MEMBERS  

OF THE  

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE,  

WITH THE DATE OF ADMISSION INTO THE TRAVELING CONNECTION.  

Samuel Anthony, " " " " " 1832  
George L. W. Anthony, " " " " " 1860  
James M. Austin, " " " " " Jan. 1849  
Wm. S. Baker, " " " " " Dec. 1854  
Benj. J. Baldwin, " " " " " Nov. 1862  
David Blalock, " " " " " " 1844  
John M. Bonnell, " " " " " Dec. 1853  
Wm. M. D. Bond, " " " " " " 1855  
Benj. F. Breedlove, " " " " " Jan. 1846  
Wyatt Brooks, " " " " " Dec. 1854  
John W. Burke, " " " " " 1859  
Andrew R. Byrd, " " Fla. " 1860  
Robert J. Corley, admitted into So. Ga. " " 1867  
Thos. T. Christian, " " Ga. " 1854  
James O. A. Clark, " " " " " 1854  
Seaborn G. Childs, " " " " " Jan. 1841  
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Daniel D. Cox, re-admitted " Ga. " " 1852  
James O. A. Cook, admitted " " " " 1863  
Thomas C. Coleman, " " " " " 1838  
George C. Clarke, " " " " " Jan. 1845  
Churchwell A. Crowell, adm'd " Ga. " " 1847  
Alvin J. Dean, " " " " " 1854  
Robert W. Dixon, " " " " " 1856  
James Dunwoody, " " S. C. " 1818  
James E. Evans, " " Ga. " 1833  
Robert F. Evans, " " Fla. " Dec. 1859  
John S. Ford, re-admitted " " " 1851  
W. W. Flournoy, admitted " Fla. " Dec. 1859  
Matthew H. Fielding, re-adm'd " " " 1863  

Jesse J. Giles, " " Fl. " Dec. 1858
Wm. W. Griffin, " " Ga. " " 1839
James Harris, re-admitted " " " " 1856
Philemon C. Harris, admitted " " " " 1851
Chas. L. Hayes, " " " " 1835
John M. Hendry, " " Fl. " Feb. 1849
Isaac S. Hopkins, " " " " 1861
James W. Hinton, " " " " 1847
Charles R. Jewett, " " " " Jan. 1844
James Jones, " " " " 1835
Wm. M. Kennedy, " " Fl. " 1848
Joseph S. Key, " " " " Jan. 1849
Walter Knox, adm'd 1841, re-adm'd " " Dec. 1851
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Jesse R. Littlejohn, " " " " Jan. 1850
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Reuben H. Luckey, " " " " 1842
Geo. G. M'Geehan, " " " " Dec. 1854
John M. Marshall, " " " " Jan. 1845
James D. Mauldin, " " Fl. " Dec. 1859
Wm. B. McHan, " " Ga. " Jan. 1849
John B. McGehee, " " " " Dec. 1852
Ed. A. H. McGehee, " " " " 1858
Marcus A. McKibben, " " S. C. " 1836
Wm. T. McMichael, " " Ga. " 1856
David R. McWilliams, " " " " 1857
John W. Mills, " " " " Jan. 1842
Henry D. Moore, received by transfer Fl. " 1864
Chas. A. Moore, admitted into the Ga. " Dec. 1858
John J. Morgan, " " " " 1858
Norman D. Moorehouse, " " " " 1860
Edward H. Myers, " " " " Jan. 1841
Dennis O'Driscol, " " " " 1851
Jacob R. Owen, " " " " 1851
Newdegate B. Ousley, " " " " 1857
Wm. A. Parks, " " " " Dec. 1856
Lewis B. Payne, " " " " 1851
Henry P. Pitchford, " " " " 1835
Lovick Pierce, " " " " S. C. " 1805
John M. Potter, " " So. Ga. " 1868
Freeman F. Reynolds, " " Ga. " Jan. 1845
John H. Robinson, " " S. C. " 1821
Edward J. Rentz, re-admitted " " Ga. " Dec. 1867
Capel Rufford, admitted " " " " 1831
Wm. F. Robison, " " So. Ga. " 1868
John E. Sentell, " " Ga. " Jan. 1850
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MINUTES
OF THE
SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE
M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,
HELD IN ALBANY, GEORGIA,
BEGINNING DECEMBER 16TH—ENDING DECEMBER 21ST.

BISHOP GEO. F PIERCE,........................................ President.
J. BLAKEY SMITH,............................................. Secretary.
HENRY D MOORE,............................................. Assistant.
ISAAC S. HOPKINS,............................................. Statistical Secretary
JOHN M. BONNEll.............................................

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial?

Q. 2. Who remain on trial?

Q. 3. Who are admitted into full connection?
A. John M. Potter, Benson E. L. Timmons, Wm. M. C. Conley, Wm. F. Robinson.

Q. 4. Who are readmitted?
A. George S. Johnson, James A. Wiggins, David Crenshaw.

Q. 5. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?
A. Osborne L. Smith.

Q. 6. Who are the deacons of one year?
A. Geo. T. Embry.

Q. 7. What traveling preachers are elected and ordained deacons?
A. Benson E. L. Timmons and Wm. M. C. Conley.

Q. 8. What local preachers are elected and ordained deacons?

Colored—John W Carter, Peter Young, Simon Adams, Monday Cook, and Emanuel Green.
Whites Ordained—Willis M. Russell, Wm. Harden, and John S. Johnson.
Colored Ordained—Simon Adams, John W Carter, Monday Cook, and Peter Young.
Q. 9. What traveling preachers are elected and ordained elders?
Q. 10. What local preachers are elected and ordained elders?
A. Elected—John S. West, M. H. Galloway, and Wm. T. Taylor.
Ordained—John S. West, and AI. II. Galloway.
Q. 11. Who have located this year?
Q. 12. Who are supernumerary?
A. A. ft, Byrd, Wm. F Conley, and Young F. Tignor.
Q. 13. Who are superannuated?
Q. 14. What preachers have died during the year?
A. Not one.
Q. 15. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?
A. Their names were called one by one, and their characters examined and passed.
Q. 16. What is the number of preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?
A. (See Statistical Table.)
Q. 17. How many infants and adults have been baptized during the year?
A. (See Statistical Table.)
Q. 18. What is the number of Sunday-schools, teachers and scholars?
A. (See Statistical Table.)
Q. 19. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance in their respective districts, circuits and stations?
A. $10,112 50.
Q. 20. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?
A. $5,507 56—paid to claimants.
Q. 21. What has been contributed to the missionary and tract societies?
A. For Domestic Missions, $3,375 05
  “ Foreign “ 762 75
  “ Missionary Debt, 227 80—$4,365 60
  “ Tract Society, 00 00
Q. 22. Where shall the next session of Conference be held?
A. Cathbert, Georgia.
Q. 23. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

SAVANNAH DISTRICT—James W. Hinton, P. E.
Savannah, Trinity—George G. N. MacDonell.
\* Wesley Church—Daniel D. Cox.
Sylvania—Robert H. Howren.
Beaver Dam—To be supplied.
Alexander and Bethel—Stephen S. Sweet, Lowndes A. Darsey.
\* Waynesboro—Norwood B. Ousley.
\* Millen Mission—To be supplied.
\* Louisville—Robert F. Evans, James T. Johnson.
\* Gibson—Wm. M. C. Conley.
Washington—Charles J. Toole.
Sandersville—Thomas B. Lanier.
Davisboro Circuit—Scaborn G. Childs.

