### MINUTES

OF THE

### South Georgia Conference,

OF THE

### M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,

HELD IN

### FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA,

Beginning Dec. 14th-Ending Dec. 19th, 1870.

MACON, GEORGIA:

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### OFFICERS.

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Henry D. Moore,
Stephen D. Clements,
R. H. Leonard,
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### MINUTES.

QUESTION 1.—Who are admitted on trial?

Answer.—Adam A. Robinson, Robert L. Honiker, Robert D. Gentry, Isaac C. Rabun, Summerfield N. Tucker, William A. Green, John B. Culpepper, John W. Glenn—8.

Ques. 2.—Who remain on trial?

Ans.—James K. Armstrong, Edwin J. Burch, George E. Gardner, Julian S. Jordan, James Skipper, W. G. Boothe—6.

Ques. 3.—Who are discontinued?

Ans.—Francis M. Russell, Epps Tucker, James T. Johnson—3.

Ques. 4.—Who are admitted into full connection?

Ans.—Charles J. Toole, Charles E. Brown, Herbert P. Myers, James Spence, Hastings Puckett, Alex. P Wright, Lowndes A. Darsey, Henry C. Fentress, Dan'l G. Pope, Carolin C. Hines—10.

Ques. 5.— Who are re-admitted?

Ans.—None.

Ques. 6.—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Ans.—Thomas S. Armstead, Henry J. Ellis; received from the Methodist Protestant Church—James A. Rosser, an Elder—3.

Ques. 7.— Who are the Deacons of one year?

Ans.—Cosby W Smith, W C. Bass, W M. Hays, Stephen D. Clements, Elders—W M. Conley.

Ques. 8.—What traveling Preachers are elected Deacons? Ans.—Geo. E. Gardner, Julian S. Jordan—2.

Ques. 9.—What traveling Preachers are ordained Deacons? Ans.—Geo. E. Gardner, Julian S. Jordan—2.

Ques. 10.—What local Preachers are elected Deacons?

Ans.—Thos. Bazemore, Geo. A. Wood, Lindsay Laney, W. H. Cordell, Geo. M. Prescott—5.

Ques. 11.—What local Preachers are ordained Deacons?

Ans.—Thos. Bazemore, Lindsay Laney, W. H. Cordell, Chas.

H. R. Hays, John Striplin, James D. Russ, Geo. M. Prescott—7.

Ques. 12.—What traveling Preachers are elected Elders?

Ans.—W. M. Hays, Chas. J. Toole, Chas. E. Brown, Herbert P. Myers, James Spence, Hastings Puckett, Alex. P. Wright, Lowndes A. Darsey, Henry C. Fentress, Carolin C. Hines, John M. Potter—11.

Ques. 13.—What traveling Preachers are ordained Elders? Ans.—W. M. Hays, C. J. Toole, C. E. Brown, H. P. Myers, J. Spence, H. Puckett, A. P. Wright, L. A. Darsey, H. C. Fentress, Carolin C. Hines—10.

Ques. 14.—What local Preachers are elected Elders?

Ans.—W. T. Rea, Jefferson F. Wright, John J. Sessions, John G. McCullers, Robert N. Andrews, Adam A. Robinson—6.

Ques. 15.—What local Preachers are ordained Elders? Ans.—Jefferson F. Wright, Adam A. Robinson, John M. Boland, John J. Sessions—4.

Ques. 16.—Who are located this year? Ans.—James Tabor Payne—1.

Ques. 17.—Who are supernumerary?
Ans.—Robert F. Williamson, W. M. C. Conley—2.

Ques. 18.—Who are superannuated?

Ans.—W B. McHan, Charles A. Moore, Wyatt Brooks, John B. Wardlow, John S. Ford, John H. Robinson, David Blalock, Jacob R. Owen, Henry P Pitchford, W W Griffin, Capel Raiford, Thos. C. Coleman, F. R. C. Ellis, Young F Tigner, Seaborne J. Childs, James Dunwoody, Reuben H. Lucky, David Crenshaw—18.

Ques. 19.—What Preachers have died during the past year? Ans.—Charles L. Hayes, J. M. N. Lowe—2.

(See Memoirs.)

Ques. 20.—Are all the Preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Ans.—Their names were called one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

QUES. 21 — What is the number of local Preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?

Ans.—(See statistical table.)

QUES. 22.—How many infants have been baptized during the year?

Ans.—795 Whites—48 Colored.	(See statistical table.)
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Ques. 23.—How many adults have been baptized during the year?

Ans.—1,483 Whites—133 Colored. (See statistical table.)

Ques. 24.—What is the number of Sunday-schools?

Ans.—293. (See statistical table.)

Ques. 25.—What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? Ans.—1,916. (See statistical table.)

QUES. 26.—What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? Ans.—12,843. (See statistical table.)

Ques. 27.—What amount is necessary for the superannuated Preachers, and the widows and orphans of Preachers?

Ans.—\$7,925 00.

QUES. 28.—What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

Ans.—Collected \$4,380 27.

Paid to claimants...... \$4,215 08

Paid for minutes, stationery, etc....... 165 19—\$4,380 27

Ques. 29.—What has been contributed for Missions?

 Ans.—For Domestic Missions.
 \$6,459 89

 For Foreign Missions.
 1,204 35

 Church debt.
 85 00

Ques. 30.—Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

Ans.—Columbus, Ga.

Ques. 31.—Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

### APPOINTMENTS FOR 1871.

Savannah District—JAMES W. HINTON, PRESIDING ELDER.

