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6. That this Conference extend its hearty thanks to Mr. A. J. Benjamin, General Passenger Agent of the Baltimore and Eastern Shore Railroad, and to the other railroad and steamboat companies, for their ample and liberal facilities offered by them to the members and visitors of the Conference.

7. That the thanks of the Conference are hereby extended to the citizens of Pocomoke City, who have so hospitably opened their homes for our entertainment.

8. That the thanks of this Conference are due and hereby tendered to the *Baltimore Sun* and the *Baltimore American*, for sending special representatives from their home offices to report the sessions of Conference, and for their full and accurate report of the proceedings.

R. L. LEWIS, Chairman.

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OFFICIAL CHARACTER.

The Committee on Official Character beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the reports of the brethren carefully, and find them all correct, except the following: J. R. Nichols, G. W. Haddaway, David Wilson, E. B. Taylor, A. D. Dick, S. D. Melvin and J. E. Forrester, failed to present each member received a copy of the Discipline, and C. W. McAllister, D. W. Anstine, J. M. Yingling, J. R. Nichols, G. W. Haddaway, R. L. Lewis, J. W. Trout, J. M. Holmes, David Wilson, J. W. Charlton, F. H. Mullineaux, W. R. Graham, H. W. D. Johnson, C. H. Day, C. H. Littleton, J. B. Jones, W. H. Stone, J. T. Lassell, W. J. Floyd, L. W. Bates, J. E. T. Ewell and G. R. McCready, failed to report quarterly to the President.

We recommend that the following resolution of S. B. Tredway and T. H. Lewis, referred to us, take effect at the Conference of 1893:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that any Pastor who fails to secure the full assessments of Conference collections, his official report shall be regarded as defective.

S. F. CASSEN, Chairman.

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PAPER FROM SURRY CIRCUIT.

Your special committee on papers from Salem church, Surry Circuit, having carefully examined said papers, availing ourselves of all the information we could obtain from brethren acquainted with the facts, respectfully report:

1st. That we find nothing in these *unofficial* papers that requires action on the part of this Conference; but,

2d. That we may treat with due respect the members of Salem church, whose names are attached to one of these papers, we recommend the return of the papers to the President, to be investigated, if necessary, at his convenience, in Salem church.

H. C. CUSHING, Chairman.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

The committee appointed by the Preachers' Meeting of Baltimore, to submit the subject of Young People's Societies to the Maryland Annual Conference, beg leave to report the following:

WHEREAS, We have learned with pleasure of the widespread acceptability of the Christian Endeavor movement; and,

WHEREAS, There are many societies of Christian Endeavor within the bounds of the Maryland Conference; and,

WHEREAS, This organization has proven of great value to our young people and helpful to the church; therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That we most heartily endorse this mighty movement, because of its catholic spirit, its gospel principles, its judicious methods and its successful results.

2. That we congratulate the numerous and aggressive churches of our Conference that have already enlisted their young people under the banner of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

3. That this Conference most earnestly recommends the formation of Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor in all its charges.

4. That the delegates from this Conference to the General Conference be instructed to use their utmost influence to secure for this movement an open door throughout the entire Methodist Protestant Church.

HUGH L. ELDERDICE, Chairman.

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FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.

1. We recommend William Edward Tyre and Fitzhugh L. Stevens to the Examining Committee at Westminster for aid from the Board of Ministerial Education.

2. We report of the First Year's Class, Jos. Valiant, R. K. Lewis, C. M. Cullum, L. F. Warner, J. E. Forrester, A. Donovan and A. S. Beane were marked 100 each in Theology, and L. F. Warner was also marked 100 in Church History, and, with E. S. Fooks, A. H. Green, E. B. Taylor, L. A. Bennett, G. R. Donaldson, John A. Wright and J. B. Whaley, were passed to the Second Year. Bro. Whaley, who, because of sickness, could not be present, is to take his examination so soon as he is able to do so. J. W. Parris of the Second Year, was marked 100 in Theology, 100 in Christian Pastorate and 100 in Sacred Geography, and was passed to the Third Year.

Of the Third Year's Class, G. R. Hodge and D. E. Day were continued; B. A. Dumm, Q. L. Morrow and H. S. Johnson were each given 100 in Butler's Analogy, and H. S. Johnson was also given 100 in Church History. These, together with J. H. S. Ewell and W. S. Phillips, were passed through the course.

3. We recommend the ordination of H. S. Johnson, Q. L. Morrow and W. S. Phillips.

4. We recommend for admission into the Itinerancy, Dorsey Blake, L. A. Bennett, C. M. Cullum, G. R. Donaldson, Ernest S. Fooks, Alonzo H. Green, Bartlett B. James, Frank H. Lewis, Charles Kerr McCaslin, Samuel D. Melvin, Louis R. Randall, Edwin B. Taylor and John A. Wright.

5. We recommend that A. S. Beane, J. E. Forrester, Milton Wade Sorden, Thomas H. Wright and George L. Wolfe be placed in the hands of the President.

REPORT II.

1. We report that Rev. W. M. Strayer was elected to the Chair of Church History made vacant by the resignation of President Kinzer.

2. That a Chair of Greek has been established, and that Rev. J. J. Murray, D. D., was elected a member of the Faculty and assigned to that Chair.