MACON DISTRICT—Charles R. Jewett, P. E.
Macon, Mulberry Street—Joseph S. Key.
\* City Mission—James Jones, John W. Burke.
\* First Street—J. Blakely Smith.
Jeffersonville—Robert W. Flournoy.
Irwinton—Wesley Lane.
\* Gordon—Cosby W. Smith.
\* Ocmulgee Mission—To be supplied.
Hawkinsville Mission—Wm. F. Robison.
Pulaski and Wilcox Mission—To be supplied by E. A. Birch.
Fort Valley—Edward A. H. McGeehee.
Perry—Walter Knox.
Hayneville—Wm. W. Stewart.
\* Montezuma and Vienna—James Harris.
\* Swift Creek Mission—James Spence.
Macon Circuit—Wm. C. Bass.
Knoxville Mission—James Dunwody.
W. F. College—John M. Bonnele—President.
\* Cosby W. Smith, Wm. C. Bass—Professors.
Editor S. C. Advocate—Edward H. Myers.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT—Robert B. Lester, P. E.
Columbus, St. Luke—James E. Evans.
\* Girard and Wesley Chapel—Jesse R. Littlejohn.
Muscogee—Stephen D. Clements.
Pleasant Grove—Benson E. L. Timmons.
Butler—Robert F. Williamson.
Cedar Creek—Wm. W. Talbot.
Talbotton—Thomas T. Christian.
Hampton—Wm. A. Parks.
Lampkin—David R. McWilliams.
Buena Vista—George T. Embry.
Juniper Mission—To be supplied.
Cusseta—Dennis O'Driscoll, Young F. Tignor, Sup.
Florence—Shelton R. Weaver, Henry C. Fentress.

AMERICUS DISTRICT—John B. McGeehe, P E.
Americus—Robert W. Dixon.
Bethel—Marcus A. McKibben.
Starkville Mission—To be supplied by T. L. Speight.
Cuthbert and Georgetown—James O. A. Cook.
Spring Vale—George S. Johnson.
Dawson—Benjamin F. Breedlove.
Terrell—Churchwell A. Crowell.
Weston—John W. Mills.
Oglethorpe and Ellaville—Edward J. Rentz.

BAINBRIDGE DISTRICT—George C. Clarke, P E.
Bainbridge—Alvin J. Dean.
Decatur—Wm. M. D. Bond.
Spring Hill—James T. Ainsworth.
Thomasville—James M. Austin.
Camilla—Wm. S. Baker.
Ocklocknee Mission—Philemon C. Harris, one to be supplied.
Morgan—Charles E. Brown.
Colquit—To be supplied by D. C. Stanley.
Spring Creek Mission—To be supplied by Willis M. Russell.
Trinity and Blakely—George L. W. Anthony.
Fort Gaines—Benjamin J. Baldwin.
Grooversville—John W. Talley.

BRUNSWICK DISTRICT—John W Simmons, P E.
Brunswick and St. Mary's—Charles A. Fulwood.
Centre Village—John L. Williams.
Waynesville—John M. Potter.
Waresboro—Wm. T. McMichael.
Doctortown Mission—Wm. M. Kennedy.
Holmesville—To be supplied, Andrew R. Byrd, Sup.
Ocmulgee—Alexander P. Wright.
Coffee—To be supplied by E. B. Finley.
Stockton—James D. Maulden.
Valdosta—John M. Hendry.
Quitman—Osborne L. Smith.
Morven—Jesse J. Giles.
Berrien and Irvin Mission—To be supplied by N. Talley.

ALTamaha District—Lewis B. Payne, P E.
Hinesville—John E. Sentell.
Darien and McIntosh—Wm. M. Hays.
Bryan Mission—To be supplied.
Statesboro—To be supplied by D. Roberts.
Swainsboro—Norman D. Morehouse.
Dublin—John J. Morgan.
Oconee—Carolin C. Hines.
Jacksonville—James G. Worley.
Reidsville—David Crenshaw.
Altamaha—Daniel G. Pope.
Profs. in Emory College, James O. A. Clark, Isaac S. Hopkins.
Agent for Emory College, Freeman F. Reynolds.
“ Sunday-school Society L. Pierce.
“ American Bible Society, Reuben H. Luckey.
Samuel Anthony, Superintendent of Colored People.
James A. Wiggins, transferred to Florida Conference.
George Bright and James M. Stokes, transferred to Missouri Conference.
C. P. Jones, transferred to St. Louis Conference.
John P. Duncan, transferred to North Georgia Conference
and stationed at Dalton.
John H. Harris, transferred to same Conference and stationed at McDonough.

LAY DELEGATES PRESENT.

SAVANNAH DISTRICT—E. Bird, J. R. Saussy.
Macon—Rev W H. Hollinshead, Dr H. S. Wimberly.
Columbus—Rev. T. A. Brown, Dr. W I. Green, A. C. Flewellen.
Americus—R. J Redding, J. S. Moreman.
Bainbridge—A. H. Colquit, D. Rambo.
Brunswick—
Altamaha—E. J. Birch, J. B. Smith, A. Curry.

MISSIONARY.

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF MANAGERS OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

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Anthony, Vice Presidents; Geo. G. N. MacDonell, Treasurer;
James W Hinton, Secretary.
Managers—John W Talley, Lewis B. Payne, N. B. Ousley,
Geo. C. Clarke, R. H. Howren, D. D. Cox, J. O. A. Clark, M.
Rylander, W M. Sessions, Dr Henry Wimberly, George A.
B. Dozier.
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

A missionary anniversary, although a familiar event, should be hailed ever as an occasion of uncommon interest. It is a time for the review and recital of the year's transactions. If these have been successful, it is a source of Christian joy at the triumph of Christianity; if plans have failed, it is an occasion of sadness, to be mitigated by such improvements as experience may devise. Men and ministers of God meet to re-indorse the grand purpose of subduing the world to Christ.

Christianity goes only where its living examples move. It is not a mere philosophy or code of rationalism to be propagated by the press and social avenues—it is Heaven-derived, and known only by its embodiment in a living ministry and Church.

It will never be sought by the world. It must be carried in pursuance of the apostolic commission: "Go ye, into all the world," &c. Go—not wait, until you are called—not only to pleasant places, but every where in the wide, wide world.

Preaching is of divine ordination—the printing press and moral associations cannot supersede the absolute necessity of preaching. This is the world's panacea, the only elixir that confers immortal life and happiness.

