

1888

Maryland Annual Conference.

11. TEMPERANCE.—W. M. Strayer, J. B. Jones, J. M. Yingling, W. Marche, Chas. Billingslea.
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13. FRATERNAL RELATIONS.—J. L. Mills, J. W. Gray, S. T. Fergus A. Copenhaver, W. J. Gibson.
14. OFFICIAL CHARACTER.—J. R. Nichols, W. J. Floyd, J. L. Strauf E. C. Ford, W. H. Rutan.
15. STATISTICS.—G. F. Farring, W. T. Wagner.
16. OBITUARIES.—J. K. Nichols, Chairman.
17. EDUCATION.—J. J. Murray, J. T. Lassell, F. T. Tagg, J. R. C W. J. Aydelotte.
18. FOREIGN MISSIONS.—L. W. Bates, J. M. Holmes, D. L. Greenfie. John Mason, Samuel Burgess.
19. PRESIDENT'S REPORT.—J. W. Charlton, J. E. Nicholson, J. L. El dice, Marcellus Dennis, Richard Young, Horatio Ball.
20. SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—R. S. Rowe, J. L. Kilgore, C. S. A H. H. Hixon, J. W. Williams, G. W. Lecates.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1. CREDENTIALS.—Horace Burgee, J. T. Reed, Milton Becri Shreeve, W. D. Litsinger.
2. REPORT OF AGENT FOR PRESIDENTIAL PARSONAGE.—T. D. V W. J. C. Dulany.
3. LETTER OF SYMPATHY TO D. BAKER IN HIS AFFLICTION.—J. Nichols, J. L. Kilgore, J. L. Mills.
4. TO VISIT DR. WEBSTER.—J. T. Ward, J. R. Nichols, T. D. V
5. LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT.—T. D. Valiant, E. J. Drint B. F. Benson.
6. TITLES TO PROPERTY.—J. R. Caton, C. A. Barker, T. B. Marc W. Bates, S. R. Murray.
7. HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND CHURCH EXTENSION.— Thos. A. Murray, W. J. C. Dulany.
8. MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES.—T. H. Lewis, J. D. Kinz Tagg, J. W. Hering, Horace Burrough.
9. ENVELOPES FOR HOME MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.—J. D. W. M. Strayer.

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PREPARATORY COURSE.

- B. SOUTHERLAND.. } *Binney's Theological Compend.*
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 } *Smith's Smaller Scripture History.*
 } *English Grammar.*
 MILLS.. } *Constitution and Discipline of the M. P. Church.*
 } *Miller on Clerical Habits and Manners.*
 } *The Contrast, by L. W. Bates, D. D.*

FIRST YEAR'S CLASS.

- T. WARD: *Pope's Theology, Vol. I.*
 L. GREENFIELD: *Kidder's Homiletics.*
 M. HOLMES: *Nichols' Help to the Study of the Bible.*
 W. GRAY: *Bassett's History of the M. P. Church.*
 PRESENTS: George W. Haddaway, Thomas E. Davis, Aloysius
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SECOND YEAR'S CLASS.

- W. H. W. HING: *Pope's Theology, Vol. II.*
 W. GRAY: *Kidder's Christian Pastorate.*
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 W. KINZER: *Blackburn's Church History, to the Reformation.*
 PRESENTS: B. P. Truitt, R. S. Williamson and E. H. Van Dyke.

THIRD YEAR'S CLASS.

- E. BENSON: *Pope's Theology, Vol. III.*
 W. LEWIS: *Blackburn's Church History, completed.*
 W. STRAYER: *Butler's Analogy.*
 W. MATHER: *Miller's Christian Ministry.*
 PRESENTS: F. T. Benson, L. R. Dyott, Elmer Simpson, J. F.
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Faculty meets Tuesday before Conference, at 3 P. M., to exam-
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Each student will be expected to appear before the President of the
 Conference every year to answer the following questions: Have you
 spent a portion of each day in private study of the Word and in

giving answers to two-thirds of the questions asked will be required
 of each candidate, either for the itinerancy or into any class of the
 Conference for orders. Two-thirds will be marked 70. All questions
 answered for or less three, will be marked 100, and all receiving 100 will
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Maryland Annual Conference.
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"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day." 2 Tim. iv. 7, 8.

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Livingston, W. F.	Superannuate,	
Lucas, W. J. D.	Superannuate,	
McCready, G. R.	Union,	Barren Creek, Md.
McCullough, C. E.	Frederick, (A.)	Kempton, Md.
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Melvin, A. D.	Pocomoke City,	Pocomoke City, Md.
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Yingling, J. M.	Fawn Grove,	Mannboro', Va.
		Fawn Grove, Pa.

1. CHARLES RIGBY. Born in Talbot county, Md., 1782; died in Kent county, M August 12, 1830. Appointments: 1829-30, Missionary for the Eastern Shore.
2. JOSEPH SCULL. Born 1785; died at Easton, Md., Dec. 22, 1830. Appointments: 1829-30. Missionary for the Eastern Shore.
3. WASHINGTON HAMILTON HAYS. Died April, 1831. Appointment: 1830, Anne Arundel (A.)
4. WILLIAM BAMBER. Died March 30, 1832. Appointment: 1831, Eastern Shore
5. CHARLES WESLEY JACOBS. Born at Alexandria, Va., Oct. 28, 1812; died at Easton, Md., July 20, 1833. Appointments: 1829-30, Eastern Shore (A); 1831, Dec. Creek (A.); 1832, Pipe Creek (A.); 1833, Talbot.
6. JAMES HANSON. Died August 19, 1834. Appointments: 1829, Mt. Olivet (A.); 1830, Pipe Creek (A.); 1831, Reisterstown; 1832, Anne Arundel; 1833, Kent; 1834, no appointment at his request.
7. WILLIAM KESLEY. Died Sept. 23, 1841. Appointments: 1830, Deer Creek; 1831, Anne Arundel; 1832, Reisterstown; 1833, Tabernacle; 1834, Reisterstown; 1835, Mt. Olivet; 1836, Queen Anne's; 1837, Agent of Book Concern; 1838, Pipe Creek; 1839-40, Kent; 1841, Buttonwood, Phila.
8. ISAAC WEBSTER CLIPPINGER. Died at Cumberland, Md., May 25, 1842. Appointment: 1842, Cumberland (A.)
9. SAMUEL L. RAWLEIGH. Died Nov. 23, 1843. Appointments: 1834-35, Queen Anne's; 1836-8, Kent; 1839, no appointment at his request; 1840-1, Queen Anne's; 1842, Cecil; 1843, Pipe Creek (A.)
10. DANIEL DAVIES, M. D. Died Feb. 16, 1844. Appointments: 1833, Mt. Olivet; 1831, Anne Arundel; 1835, Queen Anne's (A.); 1836, no appointment at his request; 1837, Editor METHODIST PROTESTANT; 1838, Charleston, S. C.; 1839, Anne Arundel; 1840, with the President, 1841, First Church, Phila. (A.); 1842-3, superannuate
11. WILLIAM W. MADDEX. Died July 9, 1844. Appointments: 1838, Carver; 1839, Northampton; 1840, New Leeds; 1841, Cecil; 1842, Dorchester; 1843-4, Deer Creek.
12. WILLIAM W. BALL. Died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Oct. 5, 1844. Appointments: 1842, Alexandria; 1843-4, Harper's Ferry.
13. WILLIAM H. BORDLEY. Born at Centreville, Md; died at Charleston, S. C. Oct. 9, 1846. A. B., Washington College, 1822. Appointments: 1843, Queen Anne's (A.) 1844, Kent; 1845, E. Baltimore.
14. SAMUEL D. NORWOOD. Born in Anne Arundel county, Md., March 1, 1820; died in Newcastle county, Del., Oct. 22, 1847. Appointments: 1844, Anne Arundel (A.); 1845, Smyrna; 1846, no appointment at his request; 1847, Deer Creek (A.)
15. ISAAC WEBSTER. Born in Harford county, Md., 1787; died in Westminster, Md., February 4, 1851. Appointments: 1829-30, Reisterstown; 1831, Deer Creek; 1832-3, Pipe Creek; 1834-5, Williamsport; 1836-8, President; 1839, Queen Anne's, 1840, St. John's; 1841-3, Kent; 1844, Brickmaker's; 1845, no appointment at his request; 1846, Baltimore; 1847-8, Howard; 1849-50, superannuated; Representative to General Conference, 1830, 1846.

16. LEVI ROGERS REESE. Born February 8, 1806; died at Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 1851. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore, Md. Appointments: 1832-3, Alexandria; 1834-5, St. John's; 1836-7, Washington; 1838, Conference Missionary; 1839, Alexandria; 1840-1, Georgetown, D. C.; 1842, Pipe Creek; 1843-4, President; 1845-6, West Baltimore; 1847-8, Ninth-Street; 1849, Cambridge; 1850-1, Bethlehem, Philadelphia. Secretary of Annual Conference, 1833. Representative to General Conference, 1846, 1850 and President. Chaplain to U. S. House of Representatives, 1846-7.
17. FREDERICK STIER. Born 1733; died at Fremont, O., October 15, 1851. Appointments: 1830-1, Pipe Creek; 1832, Georgetown, D. C.; 1833, East Baltimore; 1834, unstationed; 1839, Conference Missionary; 1840, Williamsport, Md.; 1841-2, Conference Missionary; 1843-5, no appointment at his request; 1846, Conference Missionary; 1847-50, no appointment at his request; 1851, Conference Missionary. Representative to General Conference, 1842. Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions, 1850.
18. RICHARD ADKINSON. Born 1817; died at Easton, Md., March 9, 1851. Interred at Easton, Md. Appointments: 1841, Cecil (A.); 1842, Cumberland; 1843, Sussex; 1844, no appointment at his request; 1845, Alleghany; 1846-7, Jefferson; 1848-9, Sussex; 1850, Talbot; 1851, Caroline.
19. LEVIN A. COLLINS. Born 1814; died at Laurel, Del., June 17, 1853. Interred at Laurel, Del. Appointments: 1837, Deer Creek (A.); 1838, Kent (A.); 1839-40, Sussex; 1841-2, Snow Hill; 1843-4, Cambridge; 1845-6, no appointment at his request; 1847, Caroline; 1848, no appointment at his request; 1849, superannuated.
20. JOHN SMITH REESE, M. D., Washington University, Baltimore, Md. Born April 7, 1790; died near Baltimore, Md., February 14, 1855. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1829, Eastern Shore; 1830-31, Alexandria; 1832, Eastern Shore; 1833-5, President; 1836-7, Pipe Creek; 1838, Williamsport, 1839-40, President; 1841, Pipe Creek; 1842, Georgetown; 1843, Pipe Creek; 1844, Howard; 1845-6, Alexandria; 1847, no appointment at his request; 1848-9, East Baltimore; 1850-1, no appointment at his request; 1852-4, President. Representative to General Conference, 1830, 1834, 1842, 1846, 1854.
21. FRANCIS GEORGE WRIGHT. Born at Uniontown, Md., July 15, 1823; died at Salisbury, Md., February 23, 1859. Interred at Uniontown, Md. Appointments: 1849, Baltimore (A.); 1850-1, Carlisle; 1852, unstationed; 1858, Union.
22. NEVELL STEELE GREENAWAY. Born in England, May 7, 1824; died at Alexandria, Va., May 2, 1861. Interred at Alexandria, Va. Appointments: 1852-3, Snow Hill; 1854, Williamsport (A.); 1855, Williamsport; 1856, Pipe Creek (A.); 1857, Philadelphia; 1858, Baltimore (A.); 1859, Alexandria; 1860, superannuated.
23. WILLIAM TURBERT WRIGHT. Born in Queen Anne's county, Md., May 18, 1808; died at Lisbon, Md., May 8, 1862. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1845, Snow Hill; 1846-7, Sussex; 1848-9, Kent; 1850-1, East Baltimore; 1852-3, Charleston, S. C.; 1854-5, Caroline; 1856-7, Talbot; 1858-9, Frederick; 1861-2, Howard.
24. WASHINGTON ROBY. Born in Montgomery county, Md., October 14, 1816 at Washington, D. C., July 31, 1862. Appointments: 1839, Harper's Ferry Williamsport (A.); 1841, Talbot; 1842, Harper's Ferry; 1843-4, Alexandria; 1847, Kent; 1848-9, Pipe Creek (A.); 1850-1, Deer Creek; 1852, Queen Anne's; 1853, Talbot; 1856-7, East Baltimore; 1858-9, President; 1860, Georgetown; 1861, Ninth-Street. Representative to General Conference, 1854, 1862.
25. THOROUGHGOOD C. EWELL. Born June 6, 1812; died at Federalburg, Md., November 21, 1862. Appointments: 1856, New Market (A.); 1857, Trough Creek; 1858-9, Dorchester; 1860-1, Sussex; 1862, superannuated.
26. JOSIAH VARDEN. Born at Washington, D. C., July 25, 1806; died at Libertytown, Md., January 16, 1863. Interred at West Baltimore Cemetery. Appointments: 1831, Eastern Shore (A.); 1832, Mount Olive; 1833, Williamsport (A.); 1834, Pipe Creek; 1835, Tabernacle; 1836, Georgetown; 1837, Alexandria; 1838, Westminster; 1839, Talbot; 1840-1, East Baltimore; 1842, St. John's; 1843-4, West Baltimore; 1845-6, Georgetown; 1847, West Baltimore; 1848-9, President; 1850-2, Sixth-Street, Cincinnati; 1853, superannuated. Representative to General Conference, 1846, 1850, 1854, 1858.
27. GEORGE D. HAMILTON. Born August 28, 1798; died at Baltimore, Md., April 5, 1864. Buried at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1831, Shippensburg; 1832, Deer Creek (A.); 1833, Snow Hill; 1834-6, Dorchester; 1837-8, Queen Anne's

1830, Pipe Creek (A.); 1840, Pipe Creek; 1841-2, Sussex; 1843, Snow Hill; 1844-5, Baltimore; 1846-7, New Market; 1848-50, Caroline; 1851-2, Cambridge; 1853, Williamsport; 1854-8, superannuated; 1859, Clearfield; 1860-2, Union, Pa.; 1863-4, superannuated.

28. RUBEN TYLER BOYD. Born at Rockville, Md., July 3, 1794; died at Clarkburg, Md., February 21, 1865. Appointments: 1833, Shippensburg; 1834, Prince William; 1835, New Market; 1836-7, Snow Hill; 1838, Dorchester; 1839, New Leeds; 1840, transferred; 1849, Trough Creek; 1850-1, Alleghany; 1852-3, Caroline; 1854, Anne Arundel; 1855, Dorchester; 1856, superannuated; 1857, Warwick; 1858, Accomac; 1859-64, superannuated.

29. THOMAS HART BENTON AUSTIN. Born at Baltimore, Md., 1842; died at Baltimore, June 26, 1865. Appointments: 1863, Union (A.); 1864, Kent (A.); 1865, Howard (A.).

30. JAMES FRANCIS WHITESIDE. Born at Triadelphia, Md., July 1, 1828; died June 20, 1866. Interred at Stewartstown, Pa. Appointments: 1850, Baltimore (A.); 1851, New Market (A.); 1852, Union (A.); 1853-4, Trough Creek; 1855-7, Alleghany; 1858-60, Cecil; 1861, Baltimore; 1862-3, West Baltimore Circuit; 1864-6, New Market.

31. ELI HENKLE. Born in Pendleton county, Va., April 15, 1787; died in Baltimore county, Md., August 24, 1867. Appointments: 1829, Deer Creek; 1830-2, President; 1833, St. John's; 1834, superannuated; 1835, supernumerary; 1836-7, Anne Arundel; 1838-9, Pipe Creek; 1840, Baltimore; 1841-2, supernumerary; 1843, Westminster; 1844, Conference Missionary; 1845-7, President; 1848-50, Baltimore; 1851-67, superannuated. Representative to General Conference, 1830, 1834, 1846.

32. FRANCIS WATERS. A. B. Pennsylvania University; D. D. Washington College, 1822. Born in Somerset county, Md., Jan. 16, 1792; died at Baltimore, Md., April 23, 1868. Appointments: 1838, Franklin; 1839, supernumerary; 1840, unstationed; 1841-6, supernumerary; 1847, Central Baltimore; 1848-50, Franklin; 1851-67, supernumerary. Author of the name: "Methodist Protestant Church." Representative to General Conference 1830 and President, 1842, 1846 and President, 1862 and President, 1866.

33. THOMAS H. BURGESS. Born February 12, 1828; died July 11, 1868. Appointments: 1861, Harmony; 1862, no appointment at his request; 1863, unstationed; 1867, Millsborough; 1868, Snow Hill.

34. THOMAS MAHLON WILSON. Born at Hagerstown, Md., March 1, 1814; died at Libertytown, Md., February 1, 1880. Interred at Central Chapel, Frederick county, Md. Appointments: 1842, Trough Creek (A.); 1843, supernumerary; 1844-5, Concord; 1846-8, Queen Anne's; 1849-50, Alexandria; 1851-2, Union; 1853-4, Pipe Creek; 1855-7, Frederick; 1858-69, superannuated.

35. LUTHER J. COX. Born in Queen Anne's county, Md., December 27, 1791; died July 26, 1870. 1869, elected to honorary membership. Representative (lay) to General Conference, 1838, 1866.

36. CHRISTIAN EVERSOLE. Born in Berkeley county, W. Va., May 6, 1820; died at Baltimore, Md., December 12, 1870. Interred at Little Georgetown, W. Va. Appointments: 1852, Alleghany (A.); 1853, Baltimore (A.); 1854, Deer Creek (A.); 1855, Kent (A.); 1856, Frederick (A.); 1857, Newtown (A.); 1858-9, Cambridge; 1860-2, Concord; 1863-4, Bedford; 1865, Williamsport; 1866-70, superannuated.

37. DANIEL BOWERS. Born in Frederick county, Md., March 16, 1832; died at Baltimore, Md., March 19, 1871. Interred at Chestertown, Md. Appointments: 1854, Kent (A.); 1855, Queen Anne's (A.); 1856-7, Cumberland; 1858, Talbot (A.); 1859-60, Philadelphia; 1861-3, Newtown; 1864-5, Georgetown; 1866-9, East Baltimore; 1870, Chatsworth. Secretary of Annual Conference, 1863. Alternate attending General Conference, 1867. On Editorial Committee of METHODIST PROTESTANT, 1866-9.

38. JOHN MORGAN. Born at Alexandria, Va., April 15, 1811; died at Montgomery, Ala., June 17, 1871. Appointments: 1844, Williamsport (A.); 1845-6, Williamsport; 1847-8, Pipe Creek; 1849-50, Howard; 1851-2, Talbot; 1853-4, Union; 1855-6, Snow Hill; 1857, superannuated. Secretary of Annual Conference, 1852-4.

39. HENRY HAYGHE. Born at Baltimore, Md., January 5, 1844; died at Kennedyville, Md., December 17, 1871. Appointments: 1869, Howard (A.); 1870, Baltimore (A.); 1871, Kennedyville.

40. JOHN ELDERDICE. Born in Frederick county, Md., July 14, 1814; died at

- Baltimore, Md., July 9, 1874. 1838, Cumberland; 1839, Baltimore; 1840-1, Anne Arundel (A.); 1842, Pipe Creek (A.); 1843-5, New Market; 1846, Carlisle; 1847-9, Deer Creek; 1850-1, Williamsport; 1852-3, Anne Arundel; 1854-6, Cecil; 1857-9, New Market; 1860, West Baltimore Circuit; 1861-2, Caroline; 1863-4, Cecil; 1865-Bedford; 1867-8, Cambridge; 1869, no appointment at his request; 1870-4, superannuated. Author of "Uncle Toby" letters to METHODIST PROTESTANT.
41. JOHN ROBERTS. Born May 3, 1818; died at Baltimore, Md., Sept. 20, 1875. Interred at Oak Grove Cemetery, Howard county, Md. 1843, Cambridge (A.); 1844, Alleghany (A.); 1845, Accomac (A.); 1846, Snow Hill; 1847-8, Harper's Ferry; 1849-50, Howard (A.); 1851, Pipe Creek (A.); 1852-3, Bethlehem; 1854-5, Kent; 1856, Williamsport; 1857-8, Alexandria; 1859, South Baltimore; 1860-2, Queen Anne's; 1863-4, Talbot; 1865-7, Frederick; 1868-70, Howard; 1871-3, Belair; 1874-5, Liberty. Secretary of Annual Conference 1850. Representative to General Conference 1866, 1870.
42. AMON RICHARDS. Born Oct. 31, 1787; died July 12, 1876. 1870, elected to honorary membership.
43. ABRAHAM S. EVERSOLE, M. D. Born in Berkeley county, Va., July 10, 1813; died at Seaford, Del., Feb. 3, 1877. 1839, Trough Creek; 1840, Caroline; 1841, Snow Hill (A.); 1842, Somerset; 1843, Lewes; 1844-5, Kent (A.); 1846, Prince William; 1847, transferred; 1851-2, Dorchester; 1853-4, Newtown; 1855-7, Union; 1858, Alleghany; 1859-60, Baltimore; 1861, Frederick (A.); 1862-3, New Market; 1864, Sussex; 1865, Caroline; 1866-7, Worcester; 1868, Delaware; 1869-71, Cecil; 1872, Peach Bottom; 1873, Seaford (A.); 1874-6, superannuated.
44. DANIEL EVANS REESE. D. D. Western Maryland College, 1868. Born at Baltimore, Md., Feb. 17, 1810; died at St. Michael's, Md., April 23, 1877. 1830, Deer Creek (A.); 1831, Mount Olive; 1832, Eastern Shore (A.); 1833, Prince William; 1834, Tabernacle; 1835-6, Deer Creek; 1837, Harper's Ferry; 1838, Anne Arundel; 1839-41, unstationed; 1842-3, East Baltimore; 1844, Georgetown; 1845-6, Deer Creek; 1847-8, Cambridge; 1849-50, Pipe Creek; 1851-2, Alexandria; 1853-4, Ninth Street; 1855, Salem, Phila.; 1856-7, Charleston, S. C.; 1858-9, West Baltimore; 1860-1, Pipe Creek; 1862-3, Georgetown; 1864-5, Jefferson; 1866-7, Ninth Street; 1868-70, Talbot; 1871-3, President; 1874, East Baltimore; 1875, superannuated. Secretary of Annual Conference 1835. Representative to General Conference, 1862 and Secretary, 1867, 1870.
45. SAMUEL GUEST VALIANT. Born in Talbot county, Md., Dec. 21, 1852; died there July 11, 1877. 1870-1, Kent (A.); 1872, no appointment at his request; 1873, Alexandria; 1874, no appointment at his request; 1875-6, Laurel; 1877, superannuated.
46. WILLIAM C. AMES, D. D. S. Born in Clearfield county, Pa., 1839; died at Burrsville, Md., March 10, 1878. Interred at Burrsville, Md. 1869, Jefferson (A.); 1870-1, Potomac; 1872-3, Concord; 1874-6, Whaleyville; 1877, Caroline.
47. JOHN EDGAR READ. Born at Lauraville, Md., August 25, 1846; died at Oxford, Md., July 28, 1878. 1865, Queen Anne's (A.); 1866, Belair (A.); 1867, Jefferson (A.); 1868, Talbot (A.); 1869-71, Lexington-St.; 1872, Talbot (A.); 1873-6, Talbot; 1877-8, Easton.
48. THOMAS M. BRYAN. Born in Cecil county, Md., Feb. 1, 1818; died at St. Michael's, Md., May 11, 1879. 1846, Smyrna; 1847, Potomac; 1848, Clearfield; 1849, no appointment at his request; 1850, Accomac; 1851-2, Newtown; 1853-4, Dorchester; 1857-8, Sussex; 1859-60, no appointment at his request; 1861-3, superannuated; 1864-5, West Baltimore Circuit; 1866, superannuated.
49. WILLIAM CORRIE LIPSCOMB. Born in King William's county, Va., Sept. 13, 1792; died at Washington, D. C., Dec. 2, 1879. 1869, elected to honorary membership. Representative (lay) to General Conference, 1830; and Secretary, 1834; and Secretary, 1838, 1842, 1850, 1858; and President, 1867.
50. THOMAS ASBURY MOORE. Born in Sussex county, Del., 1824; died at Seaford, Del., July 2, 1881. 1845, Newtown (A.); 1846, Cambridge (A.); 1847, Talbot (A.); 1848, Union (A.); 1849-53, unstationed; 1854, Sussex (A.); 1855-6, Sussex; 1857-8, supernumerary; 1859, Sussex; 1860, supernumerary.
51. DAVID NORWOOD GILBERT. Born in Harford county, Md., February 10, 1851; died at Kent Island, Md., August 15, 1881. 1873, Queen Anne's (A.); 1874, Cecil (A.); 1875, Anne Arundel (A.); 1876, Pocomoke; 1877, Prince William; 1878-80, Quantico; 1881, Kent Island.
52. ISAAC TUNNELL ADKINS. Born Feb. 1, 1809; died in Sussex county, Del.,

- Oct. 19, 1881. 1865, Millsborough; 1866, no appointment at his request; 1867, Tyaskin; 1868, Milton; 1869-70, Lower Sussex; 1871-2, Heathsville; 1873-5, Accomac; 1876, Chincoteague; 1877, Potomac; 1878-9, Chincoteague; 1880, superannuated.
53. THOMAS LEE. Born in England, June 17, 1821; died at Rainsburg, Pa., July 16, 1885. 1851, Accomac; 1852, Salem; 1853-4, Alleghany; 1855, no appointment at his request; 1856-7, Reading; 1858-9, Caroline; 1860-2, Bedford; 1863-5, superannuated; 1866-7, Susquehanna; 1868, superannuated.
54. PETER LIGHT WILSON. Born in Berkeley county, Va., Oct. 20, 1822; died at Johnsville, Md., Jan. 10, 1883. 1842, Pipe Creek (A.); 1843-4, Cumberland; 1845, Pipe Creek (A.); 1846, Frederick; 1847, West Baltimore (A.); 1848-9, Bethlehem; 1850-1, Cumberland; 1852-4, Frederick; 1855-6, Ninth Street; 1857-9, Jefferson; 1860-1, Ninth Street; 1862-4, Pipe Creek; 1865-8, Broadway; 1869-73, College Agent; 1874, supernumerary; 1875-6, College Agent; 1877, supernumerary. Representative to General Conference, 1866, 1867.
55. THOMAS McCORMICK. Born in Loudon county, Va., Jan. 5, 1792; died at Baltimore, Md., Feb. 22, 1883. 1869, elected to honorary membership.
56. CHARLES THEODORE COCHEL. Born in Berks county, Pa., June 20, 1838; died at Deer Park, Md., July 25, 1884. 1859, Howard (A.); 1860, Newtown (A.); 1861, Harper's Ferry; 1862, Frederick city; 1863, Anne Arundel (A.); 1864, Salem; Philadelphia; 1865, Snow Hill; 1866, West Baltimore Circuit; 1867, Finksburg; 1868-70, Susquehanna; 1871, Union; 1872-3, Dorchester; 1874-7, Frederick; 1878-81, Cecil; 1882-3, Pipe Creek; 1884, First Church, Washington.
57. JAMES MARTIN ELDERDICE. Born in Frederick county, Md., Oct. 14, 1817; died at Barren Creek Springs, Md., Oct. 5, 1884. 1840, Baltimore (A.); 1841, Williamsport (A.); 1842, Talbot; 1843, no appointment at his request; 1844, Howard (A.); 1845-6, Cecil; 1847-8, Liberty; 1849-50, Concord; 1851-2, New Market; 1853, Williamsport (A.); 1854-6, Concord; 1857, Snow Hill; 1858-9, Trough Creek; 1860-2, Carlisle; 1863-4, Anne Arundel; 1865-8, Cecil; 1869-70, Sussex; 1871, Seaford; 1872-4, Leipsic; 1875-8, Bedford; 1879, Williamsport; 1880-1, Caroline; 1882-3, Sussex, 1884, Union.
58. ARTHUR DANIEL MURRAY. Born at Georgetown, D. C., Nov. 19, 1856; died at Baltimore, Md., Nov. 17, 1884. 1879, Eutaw; 1880, Frederick (A.); 1881-2, Broadway; 1883, no appointment at his request; 1884, Georgetown (A.).
59. HENRY EDWARD MISKIMON. Born in Harford county, Md., April 15, 1845; died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Feb. 13, 1885. Interred at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. 1866, Newtown (A.); 1867, Talbot (A.); 1868-70, Kennedyville; 1871-4, Harper's Ferry; 1875-6, Ellicott City; 1877-8, Salisbury; 1879-80, Seaford; 1881-4, Heathsville.
60. JOSEPH ALEXANDER McFADEN. Born in Augusta, Ga., January 11, 1825; died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., July 5, 1885. Interred at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. Appointments: 1847, Queen Anne's (A.); 1848, Williamsport (A.); 1849, Kent (A.); 1850, Jefferson; 1851-2, Concord; 1853, Brickmaker's; 1854-5, Pipe Creek (A.); 1856-7, Cambridge; 1858, Baltimore; 1859, West Baltimore Circuit; 1860-1, New Market; 1862-4, Union; 1865, Washington Street; 1866-73, superannuated; 1874, Seaford; 1875-85, superannuated.
61. ALFRED BAKER. Born June 4, 1813; died January 17, 1886. Appointments: 1841-3, Concord; 1844, Baltimore (A.); 1845-6, superannuated; 1847, Baltimore; 1848, superannuated; 1849, Patuxent; 1850-1, Frederick; 1852-6, superannuated; 1857, Frederick (A.); 1858, superannuated; 1864, Montgomery; 1865, no appointment at his request; 1866, Montgomery; 1867, no appointment at his request; 1868, Montgomery; 1869, no appointment at his request; 1870, supernumerary.
62. CHRISTOPHER BURNS MIDDLETON. A. B., Western Maryland College, 1876. Born at Washington, D. C., July 24, 1854; died at Alexandria, Va., Feb. 16, 1886. Appointments: 1876, Abingdon, Va.; 1877, no appointment at his request; 1878, Kent (A.); 1879-80, Hampden; 1881-2, East Baltimore; 1883, Atlanta, Ga.; 1884-5, Alexandria.
63. WILLIAM THOMAS DUMM. Born in Zanesville, Ohio, January 19, 1817; died at Johnsville, Md., July 19, 1886, and was buried at Union Bridge, Carroll county, Md., July 23, 1886. 1843-44, Deer Creek, Assis't; 1845, Williamsport; 1846, Potomac; 1847, Cumberland; 1848, Snow Hill; 1849, Queen Anne's; 1850, Kent, Assis't; 1851-2, Mount Zion; 1853-54, Deer Creek; 1855-56, New Market; 1857, Cecil; 1858-59, Carlisle; 1860-61, E. Washington; 1862-3, Salem, Philadelphia; 1864-65, Cumberland; 1866, Caroline; 1867, Salisbury; 1868-69, Finksburg; 1870-71, Frederick;

1872-4, Cecil; 1875-7, Howard; 1878, Stewartstown; 1878, Superannuated.

