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The one hundred and ninth session of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, began to day in this town in the Court House, Bishop J. C. Keener presiding. The session was opened with religious service by the Bishop. After reading Hebrews, Chapter xiii, the Conference joined in singing the grand and inspiring hymn beginning:

"Draw near, O, Son of God, draw near!
Us with Thy flaming Eyes behold."

and were led in prayer by the Bishop. in this feast was laid in an earpathos and fervor characterized the prayer and many and fervent were the responses that followed every petition. It seemed to open and pave the way for a spiritual feast. The first course nest introductory talk by the Bihop. The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll and 140 preachers and 14 lay delegates answered to their names. E. O. Watson was elected secretary and W. L. Waite assistant secretary.

S. Lander, T. C. Ligon and S. H. Zimmerman were elected statistical secretaries. The usual committees were appointed. Reports were read from the Publishing House at Nashville, the board of Epworth Leagues, Church Extension, and Education, and were referred to the proper committees, or received as information. The report of the Publishing House through Barbee and Smith, Agents, was particularly gratifying, showing marked development and success in this interprise of the church.

The character of E. L. Archer, A. W. Attaway, M. M. Ferguson, J. Marion Rodgers, J. F. Smith and T. E. Wannamaker were examined and passed, and they were referred to the committee on Conference Relations for a supernumerary relation.

The character of F. Auld, A. M. Attaway, M. L. Banks, Sidi H. Browne, J. M. Carlisle, Wm. Carson, W. A. Clarke, A. M. Chreitzburg, R. L. Duffie, R. P. Franks, L. M. Hamer, A. W. Jackson, Simpson Jones, S. Leard, A. H. Lester, L. C. Loyal, W. W. Mood, J. A. Mood, J. J. Neville, I. J. Newberry, J. A. Porter, W. C. Patterson, D. W. Seals, A. W. Walker and J. J. Workman were examined and passed and were referred to the committee on Conference Relation for superannuation.

W. D. Quick, S. M. Jones, C. B. Bird, A. A. Merritt, J. R. Sojourner, I. E. Smith, D. B. Haselton and G. Edwin Stokes were elected to local deacons orders. Robert Giles Martin was elected to Elders orders.

A. paper from the fourth Quarterly Conference of Pickens Circuit requesting the Anual Conference to request the Bishop to change the date of holding the session of the Annual Conference to the second Sunday in December, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

J. W. Daniel was substituted in the place of C. W. Creighton on the Board of Mission and C. W. Creighton placed on the committee of examination for the 4th year.

The class of the first year was called, their characters passed and they were continued on trial. Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned. C. W. C.

SECOND DAY, Nov. 22.

Conference opened with religious services conducted by J. E. Carlisle. Bishop Keener in the chair. A. J. Stokes was substituted in the place of A. M. Chrietzburg on the committee of Memoirs. A. J. Stokes submitted a paper looking to the organization of the Epworth Orphanage.

Bishop Duncan was introduced and exhibited to the Conference a beautiful gavel engraved and ornamental, which was made after the model presented to him by the Conference at Anderson.

W. W. Smith, general Secretary of Education, was introduced to the Conference. The trustees of Wofford College and Cokesbury Conference School reported. Report referred to proper committee.

A resolution was adopted providing for the appointment of a committee o three ministers and two loymen on Epworth Orphanage.

The name of T. W. Munnerlyn was referred to the committee on Conference Relations for superannuation.

Question 4 was called and the following reported; their characters passed and they elected to deacons orders—E. H. Beckham, G. F. Clarkson, J. L. Daniel, R. M. Dubose, O. L. Durant, S. W. Henry, P. B. Ingraham, J. N. Isom, A. S. Leslie, W. H. Miller, E K. Moore, R. C. McRoy, D. M. McLeod, A. R. Phillips, J. J. Stevenson, R.W. Spigener, T. J. White, W. B. Wharton and W. E. Wiggins.

S. A. Weber, A. J. Stokes, L. C. O'dell, W. L. Gray and B. Greig were appointed a committee on the Epworth Orphange.

Dr. W. W. Smith, general Secretary of Education, addressed the Conference on the subject of Education, laying special stress upon the relation of our schools and colleges to our church.

David Hucks, E. W. Mason, J. H. Noland, D. A. Phillips, S. H. Zimmerman, J. A. White, H. C. Mouzon, were elected to elders orders. Rev. T. H. Law, District superintendent of the American Bible Society for North and South Carolina addressed the Conference on the importance of sustaining the Bible Society.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop. C. W. C.

THIRD DAY, Nov. 23.

Conference met at 9.30 a. m., Bishop Keener in the chair. Devotions conducted by O. A. Darby.

A motion was made by A. J. Cauthen, Sr., and adopted that immediately after the reception of the young men the Conference enter upon the election of Editor of the Southern Christian Advocate.