3. That a Chair of Hebrew has been established, and Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., has been assigned to it; that Rev. J. E. Maloy has been elected a member of the Faculty, and assigned to the Chair of Church History for the Third Year's Class.

4. That students applying for admission into the Conference, instead of presenting a written sermon at the Conference, shall send a written sermon to Rev. D. L. Greenfield, Professor of Homiletics, by the first day of February preceding the Conference session.

5. Rev. U. S. Murphy, a student of the Seminary, having promised to report to this Conference for work, being desirous of taking work in the Washington Conference, and having written to the Conference to be permitted to make such arrangement, we recommend that his request be granted.

REPORT III.

1. L. A. Bennett, Avry Donovan and John A. Wright, at the request of the President of the Conference, are recommended for ordination, each of these brethren pledging himself in open Conference to pursue the usual course of studies, until they are honorably passed through the course.

2. We report that C. A. McAllister is passed to the Second Year.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, Pres't of Faculty.

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REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your Committee on President's Report respectfully submits to your consideration the following:

1. We share the feeling of congratulation and gratitude expressed in the report, for the success attending our labors during the past, and hereby pledge ourselves to renewed effort in upbuilding and extending the Redeemer's Kingdom among men, and the advancement of that form of organized Christianity represented by the Methodist Protestant Church.

2. We deprecate unwarrantable overtures to, and interference with, the younger pastors of this Conference, by officials of the Methodist Protestant Church outside our Conference, whereby a feeling of discontent, if not disaffection, may be created in their minds, and we enter our earnest protest against it.

3. We heartily endorse the views expressed with reference to our educational institutions at Westminster, our publishing interests in Baltimore, the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and Baltimore City Extension Soci-

ety, and pledge ourselves to more active sympathy and support of each of these departments of Christian and denominational usefulness.

4. With reference to the examination and correction of Quarterly Conference records, we are not sure of the authority of the Annual Conference in the premises, without more specific legislation by the General Conference, and would respectfully submit the question without recommendation.

5. We are glad of the success of Garrett Mission, and rejoice that it has so early developed into Payson-Street Station.

6. We recognize the importance of the Superannuate question, and recommend earnest efforts to increase both the invested fund and the collections.

7. We concur in the recommendation for the adoption of a standing rule requiring the calling of the roll of ministers, early in the session of Conference, to determine each one's relation for the ensuing year, so that the Committee on Superannuates may have a full list of claimants, and the President a list of effective men to be appointed to the several charges of the District.

12. We recognize the importance of the "President's Fund," as set forth in the report, and recommend all our pastors to interest themselves in it.

13. We are gratified at the exhibit of help afforded necessitous cases by the Pipe Creek Benevolent Society, and Mrs. T. A. Reese, and hereby express the hearty thanks of the Conference therefor.

J. W. CHARLTON, Chairman.

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BOUNDARIES.

Your Committee on Boundaries begs leave to report. We respectfully recommend:

1. That Olivet and Walker appointments constitute a circuit, to be known as Potomac, and Beulah and Salem constitute a mission, to be known as Fairfax Mission; provided the Conference can supply it with a single man and allow it an appropriation of \$100.

2. That Delta Circuit be divided—setting off Mt. Nebo as a station, and Delta as a station, with Cambria appointment attached to the latter.

3. That Surry Circuit be so divided as that, 1st. Oak Grove be made a station, to include Dendron in its plan of appointment, and to be supplied with a married, ordained man; and, 2d, that Salem and Savage constitute a mission, to be called Prince George's, to be supplied with a single man, provided Conference can appropriate \$250 to the mission.

4. That the joint request of Warwick and Clayton Circuits, viz., that Salem appointment, on Warwick Circuit, be attached to Clayton Circuit, to be supplied with a married and a single man, with an appropriation of \$100 for one year, be granted.

5. That the request of Queen Anne's Circuit, that Ashland be added to the circuit, be not granted.

6. That Beulah on Grove Circuit, and Secretary Creek, be attached to Hurlock Mission, with the present appropriation continued.

7. That Frederica charge, which has been under the care of Felton, be set

off as a mission, and that Dover be admitted as a mission, with an appropriation of \$150.

8. That Patapsco and Thistle constitute a mission, to be known as Patapsco Mission, with an appropriation of \$50, and that Nichol's Memorial be made a mission, with an appropriation of \$200.

9. That Remington be made a mission, without an appropriation.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN MASON, Chairman.

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EDUCATION:

Your Committee on Education would report:

1. We note with pleasure the continued and increased success of Western Maryland College, as shown in the report of its President. It is particularly gratifying that its facilities for improved and advanced collegiate work are steadily increasing.

We are pleased to learn of the liberality of friends toward the College, by which this has been accomplished. Its decreasing debt, its multiplying facilities, its growing favor assure a great future. We feel, with Dr. Lewis, that co-operation of the pastors must come to give it the prosperity which is desired and sought, and in the canvass for students which is proposed to be made in the summer, it is the belief of the committee that the pastors should open every door to make the canvass effective.

We, therefore, recommend that every minister in the Conference be urged to set apart one Sabbath, to be known as College Day, at which time he shall set forth the claims and advantages of this institution to our people, and that the names of all persons likely to attend College be sent to the President.