64. DAVID ANTHONY SHERMAN, M. D. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 5th, 1824; died in Vienna, Md., Dec. 4th, 1886. 1844, Union, Assis't; 1845, Quenn Anne's, Assis't; 1846, Lewes; 1847-49, Dorchester; 1850, Cambridge, Assis't; 1851-53, Howard; 1854-55, Brickmaker's; 1856-57, S. Baltimore; 1858-59, Queen's Anne's; 1860-61, E. Baltimore; 1862-63, Jefferson; 1864-65, Liberty; 1866-67, Georgetown; 1868-70, Belair; 1871-74, Washington-St.; 1875-76, Broadway; 1877-79, Anne Arundel; 1880-81, Milton; 1882-84, Cecil; 1885-86, Dorchester.

65. DANIEL FITCHETT EWELL, M. D. Born in Accomac county, Va., Jan. 24th, 1817, died March 17th, 1888, at Clayton, Del. 1838, Shippensburg, Assis't; 1839-41, Dorchester; 1842, Church Creek; 1843, Brickmaker's, Phila; 1844-45, Union; 1846-48, Newton; 1849, Accomac; 1850, Dorchester; 1851, no appointment at his request; 1852-5, unstationed; 1857-58, Anne Arundel; 1859-61, Warwick; 1862-65, Delaware; 1866, Washington St.; 1867-70, Warwick; 1871, Talbot; 1872-84, superannuate; 1885, Powellsville; 1886, Talbot; 1887, Clayton.

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FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.

APRIL 4TH, 1888.

The Maryland Annual Conference met in its Sixtieth Session in the Broadway Methodist Protestant Church, Baltimore, Md., Wednesday, April 4th, 1888, at 9 A. M.

President W. S. Hammond opened the Conference by reading 87th Psalm and 1st chapter 1st Peter. Hymn 400 was sung and prayer offered.

J. T. Murray was called to the chair. The President read his annual report (Report A), and his character passed.

A motion to defer the depositing of the reports of pastors until the afternoon session was lost.

The roll of ministers and delegates was called, and the Dead Roll by T. D. Valiant.

Memorial services were suspended until evening.

A resolution, sympathizing with Dr. A. Webster in his affliction was adopted. (Resolution 1.)

C. R. Blades was appointed Conference Postmaster.

The bar of the house was fixed to the inside edge of the third window from the pulpit.

The daily sessions were fixed as follows: Open at 9 A. M.; recess from 12.30 to 2, and adjourn at pleasure.

Papers were submitted from St. Johns and R. W. Berryman.

The Secretary's report (Report B), was submitted and placed in the hands of the Committee on Finance.

J. M. Sheridan reported that Sister Catharine Baker, of Buckeystown, deceased, had put in his hands a donation of \$1,800 to the Conference, to be distributed as follows: \$1,000 to the Nagoya Home, \$500 to Superannuated Fund for Investment, \$300 for the Bible Cause.

F. T. Tagg, on behalf of the Board of Missions, expressed his appreciation of the gift.

On motion of D. W. Bates, a committee consisting of J. K. Nichols, J. L. Killgore and J. L. Mills was appointed to express the thanks of the Conference.

At the suggestion of J. T. Murray, the Conference was led in prayer by J. K. Nichols for Daniel Baker, Sr., who lies ill at Buckeystown.

The Committee on Credentials was appointed, the Standing Committees announced and recess taken until 11 o'clock.

The Conference Sermon was preached by John R. Nichols from 126th Psalm, 3rd verse.

Upon reassembling after recess, communications were read and referred as follows: From J. B. Walker, to Committee on Education, North Carolina Ave., Middleway, Williamsport and Chesterfield, to Committee on Missions; from Heathsville, to Committee on Fraternal Relations; from Frederick, to Committee on Boundaries.

The requests of David Wilson that his present relation be continued, and R. T. Smith to be left without an appointment for the ensuing year were granted.

A letter from Sunday-School Editor was read and referred to the Committee on Literature.

F. T. Tagg introduced a paper on method of endowing Western Maryland College, which, on motion, was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock to-morrow.

On motion of S. B. Tredway, it was ordered that the Conference Sermon be printed in the minutes.

At 2.30 the Conference proceeded to the election of officers. W. S. Hammond was re-elected President on the first ballot. On motion, the Assistant Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for W. R. Graham for Secretary. J. W. Kirk was selected by the Secretary as his assistant. The Secretary, on motion, cast the ballot of the Conference for the following Stewards: Conference, J. W. Trout; Assistant Conference, D. W. Anstine; Home Missionary, J. S. Bowers; Superannuated Fund, T. O. Crouse; Home

and Foreign Missions, S. R. Murray; Educational, G. Q. Bacchus.

The Standing District Committee was then balloted for. L. W. Bates, Wm. Dale, Wm. B. Usilton and W. G. Baker, were elected.

By unanimous consent the Secretary cast the ballot for J. D. Kinzer and W. J. C. Dulany.

The Conference, on motion, then balloted for Committee of Appeals. Tellers retired to count the vote.

A paper relating to the Presidential Parsonage was referred to a Special Auditing Committee—T. D. Valiant and W. J. C. Dulany.

A report from the Baltimore Directory was read and referred to Committee on Literature.

Rev. Rowdybush of the U. B. Church was introduced to the Conference.

The report of Committee on Credentials (Report C), was adopted.

The name of John Williams was, on motion, inserted in the Roll of Delegates.

The action of the Conference appointing memorial services for to-night was reconsidered, and on motion, they were postponed until 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Conference adjourned with benediction by J. J. Murray.
Approved—W. S. Hammond.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY.

APRIL 5TH, 1888.

R. S. Rowe conducted religious services.

Communications from Powellsville, Sussex, Snow Hill, Talbot, Cumberland, Leipsic, Chincoteague and Broadway, were referred to Committee on Missions; from Union Circuit, Sussex, Preston, Fawn Grove, Franklin City, Cambridge, Seaford, East Baltimore, to Committee on Boundaries; from Heathsville, to Committee on Fraternal Relations.

On motion, the name of A. Donavan was inserted in the Roll of Delegates.

On motion of W. J. Neeper, the case of Mrs. D. F. Ewell was referred to Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

A motion was made to fix the time for holding the next session of the Conference. By rule it laid over 24 hours.

Rev. Hildebrand, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Rev. Riley, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, were introduced to the Conference.

The tellers reported result of vote for Committee of Appeals. Three were elected: C. W. Button, D. L. Greenfield, J. D. Kinzer. By consent, the Secretary cast the vote for J. T. Murray and Charles Billingslea.

The Committee on Expenses of Representatives to General Conference submitted its report, which was read and adopted. (Report D).

W. F. Livingstone stated that he had been providentially disabled for active work in the ministry, and wished to leave himself in the hands of the Conference.

On motion of J. T. Murray, he was referred to Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

The Committee on Temperance submitted its report, which, on motion, was recommitted and L. W. Bates added to the committee.

The hour for services in memory of D. F. Ewell having arrived, J. T. Ward was called to the chair, and remarks were made by J. T. Ward, J. K. Nichols, B. F. Benson, J. R. Nichols, J. J. Murray, L. W. Bates, S. B. Southerland, D. W. Bates, W. J. Neeper, J. M. Yingling and the President.

On motion, a committee consisting of J. T. Ward, J. R. Nichols, T. D. Valiant, C. W. Button, Chas. Billingslea, was appointed to visit Dr. A. Webster, and convey to him the sympathy of the Conference.

The resolution of D. W. Bates on Temperance was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

After recess, the Conference gave place to meetings of

the Superannuated Fund Society and the Home Missionary Society.

On resuming business J. J. Murray took the chair.

The Committee on Temperance reported, and the report was made the order of the day immediately after the consideration of the report of the Committee on Endowing Western Maryland College.

Rev. Thomas Myers, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced to the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Endowing Western Maryland College was considered and adopted. (Report E.)

The report of the President of Western Maryland College was read and referred to Committee on Education.

On motion, the Conference ordered that a committee of three be appointed to formulate plans consistent with the resolutions passed for endowing the college.

A letter was submitted by the President to a Special Committee of three—T. D. Valiant, E. J. Drinkhouse, B. F. Benson.

The Temperance report was considered by items.

Item 1 adopted.

A motion to strike out "shall" in item 2, and insert "should," was lost.

J. J. Murray moved a reconsideration.

Bishop Wayman, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced to the Conference.

Conference adjourned with benediction by J. T. Murray. Approved—W. S. Hammond.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY.

APRIL 6TH, 1888.

R. L. Lewis conducted religious services. Communications from Potomac, Wilmington, Salisbury, were referred to the Committee on Missions.

A letter from W. J. D. Lucas, and one which passed through the hands of the President, were referred to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

A resolution introduced by J. R. Caton, respecting the papers and reports relating to the title of church property was adopted. (Resolution 2.)

The name of W. R. Aikman was inserted in the Roll of Delegates.

The committee appointed to express the thanks of the Conference for the legacies left by Mrs. Catharine Baker submitted its report, which was adopted by a rising vote. (Report F.)

The motion to reconsider the vote on item 2 of Temperance Report was lost.

The Committee on Temperance submitted item 2 of last year's Temperance Report for item 2 of the present report.

J. T. Lassell moved to amend said item by striking out all after the word "purposes."

Amendment lost.

A call was made for the previous question, and item 2 adopted.

On motion, the Conference decided to continue the morning session until after 1 o'clock.

Items 3, 4, 5, 6, of Temperance Report were adopted, and the report adopted as a whole. (Report G.)

A partial report of the Committee on Statistics was read and adopted.

A report of the Faculty of Instruction was submitted and adopted by items.

G. W. Haddaway and Thos. E. Davis were addressed by the President on their entrance into the Itinerancy.

The Committee on Finance reported the correctness of the Secretary's report, and, on motion, it was ordered that he be reimbursed from this year's collection for the advance he made in the printing of the minutes.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read and adopted.

The following ministers were introduced to the Conference: Revs. Baer, Speake, Neale, Gwinn, Lanahan, Murphy, Strickland, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Revs. Davidson and Shofe, of the Methodist Episcopal, South; Rev. Steinspring, of the United Brethren; Rev. Phillips,

of the Baptist; Rev. Thirkeld, of Bethany Independent Methodist.

The report of the Committee on Church Extension was read, and amended by adding a resolution of J. R. Caton, respecting the appointment of a committee to investigate the legal points involved. Report as amended was adopted. (Report H.)

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was adopted. (Report I.)

The report of the Committee on Boundaries was read and considered by items. Items 1, 4, 7 and 9, were adopted; 2 and 3 were divided; the parts relating to appropriations were referred to the Committee on Missions, 5 and 6 were recommitted, and 8 was referred to Committee on Missions with the request that the committee make the appropriation desired. Report adopted.

The committee appointed to convey the sympathy of the Conference to Dr. Webster reported that the doctor highly appreciated this expression of the love of the Conference.

The President appointed J. R. Caton, Thomas A. Murray and W. J. C. Dulany, the committee to investigate the legal points involved in the Church Extension resolution of J. R. Caton.

One o'clock having arrived, on motion, L. W. Bates was made chairman of the Electoral College. The Electoral College taking a recess the Conference resumed business.

The Committee on Pulpit Services submitted its report, which was read.

The cases in which brethren asked to be excused from duty on Sabbath were referred to the committee, and the report adopted.

A letter was read from R. S. Norris respecting his relation to the Conference. On motion, it was referred to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

The annual report of the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary was read and adopted. (Report J.)

A partial report from the Committee on Home Missions

was read. On motion, North Carolina Ave. was changed from a mission to a station.

W. M. Strayer introduced a resolution to consolidate the Tract and Bible Society collections, and that the Conference determine how the money shall be distributed. Deferred till the next session of the Conference.

The Conference fixed the first Wednesday in April, 1889, as the time for holding its next session.

Fixing the place for the next session of the Conference was made the order of the day for 11 A. M., Monday.

On motion of J. D. Kinzer, the Conference proceeded to ballot for the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary. L. W. Pates, J. T. Murray, J. D. Kinzer, J. W. Hering and W. J. C. Dulany, were elected.

E. R. Washington, from South Carolina then addressed the Conference.

Conference adjourned with benediction by J. W. Kirk
Approved—W. S. Hammond.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY.

APRIL 7TH, 1888.

Conference was opened with devotional exercises conducted by G. Q. Bacchus.

The report of the Steward of Home and Foreign Missions was read.

The death of Emory L. Williams, delegate-elect from Salisbury was announced, and, on motion, S. B. Southerland was excused from Conference that he might attend his funeral, and J. D. Kinzer, F. T. Tagg and W. R. Aikman, were appointed a committee to prepare suitable resolution.

The committee on the letter of J. Clay reported, and the report was adopted. (Report K.)

A resolution, amending Rule 28, Section 2, was adopted. (Resolution 3.)

The report of the Committee on Boundaries was submitted and considered by items. Item 1 was lost; item 2 adopted; item 3 divided. The part relating to appropria-

tions was referred to the Committee on Missions, and the paper adopted. (Report L.)

On motion of J. D. Kinzer, Alexandria was changed from a mission to a station.

A resolution of E. J. Drinkhouse, respecting the colored churches of South Carolina, was adopted. (Resolution 4.)

The tellers of the Electoral College announced the result of the ballot.

The Electoral College taking a recess, and Conference resuming business, a resolution to abolish the Committee on Pulpit Services was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Official Reports was read and adopted. (Report M.)

Conference adjourned with benediction by W. S. Hammond.

Approved—W. S. Hammond.

FIFTH DAY—MONDAY.

APRIL 9TH, 1888.

B. F. Jester conducted religious services.

A Letter from Lyman E. Davis, fraternal messenger of the New York Conference, was read and referred to Committee on Fraternal Relations.

A letter from F. C. Klein was read and referred to Committee on Missions.

Reports of the Committees on President's Reports and Fraternal Relations were submitted and adopted. (Reports N and O.)

The resolutions on the death of Emory L. Williams were read and adopted by a rising vote. (Resolution 5.)

On motion, the President made a change in the Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

The order of the day was suspended indefinitely.

T. H. Lewis offered a paper respecting the growing need of ministers to supply the demands of our churches. Adopted. (Resolution 6.)

The reports of the Committees on Foreign Missions and Sabbath Schools were read and adopted. (Reports P and Q.)

A report of the Committee on Home Missions was read, recommending that Broadway be changed from a mission to a station, and Snow Hill Mission to Snow Hill Circuit.

The report, on motion, was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted. (Report R.)

The Conference gave place to the Electoral College.

The Electoral College having adjourned, the Conference, on motion, reconsidered the report of the Committee on Education.

The report of the Committee on Superannuated Claimants was submitted, and laid on the table twenty-four hours by rule.

The Committee on Presidential Parsonage reported. Item 2 was stricken out, and the report adopted with the amendment that J. N. Gilbert be respectfully requested to continue as the agent of the Presidential Parsonage. (Report S.)

On motion, the Conference fixed Lynchburg as the place for holding its next session.

W. R. Graham offered a resolution that the Editor and Publisher of the Methodist Protestant and C. W. Button be requested to serve as a Committee on Transportation. (Resolution 8.)

Charles Billingslea submitted an amendment to the report of the Committee on Education, respecting the employment of an agent for the purpose of developing the plan for endowment of Western Maryland College. The amendment was adopted, and, on motion, the report as a whole was adopted. (Report R.)

An additional report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations was read and adopted. (Report O.)

J. W. Charlton offered a resolution relating to the division of the Conference. It was made the order of the day for 11 A. M. to-morrow.

The report of Committee on Titles to Church Property was submitted and adopted. (Report T.)

Conference adjourned with benediction by T. H. Lewis. Approved—W. S. Hammond.

SIXTH DAY—TUESDAY.

APRIL 10TH, 1888.

Religious services were conducted by J. E. Nicholson. The report of the Committee on Statistics was submitted and adopted.

J. E. T. Ewell moved to amend last year's report on Home Missions by striking out all after "pastors" in the fourteenth line of the fifth paragraph. The motion was referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

The order of the day—the resolution relating to the division of the Conference—was, on motion, laid on the table.

An additional report of the Committee on Boundaries was read and adopted.

J. H. Maynard was left without appointment for one year.

A resolution of S. Vannort, respecting the division of a charge, was adopted. (Resolution 9.)

The report of the Committee on Literature was read and made the order of the day for 3 o'clock.

W. J. C. Dulany's resolution that the Committee on Publication of Journal be requested to admit the advertisement of Methodist Protestant Book Concern, Western Maryland College and Theological Seminary in the published minutes was adopted. (Resolution 10.)

The report of the Superannuated Fund Steward was read and adopted. (Report U.)

On motion, Horace Burrough was elected Treasurer of the Fund for Expenses of Representatives to the General Conference.

Thomas Myers, of the Maryland Bible Society, addressed the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Literature was adopted. (Report V.)

The Committee on Finance reported.

On motion, item 1 was passed over, and item 2 taken up, which, on motion, was adopted without reading.

J. A. Weigand was placed upon the list of Superannuated Ministers with an allowance of \$400.

Item 1 of the Finance Committee's report was taken up.

A motion was made to amend by striking out the days and months named. Accepted by the chairman of the committee.

A motion to take a recess until 7.30 was lost.

Item 1 was lost, and the report as amended was adopted. (Report W.)

A report of the Faculty of Instruction was read and adopted by items and as a whole. (Report X.)

Recess taken till 7 o'clock.

After recess Conference reassembled.

The report of the Committee on Superannuated Claimants was taken up, the amendments read, and the report adopted. (Report Y.)

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read, adopted by items and as a whole. (Report Z.)

The Conference Steward submitted his report, and was allowed further time to complete it.

A resolution of E. J. Drinkhouse, respecting the organization by the General Conference of our colored churches in South Carolina into a Mission Conference, was adopted. (Resolution 11.)

A resolution of thanks was passed by a rising vote. (Resolution 12.)

The report of the Committee on Literature was reconsidered, read and adopted.

A resolution of W. R. Graham, respecting the raising of new subscribers for the Methodist Protestant, was adopted. (Resolution 13.)

The report of the Committee on Benevolent Agencies was read and adopted. (Report A, A.)

The action of the Conference abolishing the Committee on Pulpit Services was reconsidered, and the original motion was laid on the table.

The appointments were read (Report E, E), and the Conference at 10.05 P. M., adjourned to meet the first Wednesday in April, 1889, at Lynchburg, Va.

Approved—W. S. Hammond.

W. R. GRAHAM,
Secretary.



REPORTS.

A.—See page 17.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Maryland Annual Conference :

DEAR BRETHREN: "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord." We have great cause for mutual congratulations to-day. While we do not claim that all the charges here represented are in a highly prosperous condition, we are prepared to prove that not one of them has failed to receive evidences of Divine favor. The aggregate results of our labors should fill all hearts with profound gratitude, and should incite to greater zeal and to more thorough consecration.

Until very recently we cherished the hope that we should close the year without adding a single name to our "Dead Roll;" but unexpectedly one of our veterans put off his armor and entered into rest. Dr. D. F. Ewell was ready "to depart, and to be with Christ." We admired his zeal, and rejoiced in his success, and will, through the committee appointed for the purpose, express our estimate of his character and labors.

ORDINATIONS.

By authority, Revs. Chas. R. Blades, Elmer Simpson and Luther R. Dyott were ordained in West Baltimore Church, on Sabbath, 17th of April. Revs. David Wilson, E. J. Drinkhouse, C. H. Littleton and D. L. Greedfield assisted in the services.

Rev. J. L. Mills bore the fraternal greetings of this body to the New York Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

CHANGES.

On the 14th April Rev. A. A. Harryman was appointed to Bedford. Dr. Southerland, by agreement, has been serving Salisbury since May. By consent of West Virginia Conference, Rev. J. D. Corbin has been supplying the pulpits of Deer Park. T. A. Davis, a student at the Seminary, assisted Rev. J. M. Yingling on Fawn Grove from May until August. Brother A. Green, a licentiate from St. Luke's, has been the associate pastor on this charge since October. For satisfactory reasons, Rev. R. T. Smith was, on the 1st of September released from Rowlandville. The vacancy has been supplied since November by Rev. J. W. Grant, of the New Jersey Conference.

INCREASE.

Though it has been impossible to secure full reports, we are prepared to state that more than 2,464 have been admitted to our fellowship during the year.

The money expended, or now at command for material improvements, or the payment of church debts is as follows: Accomac, \$500; Alexandria, \$130; Amelia, \$575; Anne Arundel, \$560; Baltimore, 120; Bedford, \$294; Belair, \$250; Broadway, \$828; Cambridge, \$200; Campbell, \$150; Central, \$20,000; Cecil, \$951; Centreville, \$10,500; Chesapeake, \$150; Chestertown, \$13,200; Chincoteague, \$1,000; Clayton, \$822.55; Crisfield, \$900; Crumpton, \$75; Deer Creek, \$390; Deer Park, \$600; Dorchester, \$200; East Baltimore, \$315; Easton, \$150; Eutaw, \$575; Fawn Grove, \$1,175.55; Felton, \$50; Finksburg, \$400; First Church, \$828; Franklin City, \$1,550; Frederick, \$400; Georgetown, \$2,600; Hampden, \$300; Harper's Ferry, \$127.50; Howard, \$128; Kennedyville, \$100; Kent Island, \$73; Laurel, \$250; Leipsic, \$50; Lisbon, \$214; Lynchburg, \$950; Middleway, \$1,000; Milton, \$600; Mt. Tabor, \$2,100; Newark, \$812; Oxford, \$200; Pipe Creek, \$325; Pocomoke, \$151; Potomac, \$503; Powelville, \$290; Preston, \$125; Quantico, \$322; Queen Anne's, \$37.43; St. James, \$500; St. Michael's, \$775; Seaford, \$377; Salisbury, \$328.48; Snow Hill, \$8.00; South Baltimore, 250; Starr, \$200; Stewartstown, \$2,000; Surry, \$134.80; Susquehanna, \$200; Sussex, \$35; Union, \$2,183; Union Bridge, \$1,279.54; Warwick, \$311.50; Washington Street, \$7,200; Westminster, \$650; Williamsport, \$28; Wilmington, \$600; City Church Extension Society, \$599.39. Total, \$100,470.33. Number of churches and chapels finished during the year, or now in course of erection, 23; number of churches improved, 21; parsonages built or bought, 5; parsonages improved 14.

It is suggested that the sum of \$1,225 be added to our financial statement as the amount received from other sources.

Our Home Missionary collections, we have reason to fear, will not show such an increase as we most earnestly desired and expected. It is exceedingly important that this subject should be considered again and again until we shall be able to devise some plan by which our pressing necessities shall be met.

The greatly improved METHODIST PROTESTANT has increased claims upon our attention. Let ministers and laymen determine to make earnest efforts to push the canvass until we go far beyond the one thousand subscribers contemplated in our action of last session.

It is a pleasure to state that some of our charges have adopted an improved financial system, and are securing more liberal contributions. This has prompted a few of them to increase the salaries of their pastors; but the sad fact is still in full view that, many of our faithful ministers do not receive an adequate support. If, in all cases, the amount paid fully represented the ability of the charges, no reference would be made to the subject in this paper. But when we

know that there are many persons who utterly ignore the solemn obligations assumed when they united with the church, we must "cry and spare not." Laymen of this body, brethren beloved, consider the question and come to the relief of those who faithfully serve you.

PASTORAL VISITING.

This subject demands more attention than it has ever received from us. Our young men should be wisely instructed upon this important duty. If they would save the people they must get nearer to them than they can ever do through pulpit effort alone. The preacher who thinks that his whole work can be done in his study, and in the pulpit, is making a sad mistake. There is a growing demand for men who will go after the people, and by this means induce the people to come to them. It is suggested that our young preachers, and it will do older brethren no harm, read carefully and prayerfully the Reformed Pastor, by Baxtor.

Of the \$62 in my hands at the close of last Conference, from the sale of Clearspring Church, \$15 have been expended in the effort to ascertain the precise status of our church property on Williamsport Circuit, thus leaving subject to your order \$47.

The committee on the supervision of vacant churches should be continued.

A year of great anxiety and of excessive labor has passed. God has been very gracious to me, and my brethren and their families have been exceedingly kind. May the Great Head of the Church abundantly bless you.

Sincerely yours,

WM. S. HAMMOND.

B.—See page 17.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Expenditures.

For Printing and Distributing 1,200 Copies of Minutes.....	\$184 90
For Printing 500 Official Blanks.....	9 50
“ Expressage.....	55
“ Freight on Packages Minutes, &c.....	60
“ “ Bibles, &c., to Easton.....	25
“ Stationery and Book for Session Roll.....	2 18
“ Postage on Minutes, Blanks, &c.....	4 29
“ Transportation on Conference Trunk.....	1 50
“ Dulany's Bill for Ordination Bibles, &c.....	12 60
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	\$216 37

Receipts.

From Conference Steward.....	\$209 47	
“ Minutes Sold.....	1 35	210 82
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		\$ 5 55

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. GRAHAM, Secretary.

C.—See page 19.

CREDENTIALS.

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the certificates of delegates placed in their hands by the Secretary of the Conference and find them correct.

HORACE BURGEE, *Chairman*,

D.

ASSESSMENTS FOR EXPENSES OF REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The committee appointed to ascertain the expenses of the Representatives to the General Conference, and apportion them among the various charges, respectfully submit the following:

Accomac.....	\$ 4 50
Alexandria.....	7 50
Amelia and Chesterfield.....	3 50
Anne Arundel.....	10 50
Baltimore.....	7 50
Bedford.....	13 50
Bel Air.....	7 50
Broadway.....	6 00
Cambridge.....	7 50
Campbell.....	4 50
Caroline.....	10 50
Cecil.....	10 50
Central.....	10 50
Centreville.....	12 00
Chesapeake.....	7 50
Chestertown.....	12 00
Chincoteague.....	1 50
Clayton.....	6 00
Concord.....	9 00
Crisfield.....	4 50

Crumpton.....	4 50
Cumberland.....	4 50
Deer Creek.....	6 00
Deer Park.....	6 00
Dorchester.....	7 50
East Baltimore.....	12 00
Easton.....	15 00
Eutaw.....	6 00
Fawn Grove.....	10 50
Felton.....	4 50
Finksburg.....	9 00
First Church.....	6 00
Franklin City.....	6 00
Frederick.....	15 00
Georgetown.....	12 00
Hampden.....	10 50
Harper's Ferry.....	3 00
Harrington.....	7 50
Howard.....	6 00
Jefferson.....	12 00
Kennedyville.....	4 50
Kent Island.....	7 50
Laurel.....	9 00
Leipsic.....	3 00
Liberty.....	12 00
Lisbon.....	9 00
Lynchburg.....	15 00
Middleway.....	3 00
Milton.....	6 00
Mt. Tabor.....	9 00
Newark.....	12 00
N. C. Avenue.....	6 00
Oxford.....	4 50
Pipe Creek.....	10 50
Pittsville.....	7 50
Pocomoke.....	6 00
Pocomoke City.....	12 00
Potomac.....	3 00
Powellville.....	6 00
Grove.....	4 50
Quantico.....	6 00
Queen Anne's.....	7 50
Rowlandville.....	4 50
St. James'.....	12 00
St. Luke's.....	7 50
St. Michael's.....	6 00

Salisbury.....	6 00
Seaford.....	7 50
Snow Hill.....	3 00
Somerset.....	7 50
South Baltimore.....	6 00
Starr.....	12 00
Stewartstown.....	9 00
Surry.....	4 50
Susquehanna.....	9 00
Sussex.....	4 50
Talbot.....	4 50
Union.....	7 50
Union Bridge.....	6 00
Warrick.....	12 00
Washington Street.....	9 00
West Baltimore.....	15 00
Westminster.....	15 00
Wilmington.....	3 00
Heathsville.....	6 00

\$660 50

JOHN J. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

E.—See page 21.