The Board of Managers have at present only the supervision of Domestic Missions; hence, no special mention will be made in this report of the imperative demands of the foreign field, that is committed to another Board of Directors.

Beginning with the several fields occupied as missions in your bounds, the Board would offer the following statistical report. Although an imperfect exhibit of the operations of the Board, the following facts are given to show the extent and character of the transactions of the Missionary Society of the South Georgia Conference:

Savannah City Mission under the efficient labors of Rev. D. D. Cox, has been attended with much prosperity. Aided by the liberality and co-operation of Trinity Church in Savannah, the missionary has been enabled to organize a new church, known as Wesley church, with such flattering prospects that it will soon be self-sustaining. Trinity church purchased with the cash an unfinished edifice belonging to the Lutherans, completed handsomely the building, and it was dedicated to God in April last, bearing as its title the honored and revered name of Wesley. This was a proper tribute of respect to that apostolic man whose early ministry was in this city. As the amazed spectator surveys the splendid Cathedral of St. Paul's, in London, his eyes read as follows: "Here lies the body of Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of this house. Do you ask for his monument, look around you." So, if you ask for the monument of Wesley, look around you. Churches, Schools and Colleges from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Bay San Francisco are his monuments, and these will eternize his fame with more
than pyramidal grandeur. This new church in Savannah is an octagonal structure, located beautifully on Chatham Square, just beyond the splendid monument of Count Pulaski. It has a membership of 140 members—is in a thriving condition spiritually and has paid $270 towards the support of the pastor. Of course it still needs help, and the Board earnestly endorse it as an enterprise full of merit and promise.

There are no other missions in the Savannah District, but there is much territory that can only be compassed by missionary operations. Hence the Board recommend several mission fields to be entered on the list of appointments.

There ought to be a mission in Screven co., to be called Beaver Dam, embracing a portion of the county full of people but of limited means—several feeble churches existing in the section needing aid to be well served with the gospel.

The Board advise also a mission to be formed of a portion of Burke co., to be called Millen, beginning at the Millen rail road junction, and including several feeble churches adjacent.

In the Macon District there are several mission fields served the present year.

Macon City Mission—served by Revs. J. Jones and J W Burke—is in a flourishing condition. The senior preacher has worked with great diligence his large field, aided by his colleague fully up to the amount of labor which his other duties allowed. These worthy brethren have established several preaching places in the more destitute sections, and by them the word of life is preached at these several points every Sabbath day. The corner stone of a new church edifice has been laid in East Macon, where there is a fine prospect of a self-sustaining organization in that neglected portion of the city. Let this mission be continued.

The Hawkinsville Mission was served by Rev. W. F. Robison, enjoyed a refreshing revival during the year, and its general condition is reported good.

The Board advise the continuance of the Knoxville Mission in Crawford co., also the Wilcox Mission. These sections are very destitute and can be improved by very small appropriations.

In the Columbus District is the Girard and Wesley Chape Mission. Rev. J. R. Littlejohn, missionary, reports two churches having 178 white and 60 colored members, also two flourishing S. Schools—the mission has raised for its S. Schools $57.15, and $84.75 for its pastor. The charge has been blessed with a revival of religion which added 74 members to the Church. The Board advise its continuance, and also that a colored preacher be sent to preach to the colored population.

Upatoie Mission was served by Rev Y F. Tignor. He has made no report. The Board advise its continuance.

The Swift Creek Mission is in the Americus District, and Rev. James T. Johnson was the pastor. He reports five organized
churches, and another appointment—membership 120. and 3 Sabbath Schools. Pastor received from his charge $80.30 for his support. Let this field be cultivated further.

From the Worth and Irwin Mission we have no report, nor from Starksville Mission; but it is deemed important to still occupy these fields. The Board also advise the formation of a new mission of parts of Dougherty, Mitchell and Worth counties.

The Ocklocknee Mission is in the Bainbridge District and was worked by Rev. R. F. Evans, who reports four appointments, 152 members—38 added during the year—attention is paid to the baptizing of children by the missionary. Perhaps this is too generally neglected by missionaries. Mission paid its pastor $105.52. It is prosperous, and should be continued. A new mission should be formed in the forks of the Flint and Chattahoochee rivers, to be called Spring Creek.

Doctor Town Mission is in the bounds of the Brunswick District, served by Rev. W M. Kennedy, who reports the charge in a good condition. It has 8 preaching places—11 white and 15 colored children baptized—18 white and 25 colored members baptized. People of the charge paid missionary $279.93 for his support. There are also four Sabbath Schools in operation. Let the work go on and be sustained.

Darien and McIntosh Mission is in Altamaha District in charge of Rev. W M. Hays, who reports the mission not prosperous, but it has paid the pastor $452, and the Pres. Elder $18. One S. School in good condition. It will sustain independently a young man, and should be thus supplied.

From Bryan Mission there is no report, nor from Statesboro Mission; but both fields are worth still farther effort.

Such is a rapid survey of a very wide field where labor and money have been expended for the salvation of souls. And this is but a small part of the land—the most destitute only—needing the fostering care of your Society. Now, in view of such a vast opening for ministerial labors, it is painful to the last degree to state that less than $4,000 has been raised during the year to meet this pressing demand. True, the Board is glad that in the providence of God, the people are able and willing to do even this much to ameliorate the spiritual destitution of the benighted and poor sections of our State. But can it be possible, that there is lack of men and means to carry the gospel to every part of Georgia. So it would seem. Multitudes are in darkness and in death; and yet we carry not to them the word of light and life. Whence this lethargy? It proceeds from doubt and infidelity, from covetousness and illiberality. God's grace is full, free and impartial, for "Jesus tasted death for every man." Shall whole districts raise only a few hundred dollars, where as much could easily be done by one prosperous circuit; perhaps by one prosperous member? Admit the troubles of the times, their hardness, to use a familiar phrase—following the desolations of war and financial pros-
tration; yet who will contend, that a due proportion of the available men of the Church is consecrated to the noble work of saving souls.

How is it that some circuits and stations do so much less than others, while the ability is the same or nearly equal? The fact is evident, that some preachers are duly awake to their responsibilities, and others criminally neglectful of their duty. God cannot bless a ministry, not possessing, not cultivating a missionary spirit. We must enlarge our Christian affections or by mere stagnation of religious sympathy, we, dwarf our souls, until having no longer affinities for heaven we necessarily gravitate to earth and sin. Onward and forward is the word. Preachers and people alike in their spheres should be animated with the zeal and unity of purpose of an invading army, bent on the conquest of the foes of Jesus.

Much has been done, but there remains yet very much land to be possessed, and in the language of an ancient brave man, we are able to go up and possess the land. The best missionaries are such as feel, "I am debtor to the Greek and Barbarian, to the wise and unwise," feeling that the "Gospel is the power of God unto salvation."

