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FORTY-NINTH SESSION

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OF THE

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FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.

PREPARATORY COURSE.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND	...	{	<i>Watson's Institutes.</i>
		}	<i>Evidences of Christianity.</i>
J. T. LASSELL	.....	{	<i>Bullion's Analytical Grammar.</i>
L. W. BATES	.....	{	<i>Constitution and Discipline M. P. Church.</i>
		}	<i>Miller on Clerical Habits and Manners.</i>

FIRST YEAR'S CLASS.

J. T. MURRAY	.....	{	<i>Watson's Institutes—Doctrines of Christianity.</i>
		}	<i>Attributes of God.</i>
J. T. WARD	.....	{	<i>Mosheim's Church History, 1st to 5th Century.</i>
B. F. BENSON	.....	{	<i>Powell on Succession.</i>

STUDENTS—S. J. Willey, S. J. Smith, and Wm. T. Valiant.

SECOND YEAR'S CLASS.

E. R. MCGREGOR	.....	{	<i>Watson's Institutes—Doctrines of Christianity.</i>
		}	<i>Original Sin.</i>
J. D. KINZER	.....	{	<i>Watson's Institutes—Redemption.</i>
D. A. SHERMER	.....	{	<i>Mosheim's Church History, 5th to 12th Century.</i>
R. S. NORRIS	.....	{	<i>Watson's Institutes—Institutions of Christianity.</i>

STUDENTS—C. B. Middleton, T. A. King, A. C. Berryman, S. R. Murray, J. D. McFaden, Thos. H. Lewis, J. W. Trout, and C. S. Arnett.

THIRD YEAR'S CLASS.

F. SWENTZEL	.....	{	<i>Watson's Institutes—Moral Law.</i>
E. J. DRINKHOUSE	.....	{	<i>Butler's Analogy.</i>
W. S. HAMMOND	.....	{	<i>Mosheim's Church History, 12th Century to close of Volume.</i>
H. C. CUSHING	.....	{	<i>Wayland's Moral Science.</i>

STUDENTS—P. T. Hall, J. M. Sheridan, and W. W. White.

The Faculty meets Tuesday before Conference, at 3 o'clock P. M., to examine Students, and at 7.30 P. M. for business.

W. S. HAMMOND,
Secretary.

L. W. BATES,
President.

MINUTES

OF THE

Maryland Annual Conference.

The Forty-Ninth Session of the MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE convened in the Methodist Protestant Church, in Westminster, Md., on Wednesday, March 14th, 1877, at 9 o'clock A. M., and was opened by the President, who read the 4th Chapter of 2d Timothy, the 13th Chapter of 1st Corinthians, announced the 557th hymn, and offered prayer.

W. S. Hammond and J. M. Holmes were appointed a Committee on Credentials; after whose report the roll of Ministerial and Lay Members was called, as follows:

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

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| 1. D. E. Reese, D. D., | 17. H. J. Day, |
| 2. J. W. Everist, | 18. F. Swentzel, M. D., |
| 3. J. K. Nichols, D. D., | 19. T. M. Bryan, |
| 4. J. R. Nichols, | 20. Jesse Shreeve, |
| 5. J. M. Elderdice, | 21. J. A. McFaden, |
| 6. L. W. Bates, D. D., | 22. J. H. Ellegood, |
| 7. A. Baker, | 23. E. J. Drinkhouse, M. D., |
| 8. S. B. Southerland, D. D., | 24. J. T. Murray, D. D., |
| 9. J. J. Murray, D. D., | 25. J. Clay, |
| 10. P. L. Wilson, | 26. Thomas Lee, |
| 11. D. W. Bates, | 27. W. S. Hammond, |
| 12. R. S. Norris, | 28. H. C. Cushing, |
| 13. W. T. Dumm, | 29. T. A. Moore, |
| 14. D. A. Shermer, M. D., | 30. J. Thompson, |
| 15. David Wilson, M. D., | 31. A. D. Dick, |
| 16. T. D. Valiant, | 32. W. G. Holmes, |

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| 33. C. H. Littleton, | 66. W. H. Lane, |
| 34. D. F. Ewell, M. D., | 67. I. T. Adkins, |
| 35. J. T. Ward, D. D., | 68. Henry Bruner, |
| 36. B. F. Benson, | 69. F. T. Tagg, |
| 37. W. M. Strayer, | 70. W. A. Crouse, |
| 38. C. T. Cochel, | 71. W. J. Neepier, |
| 39. J. E. T. Ewell, M. D., | 72. R. L. Lewis, |
| 40. S. A. Hoblitzell, | 73. A. A. Harryman, |
| 41. J. E. Maloy, | 74. W. J. Floyd, |
| 42. J. L. Mills, | 75. J. G. Sullivan, |
| 43. J. W. Charlton, | 76. J. B. Butler, M. D., |
| 44. J. B. Jones, | 77. J. L. Killgore, D. D., |
| 45. J. W. Gray, | 78. E. R. McGregor, |
| 46. J. D. Kinzer, | 79. A. D. Melvin, |
| 47. W. D. Litsinger, | 80. F. T. Little, |
| 48. S. T. Ferguson, | 81. S. B. Tredway, |
| 49. S. T. Graham, | 82. W. F. Livingston, |
| 50. R. S. Rowe, | 83. T. O. Crouse, |
| 51. J. E. Read, | 84. J. M. Yingling, |
| 52. J. M. Holmes, | 85. W. R. Graham, |
| 53. A. T. Melvin, | 86. D. N. Gilbert, |
| 54. A. W. Mather, | 87. W. J. D. Lucas, |
| 55. J. T. Lassell, | 88. G. F. Farring, |
| 56. H. E. Miskimon, | 89. F. H. Mullineaux, |
| 57. A. Webster, D. D., | 90. J. A. Weigand, |
| 58. C. M. Thompson, | 91. R. T. Smith, |
| 59. D. L. Greenfield, | 92. G. J. Smith, |
| 60. W. C. Lipscomb, | 93. T. H. Lewis, |
| 61. C. O. Melvin, | 94. R. W. Berryman, |
| 62. T. McCormick, | 95. A. J. Walter, |
| 63. J. L. Straughn, | 96. H. C. Stern, |
| 64. W. C. Ames, | 97. G. Q. Bacchus, |
| 65. S. G. Valliant, | 98. J. M. Sheridan. |

PROBATIONERS.

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| 1. P. T. Hall, | 7. S. R. Murray, |
| 2. W. W. White, | 8. T. A. King, |
| 3. C. S. Arnett, | 9. J. W. Trout, |
| 4. C. B. Middleton, | 10. S. J. Willey, |
| 5. J. D. McFaden, | 11. S. J. Smith, |
| 6. A. C. Berryman, | 12. W. T. Valiant, |

LAY MEMBERS.

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| J. T. Blades, | H. Edie, | S. V. Yantis, |
| H. Swope, | A. T. Boswell, | E. Melvin, |
| N. Leonard, | G. Spence, | J. D. Cathell, |
| T. E. Colbourn, | J. H. Barrow, | F. H. Growden, |
| J. Stephenson, | E. C. Garretson, | J. H. Linthicum, |
| C. W. Payne, | G. H. Brown, | C. W. Button, |
| T. P. Walls, | G. W. Taylor, | J. R. Marley, |
| J. Dodd, | S. F. Smith, | J. E. Harrington, |
| G. H. Erdman, | R. S. Griffith, | G. M. Bruce, |
| G. Hoover, | G. A. Wicks, | D. W. Webster, |
| R. H. Pennewell, | A. F. Follin, | R. Fooks, |
| J. W. Cornwell, | G. E. Bevans, | T. Linthicum, |
| T. Demoss, | O. Hammond, | C. B. Elzey, |
| A. W. Nicodemus, | I. S. Crowther, | J. W. Thompson, |
| T. Feagan, | B. Milburn, | W. Dale, |
| J. F. Gardner, | A. Clark, | J. W. Penuel, |
| W. K. White, | T. S. Roberts, | J. Owings, |
| S. M. Anderson, | E. B. Bates, | M. Jones, |
| J. R. Caton, | J. W. Hering, | W. B. Marche, |
| T. R. Harper, | W. H. Almony, | S. S. Ewell, |
| J. Pitzer, | W. Hawkins, | F. A. Tull, |
| J. J. Smouse, | W. Pool, | P. L. Hobbs, |
| W. A. Warrington, | E. Saulsbury, | J. H. N. Savedge, |
| R. Lemon, | J. S. Scarborough, | H. T. Gernhardt. |

After which, the Standing Rule requiring the reading of the "Dead Roll" was observed.

Revs. Amon Richards, and A. S. Eversole, M. D., having died during the year, appropriate sentiments of respect and affection were expressed by T. McCormick, J. R. Nichols, D. W. Bates, R. S. Norris, J. J. Murray, J. M. Holmes, S. B. Tredway, H. Bruner, I. T. Adkins, and T. A. Moore.

The following resolution was adopted:

That we yield the service of to-night to a meeting in behalf of the Baltimore Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Conference adjourned to hear the annual sermon, which was preached by Rev. C. H. Littleton.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference devotional services conducted by R. S. Rowe.

The following resolution was adopted:

The Conference shall be opened each day by reading the Scriptures, singing a hymn, and prayer. The last half-hour of each morning session shall be spent in devotional exercises.

Conference determined to hold two sessions daily, from 9 to 12 A. M. and 2 to 5 P. M.

The President read his Annual Report, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of T. A. Moore, S. A. Hoblitzell, J. L. Straughn, R. S. Griffith, and T. R. Harper. The President's character was passed.

The Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Unfinished Business.—A. T. Melvin, J. H. Ellegood, Thos. Feagan.

Finance.—John R. Nichols, S. T. Graham, C. T. Cochel, Edw. B. Bates, J. W. Penuel.

Official Character and Official Reports.—J. T. Murray, J. E. Read, Jesse Shreeve, Edward Salisbury, Geo. W. Taylor.

Statistics.—D. A. Shermer.

Itinerancy and Orders.—Faculty of Instruction: L. W. Bates, S. B. Southerland, B. F. Benson, J. D. Kinzer.

Boundaries.—Wm. Dale, Walter K. White, James H. Linthicum, John Dodd, Richie Fookes, J. Reese Woodall, Wm. Hawkins.

Missions.—L. W. Bates, R. S. Norris, D. L. Greenfield, J. D. Cathell, Dr. J. W. Hering.

Literature.—James K. Nichols, W. T. Dumm, W. S. Hammond, C. W. Button, James W. Thompson, R. S. Griffith.

Western Maryland College.—J. J. Murray, J. L. Killgore, J. T. Lassell, B. Milburn, Dr. Joshua Wilson.

Superannuated Claimants.—F. Swentzel, C. H. Littleton, James M. Elderdice, James Stevenson, Nathaniel Leonard.

Sabbath Schools.—T. D. Valiant, J. W. Gray, A. D. Melvin, T. S. Linthicum, Gaven Spence.

Temperance.—D. Wilson, W. M. Strayer, R. T. Smith, James R. Caton, Ormond Hammond.

