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*And also at a meeting of the Society held in the Mercer Street
Church, New York City,*

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SOUTHERN AID SOCIETY.

MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY.

The Third Anniversary of the SOUTHERN AID SOCIETY was held on Wednesday at five o'clock P. M., October 29th, 1856, at the residence of the Rev. Wm. H. STEELE, in the city of Newark. In the absence of JAMES BOORMAN, Esq., President of the Society, the Rev. JOEL PARKER, D. D., took the chair.

The exercises were opened with prayer by the chairman.

An abstract of the Treasurer's Report was read by Rev. O. Brown. The Report of the Executive Committee was then presented by the General Agent.

On motion of Rev. J. P. HOVY, seconded by Rev. J. G. Hamner, D. D., the Report was unanimously adopted.

On motion of the General Agent, the Rev. LUTHER FARNHAM, of Boston, was elected a member of the Society.

On motion of the General Agent,

Resolved, That the officers of the Society for the past year be re-elected.

Whereupon the Society adjourned to meet in the city of New York, at half past seven o'clock, on Wednesday the 12th of Nov.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Agreeably to the above Resolution, a public meeting of the SOUTHERN AID SOCIETY was held in the Mercer Street Church, New York city, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 12th, 1856, at half past seven o'clock.

JAMES BOORMAN, Esq., President, on taking the chair remarked as follows:

"In performing the duty of calling this meeting to order, I cannot refrain from expressing my gratification at the increasing importance which the SOUTHERN AID SOCIETY has assumed among

our benevolent institutions, nor from indulging in a confident belief that its sole and simple object of aiding our Christian brethren in extending the influence of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in its peaceful, truthful and righteous attributes, will continue to be the only object of the Society; and that its efforts may be attended with the blessing of an over-ruling Providence in making it an instrument, however humble, in allaying the unhallowed excitements of the day, among brethren of a common faith and disciples of a common Lord and Master."

Rev. Dr. CAMPBELL, of New York, then addressed the Throne of Grace, after which the congregation joined in singing the 419th Select hymn, commencing "I love thy Kingdom, Lord."

GERARD HALLOCK, Esq., Treasurer of the Society, read an abstract of his Annual Report. The Report entire may be found in the Appendix.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee was read by Rev. Dr. STILES, of New Haven, General Agent.

Addresses were made by Rev. A. H. H. Boyd, D. D., of Winchester, Va.; Rev. Dr. Owen, of the New York Free Academy; and Rev. Joel Parker, D. D., Pastor of the 4th Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City.

The meeting was dismissed with the benediction, by Rev. Thomas H. Skinner, D. D., of the New York Theological Seminary.

Whereupon the Society adjourned.

The names of the Officers of the Society for the ensuing year will be found on next page.

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GENERAL AGENT:

Rev. JOSEPH C. STILES, D. D., New Haven.

Rev. LUTHER FARNHAM, of Boston, has been appointed by the Executive Committee, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer for New England.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called the SOUTHERN AID SOCIETY.

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be the diffusion of Gospel Truth in the Southern and South-Western States; and in all ordinary cases this shall be done under the direction of Ecclesiastical Bodies or Missionary Organizations of an Evangelical character within said States.

ART. III. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, forty Directors, a Treasurer, and a General Agent, to be appointed annually by the Society, and to constitute a Board of Management, seven of whom shall, at any meeting regularly convened, constitute a quorum. The General Agent shall also act as Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

ART. IV. The Board of Officers shall appoint an Executive Committee of ten persons, including the President, Treasurer, and General Agent, residing in the city of New York and its vicinity, five of whom shall constitute a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. The Committee shall have the power to appoint its own meetings, fill any vacancies that may occur in its members during the period for which they were elected, call special meetings of the Board, or of the Society, for the settlement of such matters as they may be unable or unwilling to decide upon themselves; receive Auxiliaries; create and employ such Agencies as the interests of the Society may require; appoint Missionaries; have the control and disposal of the funds, property, and estates of the Society; and make an Annual Report of their proceedings to the Society.

ART. V. The President, General Agent, and Treasurer of the Society, shall be, *ex-officio*, members of the Executive Committee.

ART. VI. Persons having taken part in meetings preparatory to the formation of this Society, may become members of it by subscribing to this Constitution. Other gentlemen who approve of the object and principles of the Society, may become members by the vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting, annual or special, or by the payment, at any one time, of one hundred dollars into the treasury.

ART. VII. Any Missionary Society or Association, organized to labor according to the principles and on the plan proposed by this Society, which shall agree to pay its surplus funds into its treasury, and shall send to the General Agent a copy of its Constitution and Annual Reports, with the names of its Missionaries and fields of their operation, may be admitted as an Auxiliary.

ART. VIII. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held in the city of New-York, or such other place as the Executive Committee may designate, on the last Wednesday of October in each year, when the officers shall be chosen, Treasury account presented, and the proceedings of the foregoing year reported.

ART. IX. This Constitution may be altered at any Annual Meeting of the Society by the votes of three-fourths of the members present.