Savannah, TrinityJAMES E. EVANS.	Savannah
"Wesley Church and City MissionGeo. G. N. MACDONELL.	4.6
SpringfieldThos. B. Lanier, Julian S. Jordan.	Springfield
SylvaniaWm. T. McMichael.	Sylvania
BethelRobt. H. Howren.	
AlexanderWm. S. Baker.	
WaynesboroN. B. Ousley.	Waynesbo
LouisvilleRobt. W. Flournoy.	Louisville
DavisboroJames A. Rosser.	
SandersvilleJohn W. Simmons.	∫ Sanders
WashingtonJohn B. Culpepper.	\ Washin
FibsonSummerfield N. Tucker.	Gibson

### Macon District-JOSEPH S. KEY, PRESIDING ELDER.

Macon—Mulberry St. and VinevilleJames O. Branch, H. J. Ellis,   East Macon
and W. C. Bass, Professors. Editor S. C. Advocate
Columbus District—THOMAS T. CHRISTIAN, PRESIDING ELDER.
Columbus, St. Luke
" Wesley Chapel
MuscogeeSTEPHEN D. CLEMENTS.
Hamilton
TalbottonFranklin A. Branch.
Talbot
GenevaSHELTON R. WEAVER, Wm. A. Green.
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CamillaJas. T. Ainsworth.
CairoPHILEMON C. HARRIS.
GrooversvilleWm. M. Watts.
Duncanville
Thomasville
Albany
Flint River MissionTo be supplied by T. L. Speight
Brunswick District—D. R. McWILLIAMS, Presiding Elder.
Brunswick and City Mission
\( \text{Buffalo Mission} \)
St. Mary's
Center VillageIsaac C. Rabun.
WaynesvilleJohn L. Williams.
WaresboroJames D. Maulden.
Jessup
Holmesville
Ocmulgee
Stockton Anapana Mission w m. 11. Thomas—one to be supplied.
Valdosta James K. Armstrong.
QuitmanJohn W. Talley.
MorvenLeonard C. Peek.
MoultrieTo be supplied by W. M. Bunten.
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### LAY DELEGATES—Present.

SAVANNAH DISTRICT—Rev. Robert W Lovett, J. W Cheatham.

MACON DISTRICT—H. L. Jewett, P. Timberlake, James Tinley, Rev. H. R. Felder.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT—R. H. Leonard, W S. Wallace, E. G. Raiford, Rev. Wm. B. Merrett.

AMERICUS DISTRICT—Rev. J. W Jordan, M. E. Rylander, R. J. Redding.

BAINBRIDGE DISTRICT—None.

Brunswick District—Dr. J. J. Harris, Joseph Ousley.

ALTAMAHA DISTRICT—A. Curry, W J. Jordan, A. L. H. Tippins.

### MISSIONARY.

OFFICERS AND MANAGERS OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

James E. Evans, President; Samuel Anthony, Vice-President; James W. Hinton, Secretary; O. L. Smith, Treasurer.

Managers.—Geo. G. N. MacDonell, M. E. Rylander, John W Talley, John M. Marshall and L. B. Payne.

### CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

ARTICLE 1. This Board shall be denominated and known as the Board of Missions of South Georgia Annual Conference, auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

- ART. 2. The officers of the Board shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and five Managers, who shall be chosen quadrennially by the Conference. In case of vacancy by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Board shall fill the vacancy, subject to confirmation by the Conference.
- ART. 3. The President, and in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Board.
  - Art. 4. Five members shall constitute a quorum.
- ART. 5. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the funds and property of the Board, subject to the order of the Board, and shall make an accurate and full report annually of all the receipts and disbursements of the Board.

ART. 6. The Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of the Board, and make the Annual Report of the Board.

ART. 7. Forty per cent. of all the collections made for Missions in the bounds of the Conference shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Nashville, Tennessee. Should any surplus accrue, after defraying the expenses of Missions in this Conference, it shall be also forwarded to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. 8. There shall be a public Anniversary of this Board at the time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference. At said Anniversary a report, or an Abstract of the Report of the Board and Treasurer, shall be made, and the interests of the Missionary cause promoted in such manner as the Board

shall deem expedient.

### REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

### SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

The lives of all our Missionaries have been preserved through the year, an occasion of devout gratitude to our Heavenly Father, "the giver of every good and perfect gift." A record of their toils and trials in full will only be found in the "book of remembrance"—the revelations of the last day can only make known the value of these labors and the recompense of this tribulation. A brief synoptical view of the fields cultivated, and the money expended, and the results, is all that can be offered in this annual report. This will be sufficient to vindicate the church for its effort to spread the Gospel of Jesus over the land. Facts and figures will furnish also matter for the accusation of the church for comparatively meagre results, and this may perhaps lead to a more determined purpose in the future.

First on the list, first in importance, is the City Mission of Savannah, served by your worthy Treasurer, Rev. G. G. N. MacDonell, in connection with Wesley Church.

Wesley Church is itself the fruit of missionary labor, and is the nucleus of extended operations in the growing city of Savannah.

Savannah is already a large city and is rising rapidly in importance as it swells in population. The enterprise of building Wesley Church was happily conceived, and has been successfully prosecuted. It has a membership of nearly 200, a very flourishing Sunday-school of 140 pupils, an increase of 115 dur-

ing the year. The School is provided with a fine Library worth \$150. It is fast reaching a point where it will be self-sustaining, having in one year increased in financial strength nearly one hundred per cent. It now pays about half the pastor's salary, and has contributed \$100 to the Presiding Elder, to the poor \$150, Conference collection, \$68 50, to Foreign Missions, \$140, and \$300 to all other causes. The missionary money was raised by the children of the Sabbath School, a fact worthy of admiration and imitation, a fact attributable to the tireless missionary zeal of the pastor above mentioned.

Much more might be said to justify the appropriations of the

past, and to authorize, yet a while, further help.

Right worthy is Wesley Chnrch named in honor of him who has immortalized Savannah by even a temporary residence in

that now beautiful city.

John Wesley is the foremost man of modern times, a sublime man, towering above others in moral grandeur like a pyramid above the monuments of common men. What stupendous results have followed from the inspiration that was in him and of him, flashing like light in dark space from a newly created sun. When Elijah, on the mountain of Carmel, stepped into the chariot that bore him to Heaven, he dropped his prophetic mantle on Elisha—had John Wesley a robe to give, among all his sons and successors, it is doubtful if one could be found equal to the giver. Let all see to it, that new zeal is kindled by relighting our torch at the quenchless fire of Wesley's mind.

EMANUAL MISSION has for a long time been sustained by the Board of Missions, and it is yet doubtful if the feeble churches can stand alone, yet as other places are more destitute, it must be stricken from the list. It was served by Rev. R. F. Evans, who received \$215 from the work for his labor in addition to the appropriations. He had some revivals and quite a number of accessions. Family afflictions hindered him considerably in his labors.

Beaver Dam Mission is in Screven county, consisting of several weak churches among a poor people. It is not a promising field of labor, and must be abandoned as Missionary ground. Was served by Rev W T. McMichael with some success. Hereafter, as aforetime, it will be a part of Sylvania Circuit.

