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THE PUBLIC MEETING

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In addition to all of the above, (for proper respect should be given to every honest man's opinion) there was some decided opposition to the whole movement, on the part of those who are not exactly prepared to admit the political and civil equality of the colored man, as an accomplished and established fact.

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COLUMBIA DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

We learn from the Christian Neighbor, that this body will convene at Camden, Thursday, July 7, at 9 o'clock A. M., continuing in session the remainder of the week, and including religious services on the Sabbath following. Bishop WIGHTMAN will be present and preside. The introductory sermon will be preached on Wednesday evening preceding.

The recent General Conference, at Memphis, incorporated the District Conference into the organic economy of the Church, and constituted all ministers, itinerant and local, members of the same, with that number of laymen which each annual Conference may determine for itself.

Rev. S. H. BROWN, Presiding Elder of this District (in the absence, of course, of the action of the Annual Conference) suggests that those charges in connection with which there are no local preachers, should send four laymen, and all others two laymen.

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WILLIAM ROGERS was born at Lebanon, Co., the 24th day of April, 1810, and died at Sumter, S. C., on the 23rd of May, 1870. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was a successful merchant. He was a man of high character and pious devotion. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was a successful merchant. He was a man of high character and pious devotion.

The purpose of this meeting was to take into consideration, and adopt some measures to correct, a foolish report in circulation, which is doing the public an irreparable injury, to wit: that Mr. U. Boyle, who has been teaching the scriptures for some time, is insane upon the subject of religion. As the said reports have had a tendency to bias the public mind, and prevent an impartial hearing of the teachings of the said U. Boyle, we have deemed it a duty which we owe to all to endeavor to correct, if possible, such an error and leave every one to hear for themselves. Therefore

Resolved, That it is to be deeply regretted that so foolish and absurd an idea should ever have found its way to the public mind.

Resolved, That we recommend the teachings of Mr. Boyle to the world as truth in its purity, based on the most reasonable and solid foundation of any that