Ecclesiastical Communications and Visitations.—A. Webster, R. S. Rowe, J. B. Jones, Henry Swope, John H. Barrow.

Bible Cause.—P. L. Wilson, A. D. Dick, C. M. Thompson, A. W. Nicodemus, Matthew Jones.

Pulpit Services.—H. C. Cushing, J. T. Ward, J. W. Charlton.

D. W. Bates offered a paper on the relation of Ministers, Laymen, and Churches to the appointing power.

The order of the day having arrived, Conference proceeded to the election of President, which resulted in the selection of Rev. D. W. Bates.

Conference adjourned with the doxology, and the benediction by J. L. Killgore.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, March 15th, 1877.

Conference devotional services conducted by A. T. Melvin.

The list of Circuits and Stations was called for the presentation of business. Papers were presented from Belair Quarterly Conference, Kent Island, Williamsport, and Berkeley Mission.

The Standing District Committee was elected as follows:—J. T. Murray, D. Wilson, W. Dale, J. W. Hering, P. Wilmer, and J. W. Thompson.

The Committee on Appeals was elected as follows:—S. B. Southerland, L. W. Bates, J. K. Nichols, O. Hammond, and C. W. Button.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional services by A. D. Dick.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we amend the present form of the Examination of Official Character by the addition of two questions, to be answered by Superintendents in the printed blanks, viz:—Has your assistant been exemplary? Has he been faithful?

Resolved, That Superintendents be required to answer the questions to the Committee at this session of Conference.

The item of business from Belair Quarterly Conference was read, and referred to the following Committee:—L. W. Bates, J. T. Murray, and E. B. Bates.

Papers from Kent Island, Williamsport, and Berkeley Missions were referred to the Committee on Missions.

A paper presented by H. P. Jordan was read, and referred to a committee of six—three ministers and three laymen.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be hereby directed to replace Lexington Street Station on the list of appointments as one of the Stations of this Conference.

R. S. Rowe was elected Conference Steward.

A. W. Mather was elected Missionary Steward.

J. E. Maloy was elected Steward of the Superannuated Fund.

B. F. Benson was elected Secretary. The Secretary appointed J. D. Kinzer and F. T. Tagg, assistants.

The Report of the Managers of the Maryland Educational Endowment Society was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH OF BALTIMORE CITY.

BALTIMORE, *March 12th*, 1877.

The Managers beg leave to report, in accordance with the Constitution of the Society, that the Agent of the Conference, Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, was authorized to pay to the Treasurer of the College, Dr. J. W. Hering, the balance of money in his hands, amounting to \$1430.33, which was due, the Agent taking the note of the Treasurer for the same.

E. J. DRINKHOUSE, *Secretary*. DANIEL W. BATES, *President*.

The Report of Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, Conference Agent for the Western Maryland College, was adopted, as follows:

RECEIPTS OF MONEY FOR ACCOUNT OF WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE DURING THE CONFERENCE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1877.

Cumberland	\$ 45 00	Talbot	\$ 33 00
Cecil	27 06	Frederick	16 00
Ninth Street, Washington. . .	63 00	Deer Creek	2 50
Milton	4 40	Seaford	11 00
Georgetown, D. C., Cash 141 00		Newtown	24 00
Georgetown, Col. Coupon, 3 00	144 00	Whaleyville	2 00
Starr Church	11 25	Baltimore Circuit	5 00
Warwick,	Cash, 27 00	Anne Arundel	3 50
Warwick, Col. Coupon. . .	3 00	Leipsic	1 00
Jefferson and Frederick	16 00	Salisbury	10 00
Bel Air	4 33	Crumpton	10 00
South Baltimore	11 25	Broadway	88
Chincoteague	5 00	St. Michael's	1 95
North-Western	3 00	Potomac	9 28
Eutaw	4 02	N. Carolina Avenue, Wash'n..	1 00
Concord	12 00	Williamsport and Berkeley ..	2 50
Mount Carmel	75	Laurel	2 00
Chesapeake	1 50	Easton	16 00
Kent	86 00	Washington Street	13 00
Bedford	3 00	Peach Bottom	9 40
Dorchester	1 45	Quantico	5 20
Preston	5 50	Accomac	75
Clear Spring	2 00	Sussex	4 00
Alexandria	55 00	Westminster	60 00
Somerset	5 00	Liberty	41 00
Kent Island	10 00	Campbell	5 00
Snow Hill	1 00	Pocomoke	5 00
Susquehanna	22 00	Prince William	2 50
Harper's Ferry	1 06	Dames Quarter	1 00
Stewartstown	15 00	Hampden and White Ground..	1 25
Cambridge	6 50	Surry	1 87

Total

\$897 65

H. F. ZOLLICKOFFER,
BALTIMORE, *March 20th*, 1877. *Agent of Md. Annual Conference.*

The Report of the Book Directory was referred to the Committee on Literature.

D. L. Greenfield presented a paper in reference to stationing the President, which was referred to a committee of seven—four laymen and three ministers.

The President appointed D. Wilson, E. R. McGregor, J. W. Gray, R. S. Griffith, and C. W. Button, a Committee on Supply outside the District.

Conference adjourned with doxology, and benediction by J. R. Nichols.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, *March 16th*, 1877.

Conference devotional services conducted by D. A. Shermer.

The President appointed the following Committee on the Paper from Lexington Street: T. D. Valliant, J. L. Killgore, J. E. Read, B. Milburn, J. W. Hering, W. H. Wheatley.

Also on the Paper offered by D. L. Greenfield: E. J. Drinkhouse, W. M. Strayer, E. B. Bates, G. Erdman, J. W. Thomson, A. W. Nicodemus.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Superannuated Fund was received and read, and referred to the Superannuated Fund Society.

Resolutions in reference to the Women's Foreign Mission work were adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to the women of our Church, that they organize Societies, auxiliary to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

Resolved, That where auxiliary Societies are formed in any of the local churches of the Maryland District, the money collected by the children of these churches respectively, may be paid to the said auxiliary Societies.

Resolved, That it be, and is hereby made the duty of the Superintendents of Circuits, Stations, and Missions, to enlist their Sabbath Schools in behalf of Foreign Missionary work.

Resolved, That they request the children of each school to collect money for Foreign Missions at a specified date in the Conference year.

Resolved, That these collections be made in the third week of June next, in the city schools, and in the second week in July or the second week in September in the country schools.

Resolved, That these collections be forwarded by the Superintendents, without delay, to the Editor of the "Methodist Protestant," to be by him paid over to the proper authorities of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Baltimore.

L. W. BATES,
J. J. MURRAY.

G. D. Edmondson asked permission to withdraw from the Conference. His request was granted.

Committee on Literature reported, and while the report was under consideration, the order of the day arrived, and Conference adjourned with religious services.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference devotional services conducted by T. D. Valiant.

After reading the Minutes, Conference adjourned for the meeting of the Missionary Society, which was organized with R. S. Norris in the chair.

The election of officers was held, with the following result:

President.—R. S. Norris.

Vice-Presidents.—R. S. Rowe, J. M. Elderdice.

Board of Managers.—E. J. Drinkhouse, L. W. Bates, D. L. Greenfield, J. M. Holmes, J. G. Clarke, H. F. Zollickoffer, E. B. Bates, W. J. C. Dulany.

Secretary.—S. A. Hoblitzell.

Treasurer.—R. S. Rowe.

The annual report of the Treasurer, and his reports of collections for Cumberland suit, and of deficiencies of Conference of 1875, were all read and adopted.

E. J. Drinkhouse reported that the deed of the Norfolk Church property had been properly signed and handed over to the proper authorities, after which the Society adjourned, to meet in Anniversary Exercises at 7½ o'clock P. M.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Missionary Society was held at 7½ o'clock, P. M., when the annual addresses were delivered by J. B. Jones and F. Swentzel, after which collections were made. Nineteen life-memberships were subscribed, and \$73.00 annual dues were paid in.

Conference resumed its session.

The Report of the Committee on Literature, which was under consideration at the close of the morning session, was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

The Committee on Literature, having carefully considered the Report of the Book Directory and accompanying papers, beg leave, in the outset, to express in general terms their approbation of the past management of the Concern, and their confidence in the plans adopted for the future promotion of the interests under its care. We especially commend to the attention of the Conference the plan submitted by the Directory for putting "The Methodist Protestant" upon a more substantial basis, which includes the raising of a *fund*, on the principle of subscriptions to be made by one hundred persons, of \$30 each, in part, as advanced payment on subscription for the *paper*, and in part in trust, to be re-

funded with interest so soon as the Concern shall find itself in circumstances to do so. Your Committee are gratified to learn that about one-half the number of subscriptions required have already been secured, and would urge that persistent efforts be made to secure the whole number, and thus put the paper upon a vigorous footing, and help it forward to enlarged prosperity. And to encourage a prompt and hearty response to this appeal, it is gratifying to be able to state, that, after a season of great depression, seriously threatening the very life of the *paper*, the tide is turning in its favor, new subscribers coming in to take the place of the non-paying ones stricken from the list, and the weekly receipts being largely in excess of the weekly expenditures, so that the gross amount of indebtedness has already been reduced nearly one-half. There is no risk, therefore, in taking the stock, as the Concern has every prospect of meeting all its liabilities. We also commend the project of employing a traveling Agent in the interest of the paper, to solicit subscriptions and advertising patronage, which seems not only feasible, but full of promise.

Your Committee also take the occasion to express their high sense of the obligation which the Church is under to our beloved brother, Dr. Drinkhouse, for the zeal, tact, and ability which he has evinced in the conduct of the paper, and especially for the more than ordinary skill that has been required to continue the publication of our journal during a period of unprecedented financial depression, that has been fatal to so many publications. Your Committee, therefore, cannot too warmly commend to the Convention of the Church, to be assembled in May next, the importance of continuing Dr. Drinkhouse in the position of Editor and Publisher. To this end, we recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That our Representatives to the General Convention aforementioned, be, and they are hereby instructed to use their best efforts to secure the re-election of Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, M. D., to the office of Editor and Publisher of the "Methodist Protestant." We also recommend the confirmation of Horace Burrough as a Director, in place of James Frame deceased.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. NICHOLS,
C. W. BUTTON,
JAMES W. THOMPSON,
W. S. HAMMOND,
WM. T. DUMM,
R. S. GRIFFITH.

Adjourned with doxology, and benediction by A. Webster.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, *March 17th*, 1877.

Conference devotional services by A. D. Dick.

The Report of the Faculty of Instruction was adopted, as follows:

The Faculty of Instruction beg leave to report as follows:

- 1st. T. A. King, A. C. Berryman, Thos. H. Lewis, and J. W. Trout were passed from the first to the second year.
2d. P. T. Hall, J. M. Sheridan, and W. W. White were passed to the third year. C. S. Arnett was continued in the second year class.

3d. A. J. Walter, H. C. Stern, Thos. Cathcart, and G. Q. Bacchus are recommended for orders.