Gibson Mission lies in Glascock county and part of Jefferson—has been worked by Revs. S. G. Chiles and C. J. Toole. It has yielded some good results and promises well. By its own request it is stricken from the mission list, and it will as a circuit, probably be able to pay \$300. Has five Churches and several Sunday-schools; a considerable population mainly poor, but favorably disposed for the reception of the Gospel. There are no other missions in the Savannah District, and in future there will be only the city mission.

MACON DISTRICT.—Rev. James Jones, a devout and faithful man, has worked in the city of Macon as a Missionary for three

years. His labors have been abundant and with some success.

A Church has been built in East Macon, which, in a year, may become a self-sustaining charge. It is now apart from the Mission. The work lies mainly in the Western part of the city, where a new chapel has been erected, costing \$670. Membership 70; has a Sunday School of 44, and 444 volumes; paid pastor \$7. This field must be served at less expense, yet the faithful missionary has been very poorly paid for his labor.

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The Knoxville Mission was served by Revs. L. G. Evans and S. G. Bassett, local preachers. It has nine appointments and a membership of 353—86 added this year. Baptized 49 adults, 5 infants. Work paid pastors \$234; Presiding Elder \$25, and \$40 to other causes. By the advice of the Quarterly Conference, it is discontinued as a mission and formed into a circuit called Beaver Dam. Considered prosperous.

Pulaski and Wilcox Mission was served by Rev. W H. Cordell—has 5 appointments, 4 churches, 149 members, 2 Sun-

day Schools, 80 scholars, 8 teachers—paid pastor \$185.

SWIFT CREEK MISSION was served by Rev. James Spence. There are five churches, 122 members; paid pastor \$174; 24 new members added, eight adults baptized and 15 infants.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.—Wesley Chapel and Girard Mission is in Columbus and vicinity. Has two churches, 236 members and two good Sunday Schools. Paid pastor \$235, Presiding Elder \$25, and about \$100 to all other purposes. Wesly Chapel is thriving, and is the Church of the working people of Columbus. It asks to be a separate and independent charge, and offers \$700 for a Pastor.

JUNIPER MISSION was in charge of Rev. W G. Boothe—has nine appointments, four being Churches with a membership of 125. Twenty-four were added this year. Paid pastor \$170, Presiding Elder \$10. Built one church costing \$700; has six Sunday Schools. It will hereafter be worked as a circuit.

Bainbridge District.—Flint River Mission, served by Rev. H. Puckett, has 126 members, 52 being new accessions; has two Sunday Schools and 60 pupils; paid pastor \$105 and boarded his family, Presiding Elder \$3 15. It is deemed an important field.

Spring Creek Mission, in charge of Rev. W. M. Russell, has five appointments, three churches, 117 members, 37 of these late accessions. Baptized 20 adults, ten children. Paid pastor \$100; \$44 raised for building purposes. Has two Sunday Schools with 45 pupils.

THOMAS COUNTY MISSION is a feeble work; has a good Sun-

day School; paid \$19.

Brunswick District.—Jessup Mission consists of parts of Wayne and Appling counties. White membership 175, colored 61. Paid Missionary \$339 65; Presiding Elder \$15; Conference collection \$24 25; Bishops \$7, and other purposes \$8. It is improving.

ALTAMAHA DISTRICT.—Altamaha Mission, served by Rev. G. J. Cope Members. 234 whites, 27 colored; six churches, worth \$1,000; paid pastor \$232 25; for Domestic Mission \$20.

COUNTY LINE MISSION, in charge of Rev. C. A. Moore, has four appointments, 190 members, baptized 17 adults, 15 infants.

Paid Missionary \$170, Presiding Elder \$20.

ROCKY CREEK MISSION—Rev. H. C. Fentress, Pastor, reports 123 members, two local preachers—30 new members added. Adults baptized 18, infants 7; three Sunday Schools, 109 pupils, volumes 24.

Centre Village Mission, by Rev. A. P Wright, has eight appointments, and two organized societies the present year. Has 133 members, 35 new accessions, six Sunday Schools of 138 pupils. Paid pastor \$131 80, Presiding Elder \$13, for missions \$21. It is prosperous.

Can it be necessary greatly to enlarge on these facts, and

yet they furnish many reflections?

It is noteworthy that all these brethren—their wives and children—have received from the Board less than \$5,000. Certainly they have not been costly workers in the Lord's vineyard.

The entire amount assessed by the Board was a little under \$10,000, while it would have taken \$20,000 to have provided anything like a respectable living. Yet less than half the assessed amount has been realized, and hard has been the lot of some of these worthy men. But in despite of apparent indifference on the part of the church, in order to glorify God and save sonls, they have gone forth bearing precious seed, sowing with a liberal hand, expecting to gather into the heavenly garner.

There is so little prospect of doing better, that the Board of Managers have decided to reduce assessments and retrench.

It is not wisdom to plan where failure is certain—it is a mockery of justice to send a preacher out as a missionary on the assumption of facts that exists only on paper, on mere fictitions appropriations to be paid at 50 per cent. discount.

If the work is to be done at all by a Board of Conference, let them carefully consider what is likely to be realized, and ap-

propriate with more precision.

There is evident need of increased liberalty of the wealthier members of the church, that the poorer may be aided to support the Gospel. He will be a benefactor to his brethren who can remove the impediments (whatever they be) to a more enlarged and efficient plan of evangelization. It is needless to deny the fact—it cannot be disguised—that in no strong sense are the churches awake to the demands of the hour. Be it ever remembered, the Gospel is the special heritage of the poor, and "the poor ye have always with yon." Christianity must be carried and sent, it will not go by the mere accidents of commerce and diffusion of letters. It must go by and through a living ministry—so Jesus provided and commanded

and such is history. Any other view of the world's conversion

is presumptious, if not absurd, is certainly fallacious.

Now if men are to preach and not angels, they must be fed and clothed, and this can only be done by those having the necessary wealth and intelligence. What criminality is chargeable somewhere? How can we explain the fact that whole Districts, nay, a Conference will give less for missions than might readily be spared by one prosperous city? May we not seriously question our own zeal if we are contented with such meagre expressions of faith and hope in missionary labors? How deteriorated is a ministry without the zeal essential to its efficiency?