The Board is thankful for what has been achieved, and in enlarging its fields for the next year, it is with the confident expectation, that a corresponding increase of its receipts will justify its appropriations. But in order to do this every man must do his duty—press the missionary collection by special preaching as the Disciplin directs. The preachers should begin these collections early in the year and realize as much cash as possible. Let it be remembered, that the appropriations are only provisional and contingent. There is no money in hand, the Treasury is literally empty. For the present year only 72 per cent, of the appropriations can be met. How hard then for the poor missionary to labor all the year, wait for his meagre support to the end, and then have his claim discounted 25 per cent. To avoid this, facts and figures must be kept before the people, by the press and pulpit. Believing the country to be recovering from its prostration, recognizing God's providence and grace in the benificence of the year now closed, the Board justly, religiously expect a year of increased prosperity to follow. Jesus "went about doing good." Such was his biography. Let us catch the inspiration of his words and deeds, and with unselfish devotion to God and mankind, let us serve our day and generation well. And when the weeping sowers and tired laborers shall gather their sheaves, may the Angel reapers descend and Heaven sing "harvest home."
TREASURER'S REPORT.

Geo. G. N. MacDonell, Treasurer.

In account with South Georgia Conference Missionary Society.

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**Total** $310.60
AGGREGATE COLLECTIONS.

Savannah District ........................................... $863.20
Macon .......................................................... 719.85
Columbus ....................................................... 605.50
Americus ....................................................... 533.15
Bainbridge ..................................................... 151.95
Brunswick ....................................................... 152.55
Altamaha ....................................................... 310.60

Total .......................................................... $2,336.80

R. R. Dividends ............................................. 28.25

To cash on hand at last report ............................ 14.41

Total .......................................................... $3,375.46

CREDITS.

By amount remitted A. P McFerrin, Treas. Parent Board 1-10 ............................................. 330.60
By amount paid to missionaries on account 1868 ....... 302.40
Balance, cash on hand .................................... 14.86

Total .......................................................... $3,375.46

RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SAVANNAH DISTRICT.

Savannah, Trinity ............................................ $97.25
   " Wesley .................................................. 10.75
Waynesboro Circuit ......................................... 21.00
Louisville .................................................... 21.25
Bethel .......................................................... 3.00
Swainsboro ................................................... 10.00

Total .......................................................... $163.25

MACON DISTRICT.

Macon, Mulberry Street, "Mary Allen" Society .......... $100.00
   " First Street ........................................... 10.15
Perry Station ................................................ 14.00
Fort Valley Circuit ......................................... 30.00
Jeffersonville .............................................. 9.00
Macon ........................................................ 1.00
Hayneville ................................................... 3.15

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By amounts forwarded Rev. E. H. Myers, from various charges, $260 80
By amounts forwarded to W T. Smithson, from various charges, 208 00
Balance, cash on hand, 293 95

**Total** $762 75

RECEIVED FOR MISSIONARY DEBT.

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AMERICUS DISTRICT.

Albany Station, .................................................$ 10 00
Randolph Circuit, ............................................. 10 00
Weston ................................................................. 15 00
Florence ................................................................. 12 10
Bethel ................................................................. 5 00

Total ................................................................ $ 52 10

SUMMARY.

Savannah District, .................................................. $ 25 00
Macon ................................................................. 10 00
Columbus .............................................................. 140 70
Americus ............................................................. 52 10

Total ................................................................ $ 227 80

CR.

By amount forwarded to E. H. Myers, ....................... $ 67 19

Balance, cash on hand for Missionary Debt, ............. 160 70

THE MISSIONARY DEBT.

The General Conference at New Orleans found a heavy burden of debt resting on the Missionary Society, and no assets. It resolved, that the Church must pay her debts, and the sum due was divided out among the Conferences for collection. The S. G. Conference was assessed $2,200; a little over $700 of which has been paid in three years. There remains near $1,500 to pay—about 7½ cents for every member. Let us get rid of our share of this debt early—at once—without delay. The P. Elders will see on page what is needed in each District, after making the credits for the payments of the three past years, which we have aggregated below. Will they not help to make an earnest effort to pay our part of the debt this Spring?

E. H. MYERS, Receiver.

COLLECTION FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Attention is solicited to the resolutions respecting Foreign Missions, and the time of taking missionary collections, on another page.

The assessment of $2,000 for Foreign Missions is embraced in that of $10,000 to missionary purposes—one-fifth to Foreign, four-fifths to Domestic Missions.
PAYMENTS
ON MISSIONARY DEBT, 1866, 1867 AND 1868.

In dividing out the assessment for 1869, the sums following are to be credited to the charges named:

Trinity, Savannah ........................................... $ 15 00
Springfield......................................................... 24 00
Louisville......................................................... 25 00
Sandersville....................................................... 15 00
Fort Valley......................................................... 40 00
Perry................................................................. 10 00
Hayneville......................................................... 40 00
St. Luke, Columbus ........................................... 105 00
St. Paul, ......................................................... 105 00
Muscogee............................................................ 28 00
Pleasant Grove................................................... 1 20
Talbotton........................................................... 30 00
Talbot Circuit.................................................... 30 00
Hamilton......................................................... 10 00
Lumpkin............................................................ 20 00
Buenavista......................................................... 32 50
Cusseta............................................................. 15 00
Upatoie............................................................... 2 00
Florence............................................................ 12 10
Americus............................................................ 80 10
Bethel................................................................. 34 50
Magnolia Springs................................................ 15 00
Weston................................................................. 25 00
Lanier................................................................. 2 50
Stewart............................................................... 5 00
Randolph........................................................... 10 00
Albany................................................................. 10 00
Morven.............................................................. 10 00
Hinesville.......................................................... 15 00

Total................................................................. $766 90

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It is a matter of sincere regret to your committee, that there is such apathy both among preachers and people on this important interest of our church. We do earnestly desire that there may be more zeal displayed the ensuing year, and for all time to come, in behalf of Foreign Missions.

It reflects no little discredit upon our church in Georgia, that our noble, self-sacrificing Missionary in China, Y. J. Allen, has not been supported by us.

The Committee do not think it advisable or necessary to form a Board of Foreign Missions in this Conference. There
is no provision in the Discipline of our Church for Foreign Boards in the Annual Conferences, auxiliary to the present Board of Foreign Missions. If there was such a provision, it would be useless, unless there was more for such an Auxiliary Board to do.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Conference concur, and unite with the North Georgia Conference in the support of Young J. Allen, Missionary to China; and the members of this Conference hereby pledge themselves to do their utmost to raise, during the next Conference year, two thousand dollars for this purpose.

Resolved. That said two thousand dollars be apportioned to the Presiding Elder Districts in the same ratio with the fund for superannuated preachers, and that the Presiding Elders apportion such amounts to the charges in their Districts in the same ratio, and that such amounts be raised as early as possible.

Resolved, That our Sunday Schools be urged to form themselves into Missionary Societies, and that as much as possible of the two thousand dollars be raised in this way.