4th. J. A. Weigand, R. T. Smith, and T. H. Lewis, having been ordained at the last Conference, and having promised to continue their studies, appeared before the Faculty, and were duly examined and passed.

C. B. Middleton was passed to the second year, with the understanding that he shall appear before the Faculty at the next session of Conference, for examination on the first and second years.

Solomon James Willey, Samuel Joseph Smith, Wm. Thomas Valiant, are recommended for the Itinerancy.

E. R. McGregor was elected to the chair vacated by D. W. Bates, President of the Conference.

The Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications presented letters conveying fraternal greetings from G. E. Hunt of the N. Carolina, J. G. Johnson and M. J. Langhorne of the Virginia, John Gregory of the Pittsburgh, and R. A. Lowther of the West Virginia, Conferences.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we request the President of the Conference to appoint Rev. T. H. Lewis, Assistant Minister at St. John's Methodist Protestant Church, Liberty Street, Baltimore, for the ensuing year.

The Report of the Special Committee on the President's Report was read, and, on motion, laid on the table.

The Report of the Trustees of the Western Maryland College was received, and referred to the Standing Committee on College.

The Report of the Committee on Boundaries was read, and while it was under consideration the hour for devotional services arrived, which were conducted by the President; doxology and benediction by T. D. Valiant.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference devotional services conducted by G. F. Kindley.

A letter was read from the Colored Methodist Protestant Church of Charleston, S. Carolina, and referred to the following committee: E. R. McGregor, J. Shreeve, and H. Swope.

R. S. Rowe, Conference Steward, reported in the matter of balance of collections for Delegates to the last General Conference, as follows:—Prince William, 50 cents; Kent Island, \$1.50; Williamsport and Berkeley, \$1.50; Leipsic, \$2.50; St. Michael's, 65 cents; Bedford, \$3.25; Union, \$1.25; Anne Arundel, \$5.50; Laurel, \$1.50;

Frederick, \$1.00; Washington Street, \$2.25; Liberty, \$2.00; Ellicott City, \$1.25; Baltimore, \$3.00. Total, \$27.65.

The above sum was disbursed among the following claimants:—D. A. Shermer, \$2.32; E. J. Drinkhouse, \$1.91; J. W. Charlton, \$3.42; D. W. Bates, \$3.10; W. M. Strayer, \$3.10; C. Billingslea, \$2.32; O. Hammond, \$2.32; P. Wilmer, \$2.32; S. S. Ewell, \$3.42; J. W. Thompson, \$3.42.

The thanks of the Conference were voted the Steward, and he was discharged from further effort in that direction.

The Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications made the following report, which was adopted:

Having read with pleasure the letters of Revs. M. J. Langhorne and J. G. Johnson, Fraternal Messengers from the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and from R. A. Lowther of West Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and from Geo. E. Hunt of the North Carolina Conference M. P. Church, and from John Gregory of the Pittsburgh Conference Methodist Church, we recommend the following:

Resolved, That we extend to the Conferences represented by these brethren, our sincere congratulations upon the successes which have attended their labors, and heartily reciprocate the fraternal sentiments expressed by their messengers to this body.

2d. *Resolved*, That Fraternal Messengers be appointed to the Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina Conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church, and to the Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Church.

The Special Committee on the paper with reference to stationing the President reported as follows:

The Committee are unanimously of the opinion that the paper ought not to pass.

The Committee on the paper from Lexington Street Station reported as follows:

The Conference by its action having restored Lexington Street to the list of Stations, there remains nothing for us to recommend.

The Report of the Committee on Official Character and Official Reports was read, and the names of delinquents called for explanations.

A letter from J. L. Mills of Montgomery, Alabama, was read, and referred to the Committee on Supply outside of the District.

R. W. Berryman was left without an appointment, at his own request.

J. D. Wilson and H. P. Jordan were transferred to the unstationed list.

A. Baker and P. L. Wilson were granted a supernumerary relation.

T. M. Bryan, D. F. Ewell, D. E. Reese, J. W. Everest, and J. A. McFaden were referred to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

The ordination of Elders was ordered to take place Sabbath morning after preaching.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to send the loving greetings of the Conference to Brother Mills in his distant field.

The character of all the Ministers was passed, and Conference adjourned with the doxology, and benediction by the President.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, *March 19th*, 1877.

Conference devotional exercises conducted by J. L. Killgore.

The Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools was adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following:

Feeling gratefully impressed with the growing interest manifested in reference to the religious instruction of the young, we deem it a matter of deepest interest to the Church that our Sabbath Schools be placed under the control of the best talent and piety of the Church, and that all the exercises be conducted with a view to the immediate conversion of the children. We therefore recommend,

1. That the members and friends of the Methodist Protestant Church be earnestly requested to give to the Sabbath Schools the support of their attendance upon the school exercises, and of their pecuniary aid to the utmost of their ability.

2. That Churches sufficiently near each other hold a day's convention at least once in the year, for the purpose of awakening interest in the Sabbath School cause.

3. That the Editor of "The Methodist Protestant" be requested to give as much space as possible to matters relating to the Sabbath School work, and to news of its progress in our district and elsewhere.

4. That we recommend the use of the International Bible Lessons in all our schools.

5. We recommend further that the officers of our Sabbath Schools make singing a special feature of the exercises, and that only such hymns be sung as are calculated to inspire devotion.

6. That the Annual S. S. Convention of this Conference be continued, and a programme of exercises be arranged by the following committee: R. S. Norris, T. H. Lewis, and E. B. Bates, which committee shall cause the said programme to be published in "The Methodist Protestant" two months previous to the meeting of Conference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On motion, J. Clay was left without an appointment, at his own request.

The report of Committee on Official Character and Official Reports was adopted as a whole.

On motion, \$2.25 sent by R. H. Powell for Conference collections were ordered to be paid to Steward of Missionary Fund.

On motion, it was resolved to hold the Electoral College at 11 A. M.

The second Wednesday in March, 1878, was fixed as the time for holding the next session of the Conference.

The invitation of the Church at Easton, Md., to hold the next session in that place was accepted.

The following paper in reference to the Convention was adopted :

WHEREAS, the authorities of the Methodist and the Methodist Protestant Churches have respectively called a convention of their denomination to meet in Baltimore on the 11th day of May next.

And, whereas, the entertainment of both conventions is to be provided for by this Conference, therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That the Pastors and Delegates of Baltimore are hereby constituted a committee to provide entertainment for the representatives of said Conventions.

Resolved, 2d. That every Superintendent is hereby required to have a collection taken up in each congregation of his pastoral charge in this behalf, and forward the amount to the Editor of "The Methodist Protestant" by the 15th of May, to be by him paid over to the Treasurer of the aforesaid Committee.

Resolved, 3d. That we recommend that the Methodist Convention hold its sessions in West Baltimore Station, and the Methodist Protestant Convention hold its sessions in East Baltimore Station, until such time as they shall meet in joint convention, which joint convention shall meet in Starr Church, or at such other place as the local committee shall select.

The President reported the reception of a check for \$48.00, which, on motion, he was required to retain for the present, and during the ensuing year to distribute the amount among the most necessitous Ministers.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the attention of the Convention to meet in Baltimore in May, 1877, be called to the consideration of the suggestion to provide a Hymnal for universal Methodism.

On motion, Conference adjourned at 11 A. M., to give place to the meeting of the Electoral College.

The Electoral College met. J. K. Nichols was elected President, and W. S. Hammond, Secretary.

J. T. Murray, J. E. T. Ewell, J. E. Read, R. S. Griffith, C. W. Button, and J. W. Thompson, were appointed judges of the election.

After several ballots the list was completed, as follows :

Ministers.—L. W. Bates, J. K. Nichols, J. J. Murray, S. B. Southerland, D. Wilson, T. D. Valiant, R. S. Norris, J. T. Murray, D. W. Bates, W. S. Hammond, E. J. Drinkhouse, B. F. Benson.

Laymen.—J. W. Hering, C. W. Button, O. Hammond, J. W. Thompson, J. G. Clarke, H. F. Zollickoffer, W. B. Usilton, E. B. Bates, R. S. Griffith, G. Spence, S. S. Ewell, J. Smith.

ALTERNATES.—Ministers.—H. C. Cushing, W. M. Strayer, J. D. Kinzer, S. T. Graham, J. R. Nichols, J. B. Jones.

Laymen.—W. J. C. Dulany, B. Milburn, P. Wilmer, G. Cooper, R. Thomas, W. H. Wheatley.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference devotional services conducted by E. R. McGregor.

The Report of Special Committee on the letter from the Colored Methodist Protestant Church, Charleston, South Carolina, was taken up and adopted, as follows :

Report of Committee on Communication from Rev. Francis Brown, Methodist Protestant Church, Charleston, S. C.

This communication contains the following items :

Brother Brown received into the Church during the year, twenty-five members; baptized thirty children; Sabbath-School numbers ninety-eight scholars and six teachers. He organized in the country, fifty miles out of Charleston, Zion Methodist Protestant Church, of 575 members, all in good standing, formerly part and parcel of the A. M. E. Church. He remits the following sums.

For the Superannuated Fund Society	\$ 4 00
For the Missionary Society	3 00
For Membership of Missionary Society	50
Conference Collection	3 00
For "Methodist Protestant"	5 00
Total	\$15 50

He lost his certificate of Elders' Orders by fire, and applies for new credentials.

He gave a brother, by order of his Quarterly Conference, a license to preach,

following the form on page 138 of Discipline, and wants advice as to its correctness.

Your Committee recommend that the item of the license be referred to the President for answer. That he be furnished with credentials as requested. That the cordial sympathies of the Conference be extended to our brother in his work, and our assurances to his charge of Christian love and fellowship, as well as our encouragement and prayers; and that we confidently hope that they will, pastor and people, continue to draw rich supplies of grace from the Lord, be ever faithful to their high trust, and continue, as heretofore, staunch and aggressive friends of Methodist Protestantism.

On motion, Conference adjourned for the meeting of the Superannuated Fund Society.

The Superannuated Fund Society was organized, with E. J. Drinkhouse, Vice-President, in the chair.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Vice Presidents.—E. J. Drinkhouse, J. T. Murray.

Board of Managers.—E. J. Drinkhouse, L. W. Bates, R. S. Norris, J. M. Holmes, H. F. Zollickoffer, W. H. Griffith, E. B. Bates, W. J. C. Dulany.

Recording Secretary.—W. R. Graham.

Corresponding Secretary.—A. W. Mather.

The *Treasurer*, H. F. Zollickoffer, submitted his annual report, which was adopted, and the thanks of the Society tendered him.

Adjourned to meet at 7½ P. M. in Anniversary Society. Met pursuant to adjournment, E. J. Drinkhouse, Vice-President, in the chair.

Anniversary addresses were delivered by W. Frank Mitchell and W. S. Hammond, after which subscriptions for investment amounting to \$176 were made. Collections were made amounting to \$60.32, which with \$672.74 from the District at large, added to \$4170.91 reported by the Treasurer, aggregated \$4904.97 for distribution among the claimants on the Fund.