ENDOWMENT OF W. M. COLLEGE.

The committee to which was given the task of formulating a plan for the endowment of Western Maryland College, report:

That they have given the matter the best thought of which they are capable; that in the hope of exciting interest and creating favorable sentiment in the Church at large they have caused a series of papers, written by representative ministers and laymen, to be published in the METHODIST PROTESTANT; but have reached no further conclusions than the following:

1st. That the most hopeful practical plan is to make it the special work of the young women of the church; societies being organized for the purpose in every congregation.

2d. That neither this plan nor any other can be put into efficient operation except by employing an agent, who shall canvass the whole Church, appeal to the people from the pulpits and be allowed large discretion as to ways and means. We recommend:

1. That Conference take immediate measures to put such an agent in the field.

2. That a public meeting be held on Sabbath afternoon next at 3 o'clock, in Lafayette Avenue Church, in the interest of the cause.

F. T. TAGG, *Chairman.*

F.—See page 22.

LEGACIES FROM MRS. CATHARINE BAKER.

The committee appointed to report resolutions expressive of the feelings of this Conference in relation to the legacies left by our deceased Sister Baker in the interests of the Conference, beg leave to report as follows :

WHEREAS, We have received from our dear sister, A. C. Baker, late of Buckeystown, Frederick County, Md., the sum of \$1,000 for the Nagoya Home in Japan, \$500 for the Superannuated Fund Society, and \$300 for the Bible Society ; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That as a Conference we hereby express our gratitude to God for putting it into the heart of our sainted sister, thus generously to remember the interests of our beloved Zion, and also our high appreciation of her great worth and Christian character, and feel assured that the example of this elect lady will favorably influence others of our Lord's stewards, to whom he has committed earthly treasure.

2. *Resolved*, That we express our thanks to her heirs for the prompt payment of these legacies, and our sympathy with the venerable husband and afflicted family in this, the hour of their great bereavement.

3. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Conference be requested to send by mail, a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. NICHOLS.

G.—See page 22.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance submit the following report :

1. We urge upon all our people total abstinence from the use of intoxicating drinks.

2. That it is justly accounted a great reproach to the church, that any of its members should put their names to petitions for license to sell intoxicating drinks ; to suffer property owned or controlled by them to be used for such purposes, or by their suffrage as citizens to give countenance and support to the liquor traffic.

3. *Resolved*, That the action of those, who under the cover of a tax receipt from the General Government, convey into and sell intoxicating liquors in local option districts, is especially reprehensible.

4. We believe the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, is anti-Christian and irreconcilable with the highest type of Christian civilization. It fosters vice and blights virtue, and should therefore be condemned by the Church and prohibited by the State.

5. We rejoice that public sentiment is demanding the constitutional prohibition of the trade. We regret the action of the Maryland State Legislature in refusing to submit to the voters of the State the constitutional amendment. We urge our members, as Christian citi-

zens, not to become *particeps criminis* by voting for men as legislators who are opposed to prohibitory legislation ; nor for executive officers who are indifferent to the execution of prohibitory laws where they now exist. We caution them not to be carried away by the delusion that high license is a remedy for the evils of the trade, and to insist on the utter suppression of the business by constitutional and statutory law.

6. We bid God speed to the Sons of Temperance, Good Templars and the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and all kindred organizations, and we extend to the Maryland State Temperance Alliance our hearty sympathy.

W. M. STRAYER, *Chairman.*

H.—See page 23.

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

Your Committee on Church Extension Society ask to submit the following report :

WHEREAS, the Book of Discipline provides for the organization of a Church Extension Society in each Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church ; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we now proceed to organize the " Board of Church Extensions of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church," to be located in Baltimore City, in the State of Maryland, under the following articles of incorporation :

(See Discipline pages 100-102.)

2. *Resolved*, That as a financial basis for this society, each minister and preacher, sustaining an active relation to this Conference, or employed by its President, be requested to pay into treasury of this society at the next session of this Conference the sum of one per cent. of his salary for the current year, and the churches be asked to contribute the sum of three per cent. of the aggregate assessed for ministerial support the past year.

3. *Resolved*, That we elect an additional steward, to be known as the Church Extension Society Steward, who shall ascertain the amount solicited on this basis from each charge, and the same shall be published in the list of assessments for the coming year.

4. *Resolved*, That the Conference Secretary have an additional envelope prepared and furnished to the pastors, that they may report church extension contribution in regular order.

5. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to consider the question of transferring to the Church Extension Society the funds and property of the Home Missionary Society, and that such Committee take competent legal advice and report upon the entire subject at the next session of this Conference.

W. M. STRAYER, *Chairman.*

I.—See page 23.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report, that, having examined the record carefully, the only item of unfinished business they find to be acted upon is the report of the committee appointed to consider the advisability of organizing a Church Extension Society.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. CROUSE, *Chairman.*

J.—See page 23.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE M. P. CHURCH, TO THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE, APRIL, 1888.

Students.

The sixth year of the Seminary began Sept. 6th, 1887, with as many students as the building could accommodate, and after a few days (others arriving) it was found necessary that some should go to the College for rooms. The Committee on Examination of Candidates for Aid from the Board of Ministerial Education having concluded that three of the number should enter the Preparatory Department of the College, they were so assigned, and took rooms there; so that the Seminary was able to accommodate all the others. With two exceptions, all the students enrolled have remained during the year. One, who met his own expenses, remained but a short time, the condition of his affairs rendering it necessary for him to return to his home, his purpose being, however, to apply for work in the Conference this spring; another, who expected help from the Virginia Conference, and would doubtless have received it, was compelled to leave after a few weeks on account of sickness; he hoped, however, to return next fall. The record of students for the year will stand as follows: Seniors, 2; juniors, 7; introductorians, 10. Total, 19; besides 5 students of Western Maryland College, who are expecting to enter the Seminary after leaving the College.

Finances.

In our last Annual Report to the Conference, it was stated that the amount then in hand, together with what was expected to come from the Board of Ministerial Education and Conference Collections, would probably be enough to meet all claims. It did not, however, prove to be quite sufficient, and a balance of indebtedness amounting to \$52.67 was carried over into this year's account.

RECEIPTS.

The amount of receipts for the present year is as follows:

From Board of Min. Ed. on account of ten beneficiaries at Seminary and three at College.....	\$	816	00
“ Collections, Maryland Conference.....	\$419	87	
Donations from Mrs. Rupp.	50	00	
“ “ Mrs. Simmons.....	5	00	
		<hr/>	474 87
From Collections West Virginia Conference.....		9	20
“ “ New Jersey “		47	63
“ “ North Carolina “		43	90
“ “ Alabama “		10	70
“ Students for Books.....		90	81
“ “ “ Tuition.....		515	00
		<hr/>	\$2,008 11
Total Receipts to Date.....		544	00
Due from Board of Ministerial Education.....		103	50
“ “ “ “ Books.....		19	45
“ “ “ “ Books.....		1,015	66
Additional Collections from Md. Conf.....			
		<hr/>	\$3,690 72
Total income for the Year.....			

EXPENDITURES.

The amount of expenditures for the year is as follows:

Balance on President's Salary Last Year.....	\$	50	00
Paid College on account of three Beneficiaries there.....		180	00
“ “ “ “ Board of ten Beneficiaries at Seminary		409	50
“ Dulany & Co. for Books.....		108	50
“ For Coal, Repairs of Furnace, Janitor's Hire and Sundries.....		442	53
“ On Account of Professor's Salaries for this Year.....		650	00
“ New Jersey Conference Beneficiaries.....		47	63
		<hr/>	\$1,888 16
Total Expenditures to Date.....		372	63
Due College for Balance on Board of Beneficiaries.....		850	00
“ on Salaries for this Year.....		25	00
“ “ Small Bills.....			
		<hr/>	\$3,135 79
Total Expenses for the Year.....			

REMARKS.

The need of additional room at the Seminary is even more apparent than it was last year; and the President is willing to undertake to provide it, if the Conference give its sanction to his doing so, by

authorizing him to appeal to the friends of the institution generally for aid, and promising the co-operation of the members of the Conference. With such endorsement he feels confident that he could succeed in raising the moderate sum required.

The attention of the Conference is called to the fact that this is the time for the appointment by their body of three ministers and two laymen to constitute the Board of Governors for the next four years; but, for this year, three of the number must be from the present Board. Also, that, further to constitute the new Board, two ministers and two laymen are to be appointed by the General Conference to meet in May next. It is especially desirable that brethren be appointed who will promise, if possible, to attend to the duties of members of the Board, and be present at its meetings.

It may also be well to notice that each patronizing Conference is expected to appoint each year one minister and one layman as members of a Board of Visitors with authority to inspect the Seminary, and make any recommendations they desire to the Board of Governors. The Seminary will need for its work an additional teacher, and ask the Conference to add \$500 to the assessment for the Seminary to meet this requirement.

Trusting in God that its existence and usefulness will be perpetuated through the hearty co-operation of all the Conferences concerned, we respectfully submit this report.

L. W. BATES, *President.*

K.—See page 24.

LETTER OF J. CLAY.

The committee to whom was referred the letter of Rev. Jeremiah Clay, beg leave to report as follows:

The exception taken by Brother Clay to the action of the Conference of 1887, in transferring him to the unstationed list was not well founded.

1st. Because the Conference of 1887 had not the request before it of the Conference of 1886, and was not bound to consider that request.

2d. As Brother Clay desires to unite with some other branch of the Church of Christ, his credentials as an Elder in good standing in the Methodist Protestant Church, is all sufficient to that end.

Therefore the committee recommend that the action of the Conference of 1887 be final.

T. D. VALIANT, *Chairman.*

L.—See page 25.

BOUNDARIES.

Your Committee on Boundaries respectfully submit the following reports:

1st. We recommend that "Union Circuit" be divided as follows: That Sharpstown, Hermon, Providence, Portsville, constitute "Union Circuit," to be supplied with a married man: and that Barren Creek, Sneathen and Riverton, constitute a circuit, to be known as "Barren Creek," and be supplied with a single minister.

2d. That Girdle Tree and Portersville be cut off from Franklin City, and be annexed to Snow Hill Circuit; and to retain the name of Snow Hill.

3rd. That Seaford Circuit be divided as follows: That Seaford Church be made a mission, to be supplied with a married man; and that Gethsemane, Wheatley and Liberty appointments comprise a circuit, to be called "Reliance;" and to be supplied with an unmarried minister, if possible.

4th. That Fawn-Grove Circuit be divided as follows: Set off Delta and Nebo, to be named Delta Circuit; the other four appointments to retain the name of Fawn Grove.

5th. That the name of Preston Circuit be changed to Grove Circuit.

6th. That the request of East Baltimore Station be granted.

7th. That Porter Grove be annexed to Rowlandville.

8th. We recommend that the Conference establish a new field, to be called Georgetown Delaware Mission, and supplied with a single minister.

9th. We recommend that this Conference endorse the action of the Quarterly Conference of the Frederick Circuit in reference to a present division of the charge, but that it be supplied this year as heretofore, in the hope of an amicable settlement of the parsonage-property question.

S. VANNORT, *Chairman.*

M.—See Page 25.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

Your Committee have examined and passed the reports of the various charges.

Rev. J. W. Charlton and Rev. L. W. Bates, D. D., deserve special mention in securing the largest number of subscribers to the Methodist Protestant. The former having secured thirty-two and the latter twenty-three during the year.

J. R. NICHOLS, *Chairman.*

N.—See Page 25.

ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Committee on the President's Report, respectfully submit the following:

1. We recommend that the Financial Steward be directed to add, at the end of his report, the amount of \$1,175, as "received from other sources."
2. That the item of the report referring to our Home Mission collections, be referred to the Committee on Home Missions.
3. That the item in reference to the Methodist Protestant, be referred to the Committee on Literature.
4. That the item referring to pastoral support, be referred to a special committee of five.
5. We heartily endorse the item referring to the pastoral visitation, and call the special attention of the Conference thereto.
6. We recommend that the money in the hands of the President from the sale of Clearspring Church, be used by him at his discretion, in accordance with the provisions of the Discipline in such cases.
7. We recommend that the Committee on Vacant Churches be continued.

J. W. CHARLTON, *Chairman.*

O.—See page 25.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Your Committee have had under consideration the papers from Heathville Circuit, Virginia, expressing the desire of that charge to be connected with the Maryland Annual Conference, and applying for a pastor for the ensuing year. We respectfully recommend—

1. That the representatives to the General Conference request that the aforesaid charge be included in the bounds of the Maryland District, and,
2. That the President of this Conference be authorized to loan them a pastor, provided it can be done without detriment to our own work.
3. We express our appreciation of the letter received from Rev. Lyman E. Davis, the fraternal messenger from the New York Conference, bearing the Christian greetings of that body, and we recommend the appointment of a fraternal messenger to carry our brotherly love to that Conference, and our most earnest desire for its prosperity.

J. L. MILLS, *Chairman.*

P.—See page 26.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions submit the following report:

The year has been marked by vigorous exertion and active progress in the work of heathen evangelization. The several denominations of Christendom, and the great Missionary Societies projected work in advance of all previous attempts—work feasible only in the eyes of faith—the benevolence of the churches responded to the enlarged

demand, and the result has met the expectation of that faith and fully compensated the expenditures of that holy zeal.

Naturally the prosperity of the church at home has kept pace with the progress of the church abroad. A faith with fire and force sufficient to attempt the world's salvation, easily effects the conversion of souls within its immediate glow. The obedience which honors God in discharging Christ's supreme commission. He honors with "the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel." The zeal that dares attempt for God, what lies beyond its ability. He qualifies by giving enough means and men and spiritual life, in excess of all old demands, to supply the new necessity it creates. The Tree of Life, as it stretches its branches over far-off climes, must spread its roots deeper and wider through the soil in which its stock is planted. We rejoice with the church universal in the outbursting upon the nations of the glory of the Lord!

2. Our own foreign work exhibits a progress that justifies great joy, while, at the same time, it enhances our responsibility and demands increased outlay and exertion. Nine missionaries are now in the field and two others on the way. In Yokohama, where the Rev. T. H. Colhour is in charge, the mission building has been enlarged and a new chapel built. The schools have increased ten per cent. The latest advices inform us that the mission is in a flame of revival, fourteen persons having been converted, making sixty since June. In Nagoya, a city of 300,000 inhabitants, until very lately with no mission station but our own, Rev. F. Kline has organized a church. Sunday and day schools. Mrs. Kline has a girls' school under her care, and Miss Whetstone, employed by the Woman's Society, is actively engaged in the same place. Suitable buildings are in process of erection. In Yokohama the church numbers one hundred and twelve members, and in Nagoya thirty-five. Four hundred and twenty-two pupils are under instruction. The total value of our property in Japan is \$12,500.00, and the annual expenditure for the support of the work, \$9,500.00.

3. During the year Home Missions have been planted in Washita, Kansas; in Armour, Dakota, and at Magnolia and St. Francis, Arkansas. Everywhere doors of opportunity stand open. Everywhere, especially in the far West, the empire of the future, with its crowding population of mixed, foreign and often lawless people, patriotism and piety alike cry for the speedy establishment of evangelical churches.

4. We must note with regret a decline in the contributions to Foreign Missions. In the general church the exhibit is \$500 less than last year. In the Maryland District diminished collections will be reported. This has been due, in part, to the stringency of the times; in part also to the unusual expenditure in the building and improvement of churches; but it is also explained by the fact that too many pastors have regarded the proceeds of "Children's Day" as the dis-

charge, in whole or in part, of the assessment upon their charges. It requires the revenue of "Children's Day," and the payment of the assessment in full to satisfy the demands of the great work which God, in response to our prayer, has committed to our hands. It is time that we had learned the lesson, demonstrated by all experience, that nothing can so inspire the churches to foster and sustain their local interests as to inflame them with missionary enthusiasm.

5. The Woman's Society, so largely contributing in the past to the establishment of our foreign interests, continues its work. When it began six years ago there were eight auxiliaries in this district with an income of \$146. There are now thirty-three, with a revenue of \$1,120. In many charges where they might flourish, no societies exist, and in not a few, where they are formed, interest is suffered to flag and attendance is neglected. The Lord Christ is calling for the fuller consecration of the womanhood of the Church to the work for which He died.

6. It is recommended that "Children's Day" be universally observed. The financial outcome is important, and not less so is its educational effects. June 10th is set apart as the day. An elaborate service of song, recitations and Scripture readings has been prepared and printed programs and collection envelopes will be supplied to Sabbath schools without cost, on application to the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. F. T. Tagg, 1555 Lafayette avenue, Baltimore, Md.

7. We appeal to our ministers, leaders and teachers that they constantly teach that the supreme object, not of one collection, but of every effort to increase the members, wealth and spiritual life of the church, is to accumulate new forces to extend Christ's kingdom "to earth's remotest bounds," and that "all who love his appearing," live in expectation of, and "continue instant in prayer" for the time when the money power of the church shall be converted from its paganism, and when all the nations and kingdoms and tribes of men shall bow in homage beneath Immanuel's sway.

8. We are grateful to receive the greeting of Rev. F. Klein, and assure him of our continued sympathy with him in his work and our unceasing prayer for his success.

L. W. BATES, *Chairman.*

Q.—See page 26.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools present the following report: In our judgment the Sunday schools in the Maryland District present a most interesting and promising field of labor for the laity, as well as for the ministry of our church; but that this labor may be effective and profitable we must carefully exclude from our schools everything of a doubtful character.

We must not by any means allow the impression to be made upon the minds of our children that the chief end of the Sunday school is to afford a pleasant hour of entertainment; neither ought we to suffer the exercises of the school to become a drag and a weariness to the children. We must impress upon all, both teachers and scholars, the fact that a Sunday school means work.

We have found by experience, that when children expect to work, they work with a will, but when they expect to be entertained, they will show disappointment and unrest should the entertainment happen to fall below their expectations. We, therefore, recommend:

1st. That superintendents and teachers require of their scholars a patient and careful study of every Sunday's lesson, and that they be required and encouraged to memorise at least some portion of each scriptural lesson during the week.

2d. That teachers are hereby urged to visit their scholars at their homes, especially the absent and sick, and to take a wise and thoughtful oversight of their moral conduct; and, also, on every favorable occasion to set Christ before them as the Saviour of little children.

3rd. That the best and most practicable means be used in all our schools to train our children and young people in the duty and blessedness of Christian giving.

4th. We also recommend that our schools be supplied with our own literature and be kept open the whole year, and that our children be carefully trained in the doctrines and polity of their own church.

5th. We further recommend that Temperance Societies, or Bands of Hope be organized whenever practicable in our schools, for the purpose of teaching our children the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks.

H. C. CUSHING, *Chairman.*

R.—See page 26.

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education congratulates the Conference and the friends of Western Maryland College upon the gratifying progress made by that institution, and its encouraging prospect of increased usefulness and prosperity. Never in the history of the College has it had so many students as at present, or enjoyed equal facilities for rendering satisfaction to its patrons and friends.

To commend the energetic President and able Faculty is indeed a pleasure, but in view of the repeated testimonials of confidence and esteem they have received from this body it seems almost a superfluity.

The committee would recommend to the Conference, and to all members and friends of the Methodist Protestant Church, the serious consideration of President Lewis's suggestions respecting the endowment of the College. It may not be possible in the few days that re-

main of our annual session, and while our minds are directed to many and various subjects, to mature a plan that will answer in every respect the requirements of the case. But as a help toward a movement in the direction of endowment, they submit a plan, which the Conference may adopt in whole, or with such alterations and amendments as may commend themselves to the judgment of the body; or it may be referred to a committee, to serve after the adjournment, as a help to something that shall seem, after mature deliberation, better adapted to the end in view.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education, which was referred to the committee, calls attention to the fact that "over fifty candidates for the ministry are now in our two principle colleges and schools of theology. Twenty-one of these are being aided by the board. A number of others are duly recommended by their annual conferences and will receive its assistance next year." The Secretary continues: "This is the largest number that ever received the aid of the board in a single year." He further contributes the gratifying information that "many of the candidates are young men of much promise of future usefulness; and it is certainly a matter for profound thankfulness to God on the part of the Church that He is calling so many of her sons to devote their lives to the work of the ministry."

Agreeing with the Secretary in this sentiment, the committee improves the opportunity to remark, that precisely such men as he describes are the men to whom the board should extend assistance. The committee are aware that the board has made repeated efforts to ascertain who are most deserving of assistance, and to withhold it from such as evidently do not possess the powers of mind or qualities of heart that are indispensable for the ministry of the gospel. We are aware, also, that the commendable efforts of the board have not accomplished all that was desired, owing to the lack of co-operation and the failure of other official bodies to exercise due circumspection. It is most devoutly to be desired that quarterly conferences, annual conferences and all officials charged with the duty of examining and reporting on the qualifications of candidates, take sufficient pains to obtain all requisite information, and to become well assured that those whom they recommend possess the necessary qualifications; that in no instance they suffer their better judgment to be controlled by mere sentiment or considerations of private friendship; and that in no instance one official body shall attempt to shift responsibility from itself to some other body which, it may assume, will employ more rigorous methods to ascertain the fitness of candidates. The ministry of the gospel is a high calling in Christ Jesus, and we dishonor ourselves, do a serious injury to our fellow men, and incur the dread condemnation of the Great Head of the Church if we omit any practicable means of guarding the sacred office from the intrusion of the incompetent or the profane.

It appears from the Twenty-third Annual Report of the Board of Ministerial Education, that the receipts from twenty-two annual conferences, for the year ending July 20, 1887, was \$1,816.82, and the expenses of the board for salary of Corresponding Secretary and travelling expenses, exclusive of the sum of \$54.06 paid for postage, printing, stationery and exchange was \$552.97. The largest contribution made by any one Conference was \$421.34. This was made by the Maryland Conference, which was unvisited by the Corresponding Secretary, except on the occasion of its annual meeting in the town of Easton. There was paid to beneficiaries at Westminster the sum of \$775. The whole amount received by the board, including payments from former beneficiaries and invested fund, as well as from conferences, \$3,879.41. The whole amount of expenditure was \$3,462.03.

If the General Conference shall see fit to employ a travelling secretary during the next quadrennium, it is evident that an adequate salary will have to be provided. It is evident, also, that something must be done to make the cost of obtaining funds less in proportion to the whole amount obtained than it was last year. If we go on expending upon a salaried officer more than thirty per cent. of the whole amount contributed, it is certain that our people will become weary of giving, unless we conceal from them the fact that it is so expended, which is to do something so manifestly at variance with Christian honesty that it ought to be named only to be rejected.

JOHN J. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

PLAN FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

- 1st. The organization of a Young Ladies' Society in each church in the Conference, similar to that now organized in West Baltimore Church.
- 2d. The organization of a central association, to be composed of delegates from each local society to meet at Westminster in August of each year, and take a general supervision of the whole work, receive and invest the funds, and adopt such methods as will secure new students for the college and increase the receipts for endowment.
- 3rd. That the local societies shall do all in their power to secure new students, solicit donations, legacies, gifts, &c., and that the pastors and the friends of the college be earnestly urged to do all in their power to assist the ladies in the accomplishment of their work.
- 4th. That the President of the college and the members of the faculty, in their visit among the churches, be requested to aid, advise and assist the ladies in their organizations, and to do what they can to make this work general in the church.
- 5th. That this Conference suggest the propriety of employing a competent agent for the purpose of making effective throughout this dis-

strict the plan suggested above for endowment of Western Maryland College, and for the further purpose of securing additional students.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

To the Maryland Annual Conference

of the Methodist Protestant Church:

DEAR BRETHREN: It is my duty, as a member of your body and holding my present position by your permission, to report to you my official labors during the year.

Students.

Although the year has been one of financial distress, we have enrolled the largest number of students yet reached in the history of the college, viz., 160, which is an increase of 35 over last year, and of 19 over 1874, which was the year of largest enrollment hitherto. Of these students 82 have been boarders.

We have capacity for 100 boarders, and our capacity ought to be filled, as I think you will agree after this report, and it would doubtless have been filled but for the financial condition already alluded to.

It will be noted that the proportion of day students is much greater than ever before. This would not be encouraging if the number of boarders were decreasing; but, as we have as many boarders as at any previous time, and if we count theological students, 18 or 20 more than ever before, the increase in the number of day students means that the Institution was never so popular at home as it is now, and that those who know best its work are giving it the largest patronage. But we cannot afford to have empty rooms, and an energetic canvass will be made this summer to reach the full quota of 100 boarding students. To this desirable end I earnestly invite the co-operation of the members of this Conference.

Finances of the year.

The school year opened September 5, 1887. The first term closing December 5th, cleared a surplus of \$1,786.44; the second term closing March 12th, cleared a surplus of \$2,371.84, making a total for both terms of \$4,158.28. Of this amount \$2,202.00 has been paid on debt and the balance on improvements.

The college now owes a gross amount of \$10,000, in which is included the mortgage for \$7,000, authorized by the last Conference to build the addition to the college. This mortgage was given to the Westminster Savings Institution and bears five per cent. interest. It has been reduced by the payments above mentioned to \$5,000. The same institution holds a note for \$3,000 at the same rate of interest, and John Smith holds a note for \$2,000, both the latter being the remaining portion of the old debt, and making a total gross debt as before stated of \$10,000.

It was thought at first that an effort would be made to raise the loan for the new building among the friends of the College in the various churches, and several brethren kindly volunteered their aid in the matter, but our attorney advised us to place the loan to one mortgage.

As various other changes and improvements had to be made in the Main Building and Ward Hall at the same time that the new addition was being erected, and as it was not convenient nor necessary to keep more than one account, it is not possible to state the exact cost of the addition, but it probably is a little in excess of \$6,000. The total cost of improvements made since commencement is \$11,542.72, of which all has been paid but \$864.43, which is provided for out of the receipts of the current term. The total amount paid, \$10,678.29, has been raised as follows:

From Mortgage \$7,000, less \$175, interest.....	\$ 6,825.00
“ Surplus of 1886-7.....	1,161.85
“ “ “ 1887-8.....	2,691.44
	\$10,678.29

IMPROVEMENTS.

As so large a sum has been expended for improvements during the year, it is proper that you should have a somewhat detailed description of what has been done, and that you may have an unprejudiced account, I take pleasure in substituting for my own a description written by the Editor of the METHODIST PROTESTANT after personal inspection and published in that paper August 27th, 1887.

The latest addition is the handsome and commodious Annex to the Main Building, known as Smith Hall. It is 104x39 feet, three stories, built in the most substantial manner, and in architectural harmony with the other structures. We enter it and find on the first floor the dining hall, 75x35 feet, and it will easily dine at one sitting two hundred persons. This could be increased by fifty more. Dining-tables are used to seat eight each, arranged for the young men on the north side, the young women on the south, and the professors through the middle. Few first-class hotels can boast a larger or more agreeable dining-hall. At the east end are the bakery, kitchen, pantry and dish-room. These arrangements will insure even an improved continuance of the table service which gave such satisfaction the past year.

On the second floor is the grand auditorium, 98x39 feet in the clear, with a capacity of one thousand sitting. This is for commencements and other great college occasions. At the west end, connecting with the old main building, there is a raised platform that will seat the entire school. From this elevation the view is of a symmetrical, well lighted and beautiful auditorium. Passing to the third floor, reached by broad staircases, you are in the Smith Hall dormitories. They are ranged on either side of a spacious hall. These are exclusively for

young women, each room 15x10, with a 9½ foot ceiling, a large window in each, from which there is a magnificent panoramic view for miles to the hill-girt horizon. These rooms were completely furnished with stationary wardrobes, and every reasonable convenience. On the same floor is the bath room, infirmary, visitor's spare room and preceptress's room. Smith Hall made it possible to reconstruct the Main building to greater advantage. This was done by turning the old dining-hall into a gymnasium for the girls, 50x25 feet. On the second floor a reading-room and museum, 50x25 feet. An art room specially furnished to this end, 40x30 feet. The old dormitories have been changed into eight piano rooms, with an instrument in each for practice. Besides these there is a college organ, and a private piano of the President, and one of the Professor of Music, in his private room. Smith Hall, Ward Hall and nearly all of the Main Buildings are heated by steam. The dormitories of the Main building and Smith Hall are now exclusively for young women, and none is higher than the second story, with broad halls and wide staircases for ready egress in emergency. President Lewis, who has planned all these improvements, has kept in mind a *minimum* of danger and a *maximum* of comfort. How fully these are now furnished every patron can assure himself by a visit.