A. J. Stokes submitted the report of the trustees of Columbia Female College which was referred to the committee on Education.

The names of the preachers of the Charleston, Chester, Columbia, Cokesbury, Florence and Greenville Districts were called. The preachers reported and their characters were passed. The Bishop delivered an able and earnest address to the class of the second year before their reception as members of Conference, after which they were received into full connection.

The time having arrieved for the special order of the day, the Conference entered upon the election of editor of the Southern Christian Advocate. The Bishop called S. A. Weber to the chair and retired for a time.

The first ballot resulted as follows: Whole number of votes cast 211, of which

J. W. Daniel received 87,
John O. Willson, " 97,
E. O. Watson, " 8,
W. H. Wallace, " 12,
J. A. Rice, " 3,
S. A. Weber, " 1.

No Election. The second ballot resulted as follows: Whole number of votes cast 210, of which

J. W. Daniel received 91,
John O. Willson " 115,

balance scattering. John O. Willson having received a majority of the votes cast was declared elected.

The committee on Conference Relations submitted report No. 2 which was adopted. The president vacated the chair in order that the legal Conference might hold its annual session.

The Bishop resumed the chair. After announcements were made Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

The business of to-day's session was rapidly advanced. C. W. C.

Fourth Day, Nov. 24.

Conference convened at 9.30, a. m. Bishop Keener in the chair. Devotional exercises by A. J. Storkes.

Orangeburg, Spartanburg and Sumter Districts were called, the preachers made their reports and their characters were passed. When the name of Rev. J. Marion Boyd was called, W. A. Rogers moved the reference of his name to the committee on Memoirs.

The Board of Missions submitted their report with tabulated statement of the collections.

A. J. Stokes moved that the place for next Conference be selected. Adopted. H. W. Bays nominated Abbeville, W. P. Meadors nominated Rock Hill, Rock Hill was selected.

Dr. Barbee addressed the Conference in the interest of the Publishing House.

The Board of Education submitted their report and after amendments it was adopted.

On motion Conference adjourne l to meet at 3.30 p. m.

Afternoon session, 3.30 p. m.

Conference met persuant to adjournment, S. A. Weber in the chair. Devotions led by J. W. Humbert.

The Joint Board of Finance made their report and distributed in open Conference the fund under their management. The report was adopted.

A. J. Stafford read the report on Temperance which was adopted.

John Owen read the report of Sunday school Board nos, 1 and 2 which were adopted.

L. F, Beaty read the report of the Publishiug Committee of the *Southern Christian Advocate*, giving the substance of the contract with James A. Hoyt for the publication of the *Advocate* for the next four years. The report was adopted.

B. M. Greer read report on minutes. Adopted.

Brother Gattis of the North Carolina Conference addressed the Conference in reference to Colportage work. So did J. C. Kilgo.

S. H. Browne of the *Christian Neighbor* brought to the attention of the Conference the action of the late General Conference touching the circalation of those papers within our bounds which may be judged by the Annual Conferences as detrimental to the circulation of our connectional and Conference organs. At the suggestion of the chair the matter was deferred until Monday, 26.

Conference adjourned and the Conference Brotherhood held their annual meeting. C. W. C.

Fifth Day, (Sabbath) Nov. 25.

Conference Love Feast at 9:30 A. M.

At 11 o'clock Bishop Keener preached a most edifying sermon in the Presbyterian Church, and then ordained the following to the office of *Deacon: Itinerant.*—E. H. Beckham, G. F. Clarkson, J. L. Dantel, R. M. DuBose, S. W. Henry, P. B. Ingroham, W. H. Miller, E. K. Moore, D. M. McLeod, A. R. Phillips, J. J. Stevenson, T. J. White, W. E. Wiggins.

Local.—S. D. Bailey, C. B. Burns, T. Grigsby Herbert, S. M. Jones A. A. Merritt, W. D. Quick, I. E. Smith, J. R. Sojcurner, G. E. Stokes.

At 3:30 following a sermon by J. A. Rice, the Bishop ordained the following to the office of *Elder.*

Itinerant.—David Hucks, E. W. Mason, H. C. Monzon, J. H. Noland, D. A. Phillips, J. A. White, S. H. Zimmerman.

Local.—Robert G. Martin.

Other churches, white and colored, of the town were supplied by preachers from the Conference. Dr. Barbee preached in the Baptist church at 11 a. m.

Memorial services were held in the Presbyterian church at 7:30 p. m. A. J. Stokes presiding. J. W. Daniel conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The memoir of M. A. Connally was read by S. A. Weber; that of J. M. Boyd was read by J. L. Stokes; that of W. L. Pegues was read by A. J. Stokes; that of S. B. Jones was read by W. A. Rogers; that of W. T. Capers was read by O. A. Darby.

Appropriate remarks by brethren were made in connection with the reading of the several memorials. The report from the Committee on Memoirs was adopted.