Conference resumed its session.

The report of Committee on Boundaries was taken from the table, and was adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES.

We, the undersigned Committee on Boundaries, beg leave to make the following report:

ITEM 1ST.—We recommend that Friend's Cove and Hopewell appointments be set apart as a Circuit, to be called Rainsburg Circuit. Taken from Bedford Circuit.

ITEM 2D.—That Ellicott City, All Saints, Whiteground, and Simpsonville, be united, and called Ellicott City Mission.

ITEM 3D.—That Annapolis Junction be united to Anne Arundel Circuit.

ITEM 4TH.—That Campbell Circuit, Va., be placed on the lists of Circuits and Stations.

ITEM 5TH.—That Dames Quarter and Hungary Neck be united to Quantico Circuit.

ITEM 6TH.—That Union Church be recommended to the fostering care of Salisbury Station.

ITEM 7TH.—That the request of Eutaw Station and Hampden Mission to be served by one minister be sanctioned by this Conference.

ITEM 8TH.—That Henkle and New Hope Mission be united to Whaleyville Circuit.

ITEM 9TH.—That Peach Bottom Mission be changed to Fawn Grove Circuit.

ITEM 10TH.—That little Georgetown, Harmony, Clear Spring, and Park Head, be united and called Berkeley Circuit.

ITEM 11TH.—That Williamsport and Jones Chapel be set apart as Williamsport Mission.

ITEM 12TH.—That Jefferson Circuit be referred to the Conference.

The Report of Committee on Temperance was adopted, as follows:

WHEREAS, the subject of temperance is attracting special attention, and inviting vigorous action on the part of its friends, it is particularly desirable that the Church should occupy an advanced position in all great moral reforms; therefore, be it

Resolved 1st, That we regard the manufacture, sale, and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, as a great evil, morally wrong in principle, and depraving in its influences, and that we do hereby pledge ourselves to the support of the temperance reform.

Resolved 2d, That in furtherance of the work, we urge our ministers to study this question in all its bearings, and to preach and lecture on the subject, with a view to exciting investigation by the public mind, and impressing the public conscience with the enormity of the evil.

Resolved 3d, That we do heartily disapprove of the practice of social drinking, and admonish our people to abstain from the occasional glass, for example's sake.

Resolved 4th, That all "prohibitory laws" are conducive to the best interests of society, and every individual member thereof: and that we heartily approve of the efforts of the Maryland State Temperance Alliance to secure the overthrow of the traffic in ardent spirits, and that we will co-operate in every legitimate effort to sweep the curse from the State and nation.

Resolved 5th, That we recommend the formation of juvenile temperance societies in all our Sunday Schools.

The Report of Committee on Superannuated Claimants was laid on the table.

D. A. Shermer offered a paper from Broadway Mission, which was referred to the Missionary Committee.

On motion, the Steward of the Superannuated Fund was instructed to pay the amount due the late Dr. A. S. Eversole, to his widow.

On motion, the appropriation made to Mrs. J. S. Reese last year be distributed *pro rata* among the other claimants upon the Superannuated Fund.

Conference adjourned with doxology, and benediction by R. S. Norris.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, March 20th, 1877.

Conference devotional services conducted by W. T. Dumm.

The Report of the Committee on the Revised Manual, appointed at the last Annual Session, was adopted, as follows :

The whole cost of publication, \$135.00; cost per page, \$1.08; number of pages occupied by the Conference Department, 36.

Due therefor	\$38 88
Number of pages occupied by Church Incorporation 11. Due therefor ..	11 88
Total.....	\$50 76

Respectfully submitted,
L. W. BATES, *Committee.*

The Report of Committee on Supply outside the District was adopted, as follows :

Your Committee recommend that Heathsville, Va., be supplied by a married minister.

That Montgomery, Ala., be supplied by a married minister.

That the application of the First Church (M. P.) of Pittsburgh for the return of Rev. J. J. Murray, D. D., as pastor for the ensuing year, be referred to the Conference, and that the request be granted.

Closing devotional exercises conducted by the President, and the benediction pronounced by P. L. Wilson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference devotional services conducted by J. T. Lassell.

The Faculty of Instruction made an additional report, which was adopted, as follows :

1. Stockton Reese Murray was passed to the class of the second year.
2. We recommend the ordination of J. M. Sheridan, if his appointment should make such action necessary, he pledging himself to continue his studies and appear before the Faculty for examination.

The following resolutions were adopted :

In view of the momentous interests to be submitted to the Convention to meet in Baltimore on the second Friday of May next,

Resolved, That the day to be proposed for special prayer by the Presidents of the Conventions, be accepted by this Conference as a day of special prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all its deliberations.

Resolved, That the ministers be requested to call the special attention of their congregations to the subject, with the view of securing its general observance.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, 1st. That a pastoral address from the Conference be issued to all the charges of the District, to be read in all the churches the third Sabbath after the adjournment of Conference.

2d. That a committee of five be appointed to prepare the above, and present it to be published in the "Methodist Protestant."

The Missionary Steward made his report, which was adopted, as follows :

REPORT OF MISSIONARY STEWARD.

CHARGES.	Assessment.	Paid.	Deficiency.	Excess.
Accomac	\$20 00	\$14 00	\$ 6 00	.....
Alexandria	40 00	26 28	13 72	.....
All Saints	10 00	4 56	5 44	.....
Anne Arundel	100 00	42 27	57 73	.....
Baltimore	70 00	31 00	39 00	.....
Bedford	80 00	18 00	62 00	.....
Belair	100 00	25 00	75 00	.....
Broadway	100 00	1 53	98 47	.....
Cambridge.....	10 00	5 25	4 75	.....
Campbell .....	.....	15 00	.....	\$15 00
Caroline.....	60 00	60 00	.....	.....
Cecil	70 00	54 90	15 10	.....
Centreville	60 00	60 00	.....	.....
Chatsworth	60 00	No Coll'n	60 00	.....
Chesapeake	40 00	10 00	30 00	.....
Chingoteague	20 00	20 00	.....	.....
Clear Spring.....	.....	35	.....	35
Concord	30 00	30 00	.....	.....
Crumpton	20 00	18 00	2 00	.....
Cumberland .....	.....	25 00	.....	25 00
Dames Quarter	10 00	2 00	8 00	.....
Deer Creek	30 00	7 50	22 50	.....
Dorchester	60 00	32 50	27 50	.....
East Baltimore.....	130 00	72 00	58 00	.....
Easton	100 00	88 00	12 00	.....
Ellicott City.....	20 00	8 34	11 66	.....
Eutaw	20 00	4 11	15 89	.....
Finksburg	60 00	10 50	49 50	.....
First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. .	100 00	50 00	50 00	.....
First M. P. Church, Washington	80 00	35 00	45 00	.....
Frederick	70 00	30 00	40 00	.....
Georgetown, D. C	50 00	25 00	25 00	.....
Hampden and White Ground ..	40 00	12 00	28 00	.....

REPORT OF MISSIONARY STEWARD — Continued.

CHARGES.	Assess't.	Paid.	Defic'y.	Excess.
Harper's Ferry	\$20 00	\$17 00	\$3 00	
Heathsville, Va.	30 00	30 00		
Hinkle and New Hope		2 25		\$2 25
Howard	80 00	75 36	4 64	
Frederick City and Jefferson	110 00	45 00	65 00	
Kent	250 00	*125 00	125 00	
Kent Island	20 00	20 00		
Laurel	40 00	11 63	28 37	
Leipsic	60 00	12 90	47 10	
Liberty	70 00	61 27	8 73	
Lynchburg	60 00	60 00		
Milton	30 00	28 02	1 98	
Montgomery, Ala	50 00	10 00	40 00	
Mount Carmel	10 00	25	9 75	
Newark	90 00	14 18	75 82	
Newtown	80 00	80 00		
Ninth Street, Washington, D. C.	60 00	60 00		
Norfolk, Va	20 00	No Coll'n	20 00	
North Carolina Ave, Washington	30 00	30 00		
North Western Mission	80 00	21 00	59 00	
Peach Bottom	40 00	9 56	30 44	
Pipe Creek	100 00	33 00	67 00	
Pocomoke	60 00	10 00	50 00	
Potomac	20 00	18 00	2 00	
Preston	30 00	23 50	6 50	
Prince William	10 00	10 00		
Quantico	30 00	20 00	10 00	
Queen Anne's	50 00	7 25	42 75	
Salisbury	30 00	5 00	25 00	
Seaford	40 00	13 50	26 50	
Snow Hill	30 00	5 21	24 79	
Somerset	80 00	11 25	68 75	
South Baltimore	50 00	20 65	29 35	
Starr Church	160 00	40 00	120 00	
Stewartstown	70 00	13 00	57 00	
St. Michael's	50 00	16 00	34 00	
Surry, Va.	30 00	4 55	25 45	
Susquehanna	80 00	50 00	30 00	
Sussex	30 00	15 00	15 00	
Talbot	40 00	40 00		
Union	50 00	4 75	45 25	
Warwick	90 00	27 25	62 75	
Washington Street	60 00	12 10	47 90	
West Baltimore	100 00	74 23	25 77	
Westminster	140 00	100 00	40 00	
Whaleyville	40 00	8 00	32 00	
Williamsport and Berkeley	30 00	13 17	16 83	
Charleston, S. C		3 50		3 50
	\$4200 00	\$2150 42	\$2385 68	\$46 10
Anniversary and Dues		225 84		
Donations		36 46		
		\$2412 72		

*\$90 of this was raised by Chestertown Sunday School.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY STEWARD — Continued.

MISSIONS.	Appropriat'n.	Paid.	Deficiency.
Alexandria	\$275 00	\$81 12	\$193 88
All Saints	100 00	29 50	70 50
Broadway	450 00	132 75	317 25
Chingoteague	50 00	20 00	30 00
Ellicott City	300 00	88 50	211 50
Hampden and White Ground	150 00	44 25	105 75
Harper's Ferry	100 00	29 50	70 50
Kent Island	100 00	29 50	70 50
North Carolina Avenue	350 00	103 25	246 75
North Western Mission	300 00	88 50	211 50
Potomac	100 00	29 50	70 50
Preston	100 00	29 50	70 50
Prince William	50 00	14 75	35 25
St. Michael's	75 00	22 12	52 88
Sussex	100 00	29 50	70 50
Williamsport and Berkeley	200 00	59 00	141 00
President's Deficiency on Missions	73 09	21 56	51 53
	\$2873 09	\$852 80	\$2020 29

Amount for Distribution, \$846 32. Per cent. 29 1/2.

EXHIBIT.

Cash from Charges	\$2150 42
“ “ Anniversary and Dues	225 84
“ “ Donations	21 46
Total	\$2397 72
Cash paid last year's deficiency by Treasurer	\$582 53
“ Book Concern	68 59
“ A. Hoen	30 00
“ for Expenses	4 50
“ last year's deficiency by Steward	865 78
“ Missionaries by Steward	852 80
	\$2404 20
Cash from Secretary	6 48
Balance	\$2397 72

A. W. MATHER, Missionary Steward.

On motion, the Conference appointed the President, L. W. Bates, S. B. Southerland, J. K. Nichols, E. J. Drinkhouse, B. F. Benson, the Committee to issue a Pastoral Address to the District.