Western Maryland College has now a pile of buildings, well adapted, and well furnished, and is the leading College of the State as well in material as number of students, and grade of scholarly work."

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The finances of the college have long been the subject of your earnest consideration and effort. I am sure, therefore, you will be glad to pause here long enough to consider what has been done in this direction since I assumed the Presidency, July 1, 1886.

1. *Earnings*.—Since July 1, 1886, all monies received on account due prior to that time have been applied in full to the reduction of the debt, so that no money has been used or included in earning, except that received on accounts made after July 1, 1886. Out of the amount so received all current expenses have been paid monthly, and the surplus devoted as follows:

Paid on debt credited prior to July 1, 1886.....	\$ 4,147.67
Paid on improvements made since July 1, 1886.....	6,008.69
Paid on loan to build Smith Hall.....	2,000.00

Total amount paid out of surplus since July 1, 1886..... \$12,156.36

2. *Improvements*.—What might be called the college "plant," consisting of buildings, furniture, apparatus, &c., has been increased since July 1, 1886, to the following amount:

Received from S. S. contributions and others.....	\$ 2,671.37
Received from college earnings.....	6,008.69
Received from Smith-Hall loan.....	6,825.00

Total paid for improvements since July 1, 1886..... \$15,505.06

3. <i>Debt</i> .—The total amount due by the college when I took charge July 1, 1886, was.....	\$13,303.91
To decrease this, I have realized on assets reported at that time.....	4,156.24
	<u>\$9,147.67</u>

We may call this amount the net debt of the college at that time, although, to make it such it was necessary, of course, to use all the money received on old account strictly for the payment of debt.

This debt has been decreased by the payment of \$4,147.67 out of earnings since July 1, 1886, (previously noted), until it now amounts to \$5,000. A new debt was created by the Smith-Hall loan of \$7,000, reduced by the payment of \$2,000, so that the total amount of money now owed by the college is \$10,000, and bills receivable may be safely put at \$2,000, making present net debt \$8,000.

4. *Betterment*.—Once more, we may consider the financial condition by comparison and measure the progress made by the figures showing our present condition:

Improvements made and paid for since July 1, 1886.....	\$15,505.06
Reduction in debt.....	1,147.67

Betterment since July 1, 1886..... \$16,652.73

ENDOWMENT.

I place this item here as a fitting, and, as I trust you will regard it, a logical conclusion to the whole matter. The present management has been on trial, and here presents its results: Does it merit confidence? That question will best be answered by what the church is willing to do to express that confidence. A committee appointed by the last Conference will have a report to make in which this matter will be considered more at large. In the name and by the authority of the facts here presented, I respectfully ask you to give a willing ear to what they have to present.

It must be apparent to you that no success based on current operations alone, however gratifying, can be more than a Jonah's gourd, and that the permanency of the institution must rest on the foundation which epidemics and fires and even hard times cannot unsettle, the invested funds of an endowment. If the Church will undertake

the work it can be done and five more years can easily bring us not a dollar of debt and \$25,000 endowment. Let us do it.

Respectfully submitted,

April 4, 1888.

T. H. LEWIS, *President.*

We have had vouchers presented to us which confirm the statements made in this report.

J. W. HENING.

J. T. MURRAY,

CHAS. BILLINGSLEA.

S.—See page 26.

PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE.

The committee have audited the accounts presented by the agent, Bro. J. N. Gilbert, and find them correct according to the vouchers. We recommend.

1st. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to Bro. J. N. Gilbert for his kind attention to this interest, and that he be respectfully requested to continue as the agent of the President's parsonage.

T. D. VALIANT, *Chairman.*

T.—See page 27.

TITLE TO PROPERTY.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Your Committee on Title to Church Property beg leave to report favorably upon the accompanying resolution for the sale of the Washington-Street Methodist Protestant Church property, and recommend its adoption, with the condition that the President of the Conference before executing the papers in the resolution referred to, first satisfy himself that the newly acquired property by said congregation has been conveyed to the use and benefit of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. CATON, *Chairman.*

Be it resolved, This 9th day of April, 1888, by the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in Annual Session Assembled:

1st. That we do hereby grant, release and quit claim unto the "Trustees of the Washington-Street Station of the Methodist Protestant Church in the city of Baltimore," all right, title, estate, claim and demand which we have or may be entitled to, in, unto and out of all that

lot of ground and improvements situate in Baltimore City at the southwest corner of Lombard and Washington Streets, 55½ feet front on Washington Street, and having a rectangular depth binding on Lombard Street of 80 feet. The consideration for this grant and release being the sum of one dime, the payment of which is hereby admitted by the passage of these resolutions.

2d. That Wm. S. Hammond, the President of said Conference be, and he is hereby, authorized and instructed for and on behalf of, and as agent and attorney of said Conference and of its membership, to sign, execute and deliver to said "Trustees of the Washington-Street Station of the Methodist Protestant Church, in the city of Baltimore," these presents and any other deed, release or paper writing, that may be necessary to carry out or fully vest in said last-named Church Body, any and all right, title and claim of said Conference and its membership, in and to said property, and said President is hereby further authorized to make and adopt a seal or seals for said Conference and its membership, and to attach the same to this and such other papers made and executed about the same subject matter.

3rd. That a copy of these resolutions be inserted in the record of the minutes of this Conference.

[SEAL.]

WM. S. HAMMOND,

*President of the Maryland Annual Conference
of the Methodist Protestant Church.*

BALTIMORE, April 11, 1885.

U.—See page 27.

STEWARDS SUPERANNUATED FUND.

RECEIPTS.

From the Invested Fund.....	\$4,431.41
Collections from the District.....	1,267.78
Legacy of Mrs. A. C. Baker.....	500.00
Annual Dues..	81.05
In hand from Last Year.....	14.50
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	\$6,294.74

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Investment:	
Mrs. A. C. Baker's Legacy.....	\$ 500.00
From the Collections.....	82.00
Distributed to Claimants.....	5,586.60
To Incoming Superannuates.....	120.00
Expenses of Cor. Sec. and Stewards.....	2.25
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Balance on hand.....	6,290.85
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	\$3.89
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	\$6,294.74

Amount of Claims.....	\$9,175.00
Per Centum Paid.....	.6089

<i>Claimants.</i>	<i>Claim.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>
Jas Thompson.....	\$350	\$213.11
Jas K. Nichols.....	300	182.67
W. G. Holmes.....	100	60.89
J. W. Everist.....	100	60.89
J. H. Ellegood.....	350	213.11
H. J. Day.....	200	121.78
D. W. Bates.....	300	182.67
C. H. Littleton.....	400	243.56
S. B. Southerland.....	600	365.34
Mrs. F. G. Wright.....	200	121.78
“ M. H. Whiteside.....	150	91.33
“ T. M. Wilson.....	200	121.78
“ S. G. Valiant.....	200	121.78
“ J. Roberts.....	350	213.11
“ D. E. Reese.....	250	152.22
“ J. E. Read.....	200	121.78
“ Thos. Lee.....	200	121.78
“ N. S. Greenaway.....	200	121.78
“ D. N. Gilbert.....	300	182.67
“ C. Eversole.....	200	121.78
“ T. M. Bryan.....	200	121.78
“ I. T. Adkins.....	200	121.78
“ W. C. Ames.....	375	228.33
“ D. Bowers.....	150	91.33
“ W. T. Wright.....	200	121.78
“ P. L. Wilson.....	200	121.78
“ C. T. Cochel.....	300	182.67
“ H. E. Miskimon.....	350	213.11
“ J. M. Elderdice.....	350	213.11
“ J. A. McFaden.....	350	213.11
“ C. B. Middleton.....	350	213.11
“ W. T. Dumm.....	400	243.56
“ D. A. Shermer.....	200	121.78
“ J. G. Sullivan.....	400	243.56
	<u>\$9,175</u>	<u>\$5,586.60</u>

J. O. CROUSE, *Steward.*

V.—See page 28.

LITERATURE.

Two important papers were referred to your committee, viz: the Report of the Book Directory, and a letter addressed to the Confer-

ence by Rev. J. F. Cowan, the editor of our Sunday-school publications, and on these papers we respectfully report as follows:

1. That we join, with pride and pleasure, the many patrons of the METHODIST PROTESTANT in commending its new form and its enlargement as a decided improvement, advancing it to favorable comparison with the best-supported papers of the country.

2. That the increase of the expense of publication in the sum of \$2,600, occasioned by these improvements, become, under the circumstances of the case, a very serious matter, imperatively demanding the special attention of every pastor and friend of the paper. The pledge which this Conference made last spring “That each member, ministerial and lay, will use his utmost endeavor to secure at least ten new subscribers,” has not brought the result that was confidently expected. Instead of at least 1,000 new subscribers only 512 have been secured. The Directory tells us that 1,800 are required to make these changes a business success, and if an approximation of this number is not obtained they will be compelled to reduce the size of the paper to save the House from serious loss.

3. That we emphatically endorse the statement of the Directory, that the METHODIST PROTESTANT is the silent helper of every pastor and a blessing in every home where it is introduced. And your committee, deeply impressed with the urgency of the case, earnestly recommend that the most persistent and determined efforts be made by a personal canvass of every family in each charge to secure, at the earliest possible moment, the required number of new subscribers. The people need the paper no less than the paper needs the liberal patronage of the people.

4. That we take great pleasure in calling special attention to the new location and the large and finely equipped business house of Bro. W. J. C. Dulany, our Publisher. It should not be overlooked that our patronage of this house in the line of books and Sunday-school supplies of all kinds, ought to secure to the Church a large annual income; but this is diminished by the degree in which our patronage is bestowed elsewhere.

5. That we highly appreciate and commend the spirit of enterprise and progress displayed by the Editor, Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse, and the Agent, W. J. C. Dulany, to whose faithful and efficient services we are indebted for the improvements of the METHODIST PROTESTANT, which reflects alike great credit on the Church and themselves.

6. That it is highly gratifying to know that the folly of substituting other lesson-helps for our own has well nigh ceased among us. But it is still to be regretted that more of our schools do not put in the hands of our children *The Morning Guide* and other Sunday-school periodicals. Give the children our Sunday-school literature and you make future readers of the Church organs, students for our colleges

and missionary workers. The excellence of these publications under the editorship of Rev. J. F. Cowan, entitle them to a place in every Sabbath school of the Methodist Protestant Church.

B. F. BENSON, *Chairman.*

W.—See page 28.

FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the report of the Secretary of the Conference on the publication of the minutes, with the vouchers, and have found it correct and that there is due him five dollars and fifty-five cents.

Your committee beg leave to present the tabular statement of assessments for the various finances of the district.

D. W. BATES, *Chairman.*

X.—See page 28.

FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.

1. We recommend that George W. Haddaway, Thomas E. Davis, Aloysius Green and Henry W. D. Johnson be received in the itinerancy.

2. We recommend that Martin L. Cohee be left in the hands of the President.

3. We recommend that G. Albert Ogg remain at the Seminary for two years.

We report that of the 1st Year's Class B. F. Truitt was marked 100 in Meth. Prot. Church History, R. S. Williamson was marked 100 in Theology and also in Homiletics, and that both of these and also E. H. Vandyke were passed to the second year. Wesley Paris was continued in the class of the first year.

Of the 2nd Year's Class F. T. Benson and Luther R. Dyott were marked 100 in all their studies. N. T. Meginniss was marked 100 in Theology and Christian Pastorate, 100 in Sacred Geography; these, together with Elmer Simpson and J. F. Wooden were passed to the third year.

Of the 3rd Year's Class H. L. Elderdice and B. W. Kindley were marked 100 in all their studies and with S. C. Ohrum, C. R. Blades and B. F. Jester, have completed the course of instruction. H. G. Cowan and J. H. Daugherty are continued in the third year.

We recommend that Charles Ellsworth McCullough be placed in the hands of the President.

We recommend that Randolph C. Anderson be employed by the President, if in his judgment his labors can be profitably employed.

We recommend Charles M. Day to the Board of Ministerial Education for aid and that he pursue such course of instruction at the Seminary as the Committee of Examination at the College shall decide.

We recommend that Edward Franklin Redding be requested to prepare himself at home until further qualified, and we commend him to the fostering care of the Church at Hampden and to its pastor.

We recommend Ulysses G. Murphy to the Board of Ministerial Education for aid when he shall present to the committee at the Seminary the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of Dorchester Circuit. We refer the case of Charles K. McCaslin to the committee at the Seminary and they will decide whether he is a suitable person to receive aid from the Board of Ministerial Education.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President.*

Y—See page 28.

SUPERANNUATED CLAIMANTS.

The Committee on Superannuated Claimants submit the following report:

APPROPRIATIONS.

Rev. S. B. Southerland.....	\$600 00
“ J. W. Everist.....	100 00
“ H. J. Day.....	200 00
“ D. W. Bates.....	300 00
“ Jas. Thompson.....	300 00
“ Jas. K. Nichols.....	250 00
“ Wm. G. Holmes.....	100 00
“ J. H. Ellegood.....	350 00
“ C. H. Littleton.....	400 00
“ J. G. Sullivan.....	400 00
“ R. S. Norris.....	300 00
“ W. J. D. Lucas.....	450 00
“ W. F. Livingston.....	400 00
“ H. C. Cushing.....	200 00
“ J. A. Weigand.....	400 00
Mrs. I. T. Atkins.....	200 00
“ Wm. C. Ames.....	300 00
“ Daniel Bowers.....	100 00
“ Thos. M. Bryan.....	200 00
“ C. T. Cochel.....	250 00
“ Wm. T. Dumm.....	300 00

Mrs. J. M. Elderdice.....	350 00
" C. Eversole.....	200 00
" D. F. Ewell.....	200 00
" D. N. Gilbert.....	300 00
" Ann Greenaway.....	200 00
" Thos. Lee.....	200 00
" J. A. McFaden.....	350 00
" C. B. Middleton.....	350 00
" H. E. Miskimon.....	300 00
" J. E. Read.....	200 00
" D. E. Reese.....	250 00
" John Roberts.....	350 00
" D. A. Shermer.....	200 00
" T. M. Wilson.....	200 00
" P. L. Wilson.....	150 00
" F. G. Wright.....	200 00
" Wm. S. Wright.....	200 00
" M. H. Whiteside.....	150 00
" S. G. Valiant.....	200 00

Mrs. L. A. Collins having deceased during the year, her name has been taken from the list.

Respectfully,

A. W. MATHER, *Chairman.*

Z.—See page 28.

HOME MISSIONS.

The mission work of our district, though it has been the subject of much discussion, and is familiar in its general features to the members of the Conference, is not, we believe, appreciated in its importance to the church. Mistakes have, doubtless, been made, but the blessed results of this work are found all over the district, in prosperous churches and growing mission churches, and in thousands of souls saved, some of whom are in the active ministry of this Conference.

So important is this work that we cannot afford to neglect it, or suffer it to be pushed into a subordinate place among the interests that claim the support of the church.

Your committee is convinced :

1st. That any church which continues a beneficiary upon these funds for several years, without marked growth is injured, loses its self-respect, and in large measure, the respect of the community, and becomes a hopeless enterprise.

2d. That it is an unwise zeal which leads us to establish missions in towns and communities which have ample Evangelical churches for

the population, and that it is a wrong sentiment which prompts us, tenaciously to hold on to mission fields, which from any cause are unresponsive to our ministry among them.

3rd. That the chief need in some of our missions is a zealous and aggressive ministry—the presence of a real ministry, and not missionary money.

We will need for the support of our missions and the payment of deficiency of last year \$3,000.

We recommend this plan for raising the money :

Let the Conference appoint a committee of two who shall send to pastors envelopes to be used in the collection ; and, also, a form of special service to be used on Home Missionary Day. And that the second Sabbath in October be set apart as the day for this service.

All pastors are expected, diligently, to put into operation this plan ; and if for any reasons they cannot do so, let them prove the efficiency of their individual plans by raising the entire assessment.

We recommend that Leipsic, Talbot, Chesterfield, Amelia, and Williamsport, be left without appropriation.

The following appropriations are recommended to the Conference :

APPROPRIATIONS.

Cumberland.....	\$100 00
Chincoteague.....	150 00
Middleway.....	150 00
Sussex.....	100 00
Georgetown, Delaware, if supplied.....	50 00
Powellsville.....	100 00
Salisbury.....	200 00
Wilmington.....	200 00
Potomac.....	150 00
Felton.....	150 00
Crumpton.....	50 00
Cambridge.....	300 00
Seaford.....	150 00

JOHN D. KINZER, *Chairman.*

AA.—See page 29.

BENEVOLENT AGENCIES.

Your committee have to report : That the aggregate amount collected on the Maryland District for the Maryland Bible Society is \$214.86. The annual donation by Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese is \$150. Besides a donation of \$300 was received by check from the late Mrs. A. C. Baker, of Buckeystown, Md. The whole amount being \$664.86.

We recommend that the following persons be elected as life directors of the Maryland Bible Society: Revs. J. M. Sheridan, J. W. Kirk, L. R. Dyott, G. Q. Bacchus, J. F. Wooden, J. W. Trout, J. M. Yingling, H. G. Cowan, J. W. Norris, W. W. White.

Also your committee report: That the whole amount collected on the District and come into the hands of the steward for the Maryland Tract Society is \$430.53. We recommend that the following persons be made life members: J. A. Weigand, J. F. Wooden, A. J. Walter, C. R. Blades.

E. R. MCGREGOR, *Chairman.*

BB.—See page 21.

MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY.

*To the Maryland Annual Conference
of the Methodist Protestant Church.*

BALTIMORE, April 3, 1888.

BELOVED BRETHREN: As required by our charter the Maryland Educational Endowment Society of the Methodist Protestant Church makes to your body our annual report.

Nothing of interest has occurred in the affairs of the Society, except, that the waiver of mortgage held by us on the Western Maryland College, as authorized by you, was made at a meeting held on the 15th of June ultimo.

Since the waiver the Western Maryland College has paid upon this first mortgage of \$7,000 the sum of \$2,000.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. DRINKHOUSE, *Secretary.*

CC.—See page 22.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance respectfully submit the following:

A total or a partial disregard of the Christian Sabbath is one of the glaring and growing evils of this age; one which demoralizes all classes and sexes, is particularly pernicious to the youth of this country, detrimental to the spread of Christianity and subversive of the best interests of our race. A profanation of God's Holy Day by those who make no pretensions to piety is an ill to be greatly deplored, and for such an offence to be committed by any of those who are identified

with the Church of Christ, is, to say the least of it, a wrong for which there is neither palliation nor justification. It is a course of procedure neither warranted by the physical necessities of man, nor is it conducive to his moral or his spiritual welfare; furthermore, it is a daringly presumptuous violation of that commandment which bids us to "Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy," and one which deserves as well the unqualified condemnation of all Christian people. It is to be greatly regretted that all over our land that Sacred Day is, more or less, desecrated, and that its sanctity is ignored upon the part of some by the performance of labors and the engagement in diversions, the former of which are neither "works of mercy or of necessity," nor are the latter "means of grace" for spiritual growth. It is also to be lamented that between, and in some of our larger cities, commerce by steam and animal transportation is indulged in the conveyance of men, mails and merchandize: that Sunday newspapers are issued, delivered at public and private places, and hawked about our streets; confectionery, cigar, tobacco and bakery stores, are kept open for public traffic; the public peace is broken and religious worship in our churches is seriously disturbed and interfered with by bands of music parading our streets and playing upon their instruments on these sacred days in violation of both the divine and the civil law; while many liquor saloons clandestinely generally, but sometimes openly, dispense their soul and body destroying intoxicating beverages. These dreadful evils are enough to provoke the wrath of the Almighty God, and justly deserve the censure of all God-fearing and law-abiding citizens. We therefore recommend:

1st. That this Conference disapproves of and discountenances the doing of any work on the Sabbath Day, other than "such as the Word of God doth allow," and that it behooves all of our members, unless they are providentially hindered, to repair to their respective churches at the hours appointed for public worship on these holy days and use every legitimate means to prevent their desecration.

2d. That we enter our protest against any species of traffic, travel or secular diversion, on the Sabbath which contravenes either the divine or civil law.

3rd. That we condemn the practice of either civil, political or ecclesiastical organizations parading through our streets on the Sabbath Day with bands of music, to the disturbance of its quiet and of public religious worship, or of private meditation at home, as both an infraction of law and order, as well as an infringement upon our rights too intolerable for our quiet submission, and calling for such prompt and decisive action upon the part of our municipal and state authorities as will effectually stop all such unchristian and illegal proceedings.

ROBERT S. ROWE, *Chairman.*

DD.—See page 24.

HOME MISSIONARY STEWARD.

Charges.	Appropriation.	Paid.	Deficient.
Amelia and Chesterfield.....	\$ 75.00	\$40.97	\$34.03
Alexandria.....	100.00	54.63	45.37
Broadway.....	100.00	54.63	45.37
Cambridge.....	275.00	150.23	124.77
Chincoteague.....	150.00	81.94	68.06
Cumberland.....	150.00	81.94	68.06
Middleway.....	100.00	54.63	45.37
Mt. Tabor.....	75.00	40.97	34.03
Felton.....	150.00	81.94	68.06
N. C. Avenue.....	325.00	177.55	147.45
Potomac.....	150.00	81.94	68.06
Salisbury.....	200.00	109.26	90.74
Snow Hill.....	175.00	95.60	79.40
Sussex.....	100.00	54.63	45.37
Wilmington.....	200.00	109.26	90.74
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Paid Deficiencies.....		\$1,270.12	\$1,054.88
“ J. F. Chesney.....		1,111.68	
Balance.....		25.34	
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		\$2,407.32	
Received from District.....	\$2,343.32		
“ “ Conference Dues.....	64.00		
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		\$2,407.32	

Per cent. paid 54.63.

JOHN S. BOWERS, *Steward.*

EE.—See page 29.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

PRESIDENT, W. S. HAMMOND, 3.

Accomac.....	J. W. Norris, 3.
Alexandria.....	L. R. Dyott, 1.
Amelia and Chesterfield.....	J. F. Wooden, 1.
Anne Arundel.....	J. W. Gray, 3; J. R. Nichols, 2.
Baltimore.....	J. L. Elderdice, 2.
Bedford.....	A. A. Harr man, 2.
Belair.....	S. A. Hoblitzell, 3.
Broadway.....	H. L. Elderdice,

Barren Creek.....	T. A. Davis, 1.
Cambridge.....	J. B. Jones, 3.
Campbell.....	Unsupplied, 1.
Caroline.....	C. S. Arnett, 1.
Cecil.....	W. D. Litsinger, 2.
Central.....	S. R. Murray, 2.
Centreville.....	T. O. Crouse, 4.
Chesapeake.....	B. F. Benson, 1.
Chestertown.....	W. R. Graham, 4.
Chincoteague.....	B. P. Truitt, 2.
Clayton.....	C. R. Blades, 1.
Concord.....	To be supplied, 1.
Crisfield.....	J. W. Kirk, 4.
Crumpton.....	G. J. Smith, 1.
Cumberland.....	E. H. Vandyke, 1.
Deer Creek.....	S. F. Cassen, 3.
Deer Park.....	W. A. Crouse, 1.
Delta.....	S. C. Ohrum, 1.
Dorchester.....	A. W. Mather, 2.
East Baltimore.....	J. D. Kinzer, 3; G. W. Haddaway, 1.
Easton.....	F. T. Little, 6.
Eutaw.....	J. M. Gill, 4.
Fawn Grove.....	J. M. Yingling, 3.
Felton.....	W. W. White, 1.
Finksburg.....	J. T. Lassell, 1.
First Church.....	J. E. Nicholson, 1.
Franklin City.....	M. L. Cohee, 1.
Frederick.....	E. O. Ewing, 1; C. E. McCullough, 1.
Georgetown.....	L. W. Bates, 4.
Georgetown, Del.....	To be supplied, 1.
Grove.....	R. S. Williamson, 1.
Hampden.....	J. L. Straughn, 1.
Harrington.....	C. M. Thompson, 2.
Harper's Ferry.....	B. W. Kindley, 1.
Howard.....	Jesse Shreeve, 2.
Jefferson.....	J. M. Sheridan, 4.
Kennedyville.....	Elmer Simpson, 1.
Kent Island.....	J. H. Daugherty, 1.
Laurel.....	G. Q. Bacchus, 2.
Leipsic.....	H. W. D. Johnson, 1.
Lisbon.....	J. L. Killgore, 1.
Liberty.....	S. T. Ferguson, 2.
Lynchburg.....	T. E. Coulbourne, 4.
Middleway.....	To be supplied, 1.
Milton.....	F. H. Mullineaux, 1.
Mt. Tabor.....	F. T. Benson, 3.
Newark.....	J. L. Mills, 2.

N. C. Avenue.....	J. W. Trout, 5.
Oxford.....	J. M. Holmes, 1.
Pipe Creek.....	T. D. Valiant, 3.
Pittsville.....	W. H. Stone, 1.
Pocomoke.....	C. H. Day, 2.
Pocomoke City.....	A. D. Melvin, 3.
Potomac.....	E. R. McGregor, 1.
Powellville.....	A. J. Walter, 2.
Quantico.....	A. D. Dick, 1.
Queen Anne's.....	S. J. Smith, 1.
Rowlandville.....	J. W. Grant, 1.
Reliance.....	Aloysius Green, 1.
St. James'.....	S. B. Tredway, 2.
St. Luke's.....	J. W. Balderston, 2.
St. Michael's.....	W. M. Poisal, 1.
Salisbury.....	R. L. Lewis, 1.
Seaford.....	D. W. Anstine, 2.
Snow Hill.....	B. F. Jester, 1.
Somerset.....	W. J. Neeper, 1.
South Baltimore.....	J. E. T. Ewell, 6.
Starr.....	W. M. Strayer, 4.
Stewartstown.....	J. S. Bowers, 4.
Surry.....	G. D. Edmonston, 2; R. W. Berryman, Supernumerary, 13.
Susquehanna.....	J. W. Charlton, 2.
Sussex.....	H. G. Cowan, 1.
Talbot.....	In care of pastor of Oxford, 1.
Union.....	G. R. McCready, 2.
Union Bridge.....	J. E. Maloy, 2.
Warwick.....	W. J. Floyd, 1.
Washington-Street.....	R. S. Rowe, 7.
West Baltimore.....	D. L. Greenfield, 6.
Westminster.....	J. T. Murray, 3.
Williamport.....	R. C. Anderson, 1.
Wilmington.....	G. F. Farring, 6.
Berkley, S. C.....	E. R. Washington.
Charleston.....	Francis Brown.

UNSUPPLIED.

All Saints.....	8.
Ellicott's City.....	2.
Indian River.....	7.

LOANED.

To St. John's.....	J. J. Murray, 6; A. Webster, Pastor Emeritus.
" Western Maryland College.....	T. E. Lewis, 3.
" Westminster Theological Seminary.....	J. T. Ward, 3; E. A. Warfield, 2.

To METHODIST PROTESTANT.....	E. J. Drinkhouse, 14.
" Board of Missions.....	F. T. Tagg, 4; F. C. Klein, 6.
" Heathsville.....	To be supplied.

ASSIGNED FOR DUTY.

Chaplain U. S. Army.....	D. Wilson, 8.
Left without appointment at their own request.....	R. T. Smith, 1. J. H. Maynard, 2.

SUPERANNUATES.

J. W. Everist, 21; H. J. Day, 20; James Thompson, 9; J. H. Ellegood, 11; J. K. Nichols, 8; W. G. Holmes, 7; D. W. Bates, 6; S. B. Southerland, 4; C. H. Littleton, 3; H. C. Cushing, 2; J. G. Sullivan, 2; W. J. D. Lucas, 1; R. S. Norris, 1; J. A. Weigand, 1; W. F. Livingston, 1.

FF.—See page 20.

OBITUARY.

DANIEL FITCHETT EWELL,

Son of Rev. George H. Ewell, was born in Accomac County, Va., on the 24th day of January, 1817. His father was an unstationed minister in the Methodist Protestant Church. He was the eldest of three brothers, all members of the Maryland Annual Conference. One of these, Rev. Thoroughgood Ewell, deceased, before him. The other, Rev. John E. T. Ewell, M. D., is still in the active work of the ministry. Daniel F. Ewell received his first appointment from the Maryland Conference in the spring of 1838. The field of his labor was Shippensburg Circuit. From thence he was transferred in 1839, to Dorchester Circuit, which he served that and the following year. His subsequent appointments were: Church Creek, 1842; Brickmakers, Philadelphia, 1843; Union, 1845; Newtown, 1846-'48; Accomac, 1849; Dorchester, 1850; Ann Arundel, 1857-'58; Warwick, 1859-'61; Delaware, 1862-'65; Washington Street, Baltimore, 1866; Warwick, 1866-'70; Talbot, 1871; Powellsville, 1885; Talbot, 1886; Clayton, 1887. He was without an appointment, at his own request, in the years 1851 and 1852. From 1882 to 1884, he was superannuated. During part of the time that he was out of the regular work of the ministry he practiced medicine, for years was one of the judges of the Orphan's Court of Dorchester County, Maryland.