The other churches in town including the Methodist (which was too small for the crowd that attended the ordination exercises) were supplied by preachers from the Conference. Dr. Barbee preached in the Baptist Church at 11 o'clock a. m.

Sixth Day, Nov. 26.

Conference convened at 9:30 a. m. Bishop Keener in the chair. Devotions by J. M. Carlisle.

The Board of Mission submitted report No. 2. It was not adopted.

S. A. Weber submitted the report of the committee on orphanage and after amendment it was adopted.

W. E. Barre was placed on the superannuated list.

Question 1 was called and P. B. Wells, W. A. Pitts, R. C. Boulware M. L. Banks, Jr., C. B. Burns, J. R Sojourner, S. A. Nettles, W. A. Kelly, W. S. Goodwin, E. S. Jones, H. J. Cauthen, W. J. Snyder, and W. T. Duncan were admitted on trial.

Board of Colportage made a report which was recommitted.

The Conference by resolution gave its judgment that the publication of the *Christian Neignbor* was not detrimental to the circulation of the connectional and conference organs.

J. E. Carlisle submitted the report on District Conference Journals which was adopted.

J. F. Anderson submitted report on Bible Cause. Adopted.

J. C. Chandler submitted report on Books and Periodicals. Adopted. Adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 4:20. Bishop Keener in the chair. Devotions by T. G. Herbert, Sr

Board of Colportage made a report. Adopted.

In the matter of Belin Trust Fund, H. M. Mood was made president. A. J. Stafford was put in place of H. M Mood and J. E. Carlisle in place of J M. Boyd. deceased.

S. Lander read statistical report which showed a decrease in most items. Adopted.

Board of Church Extension submitted its report. Adopted.

Board of Missions reported amount paid to domestic missionaries.

S. H. Browne offered a resolution requesting Conference to observe 3rd Sunday in December as peace Sunday. Carried.

J. C. Yongue offered resolution of sympathy for aged or infirm and absent brethren. Carried.

L. F. Beathy offered resolution disapproving of Editorial management of Epworth Era. Tabled.

Minutes read and approved. Conference adjourned to meet at the Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p. m.

At Night—7:30.

Conference met as appointed. Prayer by J. B. Campbell. The Bishop addressed the body in appropriate words and then read

THE APPOINTMENTS.

Where the Preachers Will Ge Next Year.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

P. E.—W. P. Meadors.

Charleston:
Trinity—W. R. Richardson.
Bethel—J. A. Clifton.
Spring Street—J. L. Stokes.
Cumberland—J. C. Yongue.
McClenllanville—W. R. Buchanan.
Berkeley—E. K. Moore.
Summerville—W. M. Duncan.
Cypress—E. McKissick.
Ridgeville—W. A. Massebeau.
St. George's—A. C. Walker.
Reevesville and St. Pauls—J. C. Welch.
Chileton—C. E. Wiggins.
Round O—D. R. Brown.
Walterboro—S. P. H. Elwell.
Hendersonville—S. S. Blanchard.
Hampton and Port Royal—W. H. Wroton and H. C. Mouzon.
Allendale—P. F. Kistler.
Black Swamp—R. L. Holroyd.
Hardeeville—David Hucks.
Beaufort—J. W. Kilgo.

CHESTER DISTRICT.

P. E.—G. T. Harmon.

Chester—M. L. Carlisle.
Chester Circuit—J. E. Mahaffey.
East Chester—R. A. Yongue.
Richburg—W. A. Betts.
Rock Hill—H. B. Browne.
Rock Hill Circuit—B. S. Berry.
North Rock Hill—A. S. Leslie.
Yorkville—S. A. Weber.
Blacksburg—L. A. Johnson.
Hickory Grove—J. H. Thacker.
York Circuit—W. A. Pitts.
Fort Mill—J. W. Humbert.
Vanwick—J. B. Harris.
Lancaster—J. M. Steadman.
Lancaster Circuit—J. L. Ray.
Tradesville—L. L. Bedenbaugh.
Chesterfield—J. N. Isom.
Jefferson—J. D. Frierson.
Blackstock—J. J. Stevenson.

COKESBURY DISTRICT.

P. E.—J. B. Campbell.

Cokesbury—E. G. Price.
Greenwood—A. B. Watson.
Greenwood Circuit—W. B. Wharton.
Ninety-Six—J. C. Stoll.
Donnalds—W. L. Wait.
Abbeville—H. W. Bays.
Abbeville Circuit—W. H. Arial.
McCormick—E. P. Taylor.
Lowndesville—E. W. Mason.
Mount Carmel—P. B. Ingraham.
Princeton—G. R. Shaffer.
Waterloo—J. A. Campbell.
North Edgafield—W. W. Jones.
Newberry—A. J. Stokes.
Newberry Circuit—J. D. Crout.
Newberry City Mission—S. A. Nettles.
Kinard's—C. H. Pritchard.
Saluda—S. D. Vaughan.
Butler—O. N. Roundtree.
Parksdale—E. A. Wilkes.
Prosperity—D. Tiller.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