The relation of S. G. Valliant was referred to Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

It was resolved that when we adjourn it be to meet at 7.30 P. M.

On motion of S. B. Southerland, the invitation to the Conference from Western Maryland College to visit that Institution, was accepted; and to-morrow at ten A. M. was fixed as the time of the visit.

The venerable Rev. Thomas McCormick presented an address, which he requested E. J. Drinkhouse to read.

The address was highly appreciated by the Conference, and was replied to appropriately by S. B. Southerland and D. L. Greenfield.

The following report, which was inadvertently omitted in last year's minutes (and instead of which an incorrect report was published) was ordered to be published this year :

The Report of the Committee on the Diaconate was adopted, as follows:

That in the judgment of the Committee it is inexpedient for this Conference to express an opinion on the subject, as in doing so no legal point would be settled, and consequently no relief given to the parties most interested; and we advise them, therefore, to take the necessary steps as soon as practicable to have the ministerial office completed in themselves by receiving Elders' Orders, and thus conform to the order of the Church as it now exists.

Adjourned with doxology, and benediction by the President.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference devotional exercises conducted by A. T. Melvin.

The Report of the Committee on Missions was adopted, as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Appropriations.

Norfolk, Va., account of W. A. Wood	\$ 118 00
Northwestern Mission, Ground Rent	250 00
Alexandria	200 00
North Carolina Avenue Mission	200 00
Broadway (if supplied)	132 00
St. Michael's (if Broadway is not supplied) \$132.....	
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	\$ 900 00
Deficiencies of last year	2100 00
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	\$3000 00

1. Your Committee recommend that the sense of the Conference be emphatically expressed, that every pastor be required to do his utmost to collect the full amount of this reduced assessment, whatever be the difficulties or opposition that may arise in his charge.

2. That the pastor of Kent Island be privileged to visit the churches of the District, and collect moneys in behalf of his Mission.

Assessments.

East Baltimore	\$ 100 00	Union	\$ 34 00
West Baltimore	65 00	Whaleyville	30 00
South Baltimore	35 00	Warwick	60 00
Washington Street	40 00	Pocomoke	40 00
Broadway	25 00	Quantico	25 00
Northwestern Mission	55 00	Jefferson	45 00
Starr Church	125 00	Lewistown	10 00
Georgetown	35 00	Rainsburg	10 00
First Church, Washington	54 00	Alexandria	26 00
Westminster	100 00	Ninth Street, Washington	40 00
Cumberland	25 00	St. Michael's	33 00
Laurel	27 00	Williamsport and Berkeley	20 00
Easton	80 00	Potomac	14 00
Centreville	50 00	Princee William	7 00
Anne Arundel	65 00	Salisbury	20 00
Baltimore	48 00	Ellicott's Mission	25 00
Bel Air	65 00	Eutaw and Hampden	35 00
Bedford	50 00	Harper's Ferry	14 00
Caroline	40 00	Preston	20 00
Cecil	45 00	Sussex	20 00
Chesapeake	25 00	Newark	60 00
Concord	20 00	Accomac	13 00
Dorchester	40 00	Kent Island	13 00
Frederick	50 00	Peach Bottom	30 00
Finksburg	40 00	Frederick City	20 00
Howard	50 00	Lynchburg	50 00
Leipsic	40 00	Norfolk, Va	14 00
Kent	160 00	Heathsville	20 00
Liberty	50 00	Montgomery, Ala.	34 00
Milton	20 00	North Carolina Av. Mission	20 00
Somerset	55 00	Crumpton	13 00
Stewardstown	45 00	Deer Creek	20 00
Newtown	55 00	Surry, Va	20 00
Pipe Creek	65 00	First Church, Pittsburgh	67 00
Queen Anne's	40 00	St. John's	50 00
Snow Hill	20 00	Chincoteague	13 00
Seaford	25 00	Clarksburg	7 00
Susquehanna	55 00	Mt. Carmel	7 00
Talbot	30 00	Dames Quarter	7 00
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Total	\$3000 00		

The Standing Committee on Western Maryland College made their report, which was adopted, as follows :

The Committee on Western Maryland College beg leave to report :

That the condition of affairs at the College, as set forth in the communication of the local board, though not satisfactory in all respects, is, considering the obstacles the Trustees have had to encounter, such as to inspire hope, and justify continued exertions to place this institution upon a firm foundation.

It is a high but not undeserved tribute to the intelligence, zeal and fidelity of the gentlemen composing the local board, to say that they have successfully conducted the institution under their charge, for a number of years, not only without an endowment, but with a large debt to be provided for; and that

during these years the College has maintained a respectable standing, given to the Church and community a considerable number of young men and women prepared by training within its walls to assume responsible stations, and has been steadily growing in the confidence and esteem of the Church and its patrons in general.

The importance of this institution, both as a means of retaining in the Church our educated youth of both sexes, and of affording facilities to young men seeking an education with a view to the ministry in our own Church, is generally conceded. Nevertheless, we have failed to make adequate provision for the wants of the College; and it has become indispensable to the future efficiency of the same that we make vigorous and sustained efforts to secure for it a liberal increase of patronage. It must have substantial aid; otherwise embarrassment to the Faculty, discouragement to the Trustees, and serious loss to the denomination must ensue. The plan of relief adopted two years ago should be made effective, and the assessments should be collected and paid over without unnecessary delay.

It is believed that zealous efforts by our ministers, in connexion with the labors of the agent and the co-operation of our lay members, will so increase the number of students and augment the revenue of the College as to make full provision for the current expenses, leaving the assessments on the churches to pay the outstanding debt, and thus secure the College property to the Church in perpetuity.

The Committee recommend that the request of the Trustees, viz: that Rev. H. C. Cushing be permitted to serve as Vice-President, and Rev. J. W. Charlton as Agent, be granted; and that every facility be given to the Agent in the prosecution of his work in the charges that may be visited by him.

In conclusion, they append the resolutions following, with a recommendation that they pass, to wit:

1. *Resolved*, That the Conference does hereby concur in the appointment of Rev. H. C. Cushing as Vice-President, and Rev. J. W. Charlton as Agent of Western Maryland College.

2. *Resolved*, That the assessments made heretofore be collected and paid over as soon as practicable; and that Superintendents be enjoined to give this business their prompt attention and faithful exertions.

3. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to all our ministers and members to use their influence in behalf of an increase of students; and by all honorable means to promote the prosperity of Western Maryland College.

On motion, the name of D. F. Ewell was transferred from the Superannuated list to the effective list.

Conference adjourned with doxology, and benediction by J. D. Kinzer.

SEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, March 21st, 1877.

Conference devotional services conducted by R. S. Rowe.

The Report of Committee on Bible Cause was adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Bible Cause beg leave to make the following report of amounts received from the various Stations, Circuits, and Missions, of the Maryland District:

South Baltimore.....	\$ 4 35	Snow Hill	\$ 84
Preston	8 67	Warwick	1 86
Williamsport and Berkeley ...	1 60	Easton	5 86
Clear Spring	25	Mrs. Tamsey Reese	10 00
All Saints	69	Cambridge	75
Northwestern Mission	1 25	Harper's Ferry	1 00
Kent Circuit	5 00	Kent Island	70
Baltimore Circuit	1 95	Peach Bottom	2 45
North Carolina Av. Mission ..	1 00	Accomac	2 00
Crumpton	1 50	Bedford	2 00
Prince William	10	Georgetown, D. C	5 00
Queen Anne's	1 00	Salisbury	60
Newtown	2 25	Centreville	6 50
Quantico	3 27	Liberty Circuit	1 27
Deer Creek	75	St. Michael's	60
Heathsville	1 00	Broadway	50
Howard	12 08	Finksburg	50
Pocomoke	1 50	Cecil	2 75
Mount Carmel	25	Frederick	1 50
Chincoteague	1 25	Concord	1 25
Dorchester	2 22	Alexandria	1 50
Union	1 00	Jefferson and Frederick City..	2 15
Pipe Creek	9 50	Dames Quarter	67
Susquehanna Circuit	2 60	Cumberland	1 50
Anne Arundel	4 60	West Baltimore	6 50
Whaleyville	1 00	Potomac	59
Total			\$132 19

Amounts paid to State Agent as follows:

West Baltimore	\$ 9 00
Mrs. Tamsey Reese	150 00
Talbot Circuit	5 60
Westminster	4 65
Starr Church	2 50
Donation from Rev. Dr. J. T. Ward	5 00
Total	\$176 75

Cash amounts paid to local Bible Societies:

Ninth Street, Washington, Bible Society	\$ 5 00
Newark, to New Jersey Bible Society	10 10
Milton, paid to Sussex Bible Society	2 50
Stewartstown, to Agent York County Bible Society	2 00
Sussex Mission, to Sussex Co. Bible Society	1 50
Total	\$21 10

Recapitulation.—Paid to Local Bible Societies	\$ 21 10
Cash paid to State Agent	176 75
Cash received at this Conference	132 19

Received total amount \$330 04

Your Committee recommend that the amount received be appropriated in making the following brethren of the Conference Life Directors in the State Bible Society:—Rev. Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse, Rev. S. T. Graham, Dr. J. W. Hering, and Rev. A. D. Dick. And that the following brethren be made

Life Members in the Society:—Rev. J. W. Sheridan, Rev. R. T. Smith, Rev. A. D. Melvin, Rev. Thomas H. Lewis, Rev. A. W. Mather.

The Report of Committee on Unfinished Business was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee would report as follows, viz:

On page 13 of the Minutes we find the following:—J. K. Nichols, J. T. Murray, R. B. Varden, were appointed a Committee to consider the propriety of publishing a small Hymnal for the use of the Church.

A. T. MELVIN, *Chairman.*

A motion was made by L. W. Bates to authorize the Conference Steward to pay the debt due on the publication of Conference Manual. The motion was lost.

It was ordered that the roll be called for the payment of \$50.00 for publication of Manual, which resulted in the collection of \$38.00.

J. W. Trout was requested to take the list of subscriptions and collect the remainder of the \$50.00, which he succeeded in doing.

The hour for visiting Western Maryland College having arrived, Conference adjourned for that purpose. Doxology, and benediction by T. D. Valiant.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference devotional exercises conducted by W. A. Crouse.

The resolution in reference to publication of Minutes, which was under consideration at the close of Morning Session, was taken up, and after amendment, was adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Publication of the Minutes be authorized to issue as many copies of the Minutes as the funds in his hands will allow.

A motion was made to change the name of Northwestern Mission to Lexington Street Mission. The motion was lost.

The following recommendation was adopted:

The Committee on Ministerial Supply outside the District have received a letter from Rev. G. R. Barr, asking a supply for Princess Ann Circuit of the Virginia Conference.

