund:—Received from all sources, \$29.22; Loaned E. Teter by order of conference, \$29.22.

Assets of Superannuated Minister's Fund, not counting interest:—Loaned the Williamston church, \$100; Loaned B. L. Padgett, \$15; Loaned E. Teter, \$57.28; Total assets without interest, \$172.28.

Publication of Minutes Fund:—On hand last year, \$.16; Received from all sources this year, \$21.75; Total, \$21.91.

Paid W. J. Seekins, report blanks, \$.50; Total amount on hand Nov. 20, 1909, \$21.41.

J. M. Hancock, Treasurer.

Report of Committee on Education.

Whereas, in the creation of man God has given him a place of superiority over all the creatures, and has placed between man and the brute creation an unpassable gulf which consists of having an intellectual faculty capable of developement, by the improvement of the same, man's ability for the accomplishing the great purpose for which he was given a being is realized in glorifying God and rendering service to his fellows.

We recognize the fact that wilful ignorance is not only a vice but is also an enemy to the rapid advancement of the church in its mission in the world.

The spirit of the age is one of intellectual advancement and investigation. At no time in the world's history is there evidence of greater progress having been made. We are glad that the church is awaking to the fact and that there is a general advance

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along educational lines and that the doors of opportunity opening up to us as a church we shall be able to enter with a trained ministry, fully able to meet on equal grounds as far as intellectual training is concerned, the tide of worldliness, higher criticism and infidelity that is attacking the cause of God with weapons more subtle than have ever before employed in the history of the church. In support of the above facts, be it resolved that we as a conference, do our utmost to encourage the educational interests of our church and while we hold the tenderest feeling of fellowship and regard for all our schools, we pledge our moral and financial support for the Wesleyan Methodist College at Central, S. C. And furthermore, we will do our utmost to solicit funds and canvass our respective fields for students for the same.

W. L. Thompson, Committee.

Report of Committee on Sunday-Schools.

Your Committee on Sunday-schools beg leave to submit the following report:

In our judgment this is one of the most important parts of the church work, and it is a well known fact that we, as Wesleyan Methodists, do not take the interest in this branch of the work that we should. Because of this lack of interest, some of the churches are not thriving as they would if more interest was manifested in the Sunday-schools. The question has been raised many times in various gatherings, as to the best methods of creating an interest in the Sunday-schools. Some would answer, have oyster and ice cream, box suppers, lawn parties, picnics, etc. But we are glad to say that as far as we know, none of our Sunday-schools in this conference have resorted to such methods, and if any of them do, our pastors should do all they can, in love and spirit of Christ, to get them to at once abandon such methods. Should any school begin to follow such methods, and refuse to part with them, then such a school should be disowned by Wesleyan Methodists.

In our judgment the best way to create an interest in the Sunday-school is to have sanctified superintendents and teachers.

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at the head of each school and then let every member of the church be a member of the Sunday-school.

Therefore, be it resolved, First: That every pastor, to the best of his ability, see to it that all the members of his church, or churches, be members of the Sunday-school.

Second: That no person in this conference be elected to the office of superintendent who will not do all in his power to get the members of the church to become members of the Sunday-school also.

Third: That the Wesleyan helps, which can be secured at our Publishing House in Syracuse, N. Y., be used in all of our Sunday-schools, and in connection with these, the Bible should be used in each school. Your committee truly believes that if the above resolutions are carried out we will have better schools in the future.

M. T. Hartsoe, P. C. Ramsey, Committee.

Report of Committee on Pastoral Relations.

Your Committee on Pastoral Relations beg leave to submit the following report:

Easley circuit:—Easley, Golden Grove, Seneca, Calhoun, Rev. Jno. T. Cary, Pastor.

Piedmont circuit:—Greenville, Reedy River, Piedmont, Rev. J. R. George, Pastor.

Gaffney circuit:—Bethany, Clifton No. 2, Gaffney, In hands of the President.

Spartanburg circuit:—Spartanburg, Landrum, Glendale, Converse, Rev. L. W. Johnson, Pastor.

Carlisle circuit:—Carlisle, Graham Chapel, Eden, Providence, Davis Chapel, Rev. M. T. Hartsoe, Pastor.

Pelzer circuit:—Pelzer, Williamston, Belton, Fellowship, In the hands of the President.

Greers circuit:—Greers and Oneal, Rev. D. O. Powers, Pastor.

Walhalla circuit:—Walhalla, Oakway, Rock Hill, Anderson, Rev. J. O. Burnette, Pastor.

Central station:—Rev. S. I. Keeler.

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Pickens circuit:—Pickens, Mt. Olivet, Liberty, Martins Grove, Smiths Chapel, Rev. J. R. Davis, Pastor.

Mountain View circuit:—Mt. View and Welcome, Rev. F. H. Presley, Pastor.

Enaree class:—Rev. W. M. Rhodes, Pastor.

Good Hope Mission:—Rev. Dora Weibens, Worker.

Innman Mission:—Rev. J. C. Jones, Worker.

Revs. E. L. Henderson and W. D. Correll, Theological students in the Wesleyan Methodist College and to do evangelistic work during vacation.

Revs. G. D. Watson and J. A. Williams, left without appointment.

Rev. J. E. Martin, Supernumerary.

Revs. C. A. Dunwoody, L. G. Clayton and L. J. Harrington, left to choose their own field of labor.