Resolved, That this Conference appoint a permanent Treasurer for Foreign Missions, to whom the members of this Conference shall remit both at and during the interval of the Conference, all money collected for Foreign Missions in the bounds of their charges. Said Treasurer shall forward such amounts to the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Adopted; and E. H. Myers was appointed Treasurer of Foreign Mission Fund.

RESOLUTIONS RESPECTING MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

1. That in order to sustain and enlarge our missionary operations each church in the bounds of this conference should adopt a systematic plan of contributing—one that will appeal to and enlist its entire individual membership.

2. That our Church and District-meetings be and are hereby requested to provide, if practicable, for at least four Annual Missionary Meetings in each Presiding Elder's District.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SOCIETY

Alexander M. Wynn, President; W. A. Parks, 1st Vice President; T. T. Christian, 2d Vice President; J. Blakely Smith, Treasurer; Isaac S. Hopkins, Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The increased interest in the Sunday-school cause throughout our bounds is a matter of rejoicing with us, and calls for profound gratitude to Almighty God.

The approximate number of pupils under our instruction is 10,549—a large increase during the past year—of whom 256 are reported as having received converting grace. Money contributed $3,645.85.

Not only is the increased interest upon the part of the Church, and the growing number of our pupils a cause of gratulation, but also the improving character of our schools. The missionary spirit is largely infused. That great law of God which comes in contact with, and opposes all human selfishness, and which is hard to be obeyed by many of the wisest and best, “look not every one on his own things, but also on the things of others” is being inculcated in the tender minds and yielding hearts of the children of the Sunday-school. While they are taught to lis and love the name of Jesus, they are sending their prayers to Heaven and their contributions to the Missionary in far-off China, that the heathen, too, may learn the name of Jesus and worship the God of the Bible. Is it not auspicious of great good in the future that even the children of the Church are becoming an instrument of power in the conversion of the world? May the time come when every Sunday-school in the South Georgia Conference shall be a Missionary Society.

There is another cause of gratitude to God. We have learned, doubtless, by the teaching of the Spirit of all grace, that the paramount object of the Sabbath-school is the conversion of souls. The grand principle to which Jehovah himself has ever adhered whether to maintain his government, glorify his name, or promote the happiness of immortal intelligence—the principle of progress—has marked the Sunday-school cause ever since its first institution, until at last it has reached the Heaven-appointed object—the conversion and final salvation of the children. It is a sad truth, that old persons—even the middle aged, are seldom brought to Christ. In vain the Holy Spirit strives; in vain God’s ministers plead with, weep and mourn over them; and are finally compelled to turn away with anguished hearts, and to abandon the hardened sinner to his sad fate. But in the virgin soil of the youthful heart, the seed of gospel grace, gathered from the garden of Heaven is never sown in vain. It should be the prayer and effort of every gospel minister and Sunday-school teacher to lead the young to him, who said “suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not.” Let love divine be the qualification of every teacher—the cross, the insignia upon every Sunday-school banner.

The Sabbath-school is not only the nursery of the Church, but of Heaven likewise. While many tender budding plants are transferred to the vineyard of the Lord to bring forth fruit
to the glory and honor of God, many more are transplanted to Eden's bower to bloom in the light of immortal glory.

With the manifest increasing zeal in this department of our Zion, the future of the Church can be easily foretold. Her standard of piety will be elevated, her borders enlarged, her numbers multiplied and better than all, she will swell the ranks of the saints in light.

RESOLUTIONS RESPECTING SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Resolved, 1. That the Presiding Bishop be requested to appoint Dr. Lovick Pierce, as Sunday-school Agent for next year. And recognizing as we do, his pre-eminent worth, faithfulness, and great efficiency as a father in the Church, and belonging, as we feel he does, to the whole Church, especially to the Church in Georgia, we do hereby declare it to be the sense of this Conference, that the amount and kind of labor he may perform as to time and place, be left entirely to his own discretion.

Resolved, 2. That it be recommended to the Sunday-schools throughout the Conference to adopt the best practical plan to raise missionary money to aid in the support of our missionary in China, Young J. Allen, and that each preacher be requested to assist in carrying out the spirit of this resolution in every Sunday-school in his charge.

Resolved, That each preacher in charge be required to take up a collection for the S. S. Society, in the month of February or March, and forward the same to the Treasurer of said Society, to whom all applications for books for destitute Sabbath-schools shall be made.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.


TO THE PREACHERS AND MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren: Our Conference at session of 1867 adopted the following resolutions:

"1. The Board of Missions shall estimate from year to year the amounts necessary for the support of Missions, and furnish the same to the Joint Board of Finance.

"2. The Joint Board of Finance shall estimate from year to year the amounts necessary to meet the claims upon them.

"The Joint Board of Finance shall divide these amounts, together with the Bishops' claim upon this Conference, equitably between the Presiding Elders' Districts, and furnish each Presiding Elder with his assessment."
The Conference also passed the following resolution:

"That the M. E. Church, South, is under strong obligations to liquidate the Missionary debt, and the members of the South Georgia Conference hereby pledge themselves to renewed effort in that direction."

And it also resolved to try to collect $2,000 for the support of Young J. Allen, Missionary to China, and to raise a fund for the education of young men.

To facilitate the collection of these sums, they, too, have been divided out, in the same proportion with the Conference collection.

The following are

THE ASSESSMENTS FOR 1869.

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See on page 19 the credits to be given on the Missionary debt. The Missionary assessment above is for both Domestic and Foreign Missions.

It will be seen that the total assessments for five important collections are stated here. The whole sum will be paid, if $1.20—or 2½ cents a week—be obtained from each member of the Church. Of course, many can give more; but the effort should be to get at least this little from every member. At least, let this average be aimed at. Here is a point to which each one may work. The spirit of Christianity requires that every one, however poor, give "a mite," while those more able should "give according to their several abilities."

To give proper direction in this matter, the Conference has passed the following resolutions:

"The Presiding Elder shall subdivide these amounts between the Circuits, Stations and Missions of their Districts, and at the earliest practicable moment furnish the same to the preacher in charge.

"Preachers in charge at the beginning of the year shall procure books and take the name of every member, together with the friends of the church in their charge, and seek by personal appeal to lay on each one the obligation to contribute—taking subscriptions and cash.

"Preachers in charge shall also take up a public collection for missions, and also a Conference collection, at each Church in their charge, on which occasions sermons shall always be preached on the subject of the collection, and such information furnished as shall stimulate and increase the liberality of the Church."

JOS. S. KEY,
Chairman Financial Board.
ADDRESS OF THE LAY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE
CHURCH.

To the Stewards and Members of the M. E. C. South, in the
South Georgia Conference:

Dear Brethren: We the lay delegates assembled in council,
are, we trust, prepared fully to realize and appreciate the wants
of the Church and Ministry.