Your Committee recommend that the request be granted, providing the appointing power can supply it.

The following Supplemental Report from the Faculty of Instruction was adopted:

The Faculty of Instruction submit the following Supplemental Report: That J. D. McFaden be passed to the second year, with the understanding that he will appear before the Faculty at the next Session of Conference for exami-

nation on the studies of both the first and second years, this action being based upon the fact that he is sick, and therefore not able to attend the present session.

The Report of Committee on Superannuated Claimants was adopted, as follows:

SUPERANNUATED FUND.—STEWARD'S REPORT.

		<i>Charges.</i>	
East Baltimore	\$25 00	Liberty	\$ 7 70
West Baltimore	44 00	Milton	2 00
South Baltimore, Invest. \$10.		Pipe Creek	12 00
Starr Church	26 00	Preston	9 75
Broadway	2 90	Pocomoke	5 00
Washington St. Station	20 00	Somerset	6 00
N. West. Mission, Invest. \$10	2 00	Stewartstown	9 37
9th St., Washington	10 00	Seaford	11 01
First Church, Washington	9 50	Susquehanna	10 00
N. Carolina Av. Wash.	2 00	Talbot	10 00
Georgetown	47 00	Union	5 30
Westminster	31 06	Quantico	3 14
Cumberland	5 00	Warwick	21 10
Laurel	2 00	Queen Anne's	6 00
Easton, Invest. \$100	1 00	Snow Hill	2 00
Centreville	11 29	Dames Quarter	1 10
Lynchburg	13 58	Newtown	12 50
Norfolk, Va	2 20	Whaleyville	7 00
Montgomery, Ala	5 00	Deer Creek	2 95
Abingdon, Va		Heathsville	11 25
Eutaw Station	4 10	Alexandria	4 61
First Meth. Ch., Pittsburgh	23 10	Potomac	3 18
Chatsworth		Newark, N. J	10 00
Accomac	3 20	Prince William	1 65
Anne Arundel	8 61	St. Michaels	10 87
Belair, Invest. \$20	7 00	Harpers Ferry	3 50
Baltimore	7 00	Ellicott City	1 00
Bedford	8 00	Surry, Va	3 50
Caroline	11 39	Crumpton	5 00
Cambridge	3 20	Williamsport and Berkeley	3 82
Cecil	11 90	Peach Bottom	2 35
Chesapeake	15 00	Sussex	2 50
Concord	10 00	Salisbury	4 30
Dorchester	3 67	Hampden and White Ground	1 00
Frederick	8 00	All Saints	3 94
Jefferson and Fred. City	5 00	Hinkle and New Hope	
Finksburg	2 50	Chincoteague	3 50
Howard	16 55	Clear Spring	40
Kent, Invest. \$50	25 00	Campbell, Va	5 00
Kent Island	7 70	Mt. Carmel	50
Leipsic	2 50		
			\$668 74
Total amount from District for Distribution			\$ 668 74
In hands of Dr. Zollickoffer "			4,170 91
Received from Secretary of Society			60 32
Charleston, South Carolina			4 00
			\$4,904 97
Total Amount for Distribution			\$4,904 97
Received from Secretary of Society for Investment			\$176 00
Received from District for Investment			170 00
			\$346 00
			Total for Investment

CLAIMANTS.

Claim.	Paid.	Mrs. F. G. Wright..	\$200	\$131 68
Dr. D. F. Ewell	\$550	" W. Kesley.....	200	131 68
Thomas Lee.....	350	" R. T. Boyd.....	250	164 55
H. J. Day.....	450	" J. Varden.....	200	131 68
T. M. Bryan.....	250	" G. D. Hamilton..	200	131 68
J. W. Everist.....	200	" W. T. Wright ...	200	131 68
Dr. A. S. Eversole ...	200	" L. A. Collins....	200	131 68
Mrs. C. Eversole	600	" J. S. Reese.....	200	131 68
" N. S. Greenaway. 350		Rev. J. A. McFaden..	600	394 92
" D. Bowers.....	350	Mrs. J. Roberts.....	500	329 10
" W. Roby.....	250	Dr. D. E. Reese.....	700	460 74
" J. F. Whiteside..	250			
" T. M. Wilson ...	200			
		Per cent. .6582	\$7,450	\$4,904 00

Mrs. J. S. Reese\$131 68
 Divided by order of Con. as follows, one-sixth (paid to her son) 21 94
 Divided among Claimants\$109 74

Dr. D. F. Ewell.....	Claim \$550.....	Paid \$8.34.....	\$370 35
Thomas Lee.....	" 350.....	" 5.29.....	235 66
H. J. Day.....	" 450.....	" 6.82.....	303 02
T. M. Bryan.....	" 250.....	" 3.78.....	168 33
J. W. Everist.....	" 200.....	" 3.03.....	134 71
Dr. A. S. Eversole.....	" 200.....	" 3.03.....	134 71
Mrs. C. Eversole.....	" 600.....	" 9.09.....	404 01
Mrs. N. S. Greenaway.....	" 350.....	" 5.29.....	235 66
" D. Bowers.....	" 350.....	" 5.29.....	235 66
" W. Roby.....	" 250.....	" 3.78.....	168 33
" J. F. Whiteside.....	" 250.....	" 3.78.....	168 33
" T. M. Wilson.....	" 200.....	" 3.03.....	134 71
" F. G. Wright.....	" 200.....	" 3.03.....	134 71
" W. Kesley.....	" 200.....	" 3.03.....	134 71
" R. T. Boyd.....	" 250.....	" 3.78.....	168 33
" J. Varden.....	" 200.....	" 3.03.....	134 71
" G. D. Hamilton.....	" 200.....	" 3.03.....	134 71
" W. T. Wright.....	" 200.....	" 3.03.....	134 71
" L. A. Collins.....	" 200.....	" 3.03.....	134 71
Rev. J. A. McFaden.....	" 600.....	" 9.09.....	404 01
Mrs. J. Roberts.....	" 500.....	" 7.56.....	336 66
Dr. D. E. Reese.....	" 700.....	" 10.58.....	471 32
Mrs. J. S. Reese.....			21 94
Per cent. .01513			
	\$7,250	\$109.74	\$4,904 00

The Report of the Special Committee on paper from Bel Air was adopted, as follows :

The Committee to whom were referred the interrogatories presented by the Quarterly Conference of Bel Air Circuit, respectfully report. In their opinion the correct answers to the interrogatories are as follows :

1st. Yea, if the Trustees were originally constituted by the vote or act of the Church. Otherwise, not. If originally constituted merely by some special deed, then they elect their own successors (upon death or resignation) and continue their own succession by their own vote — the trust continuing in the survivors.

2d. If originally constituted by the vote or act of the Church (under charter or otherwise), or if the deed contain a special dispensation for such purposes, then they should be elected by the male members (annually). If the election does not take place at the annual period, then the Trustees (constituted as above) merely hold over till a new election, which may be held at any time upon proper notice.

3d. No. But a majority of the Board may act in the absence of others, and for the purposes of purchasing, building, repairing, leasing, selling, renting, mortgaging, or otherwise procuring or disposing of the Church property, the Board are obliged to obey the mandate of the male members' meeting called for the purpose.

We append the interrogatories as a part of this report :

INTERROGATORIES.

We, the members of the Quarterly Conference on Bel Air Circuit, do most respectfully request the Annual Conference, to interpret the law (on pages 77 and 78 of the discipline) defining the duties of Trustees, by answering the following questions :

- 1st. Should the Trustees of a Circuit Parsonage be elected annually?
- 2d. Should they be elected by the male members over twenty-one years of age in the respective societies constituting the circuit; or by the Quarterly Conference?
3. Does the repeated failure of a Trustee to meet the Board at the call of the Quarterly Conference, and his manifest indisposition to co-operate with the Board in carrying out the plans of the Circuit for the preservation of property, justify the Quarterly Conference in declaring his place vacant, and filling it with a better man?
 (Signed) R. J. ROGERS,
 S. N. NORRIS.

The following resolution was passed :

Resolved, 1st. That the thanks of this Conference be, and are hereby cordially tendered to the many families of Westminster who have so kindly and hospitably entertained its members, and that we will carry with us to our homes the most delightful recollections of our brief stay in their midst.

Resolved, 2d. That we also tender our thanks to the Secretaries and Stewards of the Conference for the faithful discharge of their duties. Also to all the Railroad and Steamboat Companies who have carried ministers and delegates over their roads at reduced rates.

Conference adjourned to meet at 7.30 P. M. Benediction by B. F. Benson.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference devotional services conducted by J. B. Jones.

The Report of Committee on Superannuated Claimants was adopted, as follows :

For the Conference Superannuate Collections, we report the following appropriations upon the disciplinary basis :

Rev. Thos. Lee	\$400 00	Mrs. T. M. Wilson	\$200 00
" H. J. Day	500 00	" F. G. Wright	200 00
" T. M. Bryan	400 00	" W. Kelsey	200 00
" J. W. Everest	200 00	" R. T. Boyd	200 00
" J. A. McFaden	600 00	" J. Varden	200 00
" D. E. Reese	400 00	" G. D. Hamilton	200 00
" S. G. Valliant	400 00	" W. T. Wright	200 00
Mrs. C. Eversole	400 00	" L. A. Collins	200 00
" N. S. Greenaway	300 00	" A. S. Eversole	200 00
" D. Bowers	350 00	" Jno. Roberts	300 00
" W. Roby	200 00		
" J. F. Whiteside	200 00		
			\$6450 00

The Committee on Superannuate Claimants report the following as the appropriations of the income from the Superannuated Fund Society for the coming year:

Rev. T. Lee	\$228 00	Mrs. T. M. Wilson	\$154 00
" H. J. Day	154 00	" W. Kelsey	154 00
" T. M. Bryan	154 00	" R. T. Boyd	192 00
" J. W. Everest	76 00	" G. D. Hamilton	154 00
" J. M. McFaden	456 00	" W. T. Wright	154 00
" D. E. Reese	456 00	" L. A. Collins	154 00
Mrs. C. Eversole	380 00	" John Roberts	380 00
" N. S. Greenaway	228 00	Rev. S. G. Valliant	304 00
" D. Bowers	154 00	Mrs. F. G. Wright	154 00
" W. Roby	192 00		
" J. F. Whiteside	192 00		
			\$4470 00

The Report of the Committee on Statistics was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