Licentiates:—Revs. E. C. Brown, J. A. White, J. F. Mason, W. L. Myers, W. F. Sinclair and Levi Rigden, left to choose their own field of labor.

Rev. L. E. Swaney appointed to General Missionary work under the direction of the Missionary Secretary.

Rev. J. C. Brewington appointed to pursue his calling as Sunday-school worker as the pastors on the various charges may call him.

B. L. Padgett, D. O. Powers, D. M. Newton, L. G. Clayton, A. W. Mathews, George Davis, M. T. Hartsoe, Committee.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

The modern definition of this word is applied to specific things. Total abstinence from things injurious to the body. We no longer confine temperance to what we eat and drink alone, but give it a broader meaning, including the use of tobacco, chewing gum, coca-cola, our conversation, dress and political actions.

Strong drink destroys manhood and womanhood and wrecks and ruins. God's Word gives no uncertain sound about the drink habit, but it says, "At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth

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like an adder." Prov. 23:32. The Apostle says, "Be not drunk with wine, where in is excess, but be filled with the Spirit, and touch not, taste not, handle not."

Therefore, be it resolved, that we, as a conference, renew our stand against this curse until prohibition covers the earth as the waters cover the sea. So we see the great need of preaching and teaching along this line; for to support either of the old parties virtually means to indorse the sale of whiskey. Therefore, let all of our preachers lift their voices like a trumpet against supporting any party that upholds the sale of intoxicants.

Now we come to another great evil, tobacco, in all its forms of use. It is damning to its thousands, and it is growing daily. It is a fact that those who use this filthy weed are not very spiritual and are worth practically nothing to the church but are stumbling blocks to others. Let it therefore, be the sense of this conference, that every preacher lift his voice against this soul and body destroying evil. We, as a conference, do trust that our Sunday-schools will not elect men and women as officers and teachers who use this filthy weed in any form.

Another form of intemperance is political drunkenness, as displayed in the last presidential election, in which a man was elected President of this great nation whose religious views are no better than those of an infidel, for he is a Unitarian, and we consider it a shame to any Christian nation to have such a man at the head of the government.

God help us as a reform church to show our disapproval of all such things by our voice and vote. Therefore, as preachers and people, let us fail not to lift high the standard of the Bible, whether it be in dress, what we eat or drink, or our acts, and above all lift up Christ, who will deliver us from all these things. Whom the Son makes free, is free indeed. John 8:36. Also let us not fail to denounce the use of Coca-Cola, that poisonous drink, that is destroying to both body and soul. Above all let us pray that His grace may help us to be examples of what we preach and teach.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. George, B. L. Padgett, Committee.

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Recommendation of the Board of Trustees.

Whereas the church at Williamston, S. C., owes the Superannuated Missionary Society the sum of \$115 and interest, and whereas the said church owes the Rev. E. Teter the sum of \$279.02 (amount not exact as I failed to bring my book with me), and whereas there is yet \$324 due on said church, Dec. 27, 1909, and whereas the Rev. E. Teter proposes to pay the same, we, the trustees hereby request that this annual conference authorize the trustees to mortgage the said church property at Williamston, S. C., to the said E. Teter of Sheridan, Ind., for the full amount he has paid including the \$324 soon due, and that said mortgage also include all that is due from said church to the Superannuated Minister's Fund, and that the said E. Teter give his note to the treasurer, for said amount, with the understanding that when the debt on the church is paid, that he is to pay said note given to the Superannuated Minister's Fund.

Further; we recommend that in order to enable him to more easily carry said debt, that the money paid into the treasury of the Superannuated Ministers Fund be loaned to him at 8 per cent with the understanding that when said E. Teter has been paid all that is due him that he is to pay said note given to the treasurer for the money thus loaned him out of the Superannuated Ministers Fund. We further recommend the said E. Teter be paid said money as fast as it can be raised through the Church Extension Fund and other ways of raising money. That the said E. Teter report each year to this conference the exact amount due him and the amount of the Superannuated Funds in his hands, and that a new note be made by him each year for that fund.

L. G. Clayton, L. W. Johnson, E. Teter, Trustees.

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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.

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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.
 17. Greer, Nov. 16, 1909, B. L. Padgett J. M. Hancock, 1670.

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.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CIRCUITS	Months	Appointments	Number of Churches	Members Received	Expelled	Discontinued	Died	Granted Letters	Baptized	Present Number	Licentiates	Unstationed Elders	Wesleyan Meth. taken	Sunday School Banners	Wesleyan S. S. Helps	No. of Sunday Schools	Superintendents	Teachers	Scholars	Books in Library	Meeting Houses	Value of	Parsonages	Value of	Pastor's Salary	Evangelists Receipts	Superannuated Ministers	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Conference Missions	Missions U. D.	Sabbath Schools	Building and Repairs	Incidental Expenses	Other Benevolent Objects	Gen. Con. Trav. Exp. Fund	Minutes Fund	Educational	Church Ex. Fund	President's Salary	Southern School	New Churches Organ.		
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Inman Mission...	12	3	1	13				1	1	11		2		125	1	1	4	45						\$17 04	\$43 05	1 00	2 00					20 00												
Carlisle.....	12	4	4	33	5	6	4	11	314	3	3	40		175	4	4	16	200		4	2000			\$334 78	\$159 94	3 45					115 00	50 00	95 00	20 00	2 50									
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