Dr. Ewell was tall and erect, a fluent speaker, earnest, emotional and often very effective; arousing the emotions of his hearers, inspiring Christians with joy, convincing the impenitent and persuading them to seek the great salvation which is so freely offered in the gospel he delighted to proclaim. He was a laborious pastor, kind, affable, persevering, enthusiastic and successful. He was rarely entrusted with a charge that he did not improve, both in its spiritual and material

aspects. The monuments of his faithful toil are to be found wherever he labored during his long and useful career. In some of his charges his success was much more marked than in others. In none, it has been thought, did he labor more earnestly or with better results than his last.

His illness was of brief duration. On the 13th of March, he was seized with a chill; symptoms of pneumonia soon developed, and his condition became alarming to his family. He seemed from the first to apprehend a fatal termination, and prayed earnestly that he might be fully prepared for his change. His daughter writes: "He prayed a great deal, "Wash me and make me every whit whole." Father always had a dread of death, and he prayed, "Father remove every fear. Let me see thee." This prayer was answered. Every fear and doubt left him. At various times he gave expression to his hope and trust in God, even when in great suffering and longing for release, exclaiming, "In thine own good time, Lord take me." "About the last thing he said was in reply to his son-in-law, Rev. Mr. Roe, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who inquired, "Doctor, you feel resigned, don't you?" His face lighted up, and he said: "Perfectly; all is peace." Then clasping his hand, he said: "The everlasting arms are around me."

He fell asleep at ten minutes of 10 o'clock on the 17th of March, 1888. Those who were watching at the moment when he gently drew his last breath, say that his face was lighted with a glory not of this world.

Dr. Ewell had been appointed to preach the Jubilee Sermon, as it may be termed, if Rev. John R. Nichols should be prevented from performing that duty; as he also would have completed fifty years in the ministry, if he had been permitted to labor a few weeks longer. He looked forward to the meeting of Conference with unusual interest, but it pleased the Master to let him enter into rest before the annual gathering should occur; and Daniel Fitchett Ewell began his jubilee year in Paradise.

Dr. Ewell was twice married—in his early ministry to Miss Mary Ross, whose married life was comparatively short, and he was left a widower. A few years later in life, in 1853, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Jefferson, who, together with three children of her own, and three of the former wife, still live to mourn his loss. May they all follow the footsteps of the dear departed, and meet him where parting is no more.

RESOLUTIONS.

1.—See page 17.

A. WEBSTER.

Resolved, That this Conference having heard of the sickness of Rev. A. Webster, D. D., one of its members, hereby expresses its sympathy for him, and its hope for his speedy recovery.

2.—See page 22.

COMMITTEE ON TITLES TO PROPERTY.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the President of the Conference, to whom shall be referred all papers and reports relating to the Title of Church Property, and who shall make such recommendations to the Conference, in the premises, as they may deem necessary and advisable.

3.—See page 24.

RULE 28—SEC. 2.

Resolved, That the words "and as the names of the ministers are called" be stricken from Sec. 2 of Rule 28 of the Manual, and the words "and after the election of the Conference officers," be inserted instead thereof.

4.—See page 25.

COLORED CHURCHES IN S. CAROLINA.

Resolved, That the colored churches of S. Carolina be referred to the Committee on Missions to devise some plan for setting them off as a mission Conference, under the fostering care of this Conference.

5.—See page 25.

E. L. WILLIAMS.

The Conference having learned of the death, at his home in Salisbury, of Emory L. Williams, delegate elect to this body, we desire to make record of this sorrowful fact.

Bro. Williams had frequently been a member of this Conference, and was loved and honored among us as an intelligent and earnest Christian man. He was a man of unquestioned integrity, and loyal devotion to all the interests of the Church.

In his church at home he was in the fore-front of every good work. Wielding a large and gracious influence among those who knew him best, and sustaining his pastor with a thoughtfulness and unselfishness, which will be gratefully remembered by all who have held this tender relation to him. He was respected and honored as a Christian man by the whole community, where he had lived from his boyhood.

To his stricken family we would express our sincere sympathy; and assure them of our prayers to the source of all comfort in their behalf. We shall see him no more in our annual gatherings, but confidently expect to greet him in the "General Assembly and Church of the First-born" above.

We hereby direct the secretary to send to his bereaved family a copy of this minute.

6.—See page 26.

THE GROWING NEED OF MINISTERS.

The Maryland Conference, realizing the growing need of men to supply the demand of our churches for ministers, appreciating the importance of making careful selection of men for this work and earnestly praying the Lord to send forth laborers into his harvest, do hereby resolve:

1. That it is the duty and should be the constant care of every pastor to seek diligently and encourage such young men as may appear to him to be called of God to the work of the ministry. He should have such persons meet him as often as his time will allow for prayer, instruction and consultation and should give them opportunities for the public exercise of their gifts, that by all means he may thoroughly inform himself of their graces and acquirements and be prepared to judge of their fitness for the work.

2. That the Church has a solemn duty in this connection, both of prayer and the exercise of judgment. To enable the Church to offer united supplications it is recommended that the first Sabbath in July be set apart for prayer in all our churches, that God would turn the hearts of his chosen ones to this work and the pastor on that day

ought either to read these resolutions to his congregation or call attention to the subject in some other suitable way. And the Church when called upon to recommend candidates for the ministry ought to exercise a godly judgment and be unwilling to recommend any candidate who does not thoroughly satisfy them of his fitness for our ministry.

3. That while God calls men to the work of the ministry, He has left the preparation for that work largely in the hands of His Church. It is therefore the duty of this Conference to give the most earnest attention to provide for increased efficiency in our educational methods and to guard against the entrance into our ministry of men unfit for the holy office or without sufficient training to fill the office effectively in our Church.

4. That J. H. Lewis, J. D. Kinzer, F. T. Tagg, J. W. Hering, H. Burroughs, and they are hereby created a Committee on Ministerial Candidates, who shall report to the next Conference a plan for carrying the spirit of these resolutions into effect.

7.—See page 26.

COMMITTEE TO PREPARE RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That J. D. Kinzer, F. T. Tagg, W. R. Aikman be appointed a committee to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of E. L. Williams, delegate elect from Salisbury to this Conference.

8.—See page 26.

TRANSPORTATION.

Resolved, That the Editor and Publisher of the METHODIST PROTESTANT and C. W. Button be and are hereby requested to serve as a committee on transportation to the next session of the Annual Conference.

9.—See page 27.

PARSONAGE PROPERTY AND DIVIDING CHARGES.

Resolved, That this Conference shall take no action in reference to division of a charge where there is a parsonage property until a settlement has been made between the different churches to be separated, and that this Conference enjoin upon charges desiring such change to make such settlement before making their application to this Conference.

10.—See page 27.

ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE PUBLISHED MINUTES.

Resolved, That the Committee on Publication of Journal be and is hereby requested to admit the advertisement of The Meth. Prot. Book Concern, The Western Maryland College and The Theological Seminary, in the published minutes of this Conference.

11.—See page 28.

MISSION CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That our representatives to the General Conference be instructed to seek to have the colored churches belonging to this Conference in South Carolina, organized into a Mission Conference.

12.—See page 28.

THANKS.

Resolved, That we return sincere thanks to the pastor, congregation and friends of Broadway Church for their hospitable entertainment of the members of this Conference.

13.—See page 28.

SUBSCRIBERS TO METH. PROT.

Resolved, That every minister and layman of this Conference pledge himself to raise, if possible, at least one club of 10 during this Conference year. *

FINANCIAL

AND

STATISTICAL

TABLES.

Assessments for the Year beginning April, 1888.

CHARGES.	Conference.	Ministerial Education	Seminary.	Superannuates	Home and Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	President's Salary.	Bible.	Tract.
Accomac.....	2.00	3.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	30.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Alexandria.....	4.00	4.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	30.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Amelia.....	2.00	3.00	6.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	12.00	Col.	Col.
Anne Arundel.....	8.00	8.00	25.00	30.00	30.00	35.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Baltimore.....	4.00	6.00	25.00	12.00	25.00	30.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Barren Creek.....	2.00	3.00	10.00	12.00	15.00	20.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Bedford.....	7.00	10.00	30.00	20.00	30.00	50.00	45.00	Col.	Col.
Belair.....	4.00	8.00	25.00	15.00	25.00	30.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Broadway.....	5.00	5.00	20.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Cambridge.....	3.00	5.00	12.00	10.00	20.00	25.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Campbell.....	2.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	8.00	12.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Caroline.....	5.00	8.00	25.00	15.00	40.00	40.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Cecil.....	6.00	8.00	25.00	20.00	35.00	60.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Central.....	5.00	10.00	30.00	20.00	35.00	50.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Chesapeake.....	4.00	6.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	35.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Chesterfield.....	1.00	2.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Centreville.....	5.00	8.00	25.00	20.00	35.00	50.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Chestertown.....	7.00	10.00	35.00	40.00	60.00	60.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Chincoteague.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	10.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Clayton.....	2.00	4.00	15.00	15.00	20.00	25.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Concord.....	4.00	6.00	20.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
Crisfield.....	2.00	6.00	20.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Crumpton.....	2.00	3.00	10.00	10.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Cumberland.....	3.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	25.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Deer Creek.....	2.00	5.00	12.00	10.00	15.00	25.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Deer Park.....	3.00	4.00	15.00	15.00	20.00	25.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Dorchester.....	3.00	6.00	20.00	25.00	30.00	35.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
East Baltimore.....	6.00	10.00	35.00	35.00	50.00	70.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Easton.....	8.00	10.00	35.00	35.00	50.00	70.00	50.00	Col.	Col.
Eutaw.....	3.00	5.00	15.00	15.00	25.00	25.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Fawn Grove.....	3.00	3.00	10.00	15.00	20.00	25.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Delta.....	2.00	2.00	10.00	15.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Felton.....	3.00	4.00	15.00	10.00	20.00	15.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Finksburg.....	4.00	6.00	25.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
First Church.....	4.00	6.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Franklin City.....	3.00	5.00	15.00	12.00	15.00	15.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Frederick.....	8.00	11.00	35.00	40.00	60.00	80.00	50.00	Col.	Col.
Georgetown.....	7.00	10.00	50.00	40.00	80.00	125.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Georgetown, Del.....	1.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Grove.....	2.00	3.00	15.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Hampden.....	5.00	6.00	25.00	20.00	30.00	50.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Harper's Ferry.....	2.00	3.00	5.00	15.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Harrington.....	4.00	6.00	15.00	16.00	30.00	35.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Howard.....	3.00	4.00	15.00	15.00	20.00	35.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Heathsville.....	5.00	3.00	8.00	15.00	15.00	20.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Jefferson.....	8.00	10.00	35.00	25.00	45.00	80.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Kennedyville.....	3.00	3.00	12.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Kent Island.....	3.00	5.00	15.00	15.00	25.00	35.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Laurel.....	5.00	6.00	20.00	20.00	30.00	45.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Leipsic.....	3.00	3.00	8.00	12.00	30.00	20.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Liberty.....	6.00	10.00	25.00	20.00	15.00	40.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Lisbon.....	5.00	6.00	20.00	20.00	30.00	35.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
Lynchburg.....	8.00	10.00	40.00	25.00	40.00	50.00	50.00	Col.	Col.

Assessments for the Year beginning April, 1888.

CHARGES.	Conference.	Ministerial Education.	Seminary.	Superannuates.	Home and Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	President's Salary.	Bible.	Tract.
Middleway.....	2.00	3.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Milton.....	3.00	5.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	35.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Mt. Tabor.....	5.00	6.00	19.00	20.00	30.00	15.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
Newark.....	7.00	10.00	45.00	35.00	50.00	60.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
N. C. Avenue.....	3.00	4.00	10.00	15.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Oxford.....	3.00	4.00	15.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Pipe Creek.....	5.00	5.00	20.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Pittsville.....	3.00	4.00	20.00	12.00	20.00	25.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Pocomoke.....	3.00	5.00	20.00	15.00	25.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Pocomoke City.....	8.00	10.00	40.00	20.00	40.00	70.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Potomac.....	2.00	2.00	10.00	6.00	10.00	15.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Powellsville.....	4.00	4.00	15.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Quantico.....	3.00	4.00	20.00	15.00	20.00	30.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Queen Anne's.....	4.00	6.00	20.00	20.00	35.00	40.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Reliance.....	2.00	3.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Rowlandville.....	3.00	3.00	12.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
St. James'.....	6.00	10.00	30.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
St. Luke's.....	4.00	6.00	20.00	20.00	35.00	40.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
St. Michael's.....	3.00	4.00	15.00	10.00	20.00	15.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Salisbury.....	3.00	4.00	15.00	12.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Seaford.....	2.00	4.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Snow Hill.....	2.00	3.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	35.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Somerset.....	4.00	9.00	30.00	30.00	50.00	40.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
S. Baltimore.....	3.00	6.00	20.00	15.00	30.00	150.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Starr.....	7.00	10.00	40.00	45.00	70.00	40.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
Stewartstown.....	5.00	6.00	20.00	20.00	30.00	30.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Surry.....	3.00	3.00	10.00	15.00	20.00	30.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
Susquehanna.....	4.00	8.00	25.00	15.00	30.00	40.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Sussex.....	3.00	4.00	12.00	10.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Talbot.....	3.00	4.00	10.00	15.00	20.00	25.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Union Bridge.....	4.00	5.00	12.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Union.....	4.00	3.00	10.00	15.00	20.00	30.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Warwick.....	6.00	5.00	23.00	30.00	30.00	40.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
Washington-St.....	6.00	7.00	18.00	30.00	30.00	40.00	50.00	Col.	Col.
W. Baltimore.....	8.00	15.00	50.00	50.00	100.00	100.00	50.00	Col.	Col.
Westminster.....	8.00	12.00	50.00	40.00	75.00	90.00	50.00	Col.	Col.
Williamsport.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilmington.....	2.00	3.00	7.00	10.00	12.00	15.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Berkeley.....	1.00	.....	.....	5.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	Col.	Col.
Charleston.....	1.00	.....	.....	5.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	Col.	Col.
Waverly.....	2.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	Col.	Col.

NOTE.—"Conference Collection" is for the incidental expenses of the Annual Conference, including the publication of Minutes. "Seminary Collection" is for the salary of the President of the Westminister Theological Seminary, and should be sent to Rev. J. T. Ward Westminister, Md. "Ministerial Education" is to assist needy young men in securing an education to prepare for the ministry in the M. P. Church, and should be sent to Mr. Jno. H. Clancy, 98 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. "Superannuated Fund" is for the worn-out preachers of the M. P. Church in the Maryland District, their widows and orphans, and should be sent to Rev. F. T. Tagg, 1515 Lafayette Ave., Baltimore, Md. "Home Missions" should be sent to Rev. F. T. Tagg, 1515 Lafayette Ave., Baltimore, Md. "Home Missions" should be sent to W. H. Silk, Cor. Saratoga and Howard Sts. Balto., Md. "President's Salary" should be paid to the President at the time of his visit, or previously sent to 42 Parkin St., Baltimore, Md. Pastors will always secure receipts from agents for money paid during the year.

Collections for Local Interests and Totals for all

No.	CHARGES.	PRES'T'S SALARY.		PASTOR'S SALARY.		Rental Value of Parsonage.	TOTAL.	
		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.
1	Accomac...	15.00	15.00	450.00	450.00	60.00	525.00	525.00
2	Alexandria...	25.00	25.00	600.00	600.00	150.00	775.00	775.00
3	Amelia and Chesterfield	10.00	15.00	350.00	425.00	.....	350.00	425.00
4	A. Arundel..	35.00	35.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	150.00	1,235.75	1,235.00
5	Baltimore....	25.00	25.00	600.00	495.00	150.00	775.00	670.00
6	Bedford.....	45.00	45.00	500.00	500.00	50.00	595.00	595.00
7	Belair.....	25.00	25.00	660.00	660.00	250.00	935.00	935.00
8	Broadway...	20.00	20.00	700.00	700.00	240.00	960.00	960.00
9	Cambridge...	25.00	25.00	468.00	550.00	78.00	571.34	683.00
10	Campbell....	15.00	6.62	250.00	143.17	.....	265.00	154.79
11	Caroline....	35.00	35.00	600.00	580.00	75.00	710.00	690.00
12	Cecil.....	35.00	35.00	700.00	700.30	100.00	835.00	885.00
13	Central.....	35.00	35.00	900.00	1,000.00	319.80	1,254.80	1,354.00
14	Centreville..	40.00	40.00	700.00	700.00	150.00	890.00	890.00
15	Chesapeake..	25.00	25.00	500.00	500.00	100.00	625.69	625.00
16	Chestertown	40.00	40.00	900.00	900.00	150.00	1,090.00	1,090.00
17	Chinc'te'gue	5.00	5.00	200.00	200.00	.....	205.00	205.00
18	Clayton....	20.00	20.00	450.00	450.00	150.00	620.00	620.00
19	Concord.....	30.00	30.00	600.00	735.00	40.00	670.00	795.00
20	Crisfield....	15.00	15.00	500.00	500.00	.....	515.00	515.00
21	Crumpton....	15.00	12.50	350.00	289.25	75.00	440.00	376.75
22	Cumberland	15.00	15.00	550.00	538.06	120.00	685.00	673.06
23	Deer Creek..	20.00	16.00	375.00	330.00	.....	395.00	346.00
24	Deer Park...	20.00	9.86	300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	Dorchester..	25.00	25.00	640.00	617.50	75.00	740.00	717.50
26	E Baltimore	40.00	40.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	240.00	1,280.00	1,280.00
27	Easton.....	50.00	50.00	800.00	800.00	200.00	1,050.00	1,050.00
28	Eutaw.....	20.00	20.00	550.00	583.00	150.00	720.00	753.00
29	Fawn Grove..	35.00	35.00	1,000.00	900.00	75.00	1,110.00	1,010.00
30	Felton.....	15.00	15.00	400.00	400.00	80.00	495.00	495.00
31	Finksburg...	30.00	30.00	600.00	600.00	75.00	705.00	705.00
32	First Church	20.00	20.00	800.00	785.00	150.00	870.00	855.00
33	Franklin C'y	20.00	20.00	575.00	575.00	50.00	645.00	645.00
34	Frederick...	50.00	46.00	700.00	600.00	75.00	825.00	721.00
35	Georgetown.	40.00	40.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	500.00	1,640.00	1,640.00
36	Hampden....	35.00	35.00	700.00	700.00	120.00	855.00	855.00
37	Harper's F'y	10.00	10.00	350.00	350.00	60.00	420.00	420.00
38	Harrington..	25.00	25.00	600.00	600.00	150.00	775.00	775.00
39	Howard.....	20.00	20.00	450.00	480.00	.....	500.00	500.00
40	Jefferson....	40.00	40.00	724.00	724.00	125.00	889.00	889.00
41	Ken'edville	15.00	15.00	200.00	200.00	.....	215.00	215.00
42	Kent Island.	25.00	25.00	500.00	500.00	150.00	675.00	675.00
43	Laurel.....	30.00	30.00	600.00	600.00	125.00	735.00	735.00
44	Leipsic.....	10.00	10.00	350.00	350.00	.....	360.00	360.00
45	Liberty.....	40.00	40.00	500.00	500.00	75.00	615.00	615.00
46	Li-bon.....	30.00	30.00	650.00	582.00	75.00	755.00	697.00
47	Lynchburg..	50.00	50.00	800.00	800.00	.....	850.00	850.00
48	Middleway..	10.00	10.50	240.00	211.76	72.00	322.00	294.26

Purposes for the Year Ending April, 1888.

No.	Current Expenses.	Building and Improvements.	Paid on Debt.	Total Paid for Local Interests.	Total Paid for General Interests.	Japan Home.	Seminary Debt.	Total Paid for all Purposes.
1	85.00	300.00	.....	850.00	87.00	.....	.....	937.00
2	301.65	130.83	.....	1,207.48	214.21	.....	.....	1,442.69
3	85.00	1,200.00	.....	1,595.00	32.50	.....	.....	1,640.00
4	300.00	65.00	.....	1,600.00	121.05	.....	.....	1,681.55
5	168.00	100.00	.....	818.00	61.00	.....	.....	879.65
6	148.00	.....	294.00	1,037.00	84.70	.....	.....	1,128.75
7	175.00	.....	250.00	1,360.00	104.00	.....	.....	1,471.50
8	215.00	276.00	552.00	2,003.00	157.63	.....	.....	2,166.68
9	68.00	50.00	295.00	638.00	37.00	.....	.....	1,020.00
10	.....	62.00	.....	216.79	7.81	.....	.....	224.60
11	175.00	.....	.....	865.00	59.35	.....	.....	930.28
12	290.69	881.00	73.60	2,080.29	124.00	.....	.....	2,214.79
13	2,168.89	12,260.00	.....	15,778.89	263.18	.....	.....	16,055.69
14	185.00	10,500.00	8,500.00	9,675.00	102.50	.....	.....	9,777.50
15	214.25	13.50	200.00	1,052.75	137.43	.....	.....	1,097.68
16	361.00	13,200.00	.....	14,651.00	151.39	.....	.....	14,814.39
17	50.00	1,000.00	.....	1,055.00	45.70	.....	.....	1,302.20
18	300.00	1,469.50	869.50	1,389.50	34.20	.....	.....	1,825.70
19	.....	61.00	.....	556.00	75.19	.....	.....	936.74
20	317.86	1,050.00	.....	1,982.86	116.34	.....	.....	2,103.80
21	56.00	75.00	.....	507.75	54.50	.....	.....	566.75
22	340.00	.....	.....	1,013.06	50.51	.....	.....	1,016.17
23	112.00	115.00	150.00	723.00	52.95	.....	.....	775.95
24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	150.00	.....	200.00	1,067.50	62.50	.....	.....	1,034.00
26	590.00	240.00	.....	2,110.00	372.19	.....	.....	2,454.19
27	1,000.00	80.00	.....	2,130.00	299.77	.....	.....	2,429.77
28	130.00	130.00	500.00	1,513.00	131.65	.....	.....	1,650.65
29	285.00	1,170.87	317.13	2,470.51	149.85	.....	.....	2,673.46
30	50.00	50.00	.....	595.00	61.75	.....	.....	661.25
31	130.00	400.00	.....	1,235.00	64.42	.....	.....	1,306.42
32	483.72	127.00	554.00	2,119.68	110.96	.....	.....	2,235.64
33	200.00	1,550.00	.....	2,395.00	107.73	.....	.....	2,508.73
34	125.00	400.00	.....	1,246.00	74.35	.....	.....	1,280.35
35	430.00	2,690.00	.....	4,670.00	283.79	.....	.....	4,720.79
36	740.59	235.33	29.50	1,860.42	123.85	.....	.....	1,989.27
37	79.00	2.50	3.00	522.50	34.00	.....	.....	662.50
38	100.00	.....	.....	875.00	104.00	.....	.....	956.50
39	45.00	100.00	20.00	665.00	92.20	.....	.....	763.20
40	25.00	.....	.....	1,139.00	325.33	.....	.....	1,476.33
41	250.00	.....	.....	465.00	42.50	.....	.....	575.50
42	81.89	25.00	.....	771.89	92.31	.....	.....	871.70
43	130.00	250.00	.....	1,135.00	80.50	.....	.....	1,224.50
44	86.00	50.00	.....	496.00	24.00	.....	.....	523.00
45	100.00	.....	.....	716.08	174.08	.....	.....	890.16
46	120.00	340.00	125.00	1,372.00	115.00	.....	.....	1,396.00
47	300.00	500.00	.....	1,650.00	218.00	.....	.....	2,333.00
48	55.00	1,000.00	40.00	1,389.26	25.07	.....	.....	1,414.33

Collections for Local Interests and Totals for all

No.	CHARGES	PRES'T'S SALARY.		PASTOR'S SALARY.		Rental Value of Parsonage.	TOTAL.	
		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.
49	Milton.....	20	20 00	500	520.00	75.00	595.00	615.00
50	Mt. Tabor...	30	30.00	500	500.00		530.00	530.00
51	Newark.....	40	40 00	1,000	1,000.00	400.00	1,440.00	1,440 00
52	N.C. Avenue	20	20.00	1,000	1,000.00		1,020.00	1,020 00
53	Oxford.....	15	15.00	500	561.00	150.00	665.00	726 00
54	Pipe Creek..	20	20.00	500	500.00	250.00	770.00	770.00
55	Pittsville...	25	25.00	535	535.00	75.00	635.00	635.00
56	Pocomoke...	20	20.00	450	450.41	100.00	570.00	570.41
57	Pocomoke C.	40	40.00	300	800.00	150.00	990.00	990.00
58	Potomac....	10	10.00	300	300.00	100.00	410.00	410.00
59	Powellsville.	15	15.00	350	315.00	25.00	390.00	355.00
60	Preston.....	15	15.00	300	320.00	60.00	375.00	395.00
61	Quantico....	20	20.00	556	429.63	75.00	645.00	524.63
62	Queen Anne.	25	25.00	475	484.00	75.00	575.00	584.00
63	Rowlandville	15	15.00	500	370.82	96.00	611.00	431.82
64	St. James...	40	40 00	650	650.00	150.00	840.00	840.00
65	St. Luke's...	25	25.00	900	900.00	240.00	1,165.00	1,165.00
66	St. Michael's	20	20.00	360	360.00		380.00	380.00
67	Salisbury...	20	20.00	400	400.00	160.00	560.00	580.00
68	Seaford.....	25	25 00	600	600.00	100.00	725.00	725.00
69	Snow Hill...	10	10.00	375	353.20	75.00	460.00	433.00
70	Somerset....	25	25.00	700	700.00	75.00	800.00	800.00
71	S. Baltimore.	20	20.00	700	700.00	240.00	960.00	960.00
72	Starr.....	40	40 00	1,200	1,200.00	240.00	1,480.00	1,480.00
73	Stewartsto'n.	30	30.00	680	680.00	100.00	810.00	810.00
74	Surry.....	15	15.00	600	550.00	60.00	675.00	625.00
75	Susquehanna	30	30.00	600	600.00	75.00	705.00	705.00
76	Sussex.....	15	15.00	400	400.00	25.00	440.00	440.00
77	Talbot.....	15	15 00	400	300.00		415.00	315.00
78	Union.....	25	25.00	550	483.00	60.00	635.00	563.00
79	Union Bridge	20	20.00	500	500.00	144.00	664.00	664.00
80	Warwick....	40	40.00	600	600.00	50.00	690.00	690.00
81	Wash'gt'n St	30	30.00	900	900.00	240.00	1,170.00	1,170.00
82	W. Baltimore	50	50 00	1,500	1,500.00		1,550.00	1,550.00
83	Westminster	50	50.00	900	900.00	200.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
84	Williamsp'r		5.00		60.00		65.00	65.00
85	Wilmington	10	10.00	125	125.00		135.00	135.00
86	Berkley.....	5	10.00	700	250.00		705.00	260.00
87	Charleston..	10	10.00	398.15	398.15		408.15	408.15
88	Heathsville..	20	20.00	550	515.00	60.00	630.00	595.00
89	St. John's...							
Total...		2,195	2,181.49	51,660.15	51,111.23	8,954.80	61,159.95	61,272.45

Purposes for the Year Ending April, 1888.