3. It is gratifying to know that the Westminster Theological Seminary is steadily pushing itself forward to greater success and usefulness. Providence having led us to the establishment of this much-needed institution of our Church, it ought to enlist the keenest interest and most active co-operation of our ministry and laymen. The day is past when we can send men unfurnished with theological instruction into the great work of preaching the gospel. The cry of the intelligent world is for an educated ministry, and, if we respect ourselves and hope to command the respect of others, we must heed the cry.

We recommend that the assessment be the same as last year, and that every pastor be urged to use his utmost effort to secure the full amount of the same.

We recommend, also, that the request of the Board of Governors, for the services of Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., and Rev. J. B. Whaley, be granted.

3. We rejoice over the information given by Rev. J. C. Berrien, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education, that sixty students are at Adrian and Westminster, preparing for the work of the Gospel ministry; and that six thousand dollars of the ten thousand proposed to be raised as a memorial fund to Rev. J. B. Walker has been secured.

We earnestly commend this worthy undertaking to all our members and friends whom the Lord has blessed with this world's goods, and recommend

that Rev. J. C. Berrien be given an opportunity to be heard by this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. GILL, Chairman.

REPORT FROM WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

To the Maryland Annual Conference,

DEAR BRETHREN: I have the pleasure of reporting to you that Western Maryland College has enjoyed another prosperous year.

The number of students enrolled at the beginning of the year was about as large as usual, and is now 236. We have not had all the rooms for boarding students occupied, and the income will probably fall a little short of that of last year. We are desirous of increasing the College in this direction, and shall endeavor to make a vigorous canvass during the summer vacation. But still our efforts depend very much upon the co-operation of the pastors for success, and we solicit the continuance and increase of the interest they have hitherto shown in the College. If pastors will give some attention to this matter early in the summer, or even immediately after Conference, bringing to the attention of the President of the College the names of those likely to attend College the next year, they will give most important aid in building up still further the school. We should not feel satisfied until we have a roll of 150 boarding students, and we believe the Maryland District alone could furnish this number.

The facilities of the College for improved and advanced collegiate work are steadily increasing. Since last Conference we have enlarged the work in the department of Science, by placing the teaching of Physics in the hands of an additional Professor and organizing a Physical Laboratory with a fair equipment of apparatus.

Astronomy will be henceforth better taught and more easily learned by reason of the fine telescope given to the College by Trustees Starr and Grimes. Increased attention has been given to the thorough study of English, and preparation made for some important additions to the Library.

These and other internal improvements have been accompanied by the completion of a building for the Primary Department given by Dr. Charles Billingslea.

The finances are in good shape, and a payment of \$1,000 has been made on the debt, leaving the present net indebtedness \$13,000.

A clerical error has deprived us, as you know, of the money bequeathed us by Miss McKinstry, and thus the hope of building a chapel, for the present, has again been frustrated. But we still hope that some friend will come to our help in this particular. We are working out the building up of a first-class institution of learning steadily, but our progress must be much slower than our needs unless those who have the means consent to use it in this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

DEAR BRETHREN: We are gratified to report a good degree of progress of the Seminary and a more hopeful outlook for the future. We are giving close and earnest attention to this important institution of the Church, and endeavoring to institute measures by which we may add strength to the already effective corps of instructors. If the Conference would secure to us the full amount of the assessment now fixed, it would greatly facilitate our plans. It is gratifying to find that the assessments of last Conference have been honored in full in nearly every charge which has reported up to March 24. Renew the assessment of the past year, and pledge to us, so far as you

can, its payment in full, and we have confidence in promising arrangements which will be highly gratifying and successful.

The report of the President concerning the working of the new arrangement, notwithstanding the long absence of one of the Faculty, and the disability from sickness of another, shows that it has proved highly adapted to the purpose. We have inquired closely into it ourselves, and are well satisfied with its results, and we are persuaded that it will steadily advance to greater effectiveness.

We visited the Seminary and examined the schedule of study and the reports of scholarship of the students; and were impressed with the adaptation and thoroughness of the studies, and gratified at the proficiency of the students in their studies.

The number of students is 29—11 in the regular Seminary course, 18 in College. In the Seminary course: Seniors, 5; Juniors, 3; Introductory, 3—11. In the College: Seniors, 2; Juniors, 5; Sophomore, 2; Freshman, 2; Preparatory, 7—18.

The financial exhibit shows all expenses paid and a balance of \$50.54 to date March 19, 1892. The estimated receipts and expenditures for the balance of the Seminary year, gives with the amount above a surplus of \$340. The building has been furnished during the year with steam-heating arrangements at a cost of \$425.

According to the requirement of the Charter, the Conference at this session is called upon to elect as members of the Board of Governors, three ministers and two laymen.

We ask that Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., and Rev. J. B. Whaley be assigned for duty in the Seminary.

We invite your deepest interest in this institution, your close scrutiny of its management, and your suggestions in any direction which will be for its benefit.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HERING,
J. T. MURRAY.

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EDUCATIONAL STEWARD.

SEMINARY.	
Amount Assessed.....	\$1,236.00
Amount Paid.....	936.14
Deficit.....	\$299.86
MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.	
Amount Assessed.....	\$ 591.00
Amount Paid.....	514.36
Deficit.....	\$76.64

The Seminary money was paid to Dr. T. H. Lewis, and the Ministerial Education to Rev. J. C. Berrien, Corresponding Secretary. The itemized report will appear in the Conference Steward's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. ARNETT, Chairman.