"Say not ye there are four months and then cometh harvest"—look rather to see if the fields be not already white unto the harvest. More prayer must go up to the Lord for more laborers, for they are few and feeble. True, the financial pressure of the times is some extenuation, but this is only apparent, and is no real apology so long as the church spends millions of dollars for mere luxuries, (many of them hurtful,) yet gives not a tithe of its remnant for the spread of religion. This wide, wicked world, is a frightful theatre of crime and misery which can only be abated and abolished by the victories of Christianity.

No man can be a good man (not to say a Christian) who does not seek to make others partakers of his virtues. Selfishness is the bane of the world, the fruitful source of its multiplied disorders—it is a demon that must be exorcised from the human heart. If Jesus be the perfect ideal of purity, his disinterested benevolence, nay, BENEFICENCE, must be imitated as far as our imperfect capacities will allow. "He went about doing good," suffered, even died for mankind—prayed for his murderers, "ascended on high leading captivity captive, that he might receive gifts for men, that God might dwell among them, yea, for the rebellious also." Let the church "put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof;" and let every minister say with Paul, "God forbid that I should glory only in the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. W HINTON, Secretary, etc.

### GEO. G. N. MacDONELL,

### TREASURER,

In account with Board of Domestic Missions, South Georgia Conference.

DECEMBER 14, 1870.

Savannah District.	Dr.	
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Savannah, Trinity—J. E. Evans	Þ	
Trinity Sunday School Mission Society\$462.33 \ 'General Collection	760.00	
Springfield Circuit—T. B. Lanier	100.00	
Sylvania Circuit—W. T. McMichael	50.00	
Bethel Circuit—W F. Robinson	00.00	
Alexander Circuit—W. S. Baker	91.00	
Waynesboro Circuit—N. B. Ousley	63.00	
Swainsboro Mission—Robert F Evans		
Louisville Circuit—S. S. Sweet	125.00	
Davisboro Circuit—R. H. Howren	50.00	
Washington Circuit—S. G. Childs	13.75	
Sandersville Station-N. D. Morehouse	10.75	
		\$ 1,323.50
Macon District.		
M. W. W. D. D. D. Loston	205.00	
Macon, Mulberry Street—R. B. Lester		
Macon, First Street—J. B. Smith	$\begin{array}{c} 56.50 \\ 65.00 \end{array}$	
Gordon Circuit—W C. Bass	20.00	
Irwinton Circuit—B. E. L. Timmons	3.50	
Jefferson Circuit—R. W. Flournoy	100.00	
Hawkinsville Station—F A. Branch	15.00	
Fort Valley and Marshalville—B. F. Breedlove	172.00	
Houston Circuit-C. W Smith	53.00	
Knoxville Mission—	16.05	
Perry Station—W Knox	20.50	
Hayneville Circuit—W. W. Stewart	63.00	
Montezuma and Vienna Circuit—James Harris	10.25	
Swift Creek Mission—James Spence	3.57	*
Calmanhara Distantat	(	\$ 923.55
Columbus District.		
Columbus, St. Luke's-O. L. Smith\$	146.00	
'St. Paul—A. M. Wynn	155.00	
"Girard and Factory Mission—J. R. Littlejohn	11.60	
Muscogee Circuit—S. D. Clements	69.55	
Hamilton Circuit—C. A. Crowell	43.00	
Talbotton Station—J. O. A. Cook	96.00	
Talbot Circuit—R. J. Corley	150.00	
Pleasant Grove Circuit-H. D. Moore	45.00	
Butler Circuit—R. F. Williamson	72.30	
Buena Vista Circuit—J. O. Branch	102.20	
Cusseta Circuit—W M. D. Bond	83.00	
Upatoi Circuit—	<b>.</b>	
Cedar Creek Circuit—John Skipper	5.00	070.05
	\$	978.65

### Americus District.

Americus—R. W. Dixon	53.25 24.75 181.20 87.00 26.00 10.00 55.00 25.00 75.00 43.40 7.75	€€	668.70
Bainbridge District.			
Bainbridge Station—A. J. Dean	50.25 30.05 1.00 20 00 16.25 100.00 55.30 33.00 25.00 40.00	<del>(9)</del>	400 85
Brunswick District.			
Brunswick Station—C. A. Fulwood	30.00 12.00 1.10 10.00 36.85 12.00 6.00 12.50 40.50 25.45 40.00 7.65 21.00	<b>\$</b>	255.05
Altamaha District.			
Hinesville—W. M. Watts Darien—G. E. Gardner Statesboro and Bryan—W. M. C. Conley Dublin—John J. Morgan Oconee—C. C. Hines Jacksonville—L. A. Darsey Reidville Circuit—W. F. Conley County Line—C. A. Moore Altamaha—D. G. Pope	25.00 9.30 90.40 35.00 9.00 20.00	\$	263.15

### Aggregate Collections.

Savannah District         \$1,323.50           Macon District         923.55           Columbus District         978.65           Americus District         668.70           Bainbridge District         400.85           Brunswick District         955.05           Altamaha District         263.15           To amount from T. T. Christian, Treasurer, Dividend on Georgia Railroad Stock         Balance on hand at last report	\$ 4,813.45 24.00 44
To amount Anniversary Collection	4,837.89 1,622.00
\$	6,459.89
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By amount to Treasurer of Parent Board\$ 481.34 By amount paid J. W. Burke & Co., for printing Minutes 140.00 By amount paid Missionary account, 1870	
Amount received from Starkville Mission, Rev. T. L.	6,459.89
Speight, since the above report was completed	7.70
Total Cash collections\$	6,467.59

### Report of Collections for Foreign Missions.

### Savannah District.

Waynesboro, N. B. Ousley	3 20 0 00 7 00 5 00	\$ 468 20
Macon District.		
Macon Mulberry St. S. S., R. B. Lester	3 00	
" 1st Street, J. B. Smith	00	
"Circuit, W. C. Bass 10	00	
Hawkinsville, F. A. Branch	00	
Perry S. S., Mary Allen Society	$00_{50}$	
Knoxsville Mission, L. G. Evans 4	00	
Haynesville, W. W Stewart 10	00	
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		\$ 202 00

### Columbus District.

Columbus, St. Luke, O. L. Smith	30 5 13 5 16 17	00 75 00 00 50 00		122	25
Americus, R. W. Dixon \$ Ellaville, J. W. Mills Cuthbert and Georgetown, E. A. H. McGehee Spring Vale, G. S. Johnson Dawson, J. M. Marshall  Bainbridge District.	6 <b>25</b> 5	00 00 00 00	\$	204	00
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Brunswick District.			\$	39	60
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Paid to General Treasurer of Missionary Society during the year\$ Balance in hand	028	35	\$ 1,	204	35

### Sunday Schools.

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.