P. E.—J. W. Dickson.

Columbia — Washington street — W. W. Daniel.
Marion street—P. L. Kirton.
Green street and Brookland—W. H. Kirton.
Lexington Fork—G. W. Davis.
Lexington—G. E. Stokes.
Lewiedale—A. R. Phillips.
Leesville—T. C. Ligon.
Batesburg—P. A. Murray.
Johnston—R. E. Stackhouse.
Edgefield—M. M. Brabham.
Graniteville—J. E. Beard.
Aiken—D. M. McLeod.
Upper St. Matthews—D. D. Dantzler.
Fort Motte—R. C. Boulware.
Edgefield—John Manning.
Ridgeway—J. C. Spann.
Winnsboro—T. M. Dent.
Fairfield—M. W. Hook.
Cedar Creek—M. L. Banks, Jr.
Columbia Female College—John A. Rice, President, M. Dargan, Agent.
Paine Institute—George Wm. Walker, President.
Longtown—E. S. Jones.

FLORENCE DISTRICT.

P. E.—E. T. Hodges.

Florence—W. I. Herbert.
Darlington—R. A. Child.
Cheraw—W. H. Hodges.
Cheraw Circuit—S. M. Jones.
Hartyille—R. R. Dagnall.
Clyde—J. C. Counts.
Darlington Circuit—P. F. Kilgo.
Lamar—W. B. Baker.
Timmonsville—C. D. Mann.
Claussen—J. L. Siffy and H. J. Cauthen.
East Effingham—I. A. White.
Scranton—J. C. Davis.
Lake City—S. J. Bethea.
Kingstree—W. B. Duncan.
Indiantown—R. E. Mood.
Gourdin—A. H. Best.
Salter's—J. S. Abercrombie.
Georgetown—T. C. O'Dell.
Georgetown Circuit—W. C. Winn.
Johnsonville and Plantersville—N. K. Melton and C. B. Burns.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.

P. E.—T. J. Cylde.

Greenville—Buncombe street—R. N. Wells and P. B. Wells.
St. Paul's—J. E. Grier.
Greenville Circuit—W. M. Hardin.
Reidville—D. Z. Dantzler.
Creer's—T. P. Phillips.
North Geeenville—W. B. Justus.
Fountain Inn—A. N. Brunson.
Williamston—A. B. Earle.
Anderson—G. P. Watson.
Anderson Circuit—N. G. Ballenger.
South Anderson—J. B. Holly.
Townville—W. A. Kelly.
Pendleton—S. H. Zimmerman.
Pickens—O. L. Durant.
Seneca and Walhalla—J. W. Elkins.
Westminster—M. H. Pooser.
Walhalla Circuit—W. T. Duncan.
North Pickens—John Attaway.
Easley and Bethesda—J. F. Anderson.
Piedmont—A. T. Dunlap.
Williamston Female College—S. Lander, President.
Editor Southern Christian Advocate—John O. Willson.
Sunday-school editor—W. D. Kirkland, assistant Sunday-school editor, L. F. Beaty.

MARION DISTRICT.

P. E.—J. B. Wilson.

Marion—W. S. Martin.
Centenary—J. L. Daniel.
Britton's Neck—R. M. DuBose.
Conway and Bucksville—W. J. Dowell.
Conway Circuit—D. A. Calhoun.
Waccamaw—G. R. Whitaker.
Bayboro—W. C. Gleaton.
Loris—J. R. Copeland.
Little Pee Dee—A. F. Berry.
Mullins—J. W. Arial.
Latta—W. W. Williams.
Little Rock—R. W. Barber.
Clio—J. B. Traywick.
Blenheim—T. G. Herbert.
Pee Dee Mission—To be supplied.
Bennettsville—E. O. Watson.
Bennettsville Circuit—J. S. Beasly.
Brightsville—B. M. Grier.
North Marlboro—G. W. Gatlin.

ORANGEBURG DISTRICT.

P. E.—John Owen.

Orangeburg—J. T. Pate.
Orangeburg circuit—C. H. Clyde.
Lower St. Matthews—T. Raysor.
Providence—E. P. Hutson.
Branchville—J. K. McCain.
South Branchville—G. H. Pooser.
Bamberg—R. H. Jones.
Denmark—M. B. Kelly.
Barnwell—R. C. McRoy.
South Aiken—J. R. Sojourner.
Blackville—J. H. Noland.
Boiling Springs—W. E. Wiggins.
Upper Edisto—J. N. Wright.
Orange—L. S. Bellinger.
Edisto—A. J. Cauthen, Jr.

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.