No.	Current Expenses.	Building and Improve-ments.	Paid on Debt.	Total Paid for Local Interests.	Total Paid for General Interests.	Japan Home.	Seminary Debt.	Total Paid for all Pur-poses.	
49	50.00	650.00	90.00	1,175.00	77.74			1,292.74	
50	280.00	2,200.00		3,010.00	84.00			3,101.00	
51	1,686.00	812.00		3,938.00	268.45			4,206.45	
52	125.00	126.00		1,271.00	67.65			1,338.65	
53	300.00	150.00	50.00	1,226.00	129.81			1,360.31	
54	75.00	160.00	165.00	1,170.00	127.24			1,307.74	
55	38.25			673.25	73.00			746.25	
56	20.00	145.00	8.00	743.41	36.17			785.58	
57	260.00	255.00		1,865.00	180.00			2,057.00	
58	100.00	500.00		1,010.00	85.18			1,098.18	
59	20.00	290.00		665.00	57.04			728.04	
60	60.00	100.00		485.00	41.45			529.45	
61	54.83	78.00	244.00	901.46	72.87			974.33	
62	60.00	35.00		679.00	150.64			846.21	
63	130.00		25.00	636.82	30.54			673.36	
64	250.00	500.00		1,590.00	245.06			1,805.06	
65	705.10			1,870.00	130.36			2,007.96	
66	140.00							607.11	
67				580.00	27.11			1,301.37	
68	106.87	377.00		1,208.87	85.00			528.95	
69	35.00	6.00		479.20	46.75			937.63	
70	100.00			825.00	109.63			1,476.70	
71	250.00	200.00		1,410.00	60.70			2,136.66	
72	360.00	200.00		2,040.00	101.16			1,847.88	
73	250.00	50.00	600.00	1,776.44	66.44			966.48	
74	140.47	47.40	76.00	888.87	73.11			1,305.00	
75	125.00	200.00		1,030.00	266.00			624.75	
76	70.00			545.00	75.25			390.74	
77	35.14			350.14	72.20			2,562.88	
78	127.26	1,733.99		2,429.25	126.13			2,107.57	
79	181.70	524.63	650.00	2,020.33	81.24			1,187.45	
80	100.30	282.50		1,072.80	114.65			9,229.38	
81	643.00	7,200.00		9,013.00	207.38			3,645.10	
82	1,465.00			3,015.00	502.10			2,323.82	
83	250.00	550.00		1,950.00	358.82			135.24	
84	35.00	28.00		128.00	7.24			1,524.00	
85	700.00	40.00	600.00	1,475.00	49.00			469.75	
86	35.00	167.00		452.00	14.75			634.15	
87	90.00	84.00	42.00	624.15	60.00			894.00	
88	50.00	218.00		863.00	26.00			537.54	
89					537.54				
Total...				21,517.46	69,269.05	17,949.73	154,599.20	10,241.78	166,461.34
Received from other sources.....									1,175.00
								167,636.34	

Collections for General Interests

No.	CHARGES.	Gen'l Conference.	Bible.	Tract.	CONFERENCE.		MIN. EDUCAT'N.		SEMINARY.	
					Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
1	Accomac.....	4.00			2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	9.00	9.00
2	Alexandria...	7.50	50	50	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	12.00	12.00
3	Amelia and Chesterfie'd.	3.00			3.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	6.00
4	Anne Arundel.	10.50	1.00	1.00	8.00	3.00	8.00	6.00	19.00	17.00
5	Baltimore.....				4.00	1.00	6.00	6.00	19.00	3.75
6	Bedford.....	7.75	1.00	1.00	7.00	3.00	10.00	4.50	25.00	7.00
7	Belair.....	7.50	5.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	8.00	15.00	15.00
8	Broadway.....	6.00	5.03	5.50	5.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	10.00	10.00
9	Cambridge....	2.50	1.00		3.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	12.00	2.00
10	Campbell.....				2.00	50	2.00	1.00	5.00	1.00
11	Caroline.....	5.93	1.00	2.10	5.00	1.50	8.00	1.75	20.00	6.00
12	Cecil.....	10.50			6.00	2.00	8.00	5.00	20.00	10.00
13	Central.....	10.50	12.50	13.83	5.00	5.00	8.00	19.50	19.00	19.00
14	Centreville...		2.00	1.00	5.00	2.50	10.00	4.00	23.00	8.00
15	Chesapeake...	7.50	1.00	20.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	14.00	14.00
16	Chestertown..	12.00	1.00	1.39	7.00	4.00	10.00	6.00	23.00	12.00
17	Clayton.....		1.18	1.00	2.00	63	4.00	1.43	11.00	2.15
18	Concord.....	5.55	1.00	1.00	4.00	2.64	6.00	6.00	15.00	10.00
19	Crisfield.....	4.50	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	6.00	6.00	15.00	15.00
20	Crumpton.....	4.50	1.50	1.00	2.00	1.50	3.00	2.00	8.00	5.00
21	Cumberland...	2.60	1.00	50	3.00	1.75	5.00	2.75	8.00	4.00
22	Deer Creek...	4.00	50	50	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	10.00	5.00
23	Deer Park.....		60	50	3.00	70	4.00	1.00	10.00	92
24	Dorchester....	5.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	15.00	5.00
25	E. Baltimore..	12.00	3.50	22.50	6.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	23.00	*73.00
26	Easton.....		2.00	1.00	8.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	23.00	23.00
27	Eutaw.....	6.00	5.25	6.40	3.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	11.00	11.00
28	Fawn Grove..	10.10	1.00	7.75	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	10.00
29	Felton.....	4.38	1.73	1.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	10.00	9.00
30	Finksburg....	7.00	1.50	50	4.00	3.00	6.00	5.00	15.00	10.00
31	First Church..	6.00	1.58	3.50	4.00	3.20	6.00	4.80	14.00	11.12
32	Franklin City.	6.00	1.25	1.25	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	11.00	11.00
33	Frederick.....	10.00			8.00	2.00	11.00	6.00	27.00	5.00
34	Georgetown...	12.00	3.00	1.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	8.00	25.00	20.00
35	Hampton.....	6.00	5.73	3.12	5.00	3.00	6.00	6.00	15.00	15.00
36	Harper's Ferry	3.00	60	40	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
37	Harrington...	7.50	1.00	1.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	11.00	11.00
38	Heathsville...	5.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
39	Howard.....	6.00	1.60	1.60	3.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	10.00	10.00
40	Jefferson.....	12.00	5.00	5.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	23.00	23.00
41	Kennedyville..	2.00	50	50	3.00	1.50	3.00	3.00	10.00	8.00
42	Kent Island...	7.50	4.16	5.00	3.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	12.00	12.00
43	Laurel.....	9.00	5.50	1.00	5.00	3.00	6.00	3.00	14.00	8.00
44	Leipsic.....	3.00			3.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	3.00
45	Liberty.....	6.00	2.50	6.00	6.00	4.50	10.00	5.50	23.00	15.00
46	Lisbon.....	9.00	3.76	3.48	5.00	5.00	6.00	5.82	15.00	14.55
47	Lynchburg....	15.00		3.00	8.00	5.00	10.00	8.00	25.00	20.00
48	Middleway....				2.00	75	3.00		8.00	3.16

For the Year Ending April, 1888.

No.	SUPERANNUATES.		H. & F. MISSIONS.		HOME MISSIONS.		W. F. M. S.	TOTAL.	
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.
1	10.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	40.00	40.00		73.00	73.00
2	20.00	20.00	25.00	25.00				214.21	214.21
3	10.00	10.00	12.00	43.00	12.00	15.00			
4	25.00	17.00	30.00	30.00	35.00	35.00		138.05	121.05
5	12.00	5.00	25.00	30.00	35.00	15.25		101.00	61.00
6	15.00	10.00	30.00	38.20	38.00	20.00		147.00	84.70
7	15.00	15.00	25.00	25.00	29.00	29.00		104.00	104.00
8	15.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	29.00	29.00		157.68	157.68
9	10.00	5.00	25.00	1.00	35.00	25.00		90.00	37.00
10	5.00	1.00	8.00	2.00	12.00	2.31		34.00	
11	15.00	3.50	40.00	32.60	47.00	10.90		138.10	59.35
12	15.00	15.00	40.00	40.00	70.00	50.00		161.00	124.00
13	20.00	34.78	32.00	111.17	47.00	47.40		157.33	263.18
14	20.00	10.00	35.00	40.00	58.00	25.00		154.00	102.50
15	15.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	35.00	35.00		137.43	137.43
16	40.00	26.00	60.00	43.00	58.00	58.00		198.00	151.39
17	15.00	6.53	20.00	16.75	29.00	14.32		82.18	34.20
18	15.00	9.55	30.00	20.00	40.00	25.00		110.00	75.19
19	10.00	10.00	20.00	58.34	23.00	23.00		78.00	116.34
20	10.00	7.00	15.00	30.00	18.00	6.50		73.50	54.50
21	10.00	5.19	10.00	10.00	30.00	25.32	1.66	67.50	50.51
22	10.00	5.00	15.00	15.00	23.00	23.00		65.95	52.95
23	15.00	1.00	20.00	11.20	23.00	1.10		58.00	17.02
24	25.00	7.00	30.00	34.88	35.00	10.62		116.00	62.50
25	35.00	35.00	50.00	62.85	72.00	72.34	88.00	196.00	372.19
26	35.00	35.00	50.00	66.77	88.00	75.00		299.00	299.77
27	15.00	15.00	25.00	47.00	35.00	35.00		131.65	131.65
28	25.00	25.00	30.00	17.00	40.00	35.00		115.00	149.85
29	10.00	9.00	20.00	16.00	18.00	18.00		67.75	61.75
30	15.00	10.00	30.00	9.10	41.00	25.32		111.00	64.41
31	15.00	11.90	30.00	61.36	47.00	13.50		121.08	110.96
32	12.00	12.00	20.00	51.23	23.00	23.00		76.50	107.73
33	40.00	6.00	60.00	24.35	82.00	10.00	21.00	248.00	74.35
34	40.00	40.00	80.00	125.49	126.00	27.30		292.00	238.79
35	20.00	20.00	30.00	21.00	58.00	20.00		142.85	123.85
36	15.00	10.00	10.00	16.00	10.00	10.00		44.00	54.00
37	16.00	16.00	30.00	30.00	35.00	35.00		104.00	104.00
38	15.00	15.00						26.00	26.00
39	10.00	10.00	20.00	25.00	35.00	35.00		82.00	92.00
40	25.00	25.00	45.00	153.54	70.00	70.00	25.79	325.33	325.33
41	8.00	7.00	20.00	12.00	23.00	10.00		68.00	42.50
42	15.00	15.50	25.00	35.15	35.00	15.00		95.00	92.31
43	16.00	10.00	30.00	47.00	20.00	20.00		125.50	80.50
44	8.00	5.00	15.00	10.00	23.00	2.00		57.00	24.00
45	20.00	20.00	30.00	47.00	47.00	33.00		144.50	174.08
46	20.00	19.40	30.00	33.95	35.00	29.10		118.24	115.00
47	25.00	20.00	40.00	91.00	47.00	31.00		160.00	218.00
48	10.00		10.00	11.16	20.00	10.00		53.00	25.07

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No.	CHARGES.	Gen'l Conference.	Bible.	Tract.	CONFERENCE.		MIN. EDUCAT'N.		SEMINARY.	
					Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
					Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
49	Milton.....	50	24	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	11.00	11.00	
50	Mt. Tabor....	7.00	25	5.00	2.00	6.00	3.00	15.00	15.50	
51	Newark.....	6.00	4.00	7.00	14.00	14.00	25.00	29.00		
52	N. C. Avenue.....	7.65	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	8.00		
53	Oxford..	4.50	1.27	1.00	3.29	4.00	4.00	8.00	8.00	
54	Pipe Creek ...	10.50	1.00	3.75	4.00	5.00	3.55	10.00	5.40	
55	Pittsville.....	3.00	50	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	10.00	10.00	
56	Pocomoke.....	6.00	50	3.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	14.00	3.00	
57	PocomokeCity	12.00	3.00	6.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	23.00	23.00	
58	Potomac.....	3.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	5.00	3.00	8.00	8.00	
59	Powellsville...	6.00	50	3.00	2.00	4.00	2.00	10.00	10.00	
60	Preston.....	3.00	1.00	50	2.00	2.00	3.00	10.00	7.00	
61	Quantico.....	5.92	75	50	4.00	2.08	5.00	4.54	10.00	
62	Queen Anne's.	7.50	2.28	4.45	4.00	4.00	6.00	14.00	14.00	
63	Rowlandville.....	1.00	2.43	3.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	8.00	5.00	
64	St. James'...	10.00	3.00	2.06	6.00	6.00	10.00	7.00	20.00	
65	St. Luke's...	7.50	1.00	1.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	14.00	
66	St. Michael's...	3.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	10.00	
67	Salisbury.....	6.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	4.00	.....	12.00	.....
68	Seaford.....	7.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.50	6.00	4.00	14.00	
69	Snow Hill....	3.00	50	25	2.00	1.50	3.00	2.00	5.00	
70	Somerset.....	3.00	1.00	1.00	4.00	3.00	8.00	7.00	20.00	
71	S. Baltimore..	6.00	50	75	3.00	.....	6.00	6.00	14.00
72	Starr.....	12.00	1.00	5.00	7.00	5.00	11.00	3.00	27.00	
73	Stewartstown.	5.00	45	8.99	5.00	1.00	6.00	3.00	15.00	
74	Surry.....	4.50	50	35	3.00	2.50	3.00	3.00	8.00	
75	Susquehanna..	9.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	8.00	10.00	19.00	
76	Sussex.....	4.50	2.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	10.00	
77	Talbot.....	4.50	4.55	3.47	3.00	4.15	4.00	5.05	8.00	
78	Union.....	7.50	1.00	1.50	4.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	
79	Union Bridge.	6.00	2.00	5.79	4.00	2.25	5.00	3.00	10.00	
80	Warwick.....	12.00	2.00	1.50	6.00	3.60	10.00	7.00	23.00	
81	Washingtonst.	9.00	10.50	10.00	6.00	3.50	8.00	8.00	18.00	
82	W. Baltimore.	15.00	17.05	43.05	8.00	8.00	13.00	13.00	27.00	
83	Westminster..	15.00	10.50	12.23	8.00	3.38	11.00	11.00	27.00	
84	Wilmington...	.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	5.00
85	Williamsport..	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....
86	Berkeley.....	3.00	1.50	1.00	.....	.....	1.50	.....	1.50
87	Charleston.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	5.00	.....
88	St. John's(Ind.)	.....	26.29	28.50	.....	1.50	.....	.....	15.00
89	Chincoteague..	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
90	St. John's Bd. Ben'f.....	.....	.....	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
91	A friend in Frederick City	.....	.....	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
92	Rev. R. Scott Norris.....	.....	.....	30.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		508.81	214.86	430.53	356.00	262.55	507.00	428.69	1204.00	1015.66

For the Year Ending April, 1888.

No.	SUPERANNUATES.		H. & F. MISSIONS.		HOME MISSIONS.		W. F. M. S.	TOTAL.		
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.	
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.	
49	15.00	15.00	30.00	10.00	35.00	35.00	.....	99.74	77.74
50	20.00	20.00	30.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	.....	99.50	84.00
51	35.00	28.50	50.00	69.75	70.00	56.30	.....	274.90	268.45
52	15.00	15.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	.....	67.65	67.65
53	10.00	17.00	15.00	36.25	12.00	42.65	.....	54.27	129.81
54	15.00	4.75	30.00	39.66	35.00	23.00	.....	150.25	127.24
55	12.00	12.00	20.00	20.00	23.00	23.00	.....	73.00	73.00
56	13.00	8.00	25.00	16.17	29.00	5.00	.....	90.00	36.17
57	20.00	20.00	40.00	40.00	70.00	70.00	.....	180.00	180.00
58	6.00	8.00	10.00	41.18	18.00	18.00	.....	49.00	85.18
59	15.00	6.00	20.00	24.04	29.00	12.00	.....	82.00	57.04
60	10.00	5.00	20.00	9.73	29.00	13.22	.....	74.00	41.45
61	15.00	10.00	20.00	26.00	21.00	21.00	.....	76.25	72.87
62	16.00	16.00	35.00	75.00	40.00	40.00	.....	150.64	150.64
63	15.00	5.00	20.00	11.11	23.00	10.00	.....	72.00	36.54
64	50.00	45.00	60.00	84.00	58.00	58.00	.....	221.06	215.06
65	20.00	20.00	35.00	35.00	41.00	41.00	8.36	122.00	130.36	
66	10.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	16.00	3.00	.....	65.00	52.00
67	12.00	3.03	15.00	1.82	20.00	7.00	.....	66.00	28.19
68	15.00	8.00	30.00	32.00	25.00	31.50	.....	105.00	85.00
69	12.00	6.00	12.00	20.00	32.00	13.50	.....	66.00	46.75
70	30.00	18.00	50.00	43.50	40.00	23.78	.....	152.00	109.63
71	15.00	15.00	30.00	10.00	41.00	11.05	.....	108.59	60.70
72	45.00	34.00	70.00	15.60	146.00	21.00	.....	312.00	101.16
73	20.00	10.00	30.00	20.00	41.00	20.00	.....	126.44	66.44
74	15.00	12.00	20.00	17.76	29.00	29.00	.....	78.85	73.11
75	15.00	15.00	30.00	146.00	60.00	60.00	.....	147.00	266.00
76	10.00	10.00	15.00	25.25	20.00	20.00	.....	75.25	75.25
77	15.00	5.15	20.00	4.20	35.00	4.88	.....	75.00	22.20
78	20.00	15.00	30.00	43.08	50.00	44.55	.....	125.00	126.13
79	15.00	8.00	30.00	37.79	35.00	12.41	.....	99.00	81.24
80	30.00	17.00	40.00	40.00	60.00	27.55	.....	172.50	114.65
81	30.00	23.50	50.00	61.88	70.00	50.00	20.00	204.50	207.38	
82	50.00	50.00	100.00	196.00	95.00	95.00	.....	293.00	499.10
83	40.00	40.00	75.00	105.45	88.00	64.70	91.45	249.00	358.82	
84	10.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	15.00	15.00	.....	49.00	49.00
85	.....	.....	.....	6.24	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.24
86	5.00	5.00	.....	3.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
87	5.00	3.00	.....	10.00	.....	19.00	.....	.....	.....
88	.....	35.00	.....	30.00	.....	10.00	210.00	.....	537.54
89	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....
90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		1563.00	1267.78	2,496.00	3,207.10	3,291.00	2,303.80	466.26	0364.63	10241.78

NOTE.—St. John's paid to M. P. Church in Virginia, \$20.50; M. P. S. S. in Maryland \$10.00; M. P. Preachers in Texas, \$150.75. For Home and Foreign Missions, \$25.00, included in report from Georgetown paid by Miss M. Lipscomb for Yokohama Chapel. For Home and Foreign Missions, \$10.00, included in report from Westminster, paid by Dr. J. T. Ward for Children's Missionary. For Home and Foreign Missions, \$10.00, not included in above report from S. R. Murray. For Home and Foreign Missions, \$15.00, included in report from Susquehanna, paid by Miss Edith Smith. For Seminary \$50.00 from Mrs. Rupp, report from Susquehanna, paid by Miss Edith Smith. For Seminary \$50.00 from Mrs. Rupp, not included above. Legacy of Mrs. Catherine D. Baker for Nagoya Home, \$1,000.00. Superannuated Fund for investment, \$500.00. Bible Cause, \$300.00.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

No.	CHARGES.	No Uns'ation'd Min. & Prea's.	Probationers.	Members.	PROBATIONERS.					Now on Roll.
					No. on Roll at last Con- ference.	Rec'd during the year.	Ejected to Member-hip	With'd'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd.	
1	Accomac.....			283	23	23				
2	Alexandria.....	1	3	142	5	15	13	1	1	3
3	All Saints.....			43						
4	Amelia.....		1	116	1	27	27			1
5	Anne Arundel.....	1	27	212	2	36	9		2	27
6	Baltimore.....	2	1	308	12	15	26			1
7	Bedford.....		16	238		62	49			16
8	Belair.....	1	5	150	2	5	2		1	5
9	Broadway.....	1	20	222	18	44	28		2	20
10	Cambridge.....		1	200	39	23	62		2	
11	Campbell.....		11	159						11
12	Caroline.....		13	221	34	25	44		2	
13	Cecil.....	2	24	300	22	50	45		3	24
14	Central.....	1	5	146		8	3			5
15	Centreville.....	1	10	109	9	10	7		2	10
16	Chesapeake.....		12	95		13	1			12
17	Chesterfield.....	1		75		9	9			
18	Chestertown.....		55	190	23	32				55
19	Chincoteague.....		12	83	8	12	3		4	12
20	Clayton.....		13	154		13				13
21	Concord.....		11	215		11				11
22	Cri-field.....		65	214	33	85	32		10	65
23	Crumpton.....		6	62	4	6				6
24	Cumberland.....		6	101	1	20	16	1	1	6
25	Deer Creek.....			154						
26	Deer Park.....	1	13	135	3	2	4	1		13
27	Dorchester.....		28	200	22	23	10		10	28
28	East Baltimore.....		20	263	10	10	12		4	20
29	Easton.....		16	214		18	2			16
30	Ellicott City.....	1	7	25						7
31	Eutaw.....		6	103	9	23	23		3	6
32	Fawn Grove.....	3	67	542	5	67				67
33	Felton.....	2	19	145	14	29	10		2	19
34	Finksburg.....		1	213	6	19	18			1
35	First Church.....	1	2	130	1	4	2			3
36	Franklin City.....	1	39	358	80	100	133		8	39
37	Frederick.....	1	4	447	10	17	33			4
38	Georgetown.....		1	202	2	5	4			1
39	Hampden.....	4	174	384	412	34	130	1	186	174
40	Harper's Ferry.....		7	128	20	40	47		4	7
41	Harrington.....		37	338	50	37	44		6	37
42	Howard.....	1	15	150	4	8			1	15
43	Indian River.....			30						
44	Jefferson.....	1	15	160	12	17	4		1	15
45	Kennedyville.....	2		82		2				2
46	Kent Island.....	1		122	6	6	12			1
47	Laurel.....		66	176	4	62				66
48	Leispic.....			64		1	1			
49	Liberty.....		8	225	38	8	25	4	25	8
50	Lisbon.....	3	4	227	7	15	15	2		4
51	Lynchburg.....	1	21	166	4	25	4			21

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No.	FULL MEMBERS.							SABBATH SCHOOLS.				CONVERSIONS.	
	On Roll at last Confer- ence.	Rec'v'd from Probation.	Rec'd by Cer- tificate.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd.	Deceased.	Now on Roll.	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New scholars received.	Scholars now on Roll.	In School.	In Congre- gation.
1	262	23				2	283	2	32	50	300	3	20
2	136	12	1	1	8	1	142	1	32	5	224	3	2
3							43						
4		27	5	1		1	116	3	30	50	123	1	10
5	207	9	2	3		3	212	5	50	73	270	5	32
6	300	29	2	1	14	8	308	3	43	66	214	10	5
7	203	49			12	2	238	5	64	40	282		72
8	158	2	2	7	3	2	150	4	40	10	150		8
9	179	20	5		17	1	222	1	30	25	300	28	16
10	185	62		2	50		200	2	2	10	175	3	20
11	173			12	1	2	159	1			205		4
12	178	44		1			221	3	48	20	290	8	16
13	311	45	2	4	50	3	300	7	69	13	373		50
14	143	3				4	146	1	19	41	143	12	1
15	103	7	1	2			109	2	25		155	8	7
16	94	1	1	1		2	95	2	15	10	100	7	1
17	64	9	2				75	2	20	30	90	6	14
18	196		7	6		6	190	1	34	12	247	18	14
19	83	3	5	1	7		83	1	22	44	134	1	12
20	170			6		2	154	2	16	39	100		15
21	219			2		2	215	3	52	7	220		
22	185	32	2		1	4	214	1	34	20	295	19	100
23	60		4		1	2	62	2	16		110		11
24	93	14	3		9		101	1	22	13	128	10	9
25	142	9	4	2			154	3	26	97	227		5
26	136	2	2	1		4	135	4	45	8	360	14	11
27	228	10			17	13	200	4	50		235	2	23
28	258	12	16	13	4	3	263	2	30	20	320	6	6
29	208	2	8	1		3	214	1	23	30	180	2	15
30	25						25	1	7		60		
31	86	23	1	1	6		103	1	10	8	92	13	14
32	475	93	1	10	11	5	542	5	65	45	587	10	206
33	136	10				1	145	3	17	25	120		33
34	292	18	3	12	5	3	293	4	68	46	366	9	17
35	131	2	1	1	17	3	130	1	17	7	123		3
36	228	133	3	1	2	3	358	6	65	100	400	20	130
37	423	33		7		2	447	8	45	40	325	10	17
38	204	4	1	7		7	202	1	26	6	152		2
39	300	130	6	7	38	7	384	2	47	65	615	5	29
40	82	40	4	1		1	128	1	15	8	68		27
41	295	44	3	3		1	338	3	55	7	307	18	47
42	161	8			18	1	150	3	26		145	5	19
43	80						30	1	6		20		
44	156	4	2		12	2	160	3	58	80	312	4	11
45	83		2	4	1	1	82	1	17	5	77	2	6
46	112	12	1	1	2	3	122	2	24		171		4
47	169		7			1	176	1	15	10	150	30	40
48	61	1	2				64	1	13	13	125	1	
49	292	8				5	225	3	65	10	280	4	8
50	227	15	2	5	9	3	227	4	49	20	370	4	10
51	162	4	4			2	166	1	15	10	130	11	12

Statistical Tables of the
MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

No.	CHARGES.	PROBATIONERS.									
		No. Unstation'd Min. & Prea's.	Probationers.	Members.	No. on Roll at last Conference.	Rec'd during the year.	Elected to Membership.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd.	Deceased.	Now on Roll.
52	Middleway.....	1	1	109	1	4	4				1
53	Milton.....		8	204	20	8	28	1			8
54	Mt. Tabor.....	1	6	96	4	11	8				6
55	Newark.....	2	7	219	6	9	8				7
56	N. C. Avenue.....			103		16	16			3	
57	Oxford.....	1	41	95	1	40					41
58	Pipe Creek.....			210		6	6	2	2	2	
59	Pittsville.....	1	4	177	16	34	30				4
60	Pocomoke.....	1	4	249	34	4	23		11		4
61	Pocomoke City.....	1		241	13	3	16				
62	Porter's Grove.....		6	25	6						6
63	Potomac.....	2	10	78	7	12	9				10
64	Powellville.....	1	18	183	2	18	2				18
65	Preston.....	1	54	185		94	39				54
66	Quantico.....	1	3	213	15	12	17		7		3
67	Queen Anne's.....		14	123	33	7	8		18		14
68	Rowlandsville.....	1	5	119	2	11	8				5
69	St. James'.....	1	4	99	2	4	2				4
70	St. Luke's.....	2	3	139	1						3
71	St. Michael's.....	3		93		22	22				
72	Salisbury.....	2		162	5		1		1		2
73	Seaford.....	108		180	17	106	15				108
74	Snow Hill.....	2		163	2	4	4		1		2
75	Somerset.....	13		240	16	20	1			2	13
76	South Baltimore.....	16		144	28	29	12	1	1		16
77	Starr.....			226			26				
78	Stewartstown.....	40		247	96	49	49	5	4	2	40
79	Surry.....	4		185	8		2				4
80	Susquehanna.....			177		3	3				
81	Sussex.....	1	1	193	7	35	38	2	1		1
82	Talbot.....			59	2	3	5				
83	Union.....	1	14	389	43	32	41		20		14
84	Union Bridge.....			102							
85	Warwick.....		11	167	8	15	12		3		11
86	Washington-Street.....	1	56	220	92	18	39	3	12		56
87	West Baltimore.....	3	38	329	27	24	14			1	38
88	Westminster.....	2		198	2	10	10				
89	Williamsport.....			43		5	5				
90	Wilmington.....	3		82		27	16		8		3
91	Charleston, S. C.....			249		25	14			13	
92	Berkley, S. C.....	7	114	834	134	37	39	7	5	6	114
93	Itinerants.....			112							
Total.....		68	1497	17,162	1,582	1877	1523	34	331	38	1,497
Report of 1887....		62	1727	15,332	1,126	2477	1832	17	154	25	1,727
Gain.....		6		1830	456			17	177	13	
Loss.....			230			600	309				230

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No.	FULL MEMBERS.							SABBATH SCHOOLS.				CONVERSIONS.		
	On Roll at last Conference.	Rec'd from Probation.	Received by Certificate.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd.	Deceased.	Now on Roll.	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Scholars received.	Scholars now on Roll.	In Schools.	In Congregation.	
52	147	4		2	47	2	109	3	42	51	183	4	1	
53	197	28		1	25	1	204	4	20	60	225	5	3	
54	91	9	2	3			96	1	24		185	1		
55	207	9	14	8	2	1	219	1	25	37	193	10	4	
56	90	13	4	4			103	1	19		158	2	14	
57	93		5	4			95	1	21	20	120	20	23	
58	210	6		2	2	2	210	2	12		150		6	
59	147	30				2	177	2	26		310		34	
60	230	23		1		3	249	2	18	35	160	2	2	
61	221	16	6	1	1	1	241	2	32	10	205	1	3	
62	27					2	25	1	10		50			
63	73	9		1	3		78	2	27	10	110	7	5	
64	196	2		3	7	3	183	3	12	18	147	7	11	
65	187	39	3	3	40	1	185	4	41	45	234		93	
66	196	17					213	3	31	34	259	8	15	
67	120	8			5	1	123	2	16		75	3	4	
68	109	8	3			1	119	2	17		198		14	
69	101	2	1	1		3	99	3	30	10	110		3	
70	137		4			2	139	1	31	65	250	1	2	
71	74	22		2	1		93	2	20	40	85	2	20	
72	173	1		2	9	4	162	2	23	10	85			
73	173	15	3	2	6	3	180	4	35	114	200		150	
74	169	4		1	7	1	163	2	13	6	81	3	2	
75	230		2	1		2	240	2	25	200	325		1	
76	135	7	9	1	18	2	144	1	29	21	195		21	
77	215		1	5	8	1	226	1	32		251		35	
78	198	49	1	2		2	247	4	42	25	350	15	25	
79	188	2	5		4	6	185	2	25	5	126	3	11	
80	172	3				4	177	3	27	10	185		3	
81	156	38	3	4			193	4	45	91	373		20	
82	56	5	1	1	1	1	59	2	10	29	58		6	
83	357	41	5	4	7	1	389	5	55	6	299		58	
84	94	13	3	5		4	102	2	32	27	217	2	1	
85	221	19		4	49	2	167	3	25		190	2	17	
86	235	39	5	18	37	4	220	1	29	12	250	3	15	
87	335	14	28	4	17	1	329	1	39	40	426	3		
88	204	10	6	1	3	5	198	1	26		197		12	
89		5					43	2	17	30	116	1	1	
90	71	16	6	4	6	1	82	1	30	90	325	6	24	
91	260		2			13	249	1	7	12	89	2		
92	785	39	9	10	4	18	834	10	33	15	363		1	
93							112							
Total.....		16,104	1,573	248	232	612	222	17,162	222	2,689	2,375	19,061	425	1,781
Report of 1887....		14,615	1,719	312	229	582	206	15,332	209	2,522	2,198	17,671	864	1,954
Gain.....		1,489			4	30	16	1,830	13	167	177	1,390		
Loss.....			146	64								439		173