Alexander M. Wynn, President; J. O. Branch, 1st Vice-President; T. T. Christian, 2d Vice-President; J. Blakely Smith, Treasurer; Alvin J. Dean, Secretary.

MANAGERS.—B. F. Breedlove, James M. Austin, William S.

Baker, E. A. II. McGehee, John W Simmons.

### Report of Sunday School Board.

The Sunday School Board of the Conference have taken into consideration carefully all the interests of the Sunday School cause within our bounds, and without arguing any point, or making prefatory remarks, setting forth the facts or reasons governing us in the conclusions reached, we have adopted and offer to the Conference the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, 1. That we recommend and urge all our preachers to introduce or seek to have introduced into every Sunday School upon their works, the system of Uniform Lessons pre-

pared and published by our Sunday School Secretary.

2. That in accordance with the recommendation of the General Conference, we request the appointment of a Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Society, whose duty it shall be to furnish information of the state of the Sunday School work in the South Georgia Conference to our Sunday School Secretary, Dr. Haygood.

3. That Henry L. Jewett be this Corresponding Secretary.

4. That deeply feeling the general prevalence and magnitude of the great evil growing among us of the non-attendance of our Sunday School scholars upon the preaching of the Gospel, we strongly urge upon every preacher, to insist that all our Sunday School children attend regularly upon the ministry of the word, and that we study and adopt and stress such plans and make such presentation as shall secure this desirable result.

5. That we hail with pleasure the appointment by the General Conference of our highly esteemed Bro. Atticus G. Hay-

good, D. D., as Secretary of the Sunday School Society.

Also, that we heartily endorse the plans of the Secretary—as these plans have been unfolded in our church papers—and that we pledge ourselves to a hearty co-operation with the Secretary in carrying these plans into effect.

And further, that we commend to the patronage of all our

people, our Sunday School publications.

6. That we recommend the Conference to elect delegates to the Sunday School Convention, which is to meet in Nashville in May, 1871. 7. That we recommend the re-adoption of the following res-

olutions:

8. That the Presiding Bishop be requested to appoint Dr. L. 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.

9. 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 school in

his charge.

10. That all applications for donations of books to destitute Sabbath Schools from this Society, must be made to the Treasurer, (Rev. J. Blakely Smith,) and that the recommendation must be endorsed by the preacher in charge of the Circuit or Mission, with an assurance that he has reason to believe that the school is permanent.

### Financial Matters.

FINANCIAL BOARD.—Joseph S. Key, D. R. McWilliams, W Knox, C. A. Fu'wood, H. D. Moore, J. O. Branch, John J. Morgan, W. H. Hollinshead, A. H. Flewellen, A. C. Flewellen, A. H. Colquitt, C. D. Rogers, A. Curry and H. L. Jewett.

### 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."

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	IN	SOUTH	GEORGIA	CONFERENCE
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Savannah District	" * '000 00		TT .	1
Macon "			375 00	
Columbus "			375 50	0
Americus "	,		375 00	
Bainbridge "	1,200 00	1,200 00	150 00	120 00
Brunswick "	600 00	600 00	75 OO	60 00
Altamaha "	600 00	600 00	75 00	60 00
Totals	\$10,000 00	\$10,000 00	\$1,800 00	\$1,000 00

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

"The Presiding Elders 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.

### Education.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.—E. H. Myers, J. O. A Cook, R. W Dixon, Robert J. Corley, Joseph S. Key, John W Burke, A. H. Colquitt, Wm. B. Merrett and H. R. Felder.

### Report of the Committee on Education.

Protestant Christianity looks to the proper education and development of the sons and daughters of this country as one of the means by which she is to propagate and sustain herself, in the midst and in spite of the opposition which she has to encounter

from the various forms of heresy and the herculean and wily efforts of Roman Catholicism. Recognizing this fact and acting under its influence, we, as Methodists and a part of the true type of the religion of our fathers and of Christ Jesus, have undertaken and provided for the education of our sons and daughters. And, however little comparatively we have done, and however much remains yet to be done, we rejoice to know, and take pleasure in stating, that something has been done, and of that something we are not ashamed, only we would it were a thousand fold more. The fruits of our labors in this direction will never be fully realized until the day when all accounts will be adjusted and properly estimated.

### EMORY COLLEGE.

We learn that this College is enjoying great prosperity, and, as ever, with its untiring Faculty, in their singular and constant devotion to God and the Church, is doing a great work for God and our Church.

Emory College not only deserves the patronage of the Methodists in Georgia, but it claims it, and its demands are imperative.

### WESLEYAN FEMALE COLLEGE.

It is highly gratifying to us to report that we learn from the Report of the Board of Trustees, that this College "has passed through a year of prosperity unequaled in her former history." This is saying much and cheers us not a little. That, in the midst of these times, there should be in this College 213 pupils in actual attendance is indeed gratifying. This College also claims the patronage of our people, in view of what it has done and is now doing for the Church.

### ANDREW FEMALE COLLEGE.

This College is located in Cuthbert, in Southwest Georgia an accessible position and a healthy country. The College is doing well. We are gratified to state, from the Report of the Board of Trustees, that its prosperity is not only undiminished, but increased and increasing.

RESOLVED, That we commend these institutions of learning, together with LeVert Female College at Talbotton, Ga., and Collinsworth Institute, at same place, to our people, as every way worthy of their patronage.

RESOLVED, That this Conference appoint Visiting Committees, whose duty it shall be to visit these Colleges during the ensuing Conference year and report to the Conference at its next session.

The following Visiting Committees were appointed:

EMORY COLLEGE—J. O. Branch, W. Knox, J. B. McGehee. Collingsworth Institute—A. J. Dean, W. F. Robison, J. M. Marshall.

Wesleyan Female College.—C. A. Fullwood, O. L. Smith, S. S. Sweet.