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HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Conference Home Missions beg leave to report as follows:

We have carefully considered all applications for missionary assistance, but, in the face of the large deficiency, we find it impossible for us to grant all demands. We earnestly urge upon all our charges, to pay their assessments in full, as the only practicable way by which our Home Missionary interests may be extended. We unite in recommending the following:

1. That a sum be assessed on the District, sufficient to cover the deficiency of last year, and the appropriations of this.

2. Cambridge, \$150; Campbell, \$50; Centreville, \$150; Chincoteague, \$50; Crumpton, \$100; Cumberland, \$75; Dover, \$200; Felton, no appropriation; Frederica, \$100; Georgetown, Del., \$100; Harper's Ferry, no appropriation; Hurlocks, \$200; Leipsic, \$50; Leslie, no appropriation; Middleway, no appropriation; Nichol's Memorial, \$200; North Baltimore, \$500, if supplied; Powellsville, \$50; Patapsco, \$100, if supplied; Reliance, \$50; Remington, no appropriation; Stewartstown, \$100; Salem, \$100; Salisbury, \$200; Seaford, \$75; Tyreanna, \$50; Talbot, \$50; Williamsport, \$150, and Wilmington, \$200.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. E. T. EWELL, Chairman.

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HOME MISSIONARY STEWARD.

Amount assessed on District.....		\$2,914.00
“ appropriated for 1891-2.....	\$2,625.00	
“ back pay.....	803.04	
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Total now due.....	3,428.04	
Amount not provided for by assessment.....		514.04
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		\$3,428.04

FUNDS FOR DISTRIBUTION.

From District, on Assessment.....	\$2,110.92
“ W. H. Silk, above receipts.....	63.02
“ J. H. S. Ewell, Annual Dues.....	84.25
“ Collection on Anniversary.....	75.23
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	\$2,333.42
Paid to Baltimore Church Extension Society.....	369.05
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Total for distribution.....	1,964.37

Deficiencies at last Conference: Cambridge, S. F. Cassen, \$64.89; Centreville, J. W. Balderston, \$64.89; Chincoteague, G. R. Donaldson, \$24.33; Crumpton, G. R. McCready, \$32.45; Cumberland, C. E. McCullough, \$32.45; Ellicott City, A. A. Harryman, \$64.89; Felton, B. A. Dumm, \$32.45; Georgetown, Del., J. A. Weigand, \$32.45; Leipsic, H. W. D. Johnson, \$32.45; Middleway, G. R. Hodge, \$32.45; Powellsville, A. J. Walter, \$32.45; Salisbury, C. S. Arnett, \$81.11; Seaford, D. W. Anstine, \$32.45; Unity Church, Hurlocks Station, B. P. Truitt, \$64.89; Williamsport, L. R. Randall, \$48.67; Wilmington, F. T. Benson, \$64.89; Leslie, H. S. Johnson, \$64.89. Total for deficiencies, \$803.

Balance for distribution for year beginning April 8th, 1891:

Purposes for the Year Ending April, 1892.