CHARGES.	Members.	Probats's.	Ministers.	Preachers.	Churches.	Pars'ages.	Colored Members.	Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Value of Church Property.	Unstacioned Ministers and Preachers.
Alexandria	132	9	2	..	1	1	..	1	23	95	400	\$13,000	Jefferson Tacey, W. N. Herbert.
East Baltimore	187	8	..	..	1	1	..	1	18	159	411	28,000	
West Baltimore	192	2	..	..	1	1	..	1	15	125	361	80,000	
South Baltimore	171	2	..	..	1	1	..	2	30	250	800	21,000	
Broadway	57	2	..	..	1	1	..	1	7	122	253	32,700	H. T. Gerhardt.
Centreville	132	20	..	..	1	1	..	2	17	130	400	10,000	W. E. Thompson.
Cumberland	100	18	..	..	1	1	..	1	22	200	250	10,000	
Entaw	70	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	10	100	250	6,500	Parker H. Sweet.
Georgetown	308	11	..	..	2	1	..	2	52	366	912	40,000	
Laurel	144	15	..	..	1	1	..	1	16	100	800	7,000	
North Western Mission	88	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	18	145	400	15,000	
Lynchburg	170	65	..	..	1	1	..	1	17	180	250	14,000	Rev. J. Clift.
N. C. Avenue	74	23	..	..	1	1	..	1	13	200	200	12,000	Oliver Cox.
Newark	170	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	33	139	600	33,000	Luke Norris, Wm. T. Valliant.
Ninth Street	146	7	..	..	1	1	..	1	19	210	1042	43,000	
Starr Church	167	10	..	..	1	1	..	1	19	240	425	10,000	J. D. Wilson.
First Church, Washington	121	6	..	..	1	1	..	1	19	100	400	16,000	Edward Gilligan.
Washington Street	176	121	..	..	1	1	..	1	21	256	200	18,400	Dr. C. Billingslee.
Westminster	185	35	..	..	1	1	..	4	24	156	200	10,000	
Anne Arundel	275	7	..	..	6	1	..	2	20	200	500	3,700	
All Saints	88	5	..	..	1	1	..	3	30	130	600	12,500	A. H. Greenfield.
Bedford	108	22	..	..	1	1	..	3	30	130	600	7,640	T. J. Shaugher.
Behar	133	3	..	..	3	1	..	3	15	125	786	15,000	J. B. Mitchell, Joshua Cain.
Easton	145	3	..	..	1	1	..	3	29	150	700	7,000	Howard Meeks, J. W. Pinkind.
Baltimore	275	24	..	..	1	1	..	6	30	300	150	3,000	
Chesapeake	75	2	..	..	1	1	..	2	25	125	100	100	
Cambridge	75	10	..	..	1	1	..	1	9	70	100	100	
Williamsport and Berkeley	125	9	..	..	4	1	..	3	25	200	450	10,000	John Light.

The Committee on Finance made their report, which was adopted as follows :

1st. They have examined the furnished statement of Dr. Zollickoffer, the Conference Agent of the Presidential Parsonage, with the accompanying vouchers, and found them correct.

2d. They recommend that Dr. Zollickoffer be tendered the thanks of the Conference for his generous services, and be continued agent for the coming year.

3d. They herewith recommend that the President's salary be assessed upon the district as follows: (See tabular statement.)

4th. They present the college assessments for the coming year, in accordance with the resolution of Conference :

President's Salary.		College Assessment.	President's Salary.		College Assessment.
East Baltimore	\$50 00	\$90 00	Stewartstown	\$30 00	\$54 00
West Baltimore	50 00	Paid.	Susquehanna	35 00	63 00
South Baltimore	30 00	45 00	Seaford	15 00	27 00
Washington Street	30 00	54 00	Talbot	25 00	45 00
Starr Church	50 00	108 00	Warwick	35 00	63 00
Georgetown	80 00	144 00	Queen Anne's	25 00	45 00
N. W. Mission	15 00	50 00	Crumpton	15 00	27 00
Newtown	45 00	81 00	Snow Hill	25 00	45 00
Cumberland	15 00	9 00	Whaleville	40 00	70 00
Westminster	50 00	90 00	Alexandria	25 00	45 00
Easton	40 00	72 00	Broadway	30 00	54 00
Lynchburg	30 00	45 00	First Church, Wash.	35 00	63 00
Norfolk	10 00	27 00	Newark	45 00	90 00
Eutaw and Hampden	25 00	45 00	Ninth St. Washington	35 00	63 00
Laurel (Del.)	30 00	54 00	Potomac	15 00	18 00
Anne Arundel	60 00	126 00	Prince William	10 00	9 00
Belair	35 00	63 00	Accomac	12 00	22 00
Deer Creek	15 00	45 00	St. Michael's	20 00	36 00
Baltimore Circuit	40 00	72 00	Sussex	10 00	18 00
Finksburg	35 00	63 00	Salisbury	15 00	32 00
Jefferson	25 00	45 00	Harper's Ferry	20 00	36 00
Lewistown	15 00	27 00	Ellicott City	25 00	54 00
Bedford	30 00	45 00	Centreville	25 00	Paid.
Rainsburg	20 00	36 00	Fred'k City Mission	10 00	27 00
Howard	50 00	90 00	Fawn Grove	25 00	36 00
Caroline	60 00	81 00	Williamsport Mission	8 00	10 00
Cambridge	15 00	36 00	Berkeley	7 00	16 00
Cecil	35 00	63 00	Kent Island	15 00	36 00
Chesapeake	25 00	45 00	N. C. Ave. Mission	15 00	27 00
Concord	30 00	45 00	Heathsville	15 00	
Dorchester	35 00	72 00	Montgomery, Ala.	15 00	
Frederick	50 00	90 00	Pittsburgh	50 00	
Liberty	50 00	90 00	St. Johns	50 00	
Leipsic	25 00	63 00	Surry	10 00	14 00
Kent	75 00	144 00	Chincoteague	8 00	
Union	25 00	45 00	Quantico	25 00	45 00
Milton	20 00	36 00	Preston	15 00	27 00
Pipe Creek	40 00	72 00	Mt. Carmel	5 00	
Pocomoke	25 00	45 00	Lexington St. Station	5 00	22 00
Somerset	30 00	45 00	Campbell	10 00	15 00
					\$2278 00

The Conference Steward made his report, of which the aggregates were read, and the report was adopted as follows :

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARD.

CHARGES.	Con. Incidental Collection.	Salary of Superintendent.	Salary of Assistant.	Amount Paid.	Missionary Appropriation.	Deficiency.
East Baltimore.	\$1 00	\$1,200 00		\$1,200 00		
West Baltimore	4 00	700 00		780 00		
South Balto . . .	2 35	800 00		800 00		
Starr Church . . .	3 25	1,200 00		1,200 00		
Broadway	55	300 00		203 16	\$500 00	\$96 84
Washington St.	3 18	900 00		900 00		
N. W. Mission.	1 40	600 00		275 00	400 00	325 00
9th St. Wash . . .	3 00	1,000 00		1,000 00		
1st Ch. Wash . . .	2 00	900 00		660 00		240 00
N. C. Av. Was . . .	1 20	450 00		200 00	350 00	250 00
Geo'town D. C.	7 45	1,500 00	\$500 00	2,000 00		
Westminster . . .	3 66	900 00		900 00		
Cumberland . . .	2 33	500 00		500 00		
Laurel, Del.	50	500 00		500 00		
Easton, Md.	2 67	800 00		800 00		
Centreville, Md.	2 00	700 00		700 00		
Lynchburg, Va.	2 00	1,000 00		1,000 00		
Norfolk, Va	No Col	500 00		125 00		375 00
Montgomery, Al	No Col	1,200 00		1,200 00		
Abingdon, Va . . .	No Col	150 00		150 00		
Eutaw Station.	1 50	600 00		406 23		193 77
1st M. Ch. Pitts.	No Rep					
Chatsworth	No Col	1,350 00		1,350 00		
Accomac	75	400 00		400 00		
Anne Arundel . . .	1 50	600 00	180 00	727 84		52 16
Belair	1 76	700 00	100 00	475 00		325 00
Baltimore	2 00	800 00	200 00	695 46		304 54
Bedford	1 50	520 00	200 00	540 00		180 00
Caroline	1 00	600 00	200 00	800 00		
Cambridge	1 85	400 00		400 00		
Cecil	4 25	700 00	200 00	799 59		100 41
Chesapeake	75	530 00		530 00		
Concord	1 50	475 00		475 00		
Dorchester	1 40	690 00	200 00	573 44		316 56
Frederick	1 22	700 00	200 00	772 67		127 33
Jefferson Fdk } C. and Lstwn }	3 00	800 00	200 00	847 70		152 30
Finksburg	1 30	550 00	200 00	710 00		40 00
Howard	1 00	650 00	300 00	900 00		50 00
Kent	3 00	800 00	200 00	1,000 00		
Kent Island	1 00	400 00		400 00	100 00	
Leipsic	1 60	500 00		261 00		239 00
Liberty	1 05	600 00		563 00		37 00
Milton	60	500 00		309 00		191 00
Pipe Creek	5 20	720 00		720 00		
Preston	3 11	200 00		200 00	100 00	
Pocomoke	1 00	400 00		400 00		
Somerset	1 50	900 00		800 00		100 00
Stewartstown . . .	2 25	650 00		566 00		84 00
Seaford	1 00	500 00		500 00		
Susquehanna	4 25	700 00		650 00		50 00

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARD—Continued.

CHARGES.	Con. Incidental Collection.	Salary of Superintendent.	Salary of Assistant.	Amount Paid.	Missionary Appropriation.	Deficiency.
Talbot	50	600 00		600 00		
Union	1 30	600 00		400 60		199 40
Quantico	1 80	265 00		235 00		30 00
Warwick	1 40	700 00		700 00		
Queen Anne's	25	300 00		300 00		
Snow Hill	1 31	500 00		500 00		
Dames Quarter.	25	170 00		118 81		51 19
Newtown	2 60	800 00		800 00		
Whaleyville	2 00	600 00		525 00		75 00
Deer Creek	50	400 00		400 00		
Heathsville, Va.	2 50	400 00		400 00		
Alexandria	2 75	475 00		475 00	275 00	
Potomac	50	400 00		269 31	100 00	130 69
Newark, N. J.	4 00	1,200 00		1,200 00		
Prince William	50	150 00		18 75	50 00	131 25
St. Michaels	1 44	450 00		367 00	75 00	83 00
Harper's Ferry	97	400 00		282 84	100 00	117 16
Ellicott City	1 13	400 00		138 55	300 00	261 45
Surry, Va	2 25	150 00		23 40		126 60
Crumpton	1 00	300 00		265 00		35 00
Williamsport } and Berkeley }	2 37	300 00		226 00	200 00	74 00
Peach Bottom	1 65	600 00		600 00		
Sussex	1 10	300 00		220 00	100 00	80 00
Salisbury	3 00	500 00		429 80		70 20
Hampden and } White Ground }	75	600 00		368 00	150 00	232 00
All Saints	51	250 00		195 18	100 00	54 82
Hinkle and } New Hope. }	No Report.					
Chincoteague	35	290 00		290 00	50 00	
Clear Spring	30			15 17		
Campbell, Va.	No Col	400 00		305 00		95 00
Mount Carmel	25	200 00		150 00		50 00
Charleston, S.C.	3 00					

Total Col. \$136.61 \$46,435.00 \$2,880 00 \$43,723 50 \$2,950 00 \$5,725.67

Total Collections\$136 61

Cash left in my hands as reported to last Conference 7 33

\$143 94

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By Cash paid W. J. C. Dulany for Stationery and Bibles.....\$13 55

By Cash paid B. F. Benson, Sec. of Con. cost of correspondence 1 50 \$15 05

Amount in hand for publication and postage of Minutes\$128 89

Cash collected for publishing Manual \$52 05

" paid " " " 50 76

Balance..... \$1 29

ROBERT S. ROWE, Conference Steward.