PROPERTY STATISTICS

CHARGES.	No. of Appointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Church Papers Taken.	Our S. S. Papers Taken.	Volumes in S. S. Library.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Debt.
Accomac.....	3	3	1	29	240	200	\$ 7,000.00	\$.....
Alexandria.....	1	1	1	14	315	400	9,000.00	.....
All Saints.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,000.00	.....
Amelia.....	2	2	.....	28	.....	.....	2,400.00	.....
Anne Arundel.....	6	6	1	23	233	600	12,000.00	.....
Baltimore.....	5	4	1	12	249	413	6,500.00	500.00
Bedford.....	6	6	1	25	274	314	11,200.00	300.00
Belair.....	4	4	1	30	160	275	12,000.00	800.00
Broadway.....	1	1	1	10	315	600	33,000.00	8,500.00
Cambridge.....	3	3	1	.....	.....	.....	5,500.00	1,734.00
Campbell.....	6	6	1	8	.....	.....	3,000.00	.....
Caroline.....	4	4	1	19	228	750	6,000.00	.....
Cecil.....	5	5	1	16	250	460	12,000.00	500.00
Central.....	1	1	.....	31	160	546	100,000.00	33,500.00
Centreville.....	2	2	1	14	150	120	1,500.00	2,000.00
Chesapeake.....	2	2	1	10	150	100	8,500.00	500.00
Chesterfield.....	2	.....	.....	10	129	.....	.....	.....
Chestertown.....	1	1	1	36	300	235	7,000.00	.....
Chincoteague.....	1	1	.....	8	90	.....	1,500.00	.....
Clayton.....	3	3	1	4	.....	50	8,000.00	600.00
Concord.....	4	4	1	25	130	240	8,200.00	.....
Crisfield.....	1	1	1	10	250	158	7,500.00	.....
Crumpton.....	2	2	1	11	50	100	5,200.00	160.00
Cumberland.....	1	1	1	21	125	210	10,050.00	.....
Deer Creek.....	3	3	.....	18	240	110	4,450.00	100.00
Deer Park.....	4	4	.....	16	250	200	4,160.00	600.00
Dorchester.....	4	4	1	.....	100	200	10,000.00	50.00
East Baltimore.....	1	1	1	25	360	600	20,000.00	.....
Easton.....	1	1	1	35	300	300	20,000.00	.....
Ellicott City.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00	.....
Eutaw.....	1	1	1	16	.....	.....	3,500.00	630.00
Fawn Grove.....	6	6	1	23	500	600	10,800.00	783.00
Felton.....	3	3	.....	4	50	200	3,050.00	.....
Finksburg.....	4	4	1	10	112	400	12,000.00	168.00
First Church.....	1	1	1	12	145	135	10,000.00	.....
Franklin City.....	6	5	1	24	400	250	6,000.00	750.00
Frederick.....	8	8	1	55	450	500	15,000.00	.....
Georgetown.....	1	1	1	45	266	500	20,000.00	.....
Hampden.....	1	1	1	18	350	292	9,300.00	400.00
Harper's Ferry.....	2	1	1	4	105	50	6,000.00	.....
Harrington.....	3	3	1	21	300	.....	7,800.00	1,200.00
Howard.....	4	3½	.....	15	100	300	4,500.00	.....
Indian River.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	50	500.00	.....
Jefferson.....	4	4	1	20	200	225	14,000.00	.....
Kennedyville.....	1	1	.....	11	110	175	3,000.00	.....
Kent Island.....	2	2	1	11	110	100	8,300.00	.....
Laurel.....	2	2	1	12	150	230	10,000.00	.....
Leipsic.....	1	1	14	40	75	2,000.00
Liberty.....	4	4	1	25	200	480	10,000.00
Lisbon.....	5	5	1	18	150	560	7,500.00	375.00

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CHARGES.	No. of Appointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Church Papers Taken.	Our S. S. Papers Taken.	Volumes in S. S. Library.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Debt.
Lynchburg.....	1	1	.....	20	200	150	\$ 15,000.00	\$.....
Middleway.....	3	2	1	8	95	40	2,800.00	.....
Milton.....	4	4	1	5	150	500	5,500.00	90.00
Mt. Tabor.....	1	1	.....	7	170	175	8,200.00	1,000.00
Newark.....	1	1	1	21	360	756	35,000.00	2,400.00
N. C. Avenue.....	1	1	.....	6	206	126	6,000.00	.....
Oxford.....	1	1	1	12	190	400	5,000.00	.....
Pipe Creek.....	2	2	1	21	136	500	10,000.00	521.00
Pittsville.....	4	4	1	22	175	125	5,000.00	.....
Pocomoke.....	4	5	1	17	85	80	5,453.00	.....
Pocomoke City.....	2	2	1	45	225	350	11,000.00	.....
Porter's Grove.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	240	1,600.00	.....
Potomac.....	2	2	1	12	50	410	4,500.00	.....
Powellville.....	4	4	1	13	144	196	4,500.00	250.00
Preston.....	4	3	1	13	195	200	6,000.00	.....
Quantico.....	5	5	1	24	105	200	7,000.00	.....
Queen Anne's.....	2	2	1	37	75	130	3,500.00	.....
Rowlandville.....	2	2	1	.....	125	200	7,500.00	300.00
St. James.....	3	3	1	33	30	250	8,500.00	.....
St. Luke's.....	1	1	.....	14	390	300	6,000.00	3,000.00
St. Michael's.....	2	2	.....	15	15	200	4,000.00	.....
Salisbury.....	2	2	1	10	155	120	11,300.00	.....
Seaford.....	3	4	1	16	180	40	6,400.00	.....
Snow Hill.....	3	3	.....	14	80	130	3,600.00	.....
Somerset.....	2	2	1	.....	.....	150	5,000.00	.....
South Baltimore.....	1	1	1	8	50	187	21,000.00	.....
Starr.....	1	1	1	23	325	275	43,000.00	.....
Stewartstown.....	5	4	1	12	300	600	12,000.00	200.00
Surry.....	2	2	1	26	143	.....	3,125.00	.....
Susquehanna.....	3	3	1	49	200	800	10,000.00	.....
Sussex.....	4	4	1	.....	17	250	4,800.00	360.00
Talbot.....	2	2	.....	9	.....	100	1,000.00	.....
Union.....	7	7	1	24	170	122	11,850.00	696.00
Union Bridge.....	2	2	1	21	120	135	12,150.00	2,000.00
Warwick.....	3	3	1	24	.....	150	9,000.00	.....
Washington-St.....	1	1	1	24	374	400	25,000.00	.....
West Baltimore.....	1	1	.....	77	266	500	30,000.00	.....
Westminster.....	1	1	1	39	180	200	23,000.00	.....
Williamsport.....	3	2	.....	5	80	135	1,000.00	.....
Wilmington.....	1	1	.....	8	355	200	7,600.00	3,400.00
Charleston, S. C.....	2	2	.....	1	1	185	2,000.00	35.00
Berkely, S. C.....	9	8	.....	2	.....	75	1,850.00	240.00
Total.....	253	240½	65	1,585	14,563	22,585	\$912,138.00	\$68,942.00
Report of 1887.....	232	234	62	1,216	15,520	24,201	863,045.00	60,965.00
Gain.....	21	6½	3	369	.....	.....	\$49,093.00	\$7,967.00
Loss.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	957	1,616	.....	.....

SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON.

WHEREAS, Rev. J. R. Nichols has now closed the forty-ninth year of labor in the work of this Conference,

Resolved, That he is hereby unanimously requested to preach a Semi-Centennial Sermon at our next Session, if his life should be spared and his health permit him to do so, and that Rev. D. F. Ewell, M. D., be requested to act as alternate if necessary. See minutes of 1887, p. 55.

I was informed by letter from W. S. Hammond, President of the M. A. Conference, that this discourse is to take the place of the regular sermon before this body. And as by executive appointment, my brother, J. K. Nichols, D. D., preached a Semi-Centennial Sermon at Centreville, Maryland, in 1879, from the text, "What hath God Wrought," Num. 23d ch. and 23d v. That year being the Semi-Centennial both of the M. P. Church and M. A. Conference, consequently you must bear in mind that my discourse to-day applies to the fifty consecutive years of my itinerant labors in this Conference. Our text may be found in 126th Psalm, 3d v., "The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Now by way of introduction, permit me to give you a short biographical sketch of my life. I am the third son of John and Susanna Nichols, born in Berkley county, West Virginia, June 4th, 1815, consequently I am in my 73d year. I was left fatherless in my eleventh year. I received an ordinary rudimental country education. I was converted in October, 1832, at a meeting held by two local ministers who sympathised with the reform movement, (Revs. Robert Wilson and John Light, father and uncle of our late brother P. Light Wilson) several weeks prior to the first organized society of the M. P. Church in that section of the State of Maryland. I united with that society one week after its organization. The work of the ministry was suggested to my mind soon after my conversion, but my exalted idea of a minister of the Gospel, and the great contrast between that idea and myself, both in natural and acquired ability would not allow me to entertain that suggestion for a moment, so I peremptorily rejected it, believing it came from the old tempter to do me injury and not from God, and dismissed it from my mind, and for two years or more I was not troubled on that subject. During this interim an entire revolution in my vocation, residence and purposes was produced by a singular providence. Incidentally, under the new state of things, by correspondence with my brother, Rev. J. K. Nichols, the subject of the ministerial work was revived

and soon became a very serious matter. But still adhering to my original conceptions of the dignity, talent and acquired ability of a minister of Christ, I could not bring myself to believe that God ever intended such an utterly unqualified person as myself for that sacred calling. For two years I fought against it and endeavored to reason myself out of those convictions until I had greatly declined in religious fervor, activity and spiritual enjoyment. In the latter part of the summer of 1836, at night, in the open air upon my knees, pleading with God to help me to settle this all absorbing question, when suddenly an impression fell upon me as though a voice had spoken it: *You are ashamed of Christ!* I sprang from my knees and said aloud, "*I am not.*" I went that same night and laid the case before my pastor, and preliminaries were arranged so that my case would come up before the next Quarterly Conference, all of which worked favorably.

In April, 1838, at the Conference held in Chestertown, Maryland, I was admitted as a probationary member of this body, and was appointed as assistant with Rev. A. G. Grove, on Snow Hill and Princess Ann Circuit. It embraced the territory now occupied by Snow Hill, Pocomoke and Somerset Circuits, Pocomoke City and Crisfield Stations, and one appointment on Franklin City Circuit. There were fifteen preaching appointments, requiring a ride of three hundred miles every four weeks to make the round. There were thirty-two ministerial members belonging to the Conference that received me. Of that number but four are living, as far as I know. Three are still members of this Conference, viz: our venerable brethren A. Webster and J. W. Everest and my brother J. K. Nichols. The other is our highly esteemed Rev. A. A. Lipscomb, D. D., L. L. D. Myself and (six others all of whom are dead) were received into the Conference in 1838, since which time two hundred and twenty-eight have been taken into this Conference. These added to the original thirty-two, aggregates two hundred and sixty-seven ministers and preachers. By consulting our dead roll, I find that fifty-nine of our number have finished their work and entered into rest since I entered this Conference. These added to the present membership of one hundred and seven, aggregates one hundred and sixty-six, deducting this from the two hundred and sixty-seven, leaves one hundred and one to be accounted for in some other way. Some retired to the unstationed ranks, some took transfers to some other Conference of our denomination, but many sought connection with other churches. Twenty-eight out of the thirty-two members of 1838, have finished their work on earth, among whom are the three Reeses, Webster, Stier, Kesley, Rawley Varden, Collier, Stockton and others of precious memory, and thirty-one of those who came in with and since my reception, among whom are the Elderdices, Eversoles, Wrights, Ewells, Wilsons, Morgan, Roby, Moore and others, whose memories are embalmed in our hearts

to-day. One hundred and three are still at their posts doing good service for the master. But oh, the change that time has wrought. Many of the youths and young men that entered the doors of this Conference with and since your speaker, have, like him, grown gray-headed and infirm, bending towards the grave and are looked upon as the fathers of the Conference, but according to nature, soon step down and out, and their names be placed on the dead roll like those of our brethren who have preceded us. But thank God he is preparing others to take our places in the Conference, and others more youthful to follow them. How truthful the saying: "The work goes on though the workmen die." Right here a few verses of holy writ bearing upon the main point of the text, viz: the great things that God hath done, will be in place. "For the Lord thy God is a merciful God, He will not forsake nor destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them. For ask now of the days that are passed, which were before thee, since the day God created man upon the earth, and ask from one side of Heaven to the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it. Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire as thou hast heard and live? Deut. 4th ch. 31, 32, 33 vs." "And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel whom God went to redeem for a people to Himself and to make Him a name and to do for you *great things* and terrible for thy land and before thy people which thou redeemest to thee from Egypt!" Sam. 7th ch. 23d v. "I would seek unto God and unto God would I commit my cause which doeth great things and unsearchable, marvellous things without number." Job 5th ch. 9th v. "They forgot God their Saviour, which had done great things in Egypt. One hundred and sixth Psalm, 21st v. "Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." Gen. 33d ch. 3d v. "Great multitudes came unto Him (Jesus) when they heard what great things He did" Mark 3d ch. 8th v. "When Jesus was about to return from the land of the Gadarenes, the man of the tombs, out of whom the devil had been cast, desired to go with him, but Jesus suffered him not, but said unto him, go home to thy friends and tell them what great things the Lord hath done for thee. Mark 5th ch. 19th v. "Then the language of the text, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

We will now take up the text and try to discuss it in the following manner: The first great thing that God did for Israel, was their call in Abraham, to become his people by generation. Abraham was commanded to leave his native land (or of the Chaldee), get away from his father's house with the promise of God as follows: "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing." Gen. 12th ch., 2d. v. Although at this incipient stage of Israel's nationality there was but one solitary man,

yet the little one became a thousand and the small one a great nation. God's promise was verified, for the descendants of Abraham became as the sand on the seashore for multitude. This first great thing God did for Israel laid the foundation of all the subsequent great things done for them. God conferred on them an honor and dignity by constituting them his peculiar people. That distinguished them from and elevated them above all other nations at that day, which was to them of infinite importance and should have so been appreciated. In like manner, my brethren, we should consider the greatest thing that God could do for us is to call us by His word and spirit, to become His disciples, to become His children, adopted into His family like Abraham, to come out from and leave our native haunts of sin and wicked associations and start for and seek a better land and city. Almost fifty-six years ago your unworthy speaker heard and obeyed that call. Can anything be done for man of greater importance? Can we conceive of anything of such infinite value to poor sinful humanity, as by grace divine through Jesus Christ, to be made a child of God and an heir of glory? We can all easily call up other great things God has done for us personally. The next great thing to His conversion of your speaker was putting him into the itinerant ministry of this Maryland Annual Conference that he has loved so long and well. It seemed to be a marvelous providence that such an unworthy and utterly unqualified creature should be charged with such a *work* or *trusted* with such *responsibilities*. Surely, in this case God chose the weak and foolish to confound the wise and mighty.

My idea of the minister's work and calling then, was to save souls. Whatever would contribute to the conversion of sinners was the minister's work. To this my entire ministerial life has been consecrated, so like Paul, I have been in labor abundant. Perhaps my excessive zeal for the conversion of souls led me into an error in my youth, viz., a *lack of study*. Had I divided my time *more* equally between altar and study it might have been better for myself; and, perhaps, as well for the Church, but in those days I would much rather run a protracted meeting than to read Greek, hence my classical books purchased 50 years ago are in a good state of preservation. But my zeal and success in altar work secured for me an enviable camp and protracted-meeting popularity, so that the Presidents have been beseeched times without number by camp committees and pastors, to put my name in the list of appointees. I have received hundreds of letters, couched in most flattering language, urging me to attend camp and protracted meetings, the churches joining the pastor in his appeal stating the meeting was an important one, that I was the very man they needed, and feared if I failed to attend the meeting would be a failure, which would be a sad stroke to that appointment, &c., &c. This species of popularity led to an episode in this Conference that never occurred but once, known to a few of the older minis-

ters. In 1853 a small mission had been started in South Baltimore under the auspices of West Baltimore Station. The friends of that mission had conceived that I was the man for the mission, but there were such urgent demands upon the President by delegates to appoint me to their charges, that he seemed unable to resist them; when he got up in open Conference and stated that unless the Conference by vote took me out of his hands and assign me to that mission he would be compelled to appoint me elsewhere. The Conference accepted the proposition, and I enjoyed a three years' term in that mission, of almost unparalleled success. But I grew older in the Conference and reached that period when I, with others, had a right to expect a share in the honors to be given by the suffrages of the Conference. But I have been invariably left out. This for a time afflicted me; it seemed to be such a contrast to the frequent and loudly expressed estimate in which I was held. But I thank God I have lived through it, and rejoice that my record is in Heaven, for God has honored me by making me the humble instrument in the conversion of not less than 5,000 souls, many of whom are in Heaven to-day, and others on the way, some of whom are ministers of Christ, five of whom are members of this body. I have administered the ordinance of baptism to about 3,000 persons, including adults and children. Surely the Lord has done great things for your speaker during these 50 years of itinerant labor. Not only in the success attending them, but also in the extraordinary health and strength with which He has blessed me, which has enabled me to perform those excessive labors for a half century. On one or two occasions I kept up a protracted meeting for 14 consecutive weeks, doing most of the preaching and leading nearly all of the singing myself. These remarkable instances of endurance have called forth some amusing criticisms. A man from Jersey charged me with having horse lungs. A brother at the Churchhill Camp in Queen Anne called me a "whole passel of men." Many of my ministerial brethren have said Brother Nichols is no criterion for any preacher to follow, for he does the work of six men, &c., &c. In my earlier ministry I have been seriously warned a hundred times to take care of myself and not labor so incessant and hard or I would kill myself; that I was only human, for no man can stand such labors and live. I have been asked sundry times how I accounted for my lungs being so strong, as I never complained, my only theory was they grew strong on the same principal of the blacksmith's right arm, by hard and constant use. For years I have not heard those words of warning, I suppose my sympathizing friends found I did not die and now the danger is over, or have given me up as incorrigible. My conscience would never let me miss an appointment if it was within range of human and horse possibility to reach it. Hence I do not believe I have disappointed a dozen congregations in the 50 years and several of them was from sickness of my-

self or family. Now, some perhaps will say all this is egotism or boasting. I assure you my brethren it is not mentioned in any such spirit, but simply a narration of facts, to establish the truth that the Lord has done great things for his unworthy servant, for which I am glad, and to His name be all the praise and glory.

The second great thing the Lord did for Israel is their emigration to (residence in) and deliverance out of Egypt. The Lord's hand is plainly seen in this whole affair. Long before the circumstances occurred that led them to Egypt, Joseph, when but a child, had prophetic dreams, which, when told to his parents and brothers, was offensive to them. Then came the time when Joseph's piety and truthfulness so exasperated his wicked brothers that they plotted a murderous attack upon him but compromised upon his sale to a company of travelling merchants who carried him to Egypt and sold him to a prominent officer of the King's cabinet. Here again his exemplary piety and unyielding integrity became offensive to the wife of his master, and was by her wickedness and falsehood, thrown into prison. But this was in a direct line to that high and responsible position God intended him to fill, for in this prison he found two of Pharaoh's smaller officers awaiting trial for offences committed, each of whom dreamed the same night, and being anxious to know the interpretation thereof, Joseph, the servant of God, rendered that important service, saying that one would be executed the other liberated, and made the request of the favored one to remember him to the King on his restoration. But this was forgotten, as is often the case. So many favors not only go unrequited but the author, as in this case, is forgotten. But Pharaoh's *dreams* brought Joseph into remembrance and also into the presence of the King, and with godlike knowledge made plain to the troubled ruler the import of his portentous dreams of seven years of plenty and seven years of scarcity. Then added a most wise and prudent suggestion to appoint a competent and trusty officer to take charge of the agricultural products of the kingdom, to store away the superabundant surplus of the years of plenty, so as to supplement the supplies of the years of scarcity and thereby prevent suffering and death. The King replied, can we find such an one as this—a man in whom the spirit of God is? And he said unto Joseph, for as much as God hath shown thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art; thou shalt be over my house, and according to thy word, all my people shall be ruled. Only in the throne will I be greater than thou. Gen. 41st ch. 38, 39, 40 vs. In the early part of the famine Joseph's brethren went into Egypt for corn and were brought into the presence of their long lost and persecuted brother unawares, and humbly supplicated him for needed supplies for themselves and families. After Joseph had subjected them to a series of unpleasant experiences made himself known to them, then sent for and had his aged father and all his brothers and their families

brought down into Egypt and located them in Goshen. Now in these series of events Joseph's dreams finds their fulfilment in connection with Pharaoh's. In this favored portion of Egypt the people of Israel lived in peace and prosperity for many generations, enjoying the fruits of Joseph's noble life and influence.

But after the lapse of four centuries, when Israel had multiplied from seventy-one to three million of souls, there arose a King that knew not Joseph, and seeing this mighty Hebrew nation grown up in their midst, excited their jealousy and fear. A system of terrible persecution and oppression was inaugurated for the purpose of preventing the further increase of the Hebrews. This called forth the prayers and cries of the oppressed for deliverance. God anticipating this state of things, had chosen Moses at his birth and by a series of providences prepared him for the work and sent him eighty years later to the King of Egypt, demanding the liberty of His people. Through the agency of Moses, God, with his mighty arm and outstretched hand, led his people out of bondage into the promised land and established them as a free and happy nation. So we see at both ends of this portion of Israel's history, "God moved in a mysterious way his wonders to perform." In a similar manner God also did a great thing for Israel in their deliverance from the Babylonian Captivity that extended over a period of seventy years. In this instance God chose Cyrus, the Persian, as his agent. Cyrus was the son of Gambyses, King of Persia, and his mother the daughter of the King of the Medes and his sister of Cyaxares, King of the Medes. More than a century before he was born the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah alluded to him. Isaiah 44th ch. 28 and 45 vs.; 1—7th ch. 2d Chron. 36, 22, and 3. He inherited the Persian Empire from his father and the Median from his uncle Darius, uniting the two Empires in his own person. Now with these two great armies united, after defeating the Assyrians and reducing almost all Asia, he laid siege to Babylon, that impregnable city, with its walls three hundred feet high, seventy-five feet thick and sixty miles long, that being the circumference of the city with its hundred gates of brass. The Chaldeans at first gave battle to Cyrus outside these walls, but soon withdrew and shut themselves up within these ponderous walls, and having a supply of provisions for twenty years, gave themselves up to luxury and ease. But Cyrus practiced a strategy of a remarkable character by diverting the waters of the Euphrates that ran directly through the city beneath its walls, by cutting a canal, thereby turning the water into the lake and opening a pass-way into the city by the bed of the river. Cyrus and his soldiers entered and captured the city on the night of Belshazzar's feast to a thousand of his officers, of the handwriting on the wall notoriety. Soon after which the following declaration was made, "Thus saith Cyrus, King of Persia, all the kingdoms of the earth hath the Lord God of Heaven given unto me, and he hath charged me to build Him

a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people, (The Lord his God be with him) and let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah and build the house of the Lord God of Israel, He is the God which is in Jerusalem. And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver and with gold, and with goods and with beasts, besides the free-will offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem." Ezra 1st ch. 2-4 vs. It was at the return of the captives at this time to Jerusalem that called forth the remark from the heathen, "The Lord hath done great things for them." They replied in the language of my text: "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Third. In somewhat similar manner the Lord hath done great things for us. 1st. As a nation to them. The colonists crossed the great Atlantic in a certain sense for *corn*, like Israel went into Egypt. This new world was a kind of promised land to the poor and down trodden of the old world, as well as to those of better circumstances, whose enterprise and industry led them to seek their home and fortune in this Goshen of America. But in less than two centuries after the landing of the Pilgrims on Plymouth Rock, on December 21st, 1620, they found themselves under a tyrannical form of government, failing to mete out to them their just rights as free men. Taxation without representation against which their very manhood revolted, and notwithstanding their comparative insignificance, numerically and financially compared with their mother country, they struck for liberty. A noble group of brave and intelligent men signed that immortal document, the Declaration of American Independence, pledging themselves to sustain it with their money, their lives and sacred honor. God seemed to have prepared and pointed out the immortal Washington, (whom General Braddock was pleased to call a Young Buckskin, in derision, because he ventured to give his British lordship a little common-sense advice on the day of his terrible defeat and death), to lead the soldiers of the feeble colonists to certain victory after a seven years' struggle. Does not every view of this wonderful revolution plainly indicate that God's hand was in it? Did ever any army suffer and fight like they? The historian of that war relates a social incident of that war thus: General Marion invited a British officer to dine with him. After some time spent in social converse, near the camp fire, he got two pieces of bark, raked two nice sweet potatoes out of the fire, placing one before the Britisher, took the other for himself—inviting his guest to help himself. The Briton looked at the potatoes and then at General Marion, and said: "I presume you are getting a large salary?" "Not a cent," said the General. "Then, what are you fighting for?" "For liberty."

The Briton on his return to his own camp said: "There is no use to fight the Colonists, for they can't be conquered." Then recited the above incident. Patrick Henry, in one of his speeches in those days

said: "Give me liberty, or give me death." As the result of this struggle and victory, see what a great nation has developed; the admired and envied of all other nations. Surely God has done great things for us as a nation.

Fourth. The Lord as done great things for us as a branch of the church of Christ. 1st. In selecting us to establish an American National Methodist Church. Immediately upon the organization of a republican form of government by this nation at the close of the Revolutionary War, the Methodist Church, formerly governed by Mr. Wesley, adopted for themselves a monarchical form of government after the pattern of King George. Dominions (ignoring Mr. Wesley), the very government this nation had rebelled against and by a seven years' war, had conquered and gained their liberty. It was not the people, but the preachers that did this remarkable thing. It was an anomaly to have two antagonistic governments established in the same Territory and run in part by the same people. Republicanism for the nation and Monarchy for the church.

It got abroad in some way, that a Methodist Church could not live and prosper under a liberal or Republican government, but there was a little Democrat leaven in that old monarchical lump, that did not diminish, but grew larger as time rolled on, that in a few years began to be felt. In 1820 it had assumed such proportions that it attracted the attention of some of the oldest and ablest ministers and laymen of that Church. They saw the mistake their founders had made, and many of them wielded a masterly pen in favor of a radical reform, one of whom was Rev. H. B. Bascomb, of world-wide fame, who wrote the bill of rights, one of the strongest and ablest documents in favor of this reform movement ever written, and equally as strong against the polity of his own church, yet he continued in it and died a Bishop. The discussion waxed warmer and warmer, and the friends of the reform increased more and more; so that in 1824 a formidable petition was presented to the General Conference asking that the law of the M. E. Church be so modified as to secure the rights of the laity of said Church. But the rulers of this Israel replied to this honorable and Christian-like petition, the number desiring this change was so small compared to the entire membership, that it would be impolitic to make said changes when such a large per cent. of the membership are satisfied with the law as it is. Nothing daunted, the little Spartan band conceived a plan by which, by the next General Conference, four years to come, would give a bird's-eye view of the entire numerical strength of those favorable to this advocated reform. It was the establishment of union societies throughout the United States, so that every member, male and female, in the whole Church, favorable to this cause, would have their names recorded in one of these societies. But as soon as this new feature was introduced the work of intimidation was commenced by the clergy of

the Church. A young minister, who had been somewhat active in this new movement was refused an appointment by the Bishop unless he would make pledges repugnant to his manhood and Christian character, which he would not do, and was left out in the cold with wife and children. Then ensued the work of ex-communication in various parts of the United States, which, while it had the effect to silence some of the outspoken advocates of reform, and induce them to draw themselves back to remain in their old nests, God had chosen a Gideon band in the persons of a Snether, Shin, McCain, Stillwell, O'Kelly, Reese, Jenning, Brown, Waters and others; among the ministers; Stockton, Hopper, Harris, King, Kenneday, Crutchly, Jones, Constable, Rogers and others among the laity, to lead his people out of this Egypt into a land of liberty; who established a Methodism as purely Wesleyan as Wesley himself, and a polity as purely Republican as the government of this nation. Entirely non-sectional, it passes every attribute entitling it to the claim of the only National Methodism in existence. But it required grit and sacrifice upon the part of its founders and sympathizers, but it was all there, every attribute of character and spirit demanded for the accomplishment of this important work, was possessed by those noble ministers and laymen; they were men of God in a very high sense. One of the pioneer ministers gave up a vocation yielding \$1,200 a year to preach for \$200, two others still at their post in this Conference relinquished \$800 for the \$200. What a marked contrast between these giants of moral principle and self-denial and the few weak-kneed young itinerants who have left this noble little M. P. Church and have joined other ecclesiasticisms to secure larger salaries; stultifying themselves, sacrificing principle for interest, some of whom their friends are ashamed of today. When the church was built for the Washington City Station, D. C., after the small congregation had contributed all they were able and collected all they could from outsiders, there was still a considerable debt left on the church. When that noble layman, James A. Kenneday, of precious memory, sold one of his houses for \$1,200 and mortgaged another to raise money to pay that church debt. A noble example, the price of religious liberty.