No.	TOTAL.		Current Expenses.	Building and Improve-ments.	Paid on Debt.	Total Paid for Local Interests.	Total Paid for General Interests.	Total Paid for all Purposes.
	Assess.	Paid.						
54	\$ 755.00	\$ 755.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 2,200.00	.....	\$ 3,085.00	\$ 98.39	\$ 3,183.39
55	365.00	365.00	130.00	600.00	.....	1,095.00	28.50	1,138.50
56	625.00	682.04	300.00	1,200.00	.....	2,182.04	192.00	2,374.04
57	755.00	655.00	120.00	.....	.....	775.00	80.82	855.82
58	1,250.00	1,250.00	527.78	1,411.00	.....	3,188.78	419.40	3,607.18
59	665.00	665.00	125.00	2,000.00	.....	2,740.00	48.00	2,788.00
60	440.00	187.56	12.00	.....	.....	199.56	44.83	244.39
61	305.00	280.00	30.00	150.00	\$ 201.00	660.00	12.00	672.00
62	622.00	622.00	85.58	132.50	.....	840.08	91.95	932.03
63	480.00	475.00	350.49	30.00	366.08	1,221.51	98.52	1,322.09
64	1,520.00	1,520.00	2,019.99	825.00	.....	4,364.99	410.50	4,779.49
65	777.50	777.50	240.00	200.00	604.25	1,821.75	115.18	1,936.93
66	1,120.00	1,120.00	250.00	.....	280.78	1,650.78	79.02	1,729.80
67	640.00	640.00	218.70	324.20	.....	1,182.90	122.20	1,306.80
68	670.00	670.00	180.00	.....	90.00	940.00	145.00	1,105.00
69	575.00	405.02	75.00	40.00	.....	520.02	110.15	630.17
70	470.00	470.00	.....	139.70	120.00	259.70	41.24	770.94
71	985.00	985.00	252.00	1,250.00	.....	2,487.00	172.00	2,562.00
72	510.00	463.00	60.00	25.00	.....	548.00	69.05	626.05
73	405.00	405.00	25.00	625.00	202.00	1,260.00	108.28	1,368.28
74	645.00	645.00	75.00	125.00	.....	845.00	150.50	1,005.50
75	625.00	625.00	130.00	90.00	430.00	1,275.00	207.00	1,509.60
76	590.00	490.00	40.00	55.00	.....	580.00	48.25	623.25
77	540.00	486.50	.....	.....	.....	486.50	98.90	584.40
78	310.00	310.00	61.35	300.00	.....	671.35	65.89	489.57
79	725.00	736.00	215.00	.....	.....	951.00	88.80	1,039.80
80	790.00	790.00	175.00	25.00	.....	990.00	232.01	1,242.01
81	1,290.00	1,290.00	.....	.....	.....	1,290.00	97.00	1,387.00
82	520.10	520.90	125.00	95.58	.....	741.48	80.14	821.62
83	665.00	615.00	89.34	327.00	50.00	1,131.34	86.61	1,217.95
84	745.00	745.00	243.57	250.00	200.00	1,438.57	118.37	1,556.94
85	1,070.00	1,070.00	450.00	75.00	200.00	1,795.00	88.96	1,883.96
86	1,480.00	1,480.00	1,099.03	1,680.00	.....	4,259.03	351.00	4,610.03
87	340.00	340.00	100.00	.....	.....	440.00	64.00	429.00
88	420.00	370.00	51.60	.....	.....	421.60	46.60	468.20
89	730.00	730.00	180.15	224.00	.....	1,134.00	192.50	1,226.50
90	587.00	587.00	92.00	12.00	.....	691.15	67.58	758.73
91	260.00	260.00	36.41	173.75	.....	469.75	60.70	531.57
92	790.00	790.00	181.93	2,500.00	.....	3,471.41	100.12	3,571.53
93	160.00	160.00	14.00	700.00	.....	874.93	37.00	911.93
94	620.00	670.00	75.00	100.00	.....	845.00	96.00	941.00
95	670.00	670.00	106.15	585.17	75.00	1,286.32	209.29	1,495.61
96	685.00	779.85	140.00	5.00	.....	924.85	166.53	1,091.38
97	1,170.00	1,170.00	1,268.00	3,311.00	3,283.00	9,291.03	259.03	9,550.06
98	760.00	760.00	286.11	1,600.00	.....	2,496.11	28.10	2,524.21
99	1,321.67	1,321.67	1,369.93	.....	303.91	2,895.51	662.43	3,607.94
100	1,200.00	1,200.00	400.00	750.00	.....	2,350.00	391.25	2,752.25
101	5.00	285.00	20.00	175.00	.....	480.00	15.00	495.00
102	412.00	312.00	224.50	.....	271.00	807.50	95.53	903.78
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	172.00	172.00
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	819.79	819.79
	69,209.17	66,681.25	21,889.77	40,351.53	14,105.23	143,027.78	13,161.77	156,189.55