We embrace this opportunity to communicate to you the
feelings and sentiments that inspire our hearts, while consid-
ering the great and momentous interests involved, and in which
you are deeply interested. We feel the more induced to do so
from the fact that, as the lay delegates to the Conference, we
represent all sections of the work, and further from the fact,
that we have been able here more fully to feel our responsibili-
ties, as laymen, in view of our obligations to God, the Church,
and the World.

The great wants of the Church, as they present themselves
to our minds are:

1st. Increased spirituality and faithfulness on the part of the
ministry and membership.

2nd. A more deep and abiding conviction of the obligation
you are under to support the Church and ministry. While we
are fully convinced, that it is essential to the prosperity of the
cause of Christ, that the ministry should and must be "faith-
ful ensamples to the flock"—for "like priest, like people;" and
that if they expect the membership to do their duty to them
and the Church, they must "be instant in season and out of
season," caring for the Church, and doing the full work of the
ministry; at the same time, it is just as essential, and the
bounden duty of the membership to hold up their hands by
their prayers and kindly attentions; by attending upon all the
means of grace, and by providing a comfortable support for
preachers and their families, so that they may not be em-barr-
sed in their work, and the word of God thereby hindered.
We should provide them temporal things, while they labor for
us in spiritual things.

This obligation is too plainly taught in God's word, and even
by the Saviour himself, to need any argument to prove it; but
to fully satisfy any doubting mind, we will present some scrip-
tural testimony—and give some reasons why the Church
should discharge this plain duty to the ministry.

The Saviour in sending forth his apostles to preach the word,
said in the great commission given to them, "carry neither
purse nor script—and into whatever house ye enter, remain
eating and drinking, for the laborer is worthy of his hire."

The Saviour while intending to teach his disciples the duty
of trusting in him, evidently intended at the same time to
teach them and the people to whom they were sent, the duty
of providing for their temporal wants—for he adds, "the laborer
is worthy of his hire.” On the same subject, the Apostle Paul
speaks with emphasis, and declares that “so hath God ordained
that they that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.
The reasonableness of the obligation grows out of these
facts:
1st. The Minister of Christ is a laborer—he labors for us
—for our souls specially, and watches over us, as one that
must give account. He labours for us in the pulpit, around the
altar, in our families, at our bedside, when sick or dying, and
administers words of consolation to our doubting hearts. He
buries our dead, weeps with them that weep, and comforts the
stricken heart.
2nd. We accept his services, and, viewing it simply as a
business transaction, we are thereby responsible for his sup-
port. This appears not only through the mutual agreement
entered into between the Conference and the Churches, to
which we all become parties under the polity of our Church,
when we become members of it, and which is as sacred an ob-
ligation as any bond—but, beyond all this, we are bound by
the promise or pledge to pay him a specific amount or salary,
made by our agents, the Stewards—who are authorized and
empowered to do so, by the Discipline of the Church, under
which they are appointed, and which requires at their hands,
that they should feel solemnly bound to afford a competent sup-
port to those who are appointed to labor amongst them.
You will thus perceive, brethren, that our pastor is a laborer
entitled to compensation, not only by the Constitution of our
Church, but by a sacred pledge, made to him by your own
agents; and inasmuch as your pastor can have no voice in
the matter, but must remain passive and submit to your deci-
sion and action—you are thereby, it would seem doubly bound
in law, justice and honour, to meet your obligations to him and
pay the bond in full. But we will not dwell longer on this sub-
ject, except to add—brethren, fulfil your just obligations to
your pastors, and then in a proper manner, if needs be, require
at his hands a full performance of all his obligations to you
and the church—but do not, we pray you, fail to perform your
part of the contract and pledge to him, and then complain of
his want of faithfulness, in order to find an excuse for your un-
faithfulness to him.
We are satisfied that we cannot too earnestly press upon
your minds, the great importance of sustaining the ministry,
both by your prayers and purse; for while we consider it be-
neath the dignity of an ambassador of Christ, in the slightest
degree to make a moneyed consideration a ground of faithful-
ness to God or the Church, yet at the same time, we must re-
member that entirely dependant as the minister frequently is
upon the church for his support, if you fail to afford it to him
to say the least of it, he must necessarily be embarrassed in the
work i u which he is engaged.
A failure in Conference collections to provide yearly, an
amount sufficient to sustain the worn out servants of the church, to say the least of it, may cause some one to be troubled in mind, if not in heart, as age and infirmity creeps on space, or failing health admonishes the man of God, that his days will soon be numbered, and he must leave a helpless wife and little ones, to depend upon the cold charities of the church.

Or a failure to supply the scanty support promised to the pastor by the church, may induce some to engage in a secular calling, in connection with the ministry, greatly to the detriment of the holy cause in which he is laboring.

We are fully aware, brethren, of the terrible losses you have sustained, and the greatly impoverished state of the country, and yet all is not lost. We have enough left us to be thankful for, and can, if we but possess the spirit of the poor widow in the gospel, sustain it where it is already preached, and send it to regions beyond us.

If we wish to have a faithful minister, receive him kindly, provide well for all his temporal wants, convince him he shall receive a comfortable support, hold up his hands by prayer and faith, and our word for it, God's blessing will descend upon the church and community to which he is sent.

Brethren, though we thus write earnestly, and, by Scripture and reason, urge upon you the importance of sustaining the ministry, it is not because we believe you are unwilling to do your duty, but because we fear you are not fully alive to your obligations in this matter.

The Stewards of the church we would affectionately and earnestly exhort, to awake to a just and full appreciation of the highly responsible position they occupy. It is your duty brethren—and yours alone—to provide for your pastor. To you he looks, and upon you alone must he depend. We beseech you then to fully discharge the duty of a Steward of the church as the Discipline requires, and great will be your peace of conscience and final reward.

Brethren, appreciate the blessings of a pure gospel, preached by a faithful ministry; appreciate your privileges in this gospel. How great an honor to be called a child of God, an heir of heaven, a joint heir with Jesus Christ. Cleave to the church and ministry of your choice; for your own sake, for your family's sake, and for the world's sake.

In order to secure more certainly the means to support the ministry, we take the liberty of presenting to you a plain, practical system of finance to operate with, and although it may not be perfect in all its parts, nor meet fully the varied conditions of the people and work, yet we are fully convinced that if faithfully adhered to, it will greatly assist you in raising the needful supplies.

The more effectually to carry out the plan offered, it is hereby recommended that each Board of Stewards organize by the election of a President, a Secretary and Treasurer, and then:
1st. On the arrival of the preacher in charge, the President shall call a meeting of the Board of Stewards.

2nd. The Stewards shall proceed at once to determine the amount necessary to be raised during the year, to support their Church, embracing the allowance to the preacher in charge, the Presiding Elder, and incidental expenses.

3rd. The Stewards shall request the pastor to call a Church meeting to raise the means necessary to support the Church either by voluntary contributions or assessments as may be deemed best by the Church.

4th. The assessments agreed to shall be divided into monthly instalments.

5th. The membership thus assessed for monthly payments shall be apportioned out amongst the Stewards, as they may deem proper and best, to collect the same monthly.