The Conference reaffirmed unanimously the resolution of last Conference calling a convention.

The address of Brother T. McCormick was referred to the editor of the "Methodist Protestant" for publication.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the President is hereby requested to reply to the letter of Rev. Francis Brown, extending our fraternal greetings, and assure him of our Christian sympathy.

On motion of J. J. Murray, the name of the Charleston church and Francis Brown be published in the Plan of Appointments.

On motion, it was resolved that J. M. Sheridan be ordained to the order of Elder during this session of Conference, before the announcement of the plan of appointments.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That we commend the interests and objects of the Maryland Tract Society to the favorable consideration of all our congregations; and that all moneys contributed be appropriated in the creation of life directorships and members.

The Secretary of Conference was authorized to reply to the fraternal greetings of Miss Rachel Wilson.

J. M. Sheridan was then ordained Elder.

The President proceeded to read the Plan of Appointments, as follows :

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

	Post Office.
President—D. W. BATES,	8 Parkin Street, Balto.
East Baltimore—D. L. Greenfield	90 E. Fayette St., Balto.
T. McCormick, Supernumerary.	
West Baltimore—J. M. Holmes	41 S. Green St., Balto.
South Baltimore—L. W. Bates	400 Light St., Balto.
Starr Church—W. S. Hammond	57 S. Poppleton St., Balto.
Broadway—S. B. Tredway	414 E. Monument St., Balto.
Washington Street—R. S. Norris	12 N. Washington St., Balto.
North West Mission—J. R. Nichols	Odenton, Md.
Ninth Street, Washington—D. Wilson	517 9th St. N. W., Wash., D.C.
First Church, Washington—W. J. Floyd	cor 5th St. E. & Va. Av. Wash
N. C. Avenue, Washington—J. Shreeve	803 N. C. Av. S. E. Wash.
Georgetown—J. T. Murray, S. R. Murray	Georgetown, D. C.
W. C. Lipscomb, Supernumerary.	
Westminster—S. B. Southerland	Westminster, Md.
Cumberland—F. T. Little	Cumberland, Md.
Centreville—J. D. Kinzer	Centreville, Md.
Easton—J. E. Read	Easton, Md.
Laurel, Del.—J. L. Straughn	Laurel, Del.
Lynchburg, Va.—S. T. Graham	Lynchburg, Va.
Norfolk, Va.—J. Farrow	Norfolk, Va.
Montgomery, Ala.—J. L. Mills	Montgomery, Ala.

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Conference adjourned, with prayer by T. D. Valliant and benediction by the President.

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Obituary.

REV. AMON RICHARDS.

REV. AMON RICHARDS was born October 31, 1787; converted to God, 1809; licensed to preach the Gospel, January 2, 1819; ordained a Deacon, April 22, 1823; ordained an Elder, April 8, 1834; called to nobler service and sweeter joys in the presence of his Master, July 12, 1876, and his body is now sleeping in the old churchyard at Mount Gilead, awaiting the resurrection. Eighty-nine years on earth, sixty-eight years a Christian, fifty-eight years a minister of the Gospel—forever a child and saint of God.

As a man he was highly respected for his stability of character and unshaken adherence to what he believed to be the right. As a Christian he was earnest, spiritual, and consistent; as a preacher he was logical, forcible and clear. He identified himself with the Methodist Protestant Church in its early days, when it was small among the princes of Israel; but lived to see it increase as Joseph, and its principles possess the gate of its former enemies. Though a local minister all his life, he was a few years ago elected to honorary membership in the Maryland Annual Conference, as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by his brethren; and when his death was formally announced to the Conference, several of its members arose and paid tributes of respect to his memory. During his life he gave a lot of ground to the church on Finksburg Circuit, and assisted in building a sanctuary thereon; and his funeral sermon was preached in that identical building, and his body buried in the ground he had dedicated to God and His cause on earth.

During his last illness he was calm and happy in God, awaiting his transfer to that conference which holds its sessions in the shade of the Tree of Life.

His name is upon the dead-roll of the conference on this side of the river, and we believe his new name is in the Lamb's Book of Life, from which it shall never be blotted out.

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REV. A. S. EVERSOLE, M. D.

Died at his residence in Seaford, Del., February 3, 1877, ABRAHAM S. EVERSOLE, M. D., in the 64th year of his age.

Dr. Eversole was born in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia), July 10, 1813. He was of German extraction, his ancestors having emigrated from the German settlements of Pennsylvania to that part of Virginia where he was born. His parents were, religiously, of German Reformed stock, and his early life was doubtless moulded after the forms of that Church. His opportunities of education were very limited, being confined to the ordinary country schools of the neighborhood in which he lived. All his intellectual attainments, which were very respectable, were the result of his studious habits in after life, built upon this slender foundation.

He was converted to God about the year 1834, and soon after began to entertain impressions looking toward the ministry. Not long after he suffered an affliction in one of his limbs, which quite disabled him for some months. Confined to the house, and mostly to his room, he improved the weary hours of his confinement by studious and prayerful reading of the Bible. From this time all his thoughts ran in that one direction. In the prosecution of his studies, advised by a friend, he procured Clarke's Commentary, Watson's Dictionary, Wesley's Sermons, Brown's Concordance, Watts on the Mind, &c. Thus furnished with helps, his progress was steady and full of encouragement. In due time he was licensed to preach, and in the spring of 1839 he was received into the Maryland Annual Conference and appointed to Trough Creek Circuit, now embraced in the territory of the Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Church. This was a heavy responsibility—in charge of a circuit without experience, and not even an assistant to share it with him. He was well received, however, and fulfilled the duties of his position with acceptability to the Church and credit to himself.

At the ensuing Conference, although he had exercised under a license but one year, he was admitted to deacon's orders and sent to Caroline Circuit, in charge again and without assistant. The next year he was assistant to Rev. L. A. Collins on Snowhill Circuit, the year following had charge of Lewis Mission, and for the two succeeding years labored on Kent Circuit as assistant with Revs. W. H. Bordley and W. Roby respectively. At the close of his second year in Kent, having been giving some attention to the science of medicine, and wishing to perfect himself in the profession, in the spring of 1846, at his own request, he was transferred to the Philadelphia Conference, where he remained several years. He filled one or more charges in that city, and in the spring of 1850 was elected President of the District. While thus engaged, he had been pursuing his medical studies, and having attended two courses of lectures, in the spring of 1851 he graduated from the Jefferson Medical College of that city.

The General Conference of 1850 having transferred the Philadelphia Conference back to the Maryland Conference, in the spring of 1851 Dr. Eversole returned to his home Conference, and was placed in charge of Dorchester Circuit, where he remained for two years. The following year he was appointed to Newtown Circuit, remaining in charge for two years. While here, on the 7th day of July, 1853, he was married to Miss Lizzie Wallace of Seaford, Delaware. From this field he was sent to Union Circuit, and was

continued in charge for three successive years. During the last year of his service here—May 3, 1857—he had the misfortune to lose his excellent wife, and shortly after his only child, little Maggie. At the next Conference he was appointed to Alleghany (now Bedford) Circuit, and from thence the following year to Baltimore Circuit, where he remained two years. In the spring of 1861 he was sent to Frederick Circuit with Rev. J. K. Nichols, and for the following two years to Newmarket (now Stewartstown) Circuit, with Rev. J. H. Ellegood for his assistant. The next year he was appointed to Seaford Circuit, with Rev. G. W. Simpson for his assistant, and the next year to Caroline Circuit, with Rev. H. J. Day as assistant. The following two years he labored on Worcester Circuit, and the next year on Delaware Mission. During this year—September 3, 1868—he was married to Mrs. Sarah Brittingham, and at the following Conference was appointed to Cecil Circuit, where he remained three years, and the year following was sent to Peach Bottom Circuit. His health becoming somewhat impaired, at the following Conference he was granted a supernumerary relation and assigned to Seaford Circuit, with Rev. C. McF. Thompson as superintendent. The spring following he was placed on the superannuated list, and was continued in that relation up to the time of his death.

Dr. Eversole was highly esteemed by all who knew him, and by none more than by his brethren of the Conference, who had been intimately acquainted with him for nearly thirty-eight years. He was a warm-hearted, genial Christian man; and, with a vein of humor and a fund of amusing anecdote, in his earlier years he was the life and soul of every circle in which he moved. He was a sound and earnest preacher, his sermons giving evidence of careful thought in preparation. His style was generally animated, and sometimes rose into a glow of impassioned earnestness. His work was always prospered, and his charges were uniformly improved under his administration. He was a man of good judgment and well versed in the business routine of the Conference. Thoroughly acquainted with the Discipline and usages of the Church, he was rarely on the wrong side of the question when the law was concerned, and he came to be regarded, in some sort, as the *Conference lawyer*. Close and compact in his reasoning, and withal having a sparkle of wit in his efforts, he was a most successful debater on the floor of Conference. He always commanded attention, and seldom failed to carry his point.

His death was befitting a life so well spent, so fully given up to God. A letter from one who was associated with him in his last years, and visited him in his last sickness, says:—"He was sick just one week before his death, with pneumonia. The first time I went to see him he said to me, 'I do not know what the Lord intends by this, but of one thing I am well assured—He will do right.' At another time he exclaimed, 'O, the folly of trusting in an arm of flesh when we have the strong arm of Jehovah upon which to lean!' And again, with his face all aglow with joy, 'O the fulness of the provision in Christ! there is enough and to spare.' At one time his wife was giving him some nourishment, and asked him if it was nice. He replied, with a smile, 'Yes, everything is nice; but the nicest thing of all is the love of Jesus.' A few hours before his death, when I saw that he was going fast, I inquired of him whether he had any message to send to the Conference. 'Yes,' he replied; 'give my love to the brethren, and tell them I hope to meet them all in heaven.'"

His sorrowing companion says in a letter:—"His mind was perfectly clear and calm to the last moment. He passed away without a struggle. O that my last moments may be like his!" So may it be, and so may it be with us all.

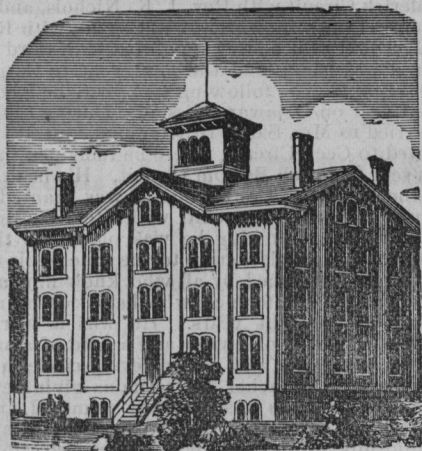
"Servant of God, well done,
Rest from thy loved employ;
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Enter thy Master's joy!"

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