Collections for General Interests

No.	CHARGES.	CONFERENCE.		SEMINARY.		MIN. EDUCA'N			
		Bible.	Tract.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		
1	Accomac.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
2	Amelia.....	.25	.25	2.00	2.00	6.00	6.00	3.00	3.00
3	Alexandria.....	.50	.50	4.00	2.00	10.00	5.00	4.00	2.00
4	Baltimore.....	.45	.....	4.00	1.00	15.00	3.00	6.00	2.00
5	Barren Creek..	.50	.10	2.00	.50	8.00	2.13	3.00	1.14
6	Bedford.....	1.00	1.05	4.00	2.75	20.00	8.25	8.00	8.00
7	Belair.....	5.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	15.00	15.00	8.00	8.06
8	Broadway.....	1.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	15.00	15.00	6.00	6.00
9	Brooklyn.....	.47	1.07	2.00	1.15	5.00	1.06	4.00	1.60
10	Cambridge.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
11	Campbell.....	.....	.....	2.00	1.70	5.00	2.00	3.00	1.75
12	Caroline.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	20.00	20.00	6.00	6.00
13	Cecil.....	3.00	.....	4.00	1.50	20.00	5.00	10.00	5.00
14	Central.....	5.00	14.22	5.00	4.00	20.00	20.00	12.00	12.00
15	Centreville....	1.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	15.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
16	Chesapeake....	1.32	1.32	4.00	3.00	15.00	9.00	8.00	6.00
17	Chestertown...	3.80	3.80	5.00	3.25	25.00	8.00	12.00	6.72
18	Chincoteague..	1.50	1.30	2.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	3.00
19	Clayton.....	.....	.....	3.00	1.25	12.00	5.00	6.00	3.00
20	Concord.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	15.00	7.00	5.00	5.00
21	Crisfield.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	15.00	15.00	5.00	5.00
22	Crumpton.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	9.00	3.00	4.00	3.00
23	Cumberland....	.50	.50	2.00	1.00	9.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
24	Deer Creek.....	.....	1.00	2.00	1.00	10.00	4.00	5.00	3.00
25	Deer Park.....	.15	.10	2.00	1.55	10.00	.60	4.00	1.27
26	Delta.....	.....	.....	3.00	3.00	10.00	5.00	6.00	5.50
27	Dorchester....	.75	.75	3.00	1.00	15.00	1.25	5.00	1.50
28	East Baltimore.	7.50	12.50	5.00	5.00	25.00	25.00	12.00	12.00
29	Easton.....	3.00	4.25	5.00	4.00	25.00	12.00	15.00	20.00
30	Ellicott City...	.31	.15	2.00	1.32	5.00	2.00	4.00	2.14
31	Eutaw.....	1.00	7.10	4.00	4.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
32	Fawn Grove....	1.00	2.00	4.00	2.00	15.00	10.00	8.00	5.00
33	Felton.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	9.00	6.00	5.00	3.00
34	Finksburg.....	1.50	2.66	4.00	3.00	15.00	10.00	6.00	6.00
35	First Church...	1.74	2.80	4.00	3.00	12.00	9.00	6.00	4.50
36	Franklin City..	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	2.00
37	Frederick.....	1.00	1.00	5.00	4.00	25.00	15.00	10.00	8.00
38	Georget'wn,D.C	5.50	5.31	5.00	5.00	25.00	25.00	10.00	10.00
39	Georget'wn, Del	.50	.50	2.00	1.00	5.00	1.50	3.00	1.52
40	Greenwood....	.50	.50	2.00	1.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.00
41	Grove.....	.50	.50	3.00	1.00	10.00	2.00	5.00	2.00
42	Hampden.....	2.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	20.00	15.00	6.00	5.00
43	Harper's Ferry.	.25	.25	2.00	1.50	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.50
44	Harrington....	1.00	1.65	3.00	2.00	8.00	4.00	5.00	3.00
45	Heathsville....	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	8.00	5.00	3.00	2.00
46	Holly Run....	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.50
47	Howard.....	.50	.50	4.00	3.00	12.00	12.00	5.00	5.00
48	Hurlock.....	.50	.50	.....	1.00	.....	1.50	.....	1.50
49	Indian Mission.	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	1.00	.....	1.00
50	Jefferson.....	5.00	15.00	8.00	8.00	25.00	20.00	12.00	12.00
51	Kennedyville...	.....	.....	2.00	1.00	9.00	4.00	4.00	2.00
52	Kent Island....	5.05	2.00	3.00	3.70	10.00	6.00	5.00	4.07
53	Laurel.....	3.50	.70	4.00	.....	10.00	6.00	5.00	3.04

For the Year Ending April, 1892.

No.	SUPERNNUATES.		HOME MISSIONS.		GEN. HOME MIS'NS.		F.M'NS	TOTAL.	
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
1	25.00	25.00	30.00	30.00	9.00	9.00	65.00	108.00	148.00
2	20.00	15.00	12.00	7.00	13.00	10.00	20.00	76.50	63.50
3	30.00	30.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	55.00	109.00	110.00
4	25.00	5.00	25.00	5.00	8.00	3.00	45.43	103.00	64.88
5	20.00	3.31	15.00	.58	8.00	2.85	2.25	71.60	13.36
6	30.00	9.50	45.00	14.25	13.00	1.45	60.15	182.17	104.67
7	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	10.00	10.00	25.00	119.00	119.00
8	30.00	30.00	20.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	39.25	121.00	130.25
9	15.00	5.35	10.00	3.18	5.00	2.09	17.00	57.54	33.03
10	18.00	14.20	25.00	20.00	6.00	6.00	27.25	87.00	82.45
11	8.00	1.81	8.00	1.80	4.00	1.85	21.81	38.00	32.72
12	25.00	25.00	35.00	35.00	10.00	10.00	25.00	126.00	147.00
13	30.00	5.00	40.00	40.56	10.00	5.00	25.00	164.00	88.50
14	40.00	40.00	50.00	50.00	13.00	13.00	164.35	204.22	312.57
15	25.00	13.00	30.00	30.00	10.00	3.00	65.00	118.00	134.00
16	30.00	27.00	35.00	31.31	10.00	8.00	30.00	132.00	116.95
17	90.00	58.10	60.00	47.70	30.00	5.45	188.34	319.60	326.00
18	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	6.60	21.65	47.80	61.05
19	30.00	12.00	26.00	5.05	12.00	5.00	15.00	119.00	46.30
20	30.00	17.00	30.00	11.00	10.00	8.00	76.00	125.00	129.00
21	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	8.00	8.00	65.00	91.00	138.00
22	20.00	10.00	15.00	15.00	6.00	2.00	18.00	76.00	55.00
23	10.00	5.00	25.00	15.00	5.00	2.00	19.00	65.00	50.00
24	15.00	7.00	20.00	10.00	8.00	2.00	10.00	76.00	38.00
25	25.00	6.28	20.00	1.06	7.00	.92	9.55	93.25	33.89
26	25.00	16.24	20.00	10.58	10.00	7.00	56.66	99.00	103.98
27	30.00	3.00	38.00	4.00	16.00	2.00	17.98	138.50	32.94
28	60.00	50.00	70.00	70.00	20.00	20.00	160.99	266.00	358.97
29	70.00	55.00	70.00	52.00	25.00	15.00	225.00	292.25	491.25
30	10.00	3.00	5.00	3.50	5.00	2.00	19.95	41.00	34.68
31	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	10.00	10.00	61.40	112.10	158.50
32	30.00	23.50	27.00	20.00	10.00	5.00	82.60	124.90	140.55
33	20.00	12.00	15.00	15.00	6.00	3.00	28.31	80.00	71.31
34	25.00	20.00	30.00	25.00	10.00	5.50	19.52	119.16	93.18
35	30.00	22.50	30.00	22.50	10.00	7.50	76.20	126.54	149.74
36	20.00	7.00	15.00	7.00	8.00	2.00	41.00	80.00	67.00
37	60.00	25.00	60.00	20.00	25.00	5.00	92.00	247.00	166.00
38	50.00	50.00	100.00	76.78	25.00	25.00	139.44	275.81	354.03
39	10.00	4.00	15.00	15.00	5.00	2.00	20.00	60.00	46.00
40	10.00	7.30	15.00	15.00	5.00	3.00	11.70	53.00	48.50
41	20.00	5.00	20.00	5.00	8.00	3.00	10.50	87.00	29.50
42	35.00	25.00	50.00	35.00	13.00	10.00	71.30	168.00	170.30
43	20.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	10.00	8.00	20.25	70.00	56.75
44	20.00	8.00	20.00	9.00	8.00	4.00	18.70	86.65	51.35
45	15.00	9.00	15.00	8.00	10.00	5.00	93.00	68.00	124.00
46	15.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	8.00	3.00	24.00	61.00	52.50
47	30.00	24.51	35.00	14.31	10.00	4.00	65.51	127.00	129.33
48	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	1.50	7.50	.....	20.00
49	.....	1.00	.....	1.00	.....	1.00	5.75	.....	11.75
50	50.00	64.44	80.00	70.00	18.00	18.00	208.75	263.00	421.19
51	15.00	5.00	20.00	7.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	70.00	25.00
52	25.00	14.25	37.00	10.37	10.00	4.81	39.68	122.00	92.88
53	30.00	25.00	35.00	20.00	10.00	3.00	35.15	128.20	98.39