6th. There shall be a regular monthly meeting of the Board as far as practicable, at which time each Steward shall report moneys collected, and pay the same over to the Treasurer, and as far as possible settle up fully all indebtedness.

[The above address was conceived and proposed by the lay delegates to the Conference, and it was requested by them to be sent forth to the Churches through the Minutes.]

EDUCATIONAL.


REPORT ON EDUCATION.

At the last session of the Conference, it was recommended to the District-meetings to take under their care, and dispose of the Institutions at Bainbridge, Thomasville, and Talbotton, as far as their power over them allowed, for the best interests of the education of the Church. This, we believe, was done—though there has been no formal report to the Conference of the disposition made of these Institutions.

This being done, there are left under the care and control of this Conference, but three Institutions, viz: Emory College, the Wesleyan Female College, and the Andrew Female College.

It is with great satisfaction, that we learn that all these Institutions are, considering the condition of the country, flourishing, and recovering from the depression and embarrassments of the times. It is not needful, here and now, to discuss the subject of education, and the absolute need of the Church watching over and furthering the education of the children of
the Church. The hope is, that after the years of effort in this
direction by the Georgia Conferences, the people are so far
aroused to the subject that the cause has received such an im-
pulse as will carry it forward to a glorious future success.

We therefore only offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the South Georgia Conference renew their
pledges to do what they can for the success of our Institutions
of learning—Emory College, the Wesleyan Female College, and
Andrew Female College, and we pledge ourselves to speak and
work for them to the extent of our ability. Adopted.

THE ENDOWMENT SCHEMES.

It is well known, that a new scheme of endowment has been
inaugurated for Emory College and the Wesleyan Female Col-
lege, for the former by the payment of $20, and the latter of $10 a
year, and that though their success, as yet, is only partial, yet
already the funds collected have subserved a very necessary
purpose in rehabilitating these Institutions—so greatly needing
aid, after the dilapidations of a few years of compulsory neg-
lect. There is much to say in behalf of these schemes; but we
think the reasons for this plan of endowment will so commend
themselves to the Methodists of Georgia, that we need not give
them here, in detail.

We only offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the members of this Conference will give their
influence to promoting the Endowment Plan of Emory College,
and the Wesleyan Female College, by personal appeals to the
members of the Church and other friends of education, and
through the District-meetings especially. Adopted.

THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG MINISTERS.

The collections for the education of young men, intending to
enter the ministry have been .................................. $302 00
The disbursements................................................. 129 00

Leaving in hand..................................................... 173 00

The Board have under their care one very promising young
brother in the Junior Class of Emory College, and desire to
continue him in the Institution this year. There are at least
two of the young preachers in the Conference who wish and
need aid from the Board, while they perfect themselves in their
English studies, at the same time attending to the work as-
signed them—provided it leaves them any time for attending
school.

The following resolution is proposed:

Resolved, That the Board of Education be directed to estimate
the amount necessary to support young men preparing
for the ministry, and to divide this amount equitably between
the Districts—to be raised during the year, by the co-operation of Presiding Elders and Quarterly Conferences. Adopted. [The sum of $1,000 assessed in accordance with above resolution, is divided out to the Districts, on page 23.]

APPLICATION OF YOUNG MEN PREPARING FOR THE MINISTRY.

By the law of the Conference the applicant must be "recommended by the quarterly conference of the charge of which he is a member, with a written statement of his qualifications and character, and of the amount of aid he may need."

In order to bring out the facts proper to be known, the applicant is required—

1st. To write himself to the Committee stating in full his religious history and experience, and his convictions on the subject of preaching.

2d. Either he or his friends must give information—

1. As to parentage, age, name in full, Church at which he is a member, and P. O., etc.

2. How far is he advanced in his studies?

3. Is there a good and suitable school convenient to his residence?

4. Can his friends or parents give him any pecuniary aid; and how much a year; and with how little aid yearly from the Board can his education be carried forward?

5. Any other information that he or his friends can give that may help the Executive Committee to form a correct judgment in the premises should be furnished.

The Committee can do nothing without funds. At the Conference several brethren promised to raise money for this object during the year. Let them collect and forward early. We beg that the Presiding Elders and preachers of the South Georgia Conference take this thing in hand, bring the subject before their quarterly conferences and District-meetings, seek out pious and gifted young men, raise money and forward it to the Committee, so that they can begin their work without delay.

Members of the Church who wish to aid in this enterprise and to see young men properly educated for the ministry, are solicited to contribute to this fund. Each may help a little; and many small gifts from a great number will do as much, or more, than larger sums from fewer persons.

Funds may be sent to J. W. Burke, Macon, Treasurer.

Communications may be addressed to

E. H. MYERS, Chairman Committee.

CONFERENCE COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

CANDIDATES.—The Bible; Wesley’s Sermons on Justification by Faith and on the Witness of the Spirit; Rules concerning the Duty of a Preacher, as laid down in the Discipline; Written Essay or Sermon.


Examinin committees.

First Year.—James M. Austin, I. S. Hopkins, James T. Ainsworth.
Fourth Year.—J. O. A. Clark, W. A. Parks, Charles A. Fullwood.

Books and Periodicals,

The Committee on Books and Periodicals report, that they have examined with much gratification the report of the condition and prospects of the Southern Methodist Publishing House. The highest credit is due to Dr. Redford for his untiring energy, and for the financial skill and ability which he has exhibited in its management. It is an enterprise that should be fostered. Ministers and people should unite in their efforts to free it from the embarrassments of debt, and place it upon an independent footing. To this end we may contribute by buying its publications. At the same time we may accomplish much good by supplanting with them the fabulous histories and romances so eagerly read in the present age.

We commend to the patronage of our brethren the Nashville Christian Advocate and the Sunday School Visitor.
The Committee invite particular attention to our own organ, the Southern Christian Advocate. Within the bounds of its circulation there are about one hundred thousand communicants. We think a proportion of one subscriber to every ten of these members is not too much to expect for a paper devoted exclusively to their interests. There are twenty thousand members in the South Georgia Conference, and one hundred preachers. If during the next year there should be obtained, by each preacher, not less than twenty subscribers, counting both renewals and new subscribers, or if that should be the average reached, the arrearages of the paper will be fully settled. We urge upon our brethren to keep this point in view and work to this end.

Resolved, That this Conference will sustain the Southern Christian Advocate.

Resolved, That we endeavor to extend its circulation until it reaches every Methodist family. Adopted.

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause submit the following resolutions, as their report:

Resolved, That our love to, and interest in the Bible Cause, our confidence in the American Bible Society, and in its agent Rev. R. H. Luckey, are not diminished but increasing.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be hereby tendered to the American Bible Society for its efforts to enlarge the circulation of the Holy Scriptures within the bounds of this Annual Conference and elsewhere, for its very liberal donation of Bibles and Testaments to our own poor and destitute, and to our beloved brother, the Agent of the Society, now present with us, for his indefatigable and efficient zeal in the great and noble work in which he is engaged.