P. E.—A. J. Cauthen.

Spartanburg:
Central—W. A. Rogers.
Bethel and Duncan—E. B. Loyless.
Union—T. E. Morris.
Cherokee—J. M. Fridy.
Santuc—Allan McFarlane.
Whitmire—S. T. Buckman.
Jonesville—R. W. Spigner.
Kelton—G. F. Clarkson.
Gaffney—George M. Boyd.
Laurens—J. E. Carlisle.
North Laurens—J. W. Shell.
Enoree—W. H. Miller.
Clinton—N. B. Clarkson.
Belmont—D. P. Boyd.
Campbell—D. A. Phillips.
Pacolet—J. S. Porter.
Clinton—J. L. Hailey.
Wofford College—Charles B. Smith, financial agent.

SUMTER DISTRICT.

P. E.—W. C. Power.

Sumter—J. W. Daniel
Sumter city mission—T. G. Herbert, Jr.
Sumter circuit—F. J. White.
Manning—H. M. Mood.
Santee—C. W. Creighton.
Jordan—R. A. Few.
Lower Clarendon—W. S. Goodwin.
Foreston—E. H. Beckham.
New Zion.—W. A. Wright.
Lynchburg—O. A. Darby.
Oswego—J. E. Rushton.
Bishopville—W. S. Stokes.
Bethany—J. P. Attaway.
Salem—S. W. Henry.
Kershaw—A. J. Stafford.
Smithville—Peter Stokes.
Camden—G. H. Waddell.
Wateree—W. J. Snyder.
Richland—J. W. Neely.
Wedgefield—J. C. Chandler.
Transferred—John C. Kilgo, to the North Carolina Conference and president of Trinity College; H. W. Whitaker, to the North Carolina Conference.
Superannuated—F. Auld, A. M. Chreitzberg, L. C. Loyal, A. M. Attaway, R. L. Duffie, W. W. Mood, M. L. Banks, A. W. Jackson, J. A. Porter, J. J. Workman, J. C. Bissell, G. W. Gatlen, J. J. Neville, Sidi H. Browne, L. M. Hamer, I. J. Newberry, J. M. Carlisle, A. H. Lester, J. A. Wood, W. Carson, Simpson Jones, W. C. Paterson, W. A. Clarke, S. Leard, D. W. Seale, R. P. Franke, John A. Mood, A. W. Walker, J. F. Smith and W. E. Barre,
Supernumerary—E. L. Archer, A. W. Attaway, M. M. Ferguson, J. M. Rogers and T. E. Wannamaker.

Railroads in the West are now demanding pay from the Government for transporting troops that were sent last summer to protect their own (the railroads') property during the great strike.

Rev. R. D. Smart, formerly of the S. C. Conference, has been transferred from the Little Rock to the Memphis Conference, and stationed at First Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Under the auspices of Methodist churches Evangelist Sam Jones lectured in different South Carolina towns last week.

The town of Marion, N. C., was almost totally destroyed by fire Nov. 25. Loss $125,000; insurance small.

The Legislature of South Carolina met in Columbia Nov. 27.

Rev. T. C. Carter, formerly editor of the Chattanooga Christian Advocate, and others, have organized at Cleveland, Tenn., a new Church, to be known as the American Methodist Church which will have no bishops, no presiding elders, but will be governed by the people alone.

A movement has been started in Macon, Ga., to erect a memorial to the late Dr. W. C. Bass, ex-president of Wesleyan Female College. It is proposed that the alumnae of the institution build and equip a "Hall of Science" for the College.

The State Board of Canvassers (S. C.) has decided in favor of Democrats in all contests for Congressman and for Governor of South Carolina. It has also declared a majority in favor of holding a Constitutional Convention.

Japan declines the offered mediation of President Cleveland in the China-Japanese war troubles.

All the hypocrites are not in the Church. The man who parades as a patriot when he is only a chronic office seeker or a vote-maker is as bad as any so-called Judas.

United States Denominations.

St. Louis Christian Advocate.

There are 47 Chinese temples in this country valued at $62,000.

The Society for Ethical Culture claims 4 organizations and 1,064 members.

The Social Brethren claim 913 members, and have 20 churches, valued at $8,700.

The Plymouth Brethren have 6,661 members who attend 314 churches, valued at $1,465.

The Christian Mission Association 13 churches, worth $3,900, and has 754 members.

The Rivee Brethren have 111 churches valued at $81,350, and have a membership of 3,427.

The Unitarians claim a membership of 67,749, and have 421 churches, valued at $10,335,100.

The Theosophical Society has 40 divisions, with 695 members and property valued at $600.

All branches of the Mennonites have 41,541 members, with 550 churches valued at $643,800.

There are 989 Dunkard Churches valued at $1,362,731, and having a membership of 73,795.

The Friends or Quakers, are a wealthy body. They have 1,056 churches, worth $4,541,334.

All Lutheran bodies have 1,231,072 members who worship in 8,585 churches valued at $35,060,354.