Collections for General Interests

For the Year Ending April, 1892.

No.	CHARGES.	Bible.	Tract.	CONFERENCE.		SEMINARY.		MIN. EDUCA'N	
				Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
54	Leipsic	.50	.50	3.00	1.00	9.00	2.00	4.00	1.00
55	Liberty	1.00	14.06	4.00	4.00	20.00	20.00	8.00	8.00
56	Lisbon	1.00	10.54	3.00	1.50	18.00	10.00	6.00	4.25
57	Lynchburg	2.00	3.00	8.00	8.00	25.00	25.00	10.00	10.00
58	Mariner's	.50	1.00	4.00	1.50	10.00	3.00	6.00	2.00
59	Marley			2.00	1.80	8.00	3.07	5.00	2.85
60	Middleway	.50	.25	2.00	.25	5.00	1.00	3.00	1.00
61	Milton	5.00	.60	3.00	2.00	10.00	9.50	4.00	4.00
62	Mt. Tabor	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.75	8.00	8.00	5.00	4.00
63	Newark	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	30.00	30.00	10.00	10.00
64	New Market	3.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
65	N. C. Avenue			3.00	1.44	10.00	6.00	6.00	3.00
66	Oxford	2.00	2.20	4.00	4.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	5.00
67	Pipe Creek	5.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	12.00	12.00	5.00	5.00
68	Pittsville	.50	.50	3.00	3.00	15.00	15.00	5.00	5.00
69	Pocomoke	.50	.50	3.00	1.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	1.50
70	Pocomoke City	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	6.00
71	Potomac			2.00	1.00	8.00	7.00	5.00	5.00
72	Powellsville	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
73	Quantico	2.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
74	Queen Anne's	1.00	1.00	4.00	4.00	15.00	15.00	6.00	6.00
75	Reliance	.25	.25	2.00	1.25	8.00	4.50	3.00	2.00
76	Rowlandville	7.90		2.00		9.00	9.00	4.00	4.00
77	Salem			3.00	2.75	10.00	9.39	5.00	5.00
78	Salisbury	1.00	1.73	3.00	1.50	12.00	8.00	5.00	4.15
79	St. James	4.00	10.51	3.00	3.00	20.00	22.00	6.00	8.00
80	St. Luke's	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
81	St. Michael's	.36	.30	3.00	2.00	12.00	9.25	5.00	4.00
82	Seaford	2.85	1.50	3.00	3.00	10.00	6.00	5.00	5.00
83	Snow Hill	.50	1.50	4.00	4.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
84	S. Baltimore	1.00	4.97	4.00	2.00	15.00	8.00	6.00	5.00
85	Starr	5.00	10.00	6.00	4.00	25.00	20.00	15.00	10.00
86	Stewartstown	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
87	Surry	.50	.40	2.00	1.20	8.00	8.00	3.00	3.00
88	Susquehanna	5.00	12.25	4.00	5.00	15.00	15.00	5.00	8.00
89	Sussex	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.50	8.00	8.00	5.00	5.00
90	Talbot	.50	.40	2.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	4.06
91	Trinity	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	15.00	15.00	5.00	5.00
92	Tyreanna			2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	13.00
93	Union	2.00	2.00	4.00	2.00	10.00	8.00	5.00	5.00
94	Union Bridge		11.29	4.00	4.00	12.00	12.00	6.00	6.00
95	Warwick	.50	17.23	5.00	4.00	20.00	20.00	6.00	6.00
96	Washington St.	5.00	8.03	6.00	5.00	15.00	15.00	8.00	8.00
97	Waverly	.25	.25	2.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	4.00	3.00
98	W. Baltimore	17.14	41.00	8.00	8.00	25.00	15.00	30.00	11.00
99	Westminster	16.90	37.40	8.00	8.00	25.00	25.00	15.00	15.00
100	Williamsport			2.00	1.00	3.00	1.50	3.00	1.50
101	Wilmington	.35	.25	3.00	2.00	8.00	6.50	4.00	4.00
	Chatsworth Ind.	10.00	10.00		3.00		15.00		10.00
	St. John's Ind.	23.43	15.25		2.50				
Total		218.47	353.70	337.00	271.62	1,236.00	936.14	591.00	514.36