Resolved, That we hereby renew to the Society and Agent our promise and pledge of co-operation.

Resolved, That we praise the God of the Bible and Great Head of the Church for the success of the American Bible Society in the past, and renew our earnest prayers that God may increasingly magnify His Word, and hasten the time when a copy of the Holy Scriptures shall be found in every household, and be read and obeyed by every soul for whom Christ died.

Resolved, That we request the Bishop to reappoint Brother Luckey, Agent of the American Bible Society. Adopted.

LAY DELEGATES

Are to be elected by the District-meetings, to be qualified as the Discipline directs; and no travelling preacher, having a vote in the Annual Conference, is to vote on the question in the District meeting.
THE INCORPORATED CONFERENCE.

E. II. Myers was elected President, J. Blakely Smith, Secretary, and T. T. Christian, Treasurer, of the Legal Conference. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved. That the Treasurer of this Legal Conference be and he is hereby appointed a commissioner to confer with the commissioner of the North Georgia Conference respecting all property belonging to the two Conferences, and that he be empowered to act with discretionary power in the division or sale or retention of land owned in copartnership, as the two commissioners may think best for our mutual interest.

RESOLUTIONS.

FIDELITY IN EXAMINATION OF CHARACTER OF PREACHERS.

Whereas, An Annual Conference in our economy is an executive body to which belongs the sole power of graduating into office an itinerant, pastoral ministry, into whose hands must come every interest of the Church, ministerial, pastoral and administrative:

And Whereas, An Annual Conference, invested with these executive duties and powers becomes officially responsible for the ministers, pastors and administrative guardians of our people and churches:

And Whereas, An Annual Conference cannot pass the character of one of its body, and place him in the hands of the Bishop, to be placed as an overseer over Christ's flock, without an actual endorsement of his fitness for the work it employs him to do:

And Whereas, Every endorsement of an unfaithful pastor will appear to lookers on—and come to be felt by our people, as the evidence of indifference on our part, as the guardians of their interest; or else of utter want of moral courage to do our duty, as a court of inquiry and as a college of graduation into the holy office not of a mere good preacher, but also, of a faithful shepherd taking good heed to all his flock:

Therefore, Resolved, By the members of the South Georgia Conference, that we will now, and especially hereafter, adhere to the principle that the passage of character in this Conference, shall depend as absolutely upon an effective pastoral and administrative character in the preacher, as upon his preaching ability

Resolved Secondly, That in adopting the foregoing resolution we do not intend to enact any new term of membership; but only to abide by and enforce the law of the Discipline, as it now stands or as it hereafter may stand by the action of our General Conference in regard to the specific duties with which preachers in charge of a church or of churches, may be charged.
Resolved Thirdly, That we, as trustees for the churches, by virtue of our power to supply them with a competent pastoral ministry under the provisions of our Discipline, cannot discharge our duty in the premises until we put into the hands of the Bishops men who have, by their diligence in duty, proved to us, that they can and will attend to all the work we employ them to do for us as the guardians of our people's religious interests. Adopted.

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Resolved, That as preachers of the South Georgia Conference, we esteem it our duty to administer, or have administered, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, monthly on our Stations, and quarterly in each church on our Circuits and Missions.

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH DAY.

Resolved, That a Scriptural observance of the Sabbath day is essential to the religious improvement of the Church. Therefore, as ministers, we pledge ourselves to more frequently and pointedly enforce upon the membership that important duty.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN.

Resolved, That all our preachers be earnestly requested and recommended to urge upon our people the duty and importance of having their children baptized: and to offer them an opportunity of having this sacrament administered publicly in each congregation at least once every quarter, and to have the names of the baptized children entered upon the Church records.

TREATISE ON ROMANISM.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure that our worthy brother, Rev. C. P. Jones, has published a treatise on Romanism, and in view of the importance of the subject discussed, and in evidence of our appreciation of its author, the Conference hereby recommends the circulation of the book among our people.

THE WASHINGTON STREET CHURCH.

Resolved, That the South Georgia Conference has received with proper sympathy and favor the communication of Rev. W. Martin, of the South Carolina Conference, in regard to the necessities of the Washington Street Church, Columbia, S. C., and we hereby tender to him our readiness to aid him in our bounds to the extent of giving him access to our pulpits and charges when it may be his pleasure to visit us.

THE HOME MONTHLY.

Resolved, That we cordially recommend the Home Monthly published at our Publishing House, Nashville, Tennessee, and
edited by Professor A. B. Starke, as a periodical worthy of
the patronage of our preachers and people, and especially as it
is designed to fill, for the present, in our Church literature and
families, the place formerly occupied by the "Home Circle."

ACADEMY FOR THE BLIND.

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State has instituted (some
years since) in the City of Macon an Academy for the Blind,
and whereas we have the most implicit confidence in the abili-
ty of Prof. Williams, who is at the head of that Institution, and
regarding as we do the importance of the education of this
unfortunate class of our people: Therefore

Resolved, That we, the members of the South Georgia Con-
fERENCE, do pledge ourselves to look up as far as possible the
blind children in our bounds, and use our efforts to get them to
this most worthy Institution.

BOARD OF FUND OF SPECIAL RELIEF.

L. Pierce, S. Anthony, J. E. Evans, J. B. McGehee, Geo. G.
N. MacDonell, J. W Mills, Chas. R. Jewett

The object of this Fund is to give relief to widows and or-
phans of preachers, travelling or local, or to the preachers
themselves, who are in specially destitute circumstances from
sickness or other calamity. Donations solicited.

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

R. B. Lester, President; J. O. A. Cook, Treasurer; T. T,
Christian, Secretary; J. W Hinton, J. S. Key, A. M. Wynn.
Wm. M. Kennedy.

This Society manages all invested funds, the proceeds of
which are distributed to the superannuated preachers, and wid-
owns and orphans of preachers. Donations are solicited.
STATISTICAL TABLES

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PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

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FIRST YEAR.

First Term.—English Grammar, Arithmetic, Latin Grammar, Latin Reader, Geography, Analysis, Composition and Elocution.


SECOND YEAR.

First Term.—Arithmetic, Latin Grammar, Caesar's Gallic War, Greek Grammar, Greek Reader, English Composition and Elocution.

Second Term—Latin Grammar, Greek Reader, Cicero's Orations, Greek Grammar, Greek Reader, Algebra through Simple Equations, Composition and Elocution, and Book Keeping.

COLLEGE.

Candidates for admission into College must produce satisfactory evidence of moral character. There are two courses of study—the regular, embracing four (4) years of study; and the scientific, through six years. Graduation in the latter will entitle the student to the degree of Bachelor of Science.

Regular Course.

FRESHMAN CLASS.

First Term.—Algebra, Cicero de Senectute, Roman Antiquities, Xenophon's Memobilia, Greek Testament, Latin and Greek Grammars, Cicero de Amicitia, Elocution; Composition, Ancient and Modern History.