These are specimens of early Methodist Protestants. This Methodism, Americanized, the Rev. Peter Cartwright was pleased to call a radical brat when it was young and *small*, and said it gave its last squawk in Pittsburgh in 1828. But more than a half century has passed since that, and that brat is still alive and in scripture language, "the little one has become a thousand and the small one a great nation." It was a great thing to us to be honored with the establishment of religious liberty in connection with Methodism. Through us for more than a half century He has demonstrated that a free Gospel and a free government have worked well together, and great prosperity has attended our labors, as the following figures will show from A. H. Bas-

set's statistical table of 1882, adding a fair per cent. for the last six years—50 conferences, 3,300 ministers, 2,600 churches, 300 parsonages, 150,000 members, \$3,500,000 worth of church property. But this does not express all that has been done, the hundreds of thousands of souls converted, through the influence of the M. P. Church, who have lived and died in our Church and the other thousands converted among us and united with other churches would greatly increase the numerical exhibit of work done during the fifty odd years of our Church existence. I here give a report taken from Bro's. Murray and Lewis's little book, pages 45 and 46, of work done by the *M. A. Conference* of the *M. P. Church*. In 53 years she has raised and trained and supported 300 preachers, called into service and furnished opportunity to as many local preachers, has built more than 200 church buildings, at a cost of \$700,000; has turned from darkness to light and from satan unto God more than 50,000 souls, who united with the M. P. Church, and fully 5,000 more who was converted among us, but joined elsewhere. Collected over \$60,000 for Missions, Superannuated Fund invested \$76,000 and disbursed in 44 years \$98,000, Pipe Creek invested fund \$15,855 and disbursed up to 1882 \$24,000. So in the first fifty years of our church work, may be put down in round numbers, including invested funds, 250 church buildings, 60 parsonages, book fund, college executive, salary \$49,000, preachers salary \$800,000, Sunday-schools, total paid by this Conference \$2,000,000. This, with a fair per cent. to be added for the advance of the past five years work, will furnish an idea of what God has accomplished through the members and ministers of the M. P. Church.

Fifth. Lastly, we now proceed to discuss the last clause of our text, viz.: Whereof *we are glad* there are two ways in which the Israelites manifested their appreciation of the great things God hath done for them; first, they were glad, very happy. They were so overjoyed, like those that dream, could scarcely believe it was true, it was too good, seemingly for them to realize. And, secondly, they went to work with a will to repair and build up the waste places of Zion; to rebuild the demolished temple and broken-down walls of Jerusalem, and were so intent upon their work that when Sanballat' invited Nehemiah and his men to a banquet, received the reply, "we are doing a great work and *can't* come down, for why should the work cease while we come down to thee." Now then, let us apply these tests to ourselves. We have the clearest evidences of the great things the Lord has done for us, as *individuals*, as a *nation* and as a *Church*. Now are we *glad*, are we happy, do we give glory to God for the great things the Lord has done for us? Some, in other days, gave evidence of their dissatisfaction by complaining at the meager salary they were receiving, comparing their's with the larger salary paid by other and richer denominations, and some actually drop out under the conceit that their talent would secure them a large salary in some other ecclesiasticism.

He forgets he owes everything to the M. P. Church, but for her, he might to day be living in sin and on the way to everlasting destruction, on being converted might not be a minister; *what then*, he might be compelled to pursue a vocation less remunerative than his ministry. Many young men by entering the ministry of this Church are elevated in their social status and thrown into society much above that of their childhood, become associated with the refined, the educated and the wealthy, where many secure their life companions; are any dissatisfied now? Oh, let them reflect and consider what great things God has done for them through the agency and influence of this dear Church. If you properly appreciate the blessings this Church has brought you, your heart will cry out—

For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given,
Till toils and cares shall end.

Some young men with brilliant talents after the church has taken them to her arms and started them in a career of usefulness on a line of promotion, bearing with them in their youth and inexperience, thus furnishing them with the very means of future success and elevation, sometimes forget what the church has done for them and the debt of gratitude he owes to her, plunges forward, selfconfident, takes his own head regardless of consequences, often does more harm in a few days or months than all the good he had done in life, and the mischief is done, both to himself, as well as to the church that made him what he was. O! What ingratitude! O! How many wrecks are drifting along the shores of the stream of life! The result of unchecked and imprudent ambition. Let us be warned by wrecks and ruin of others. Many of us owe all we have, and are to the grace of God in Christ brought to us through the agency and influence of the Methodist Protestant Church, so if properly appreciated it would make us glad and happy, and thereby be able to bear these little hardships and sacrifices that often becomes necessary in the faithful performance of Christian work and duty with cheerful submission. It is impolitic; it is unfair simply to look at the selfish side of this question. Our church advantages does not consist simply in dollars and cents. It saves the soul from sin and death; it elevates our character and manner; places us in positions of usefulness in this life, and prepares us for life everlasting. Second. Do we exhibit that second evidence of appreciation, viz., by putting forth every effort of which we are capable to build up the cause of God, to extend the victory of the cross of Christ in connection with the Methodist Protestant Church. If this were the spirit and practice of every minister and member in our dear little church, in the next fifty years she will have spread over this whole nation with thickly clustering congregations multiplied strength and wealth; that she will stand second to no denomination in this whole

land. She will then possess the ability and disposition to do for her ministers, missions and literary institutions as noble and generous a part as any church in the land.

I thank my God for what mine eyes have seen and my heart has enjoyed in the passed 50 years, in the large growth attained and the vast amount of good accomplished by this dear little Church. And now that my days are almost numbered and my work almost accomplished, my earnest prayer to God is that the future of our Church may be infinitely more prosperous than the past. Not expecting ever to preach to this Conference again let me close my remarks by exhorting, nay beseeching you all, both ministers and laymen, by the mercies of God be true to yourselves, be true to the Church of your choice and let the great things that God has done, is doing and will do make you glad and happy and prompt you, like Nehemiah and his co-laborers, to address yourselves to the building up the cause of God everywhere, the fruits of which will tell favorably upon every interest of our little Zion. And may God grant that when our earth work is finished we may all meet in Heaven. Amen and Amen.

THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE,

Friday, April 6th, 1888.

The Electoral College was organized with L. W. Bates in the chair, and W. M. Strayer, Secretary.

F. T. Tagg, J. T. Murray and W. J. C. Dulany were appointed judges. The following representatives to the General Conference were elected:

MINISTERIAL.

L. W. Bates, F. T. Tagg, W. S. Hammond, W. M. Strayer, J. D. Kinzer, E. J. Drinkhouse. T. H. Lewis, J. T. Murray, D. L. Greenfield.

LAY.

W. J. C. Dulany, C. W. Button, J. W. Herring, J. R. Caton, J. D. Baker, Samuel Vannort, W. J. Aydelotte, J. B. Thomas, Horace Burrough.

The following alternates were then elected:

MINISTERIAL.

B. F. Benson, J. L. Mills, T. D. Valiant, W. R. Graham, J. W. Charlton.

LAY.

Charles Billingslea, W. B. Usilton, John Dodd, S. S. Ewell, S. J. Topham.

L. W. BATES, *Chairman.*

W. M. STRAYER, *Secretary.*

SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY.

The Superannuated Fund Society met in Broadway M. P. Church on Thursday, April 5, 1888, with A. W. Mather, Second Vice-President, in the chair. Treasurer's report was read and adopted. Moved and adopted that the hearty thanks of the Society be tendered the Treasurer for his work so admirably done.

Elmer Simpson was appointed to collect annual dues.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: First Vice-President, H. C. Cushing; Second Vice-President, S. B. Tredway; Recording Secretary, B. W. Kindley; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather.

Board of Managers re-elected E. J. Drinkhouse. Pastors of West Baltimore, South Baltimore and Broadway, Horace Burrough, J. H. Elliott, J. A. C. Kahler and J. G. Clark.

On motion, Society adjourned.

B. W. KINDLEY, *Secretary.*

Baltimore, March 31, 1888.

To the President and Board of Managers of the Superannuated Fund Society, M. A. C.

DEAR BRETHREN:

The Treasurer begs leave to make his report for the past conference year as follows:

1ST. DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT.—Showing in detail the amount received from all sources.....	\$4,446.41
Less Cash paid Rent for Box at Safe, Deposit Co.....	15.00
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1887.	4,431.41
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Oct 5. Paid Rev. T. O. Crouse, Steward on hand for distribution.	2,030.00
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2,401.41

2ND. INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.—Showing some changes in the securities made by order of the Board, viz.: The sale of 78 shares of B. & O. R. R. stock at \$170, and the reinvestment of the proceeds.

3RD. MEMORANDUM OF THE ASSETS OF THE SOCIETY AND THE INCOME DERIVED FROM THE SAME FOR THE PAST YEAR IN A CONDENSED FORM.—While some of the Securities pay 6 and 7 per cent. on their face value, they were bought at a premium, and taking into consid-

eration their decline in value as they approach maturity, actually yield only about 4 or 5 per cent.

The 37 Shares of Stock and 65.77 of a share in scrip, of the Annapolis, Washington & Balto. Railroad, has been sold to M. C. Mengis at \$83.80 per share—the payments to be in installments—he having purchased all the Stock of said road, and has paid \$7,500 in cash, our proportion, \$79.56, we have received. The old stockholders, retaining the control of the road, and receiving the income until all the money is paid, a failure to comply with the terms forfeit what has been paid, and annuls the contract.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN G. CLARK, *Treasurer.*

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Home Missionary Society met in Broadway M. P. Church, April 5th, 1888. President W. M. Strayer in the chair.

D. L. Greenfield, Secretary of the Board of Managers, read the Treasurer's report.

On motion of E. J. Drinkhouse, the report was adopted.

The Annual Election of officers resulted as follows: President, W. M. Strayer; Vice-Presidents, J. L. Mills, J. E. Maloy and J. D. Kinzer; Treasurer, W. M. Silk; Secretary, Hugh L. Elderdice.

The old Board of Managers—the pastors of Lafayette Avenue, Mt. Lebanon, Starr and Washington Street Churches, and J. N. Gilbert, C. H. Bartlett, W. H. Silk and W. J. C. Dulany—were re-elected.

E. J. Drinkhouse moved that amount of money, \$251.65, in the hands of the Treasurer, be invested by the Board of Managers in the best possible way. Motion was carried.

C. H. Day was elected to collect the annual dues from the members, both ministerial and lay.

On motion adjourned.

HUGH L. ELDERDICE, *Secretary.*

W. H. SILK, *Treasurer,*

Cor. Saratoga and Howard Sts.

MANUAL.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE.

1. Pastors shall send to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the certificate of election of the delegate or delegates to the Annual Conference immediately after the election of the same.
2. The Secretary shall make a list of the delegates so certified, omitting all contested cases; and this list, together with the list of the ministerial members, shall constitute the roll of Conference upon which the Conference shall organize.
3. Immediately after the reading of this roll, the President shall appoint a Committee on Credentials, consisting of three laymen and two ministers, to whom the Secretary shall hand all certificates, and who shall also consider and report upon all contested cases.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

RULE I.

Duties of the President.

1. To take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.
2. Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.
3. Not allow improper personalities, nor reflections upon any religious communities.
4. Announce each person rising to speak, so soon as he shall have addressed the chair, by declaring him "The minister from —," or "The delegate from —."
5. State a question sitting, but stand when the question is put and taken; also when he states a point of order; and also when he makes any formal communication to the Conference.
6. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken, unless there be a tie; but he may vote in cases of ballot.
7. May call any member to the chair when he wishes to participate in debate, or for other purposes; but such persons shall not be entitled to the chair after an adjournment.

RULE II.

Duties of Secretary.

1. To perform such duties as are usually required of the Secretary of a deliberative body. And also,
2. Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference, and be accountable for them.

3. Be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment
4. Keep an accurate list of the members of the Conference.
5. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of Conference.
6. Keep a list of business, on which he shall record all business brought before the Conference, and in the order of its presentation.
7. Keep a list of committees, on which he shall record, *First*, The standing committees, in the order of their arrangement in these rules; and *Second*, All other committees that may be appointed, and in the order of their appointment.
8. Keep a correct list of the Circuits and Stations, to be used as occasion may require.
9. Be the Committee on Publication of the Minutes.
10. Supply the pastors with blanks.

COMMITTEES.

RULE III.

All committees shall be appointed by the President, except otherwise directed in the Book of Discipline, or by special vote of the Conference.

RULE IV.

Standing Committees.

1. On Unfinished Business, 1 Minister, 2 Laymen.
2. Finance, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
3. Itinerancy and Orders, the Faculty of Instruction.
4. Boundaries, 7 Laymen.
5. Publication of Minutes, the Secretary.
6. Pulpit Services, 3 Ministers
7. Home Missions, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
8. Superannuates, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
9. Literature, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
10. Sabbath Schools, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
11. Temperance, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
12. Benevolent Agencies, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
13. Fraternal Relations, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
14. Official Character, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
15. Statistics, 1 Minister, 1 Layman.
16. Obituaries, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.
17. Education, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
18. Foreign Missions, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
19. President's Report.
20. Sabbath Observance.

RULE V.

Any person being a member of two committees, shall have the right to decline an appointment to another.

MOTIONS.

RULE VI.

Every motion shall be written, signed, and read aloud by the mover, handed to the chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before any order can be taken upon it by the Conference: except motions for amendment, to lie on the table, the previous question, or to adjourn.

RULE VII.

Any motion may be divided, if the sense will admit of the proposed division.

RULE VIII.

No proposition to amend, that amounts to a substitute, shall be entertained.

RULE IX.

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to commit or to amend: which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand in this rule; the *first three* to be taken without debate; and the *first* always in order. But when the report of a committee has been under discussion, the motion to lay on the table shall not prevail until the chairman of the committee shall have been heard once on the subject, if he desires to speak.

RULE X.

The question under discussion shall be put whenever a call for it is made by five brethren, and sustained by a majority of the Conference.

RULE XI.

When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select committee, and to a standing committee, the question on reference to the standing committee shall be first put.

RULE XII.

No motion to commit, or to lie on the table, being decided, shall be again allowed on the same day, and at the same stage of the proposition.

RULE XIII.

No motion, after it is seconded, shall be withdrawn without leave.

RULE XIV.

No amendment shall be in order, farther than an amendment to the amendment.

RULE XV.

In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put.

DECORUM.

RULE XVI.

When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question he shall rise and address the chair, "Brother President," and then pause until he is announced to the Conference; after which he may proceed, addressing the chair, and restricting his remarks to the subject before the Conference.

RULE XVII.

If two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall determine which of them is entitled to the floor.

RULE XVIII.

No interruption shall be allowed, while a member is addressing the chair, except a call to order by the President or by a member.

RULE XIX.

When a member is called to order, he shall take his seat immediately, and be silent, until the President or member who made the call shall state the rule of order supposed to be infringed; after which the member called to order shall have the right to explain, and the President shall decide.

RULE XX.

In deciding a question of order, the President shall restrict himself to the rules of order, and any member declared to be out of order by the President, may, if he obtain a second, appeal to the Conference, but the question on such

appeal shall be taken without debate. If the Conference sustain the chair, the member shall be allowed to proceed only in order.

RULE XXI.

No member shall speak oftener than twice to the same question, without special leave of Conference; nor longer than fifteen minutes at any one time, unless by the same special permission.

RULE XXII.

No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in a previous speech, except in regular debate, unless the member replying thereto request it, or unless another member requires it; but any member so called upon to explain, shall have the right to decline any explanation.

RULE XXIII.

Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of the subject under consideration.

RULE XXIV.

Every member shall be in attendance upon the first day's session, unless unavoidably detained.

RULE XXV.

After the affirmative of a question has been put, any member who has not spoken before to the question may rise and speak before the negative be put.

RULE XXVI.

A member may change his vote at any time before the Chair announces the decision of the question.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

RULE XXVII.

At nine o'clock A. M., on the day to which the Conference adjourned from the last annual session, the President shall open the Conference by reading a portion of the Word of God, singing and prayer.

RULE XXVIII.

The examination of official character shall be next in order, and in the following manner:

1. Examination of the President. The President shall call another minister to the chair and read his annual report. The Chairman shall then address the Conference thus: "Brethren, you have heard the report of the President; shall his character pass?" In case of any charge against the official character of the President, it shall be handed to the Standing District Committee, and the chairman of that committee shall answer the question, "Shall his character pass?"

2. Examination of other ministers. The roll shall then be called, including the Dead Roll, and after the election of the Conference officers pastors shall deposit their reports, and the collections prescribed by the Conference, each in a sealed envelope, upon which shall be marked the amount, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor, and the name of the charge, in the box of the Conference Steward. The reports, and all charges against official character, shall be handed to the Committee on Official Character. Pastors whose official reports are defective in any point shall be summoned before the committee to explain, and only those cases in which explanations may be unsatisfactory to the committee shall be reported to the Conference; and the characters of all ministers whose names are not reported shall be considered passed. In the event of the death of any member of this Conference, the President shall appoint some member to formally announce

the fact to the Conference, and such announcement shall be made when the name of the deceased is reached in the calling of the Conference Roll; and the name shall then, on motion, be transferred to the Dead Roll by the Secretary in the presence of the Conference, and when the name is reached on the Dead Roll, an order of the day shall be named for memorial services for the deceased.

RULE XXIX.

At eleven o'clock the President, or his substitute, shall preach an appropriate discourse, and in the evening the Lord's Supper shall be administered.

RULE XXX.

1. The President for the ensuing year shall be elected, by ballot, on the first day of the session, at two and a-half o'clock, P. M.

2. The Secretary shall be elected immediately after the election of President; and the Stewards, viz.: The Conference Steward, the Home Missionary Steward, the Superannuated Fund Steward, and the Home and Foreign Missionary Steward, immediately after the election of the Secretary.

RULE XXXI.

The Standing District Committee shall be elected by ballot, immediately after the election of the Stewards. This Committee consists of three elders, one of whom must be unstationed, and three laymen.

RULE XXXII.

The Committee of Appeals shall be elected by ballot, immediately after the election of the Standing District Committee—three ministers, two laymen.

RULE XXXIII.

In balloting, blanks shall be rejected and not reported by the tellers.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DIURNAL SESSIONS.

RULE XXXIV.

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.

RULE XXXV.

The reading of the minutes of the preceding day for correction shall be first in order.

RULE XXXVI.

The business next in order shall be the Reports of Committees, called for in the order in which they stand on the List of Committees. They shall not report at any other time without special leave.

RULE XXXVII.

The names of the several Circuits and Stations shall then be called, in the order in which they stand on the List of Circuits and Stations, for any business to be laid before the Conference; when the Delegate from the Circuit or Station called may present any business, and it shall be recorded, without debate, on the List of Business.

RULE XXXVIII.

When any business is laid on the table, it may be made the order of the day for any other day of the session, and at a specific hour.

RULE XXXIX.

Unfinished business from the last annual session shall have precedence of all business except the order of the day.

RULE XL.

Ordinary business shall have precedence in the order in which it stands on the List of Business.

RULE XLI.

When any business is taken into consideration, it shall not be interrupted by any other business (except the order of the day), nor by adjournment.

RULES OF ADMINISTRATION.

Duties of the President.

1. The President shall appoint the speakers who shall address the Superannuated Fund and Missionary Societies at the ensuing Annual Conference; and Friday and Monday evenings are set apart for the public meetings, the anniversaries to alternate in the order of their occurrence.
2. The Stationing Authority is vested in the President of the Conference.
3. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical reports for all charges unsupplied.
4. In the event of the death of any ministerial member, the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee from any number of the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.
5. The President shall have a claim on the Missionary Collection for his deficiency on Missions.
6. The failure of the President to visit any charge does not vitiate his right to the amount assessed for his salary.
7. The President shall represent the interests of the Home Missionary Society, and shall press its claims in such manner and at such times as in his judgment may be necessary to secure the entire assessment.

DUTIES OF STEWARDS.

1. The Conference Steward, Home Missionary Steward, Superannuated Fund Steward and Home and Foreign Missionary Steward, shall constitute a Conference Board of Stewards, to whom the Secretary shall hand all reports and collections as received from pastors.
2. The Board of Stewards shall meet immediately after their election and open the envelopes containing the various collections, count the money enclosed, noting its agreement with the statement on the official report and on the envelope, and prepare a report of collections to the Conference. The money in hand shall then be passed to the persons designated by the Conference to receive it, and the reports to the Committee on Official Reports.
3. Other duties belonging to the several Stewards shall be performed and reported upon separately as now.

DUTIES OF PASTORS.

1. Every pastor is required to lift at each appointment of his charge a collection, which shall be known as the Conference Incidental Collection, the object of which is to defray Conference expenses, including the publication of the Minutes of the Conference, the Minutes to be furnished to the congregations contributing at the lowest possible rates.
2. It is the duty of pastors to examine and see that suitable deeds be had for all our churches, so as to secure them to the Methodist Protestant Church, and, wherever possible, have them incorporated.
3. Pastors are required to apportion the President's salary equitably among the several appointments, and use their utmost endeavors to collect the same before the annual visit of the President.
4. Pastors are required to see that the families belonging to their respective charges are duly supplied with the Catechism of our Church.

5. Pastors are instructed to ascertain of those received into the church whether they have been baptized, and, if not, to administer the ordinance of baptism without unnecessary delay.

6. Every pastor is required to do his utmost to collect the full amount of the assessments made upon his charge, whatever may be the difficulties that he may encounter.

7. It is the duty of the pastor to preside on the trial of an accused unstationed minister or preacher.

8. Pastors are required to report to the Annual Conference the amount contributed to Foreign missions by the auxiliaries of Woman's F. M. Societies, and due credit shall be given in the Minutes.

SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY.

1st. Every minister, preacher and member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-one years, shall be entitled to vote in all cases.

2d. All members in full communion and fellowship shall have the right to vote in the election of their class-leaders; and those who have attained the age of twenty-one years shall be "qualified members" for the purposes indicated in Section 3 of Article IV. of Constitution, and in divisions 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," found on pages 109 and 110 of Discipline.

3d. Every minister, preacher and lay male member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-five years, shall be eligible as a representative in the General Conference.

4th. Every male member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-one years, shall be eligible as a steward and as a trustee and also as a delegate to the Annual Conference.

5th. No minister shall be eligible to the office of President of the Annual Conference until he shall have faithfully exercised the office of elder two years.

ADMINISTERING ORDINANCES.

No person, in virtue merely of a license to preach, or even election to office, is empowered to administer, or assist in administering, the Christian ordinances.

UNSTATIONED MINISTERS.

The Conference will not recognize as a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church any man who does not bring credentials from some other orthodox denomination, or who has not received suitable testimonials of ministerial character from our own Church. In returning the list of ministers and preachers, pastors shall name no person who does not possess the foregoing qualification.

LOTTERIES.

The practice of raising funds for church purposes, by means of lotteries and other games of hazard, is disapproved by the Conference, and pastors are enjoined to discountenance their use.

MORTGAGING CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Conference disapproves of the practice of mortgaging church property for the purpose of paying pastor's salary, directly or indirectly.

OBITUARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the Committee, appointed in accordance with the rule of Conference, to prepare an obituary, without delay, containing a notice

of the place and date of the birth of the brother, the date of his conversion, receiving license to preach, and his reception into the Conference, together with any other important facts connected with his history which their judgment may dictate, in addition to the particulars of his death, and said obituary shall at once be forwarded to THE METHODIST PROTESTANT for publication, and be reported to the ensuing session of Conference.

2. Every ministerial member of this Conference is hereby requested to make and keep by him a record of his nativity, and of all the prominent facts in his Christian and ministerial history.

MOTIONS TO FIX TIME AND PLACE.

All motions to fix time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.

MARRIAGES.

The Conference cannot encourage any of its members to expect support as married men until they shall have served at least four years in the itinerancy.

CAMP MEETINGS.

Camp-Meetings shall have the sanction of Conference and receive ministerial aid from it on the following conditions:

1. There shall be no traffic on the Lord's day on the camp-ground, or the adjacent territory protected by the laws of the State.

2. The managers or other officers of the camp meeting, shall not bargain for or receive any portion of the money paid to railroads, or the owner or owners of any conveyance or conveyances, as a consideration for conveying persons to the camp ground, or the vicinity thereof, on the Lord's day.

3. Faithful efforts shall be made by the official members of the church and all persons having authority at camp-meetings, to maintain the due observance of the Lord's day.

4. No advertisement of the running of trains on the Lord's day shall be made by any of the persons referred to in the preceding paragraphs, nor shall anything be done by their authority or solicitation to contravene the foregoing regulations.

5. Quarterly Conferences, or associations recognized by this Conference, shall deliver to the President, at least four weeks before the time appointed for said meetings, a written pledge, duly attested, that the foregoing regulations shall be observed in good faith.

6. The President shall have no authority to assign ministers for service at camp-meetings, until he shall have received the written pledge as above described; nor shall any camp meeting held in contravention of these regulations be recognized as a camp-meeting of the Methodist Protestant Church.

MISSIONARY REGULATIONS.

1. Contributions for Home Missions shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Missionary Society, that he may disburse the funds to the missionaries according to their various claims.

2. Pastors are instructed to have the missionary collections in the hands of the Treasurer by the end of the second quarter of the Conference year.

3. The Committee on Missions shall ascertain what amount of funds may be regarded as available for missionary purposes the ensuing year.

4. Appropriations shall not exceed the amount which may reasonably be expected from collections and interest on legacies.

5. The Missionary Society of this Conference shall elect seven Trustees for each mission, who shall hold all the property on our mission fields in trust for said Society, and yearly thereafter select a new Board of Trustees as long

as the mission relation is sustained. But whenever the mission shall become a circuit or station, the "qualified members," at a meeting regularly called for the purpose, shall have power to elect their own Trustees, to whom the Trustees, appointed by the Missionary Society, shall surrender the church property, together with the books, papers, or other valuables held by them as Trustees.

6. When any number of the members of any of our missions shall, through disaffection or from other causes, form themselves into classes, withhold themselves from the means of grace, or suffer themselves to be led by those who refuse to attend the official meetings of the church, or shall in any other way walk disorderly, on a charge being brought against such person or persons, the missionary shall see that the accused are tried according to Discipline, page 32. But should the class, of which the accused is a member, refuse or neglect to select two of their number to serve on the committee of trial, then the missionary shall fill the committee by having them selected from any other class in the mission, or from an adjoining station or circuit, as he may think proper; and should the accused be found guilty, he, she or they shall be suspended or expelled, as the committee may direct. And should an entire class or society become refractory, the missionary shall be authorized to select them according to the provision on page 41 of the Discipline; *provided, however*, that the person convicted shall in this, and in all cases where the trial is by jury, have an appeal to the Quarterly Conference next ensuing, whose decision shall be final.

7. Missions shall hold Quarterly Conferences.

8. When a charge is preferred against any member of the church, the missionary shall see that the accused is tried in accordance with the regulations of the Discipline, page 32.

9. Any mission having a missionary shall be entitled to one delegate to the Annual Conference, provided the missionary have a seat, who shall be elected by the qualified members of the mission, at least two weeks preceding the session of the Annual Conference.

10. No member of the Methodist Protestant Church shall hold membership in a mission and station at the same time.

11. Until a class is formed in a mission, the missionary shall have authority to receive probationers into full membership.

12. The missionary in charge is invested with authority to receive or reject applications for membership, as he in his judgment may deem most conducive to the welfare of the mission.

13. When a mission becomes a circuit or station, the property must be so transferred to the trustees elected by the qualified members, as to secure it to the Methodist Protestant Church.

14. The Board of Managers of the Home Missionary Society is empowered to appoint or dismiss trustees in missions during the recess of Conference.

15. All qualified members shall be entitled to vote for stewards in missions.

16. The Society shall pay the travelling expenses of such members of the Board of Managers as do not reside in the city.

17. The Board of Managers has full power to act on all matters pertaining to the Missionary Society in the interim of Conference.

SUPERANNUATED FUND REGULATIONS.

1. The Committee on Superannuated Claimants shall report to Conference all those names which, in its judgment, properly belong to the Superannuated list.

2. The committee, after ascertaining the amount needed, is authorized to assess the amount on the different charges on the basis of the President's salary.

3. The two interests, the collections for Superannuates and the interest on

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