Andrew Female College—R. W. Dixon, R. J. Corley, G. S. Johnson.

LEVERT FEMALE COLLEGE—F. A. Branch, J. M. Austin, R. F. Williamson.

### COURSE OF STUDY.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL—The Bible, in reference to doctrines generally; Wesley's Sermons on Justification by Faith, and on the Witness of the Spirit; Book of Discipline; the ordinary branches of an English education.

FIRST YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to its historical and biographical parts, and its chronology; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chapter I., Secs. 1 and 2.; Manual of Discipline, Chapter I. and II.; Wesley's Sermons, Volume I.; Ralston's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, Part IV; Written Sermon on Repentance.

Books of Reference.—Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary; Theological Compand; Fletcher's Works; Watson's Life of Wesley.

SECOND YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to its Prophetical parts; Wesley's Sermon's, Volume II.; Watson's Institutes, Part III.; Smith Elements of Divinity; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chapters II., III., and IV; Manual of Discipline, Chapters III., and IV; Coppee's Rhetoric; Written Sermon on Justification by Faith.

Books of Reference.—Newton or Keith on the Prophecies; Angus's Hand-book of the Bible; Claude's Essay on the Composition of a Sermon; Watson's Sermons; Bickerstith on the Spirit of Life.

THIRD YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to the Life of Christ; Wesley's Sermons, Volume III.; Watson's Institutes, Part II.; Coppee's Logic; Upham's Mental Philosophy; Edgar's Variations of Popery; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chapter V to the end; Manual of Discipline, Chapters V., VI., and VII.; Written Sermon on the Witness of the Spirit.

Books of Reference.—Young's History of Christ; Neander's Life of Christ; Hickok's Mental Science; Vinet's Pastoral Theology; Steven's History of Methodism; Paine's Life of McKendree; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation.

FOURTH YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to the Acts and Epistles, their analysis and design; Wesley's Sermons, Volume

IV; Watson's Institutes, Part I.; Powell on Apostolical Succession; River's Moral Science; Mosheim's Church History; Summers on Baptism; Book of Discipline reviewed; Manual of Discipline, Chapters VIII., and IX.; Written Sermon on Regeneration.

Books of Reference.—Butler's Analogy; Bingham's Antiquities; Hickok's Moral Philosophy; Hoppin's Homileties; Wall, on Infant Baptism; Litton's Church of Christ; Neander's Church History; Liddon on the Divinity of our Lord; Conybeare and Howson's Life and Epistles of St. Paul.

COMMENTARIES.—Clarke's, Watson's Exposition, Wesley's Notes, Summers on the Gospel, Stier's Words of the Lord Jesus, Lange on the New Testament, Olshausen on the New Testament, Alford on the New Testament, Bloomfield on the New Testament, MacKnight on the Epistles, Henry's Exposition, Whitby's Commentary.

Note.—The Examination will be confined to the Course of Study. The books of reference are recommended to be read, and the Commentaries to be consulted.

### EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

FOR CANDIDATES.—N. B. Ousley, R. W Flournoy, William S. Baker.

FIRST YEAR.—F. A. Branch, S. D. Clements, A. J. Dean. SECOND YEAR.—J. R. Littlejohn, B. F Breedlove, R. J. Corley. THIRD YEAR.—W Knox, W F. Robison, A. M. Wynn. FOURTH YEAR.—J. O. Branch, J. T. Ainsworth, J. M. Austin.

### Books and Periodicals.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals submit the follow-

ing report:

We are pleased to learn from the annual exhibit furnished us by the Agent of the Southern Methodist Publishing House, of its continued successful operation. The position the House has attained in public confidence and credit and in standing among the leading business houses of the country is peculiarly gratifying, especially so, when we consider the difficulties with which it has had to contend. This almost unparalleled success indicates the financial skill and close, energetic and unremitted attention of Dr. Redford, the agent. Your committee cheerfully and earnestly commend the house to the liberal patronage of the Church and country.

We are in hearty sympathy with the recommendation of the General Conference, that the price of the publications of the house be reduced so soon as it can be done consistently with the business operations of the establishment. The Christian Advocate we earnestly commend to the favorable notice and

liberal patronage of our people, as the organ not of a particular Conference, or particular Conferences, but of the M. E. Church, South.

We heartily endorse the action of the General Conference in directing the publication of the New Monthly Magazine. This is a periodical greatly needed to supply our people with a pure and elevated parlor literature, to supercede that which has too long and so extensively prevailed. The election of Dr. Harrison by the General Conference to the editorship of the Magazine does honor to Georgia. Our knowledge of the man inspires our confidence that under his management the new monthly will meet the aims of its establishment and the demands of the times. We urgently commend it to our people and solicit a large subscription list. Let every family of our Church in the

land be supplied with a copy.

The appointment by the General Conference of Dr. Haygood, Sunday School Secretary, was a wise choice. We regard him as peculiarly and eminently qualified by taste, talent, energy and piety for the delicate and responsible position to which he is assigned. We are delighted with the plan which he has adopted and is carrying out to furnish the Church with Sunday School literature, and most heartily commend the Sunday School Visitor, the Monthly Magazine and Our Little PEOPLE to all our people. The VISITOR should not only be in every family, but every child in every family, able to read it, should have a copy, and each child unable to read and appreciate the Visitor, and yet able to understand and appreciate, should be supplied with a copy of Our Little People, and it should be read and explained to them. Each family and Sunday School worker, as also the larger scholars, should have a copy of the MAGAZINE.

Your committee regard the adoption by the General Conference, under certain conditions, of the Southern Review, edited by Dr. A. T. Bledsoe, as a Church organ to be wise and prudent. The eminent ability and deep and intelligent piety of the editor, the profound and elevated character of its articles and the elegant style of its typographical execution, place the Review, in our judgment, in the van of all American publications, and in the front rank with European Reviews. We have no doubt the addition of the Theological department, which begins with the next January number, will greatly enhance the value of this now most incomparable quarterly. We feel we cannot too highly commend it to the preachers and to the people, and

would rejoice to see this Review in all our families.

### SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

We are pained to learn, as we do from the statement furnished us, that the Southern Christian Advocate has not been so prosperous for the last six months as it should have been. The question is more easily asked than answered—why is this the case?