The Catholic Apostolic (Independent) has 10 churches, worth $66,000 and claims 1,394 members.

The Christadelphians have 63 church buildings or halls, valued at $40,000, and a membership of 1,277.

The Christian Union worships in 294 buildings, valued at $234,450, and claims 18,214 members.

The United Brethren have 4,526 church buildings, worth $4,937,583.

The Universalists claim a membership of 49,194, who worship in 956 churches, worth $8,054,333.

The Independent Congregationalists claim 14,126 members, and 156 churches, worth $1,486,000.

The Church of God, Winnebrenarian, has 22,511 members who worship in 479 churches, valued at $643,185.

The Church of the New Jerusalem claims a membership of 7,095, and 154 church buildings, valued at $1,385,455.

The Disciples of Christ have a membership of 641,051, and have 7,246 church edifices, valued at $12,206,038.

The Evangelical Association has a membership of 133,313, and 2,310 churches and halls, worth $4,785,680.

The Friends of the Temple have 4 churches, worth $15,000, and 340 members.

The German Evangelical Synod has 870 churches, worth $4,514,420, and a membership of 187,432.

The M. E. Church, South, has 15,017 churches, with a membership of $1,309,976, and property worth $18,775,362.

There are 51,489, Methodist Churches of all branches in the United States, having 4,589,284 communicants, and their church property is valued at $132,140,179.

In 1842, the number of communicants in the Protestant Churches in China was 6; in 1865, 2,000, and in 1892, 50,000.

There are 5,102 Episcopal Churches in this country, having 550,509 members. Their church property is worth $82,835,418.

Of Presbyterian Church buildings in the United States, there are 13,476; their mebership amounts to 1,278,332, and the value of their church property is $94,869,097.

The Baptists have 42,909 churches and a membership of 3,712,498. Their church property is estimated at $82,328,123.

The Jewish people of the United States have 532 synagogues, valued at $9,754,275, and claim 130,496 adherents.

The Moravians have 94 churches and halls, valued at $681,250, and claim a membership of 11,781.

The Congregationalists have 4,868 church buildings, worth $12,206,838, with a membership of 512,771.

The Church Triumphant, Schweinfurths, has 12 churches worth $15,000, attended by 384 members.

The Latter Day Saints, Mormons, have 856 churches, worth $1,051,719, and a membership of 166,125.

The M. E. Church, North, claims 25,861 churches, worth $96,721,408, and having a membership of 2,240,354.

All bodies of Adventists have 1,757 church buildings that cost $1,236,345, and are attended by 60,491 members.

The Salvation Army in the United States has 329 buildings, worth $38,150, and claims a membership of 38,150.

The Roman Catholics claim to have in this country 10,276 churches, worth $118,371,366, and attended by 6,257,871 persons.

The churches of the Christian connection in this country have 1,424 buildings, worth $1,775,202, and attended by 103,722 members.

The Schwenkfeldians have the smallest denomination reported by the census. They have 4 churches, worth $12,200, and a membership of 306.

Children grow more rapidly during the night than they do during the day. In the daytime, while the child is awake and active, the system is kept busy disposing of the waste consequent on activiiy; but during sleep the system is free to extend its operations beyond the mere replacing of wornout particles; hence the rapid growth.

This is why so many invalids need so much rest and sleep. The system has been taxed for years beyond its ability to repair the tissues, and hence the organism has become worn and disabled from the accumulation of waste products, and disease has resulted. With the proper conditions restored and a dense of perfect rest nature will reassert herself, clearing up the clogged and dirty tissues and restoring the organs to their normal condition.

Faithful Service.—A shepherd had driven part of his flock to a neighboring fair, leaving his dog to watch the remainder during that day and the next night, expecting to revisit them in the morning. Unfortunately, however, when at the fair the shepherd forgot both the dog and the sheep, and did not return home until the third day. His first inquiry was whether his dog had been visited. The answer was "No." "Then he must be dead," replied the shepherd, with a tone and gesture of anguish, "for I know he was too faithful to desert his charge." He instantly repaired to the heath. The dog had just sufficient strength remaining to crawl to his master's feet and express his joy at his return, and almost immediately after expired.

Augustine's Mistake.

Posidonius in his life of Augustine, relates, that the good man, going on one occassion to preach at a distant town, took with him a guide to direct him in the way. This man, by some unaccountable means, mistook the usual road, and fell into a by-path. It afterwards proved, that in this way the preacher's life had been saved, as his enemies, aware of his journey, had placed themselves in the proper road with a design to kill him.—Irvine's Cyclopedia.

When the New Preacher Comes.

The Sunday-School Superindent should be one of the first to meet him, and bid him welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus. Waiting for a chance to introduce yourself would be very discourteous treatment; waiting for him to hunt you up and introduce himself would be the height of impudence;—no matter what "the custom among us"h as been.