That the Southern Christian Advocate is in every way equal to any other paper published by the M. E. Church, South, we are persuaded is true. That its editorials are able, well-timed and thoroughly Methodistic is equally true. In short, the paper would meet the wants of the Church in every respect if the Church would provide for the wants of the paper.

Why then, we ask, is it that it is not better sustained? it be that the taste of our people are so perverted that we no longer have a relish for the grand truths disseminated and the valuable lessons taught from week to week in the Advocate? Have the Methodists of Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida become so poor, that they are no longer able to take and pay for the paper? or does the failure arise from a want of effort on our part, as a denomination, to sustain our paper by increasing its circulation? If the failure is the result of the poverty of our people, then, indeed, we are very poor. If from a perverted taste, we are to be pitied, and need at once to have the proper correctives administered, or we may by the continued indulgence of this perverted taste take in such an amount of poison from the trashy literature of the day, as to prove fatal to our spiritual well being. If, however, the failure results from a want of effort, the evil can and should at once be arrested; and our Church paper should at an early day not only be made fully self-sustaining, but should become a source of revenue from which we might draw to supply the deficiency of funds so sadly felt in some of the other enterprises of the Church.

Brethren, the Southern Christian Advocate should be—can be—and may we not say shall be well sustained. It can be done by a little effort. Will we here and now, in the fear of God, pledge ourselves to renewed effort in this direction? Our credit as a denomination demands that we sustain our own paper—our spiritual well-being demands it—and to mention no higher motive, our pride as a denomination demands it.

As to price, the paper is CHEAP ENOUGH, and we do not recommend any reduction—at least, until the subscription list is greatly increased.

We are much pleased at the re-election of Dr. E. H. Myers, as editor of the Advocate. His high Christian character, his long experience as an editor, coupled with his scholarly attainments, eminently qualify him for this most responsible task. He is, in our opinion "the right man in the right place."

There has been submitted to us a supplemental contract entered into on 19th May, 1870, between J. W Burke & Co., and the patronizing Conference for the publication of the Advocate. This supplemental contract, we are satisfied, is a just one and we recommend that the same be spread on the minutes of this Conference.

### Report on the Bible Cause.

He who said, "Let there be light, and there was light," hath also commanded the sun of righteousness to shine upon the moral world, assuring us that, "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God." The entrance of that word giveth the light which maketh wise unto salvation—the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; and hence the ordination of Heaven that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord. And, by virtue of this Divine order, the general circulation of the Scriptures among all classes becomes an integral element of the broad and comprehensive commission of the Saviour to the Church, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

In view of these cardinal principles of the Gospel economy, the Great Head of the Church has pronounced the most dreadful anathemas upon all who take from or add to His word, and, by consequence, upon all who withhold it from the souls for whom He hath died. The Romanizing influences of the times, which display their hostility to Bible teachings by seeking to drive it from the public schools, and eventually to remove it from the masses, should awaken renewed interest and increased activities on the part of all who regard Scriptural intelligence as the safeguard of all advanced civilization and the profoundest

interests of the Redeemer's cause.

The American Bible Society has for many years been engaged in the noble work of circulating the Scriptures, without note or comment, among all classes. In the South, the operations of this Society have been of incalculable value, having, during and since the late war, donated not less than four hundred thousand copies of the Scriptures to the Southern States. Such liberality, in the time of our greatest need, demands both our gratitude, and our confidence, and earnest co-operation in this labor of

During the past year, the Agents of this Society—Rev. R. H. Luckey and Rev W A. Parks-have established auxiliary societies in many counties in the State of Georgia. And still there is much to be done, which can only be accomplished by the hearty co-operation of all. Especial attention should be given to the circulation of this blessed word among the people of color in our midst. If this unfortunate class of our population is left without the light and influence of the Bible, it will soon lapse into barbarism, in the midst of Gospel light and Christian privilege. But the importance of this subject is too well known to need amplification here, and we therefore recommend the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That our devotion to this cause and our confidence in its agents, above named, are unabated, and that we hereby tender our thanks to the American Bible Society for its gener-

ous aid to our people.

RESOLVED, That we will continue our efforts to co-operate with this Society in the future, and that we hereby urge our people to give attention to the circulation of the Bible among the people of color within our bounds.

RESOLVED, That the members of this Conference preach especially upon the duty of reading and circulating the Scriptures among all destitute classes.

A. J. Dean,

G. S. Johnston.

### Orphan's Home.

TRUSTEES.—E. H. Myers, S. Anthony, G. G. N. MacDonell, J. S. Key, R. B. Lester, J. E. Evans, Dr. H. Wimberly, Dr. W. H. Hollinshead, J. W. Jordan, Jr., H. L. Jewett, J. W. Cheatham and N. D. Guerry. (S. Anthony, Agent.)

RESOLVED, 1. That it is desirable we should have an Orphan's Home within the bounds of this Conference as soon as

practicable.

RESOLVED, 2. That we request the appointment of a Board of Trustees, to take charge of and represent this interest within the bounds of this Conference.

### The Incorporated Conference.

E. H. Myers, President; J. Blakely Smith, Secretary; T. T. Christian, Treasurer, of the Legal Conference.

### Board of Fund of Special Relief.

L. Pierce, S. Anthony, J. E. Evans, J. B. McGehee, Geo. G. N. MacDonell, F. A. Branch, Chas. R. Jewett.

The object of this Fund is to give relief to the widows and orphans of the preachers, traveling 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 widows and orphans of preachers. Donations are solicited.

### Days of Fasting and Prayer.

RESOLVED, That the first Friday in May and September be appointed as days of fasting and prayer, and that we make special prayer for a revival of religion at home and abroad. Also, that we earnestly pray for the blessings of God upon our institutions of learning and upon our Missionaries.

Standing Committee on Memoirs for Four Years—O. L. Smith, R. W Dixon and R. B. Lester.