Don't bore the good man in your first interview with a long story of your ups and downs, your ins and outs. There are a thousand and one dead and gone details that are nothing to him. Bury them out of sight. Pledge him your best service. Ask his personal influence and prayers.

Credit him with being interested in the school. Remember that it is as much his as yours. More than that, while you are honored with its superintendency, never forget that the man who has taken the degree of "P. C." in "Brush College" is preacher in charge of—the Sunday school, and, therefore, your official superior.

Do not credit him with knowing "all about running a Sunday school." Solomon is dead. This man of whom we speak may be young, inexperienced, and timid, or—no matter about his age—what is vastly worse, he may be conceited enough, to assume, as the manner of some few is, that he knows all about it. In either case, you will have need to exercise charity.

Get close to your preacher—and stay there. You need him, and he needs you. Cultivate him. Find out what he knows about Sunday-school work, and if it turns out that he knows more about it than you do—as he ought if he is even a deacon—don't be too stiff to learn from him—even though you may be "the oldest superintendent in the district." Age dosen't count, sometimes. If he is "fresh," but willing to learn, give him the advantage of your experience and observation. Be frank with him—for he is likely to be a capital fellow when you come to know him; with religion enough to stand any strain you are likely to put upon him in your enthusiastic devotion to the service of God. Talk school with him early and late. Lay your plans before him, and ask his advice in all important matters. On no accont can you afford to be at cross purposes.

Do not urge him to teach the Bible class. Even if he should consent, ten to one more will be lost than gained by such an arrangement. Either the class on the congregation will suffer—as he is certain to.

Within a week after his arrival furnish him with a complete roll of the membership of your school. Have the names plainly written in a vest-pocket memorandum book—even if it costs you a nickel to get it. Don't wait for him to ask for it.

Mark, so that he will be able to see at a glance, the names of all who belong to families not members of your Church. It is quite as much his duty to visit such families as it is to hang around some of the pillars of our beloved Zion. If he doesn't see it, give him a pointer.

Afford him every opportunity for becoming acquainted with the pupils except during time of recitation. Withstand him there. He has no more right to interrupt the lesson than you have tostop him in the middle of a sermon.

Tell him your heart's desire and prayer for your school is that they all might be saved. Prove it by your works, and it is almost certain that before this Confetence-year is ended you will find yourself in a big revival.

Loving Brothers and Sisters.

One of the saddest declarations ever made was that of a man who had lived a stormy domestic life on account of the claims of property.

"Don't talk to me about the love of brothers and sisters!" he said, bitterly. "At heart they hate each other."

The evidence of history gives the lie to this saddening conclusion. Among the most beautiful souls we know there has been the strongest and most lasting fraternal attachment.

The beautiful Margaret of Navarre was devoted to her brother, Francis I. When he was apparently dying at Madrid, she found her way to him through privation and danger, and succeeded in effecting his deliverance. When he was ill at a distance from her, she went every day and sat down on a stone in the middle of the road to catch the first glimpse of a messenger afar off. And she said: "Ah! whoever shall come to announce the recovery of the king, my brother, though he be tired, jaded, soiled, disheveled, I will kiss him and embrace him as though he were the finest gentleman in the kingdom."

When he died she seemed heartbroken, and she did not long survive him.

Sir William and Caroline Herschel seemed to have but a single thought in their common occupation of studying the stars. One swept the heavens with the telescope, and the other patiently noted down the results. Together they reached old age, always interested in the same pursuit, and always devotedly attached to each other.

Goethe was always the loving friend and partisan of his sister, Cornelia.

"I was again drawn toward home," he writes, concerning one of his frequent excursions, "and that by a magnet which attracted me strongly at all times. It was my sister."

To approach our own time and tongue more nearly is to find Dorothy Wordsworth, who lived in her brother's ambitions and desires. Byron found his good angel in his sister Augusta. Charles Lamb and Mary were friends true and tried; and the poet Whittier lived, loved and worked in the delightful companionship of his sister, of whom he said after her death that "the sad measure of his love for her was the vacancy left by her departure."

Joseph Cook on Dancing.

Joseph Cook, having been called on for an opininion for card playing and dancing, wrote recently the following letter;

"There is a famous French proverb which says, 'Ou la vertu finit, la commence le vice,' 'where virtue ends, vice begins,' I see no virtue in what is known to-day as the round dance, nor in social card playing. These are ante-chambers of mischief, even if they are not themselves the worst form of mischief. It is safest to keep out of such ante-chambers. I am assured by those whose work has given them opportunity to know the facts at first hand that hundreds of gamblers have found fashionable card playing the beginning of their road to ruin, and also that the commencement of the unreportable degradation of thousands of abandoned women has been in the modern ball and round dance. For one, I always maintain that card playing and dancing, learned by respectable young people, may easily become a bond of union between them and other people who are not so respectable, and so be a snare to those who are yet in their largely inexperienced years."—Micigan Advocate.