### MEMOIRS.

### THE REV CHARLES L. HAYES.

Charles L. Hayes was born in Tatnall county, Georgia, February 9th, 1804. He was licensed to preach in 1832, and admitted on trial in the Georgia Conference in 1835, and appointed as Junior Preacher on the Perry Circuit. He was admitted into full connection in the Conference and ordained Deaeon in 1837 and Elder in 1839. He was superannuated in 1849 and restored to the effective ranks again in 1850. He was again superannuated in 1854, after which his health was too feeble ever to admit of his undertaking to do active service. In 1856 he was transferred to the Alabama Conference, but returned to the Georgia Conference in 1858. He died in Russell county, Alabama, September 9th, 1870, after about eighteen hours of extreme suffering. He had been married forty-two years and raised eight ehildren, and was himself the first ease of mortality in his large family. Brother Hayes, though by no means an educated man, was a very useful and successful preacher and a faithful and laborious pastor. The fields of his active labors lay in the middle and southern sections of the State, and God blessed him in all these fields with many seals to his ministry. And, even when his failing health forced him from the active ranks, he still employed what time and strength he had in efforts to recover the waste and destitute places to God, making glad with the tidings of salvation many hearts that were otherwise in ignorance and darkness. His unaffected piety, combined with the simplicity and earnestness of his manners and appeals, gave him access to many hearts that might never have received the message of the Gospel from the learned and eloquent. He died as he had lived, triumphing over all his spiritual foes by a strong and ehild-like faith in a onee erueified, but now risen and ascended Saviour, and is gone to an ample reward on high.

### REV JAMES M. N. LOWE.

Of the time and place of Brother Lowe's birth and the eireumstanees of his early life we are unable to gain any information. As to his literary advantages, we are certain that they were very limited. The first knowledge that we have of him is in 1840, in Stewart county, when he resolved upon following what he felt to be the indication of the spirit of God, in entering upon the arduous and responsible life of an itinerant preacher. After a few years given to preparing himself for the ministry, he was admitted on trial at the session of the Georgia Conference held in the winter of 1845. This being the year of the setting off of the Florida Conference, and the circuit to which he was appointed falling within the territory assigned to that Conference, he became a member of it, and there performed all his service as an active itinerant preacher. He was ordained Deaeon in 1847 and Elder in 1849, and continued in the active work until 1858, when, in consequence of declining health, he was given a superannuated relation. His home being in Southwestern Georgia when the southern portion of the State was ceded by the Florida Conference to Georgia, he became a member of this Conference, to which he sustained a superannuated relation until his death, which took place in Clay county, September 28th, 1870. By those who were best acquainted with Brother Lowe and knew most concerning his labors, he was regarded as a man of strong natural abilities and simple, but earnest piety. As a preacher, he was quite successful in building up and advancing the interests of the Church in the fields assigned to him. But his work was soon done; and then, through years of physical debility and suffering, he waited till the summons came to depart, and he is now gone to his reward.

F. A. BRANCH, Committee.

### Members of South Georgia Conference,

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### DATE OF ADMISSION INTO THE TRAVELING CONNECTION.

JAMES T. AINSWORTH,				Conference	Dec.	
SAMUEL ANTHONY,	4.4	66	"	"		1832
Thos. S. Armstead,	received	•				1870
JAMES M. AUSTIN,				Conference		1849
Wm. S. Baker,	"	"		"	Dec.	
BENJ. J. BALDWIN,	"	"	"	"		1862
DAVID BLALOCK,	"	"	"	"	"	1844
JOHN M. BONNELL,	"	"	"	"	"	1846
Wм. M. D. Bond,	"	"	"	"	Dec.	1853
Franklin A. Branch,	"	"	Florida	"	"	1854
JAMES O. BRANCH,	"	"	"	"	66	1854
WM. C. BASS,	44	"	South Geo	rgia "	"	1867
BENJ. F. BREEDLOVE,	44	4.6	Georgia	. "	"	1855
WYATT BROOKS,	4.6	"	6.6	66	Jan.	1846
JOHN W. BURKE,	"	66	"	""	Dec.	1854
CHARLES E. BROWN,	4.6	"	South Geo	rgia "	Dec.	1868
ROBERT J. CORLEY,	"	"	Georgia	٠,	Dec.	1865
Thos. T. CHRISTIAN,	"	"	"	"	Dec.	1854
JAMES O. A. CLARK,	"	"	"	"	Dec.	1854
SEABORN G. CHILDS,	44	"	"	66	Jan.	1841
WM. F. CONLEY,	46	"	"	"	Jan.	1851
WM. M. C. CONLEY,	44	"	46	66	Dec.	1866
JAMES O. A. COOK,	"	"	"	"	Dec.	1863
THOMAS C. COLEMAN,	"	"	"	44	Dec.	1838
GEORGE C. CLARKE,	"	"	"	4.6	Jan.	1845
STEPHEN D. CLEMENTS,	£ 6	"	South Geo	rgia "	Dec.	1867
DAVID CRENSHAW,	re-admit	ted in		. Conference	Dec.	1868
CHURCHWELL A. CROWEL	L, re-admi	tted in	to the "C	onference	Dec.	1867
ALVIN J. DEAN,	•			Conference	Dec.	1854
ROBERT W. DIXON,	"	"	"	"	Dec.	
JAMES DUNWOODY,	44	"	South Car	olina "		1818
LOWNDES A. DARSEY,	"	"	South Geo	orgia "	Dec.	1870
HENRY J. ELLIS,	"	"	North Geo		Dec.	1867
F. R. C. Ellis,	44	"	Florida	_	Dec.	1860
James E. Evans,	"	"	$\mathbf{Georgi}$	a "		1833

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GEORGE T. EMBRY,	<i>"</i>	"	Georgia	"		1865
John S. Ford,	re-admitted	inte	0	ference		1851
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Joseph S. Key,	"	"	Georgia	"	Jan.	1849
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GEO. G. N. MACDONELL	, "	"	"	"	Dec.	1854
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JOHN M. POTTER,	"	"	South Georgia	"	Dec. 1868
HASTINGS PUCKET,	"	"	"	"	Dec. 1870
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FREEMAN F. REYNOLDS,	"	"	Georgia	"	Jan. 1845
John H. Robinson,	"	"	South Carolina	"	1821
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JAMES A. ROSSER,	admitted	"	"	46	Dec. 1870
JOHN E. SENTELL,	"	"	Georgia	"	Jan. 1850
John W. Simmons,	re-admitted	66	"	"	Nov. 1865
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JAMES SPENCE,	"	"	"	66	Dec. 1870
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ROBT. F. WILLIAMSON,	"	"	"	"	Dec. 1859
JAMES G. WORLEY,	re-admitted	"	Florida	"	Dec. 1862
John L. Williams,	"	"	"	44	Jan. 1855
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