Love in the Home.

Do you know the little girl in your class in Sunday-school who wears a plain frock and who cannot get a new hat as often as you do? Are you kind to her, or do you try to make her feel that you are better dressed than she is? If you treat her with unkindness I fear that you are not one of God's children, for he does not love those who show a proud spirit and who look down in disdain upon his little ones.

I must tell you about little Lena, and how unhappy Hattie Hull made her. Then you can see how such things appear in others, and you may correct your own faults.

Lena had two little sisters. Her mother was obliged to work in order to support her children. One day Lena noticed that her mother sat near the fire looking very tired and depressed.

What can I do for you, mamma?" asked Lena, looking up tenderly in her mother's face.

"The times are very hard, my dear child," replied her mother, "and your father is out of work. You ought to have a new dress, but I don't see how I can get one for you unless I let Anne and Maggie go without. If I do, they will have to stay home from Sunday-school."

Now what do you think Lena said? What would you have said?

Lena felt dissapointed, but she did not let her mother see it. On the contrary, she put her arms around her mother's neck as she said: "Why, I can wear my old dress very well, and I will help you make the children's clothes. Then we can all three go to school together."

On the following Sunday you might have seen Lena walking to school with her two little sisters, one on each side of her, and all three of them feeling as happy as possible. Everything went smoothly until the close of the school, when proud Hattie Hull said, in a saucy way, glancing down at Lena's dress, "Well, if I couldn't wear something nicer than that, I wouldn't come to Sunday-school!"

Tears came into Lena's eyes, but seeing her two little sisters in the next class looking so happy, she said nothing.

Hattie was determined to hurt Lena's feelings, so she nudged the girl who sat next, and added, "Lena has worn that same old dress all winter; isn't it shabby and mean!"

Lena turned very red and the tears again came to her eyes. This time the teacher heard what Hattie said. She knew all the circumstances of the case, and she said to the girls in her class, "Don't you think, my dear little girls, that it is very noble to give up something that you want yourself so that others may have it?"

The class said, "Yes, indeed! That is Christlike." Then the teacher said that Lena had given up something that she wanted very much in order to allow others to have it. The teacher kissed Lena, and the girls looked at her so kindly that she felt quite reconciled and happy, indeed, she was the happiest one in the class.

When she returned home her little sisters told their mother how happy tney were and how glad to be in the Sunday-School. Mamma told them that they could not have gone if it had not been for Lena. When the whole family gathered around the evening fire and the children sang their hymns together, it seemed to Lena as if she had never been so happy before. They were so happy because love ruled in that household. They were far happier than Hattie Hull, who had a very proud heart.

Alum will cure fever sores.

Strips of brown paper will clean glass bottles or decanters when all other things fail.

Alum meal used instead of soap will keep the skin smooth in winter and ward off sunburn in summer.

If your face looks red and shiny in warm weather, bathe it in hot water and a teaspoonful of soda.

The bottom of your hen house should be filled up until it is higher than the surrounding ground, to avoid dampness.

The natural food of the horse is grass; there is nothing else upon which he will grow so large, so healthy or live so long.

If your hens catch cold, give them a little turpentine. Kerosene oil is also used, and a small pill of camphor gum will help them.

The boy who has been an attentive student at a good agricultural college will show in after years on the farm the value of his training.

Mulching is valuable in winter to prevent crops from injury from alternate freezing and thawing and in summer for retaining moisture.

Too many cows for the pasture, for the grain bin in winter and for the help to properly milk, prompt the remark that there is no money in dairying.

In France every fowl is fattened seperately by hand. The process is a cramming one, and consists in feeding a certain number of pellets composed of barley, corn and buckwheat meal dipped in milk.

Sell off the straw and buy better and more concentrated food. Better results in feeding and better manure will be realized. The rule must not be adopted as an invariable one but its adoption is often valuable.

When grit is needed, pound up some glass for the hens, and it will assist them to grind their food. Do not use colored glass, however, as it may contain poisonous matter. You cannot put your broken glassware, china or earthenware to better use than to pound such material for the hens and they will relish it.

You seldom see sick fowls where fresh ground green bone is feed three or four times a week. It is not so much extra food, but takes the place of more than its weight in wheat or other food, besides aiding digestion, toning up the system, helping along the bone and egg making process, and building up the flock in every way.

The farmer who has had long and profitable service from his horses ought to be willing to give them comfortable shelter and food after they are past usefulness till death. If not able to do that his conscience will suffer less if he shoots and buries them, than, for the sake of a few dollars, sell them to strangers to be starved and brutally treated during their few remaining years.

It is not that we are to bless men simply because they curse us; but it is that our wish to have them blessed ought not to be checked by their cursing us.

We are never willing to admit there is insanity in our family until some member of it makes a will that doesn't suit us.

Don't sit in a draft unless you want a doctor to cash it.