No.	SUPERAN'UATES.		HOME MISSIONS.		GEN. HOME MIS'S.		F.MIS'S.	TOTAL.		
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	
54	20.00	5.00	20.00	8.00	8.00	2.00	8.50	84.00	28.50	
55	25.00	25.00	20.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	91.00	127.00	192.00	
56	30.00	18.53	35.00	10.00	12.00	5.00	20.00	145.54	80.82	
57	45.00	45.00	50.00	50.00	15.00	15.00	262.00	203.00	419.40	
58	30.00	8.00	20.00	11.00	10.00	3.00	20.00	111.50	48.00	
59	20.00	5.70	15.00	4.59	8.00	3.67	23.65	78.00	44.83	
60	15.00	1.00	15.00	1.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	60.75	12.00	
61	20.00	14.00	20.00	14.00	10.00	9.00	33.85	87.00	91.95	
62	35.00	26.00	15.00	12.25	12.00	8.00	36.52	113.00	98.52	
63	69.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	20.00	20.00	215.50	335.00	410.50	
64	25.00	15.00	25.00	16.45	10.00	5.00	60.73	118.00	115.18	
65	30.00	30.00	15.00	15.00	10.00	5.00	18.58	104.00	79.02	
66	25.00	25.00	22.00	20.00	10.00	8.00	46.00	110.20	122.20	
67	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	10.00	10.00	88.00	137.00	145.00	
68	20.00	20.00	27.00	27.00	8.00	8.00	31.15	98.00	110.15	
69	20.00	7.00	20.00	8.00	8.00	1.24	16.50	86.00	41.24	
70	50.00	25.00	70.00	47.00	15.00	8.00	65.05	224.00	172.00	
71	10.00	9.00	16.00	12.00	5.00	4.25	30.30	55.20	69.05	
72	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	8.00	8.00	40.28	88.00	108.28	
73	25.00	25.00	20.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	70.50	115.00	150.50	
74	35.00	35.00	30.00	30.00	13.00	13.00	102.00	140.00	207.00	
75	15.00	4.00	15.00	15.00	6.00	3.00	13.00	64.50	40.25	
76	25.00	13.01	20.00	15.00	9.00	9.00	41.00	89.00	98.90	
77	15.00	13.50	15.00	13.00	5.00	4.25	18.00	65.00	65.89	
78	22.00	13.60	15.00	15.00	7.00	4.50	39.32	88.73	88.80	
79	40.00	42.00	30.00	32.00	20.00	20.00	90.50	173.51	232.01	
80	30.00	30.00	10.00	9.00	10.00	9.00	30.00	97.00	97.00	
81	20.00	13.50	15.00	7.25	8.00	6.00	36.60	83.66	80.15	
82	25.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	6.00	4.85	28.40	98.36	86.61	
83	20.00	20.00	35.00	35.00	12.00	5.00	37.37	108.00	118.37	
84	30.00	15.00	30.00	20.00	10.00	6.00	26.50	125.00	88.96	
85	100.00	50.00	150.00	70.00	30.00	10.00	172.00	439.00	351.00	
86	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	15.00	62.00	64.00	
87	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	10.00	5.00	20.50	53.00	46.60	
88	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	10.00	10.00	77.25	144.25	192.50	
89	20.00	10.00	16.00	16.00	6.00	2.00	23.27	80.00	67.58	
90	15.00	8.00	25.00	18.00	5.00	5.00	18.74	70.90	60.70	
91	18.00	18.00	20.00	20.50	8.00	8.00	27.20	88.00	100.12	
92	6.00	6.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	6.00	27.00	37.00	
93	25.00	20.00	30.00	25.00	10.00	7.00	15.00	113.00	96.00	
94	30.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	10.00	10.00	91.00	117.00	209.29	
95	50.00	22.00	35.00	25.00	15.00	5.00	56.80	181.00	166.58	
96	50.00	32.40	40.00	40.00	15.00	15.00	123.21	197.03	259.03	
97	10.00	5.00	10.00	3.44	5.00	2.00	8.16	45.00	28.10	
98	100.00	58.17	105.00	30.00	33.00	12.78	406.92	449.14	662.43	
99	80.00	47.25	90.00	51.30	25.00	25.16	165.25	371.30	391.25	
100	10.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.50	2.50	38.00	15.00	
101	20.00	16.00	15.00	15.00	6.00	3.50	47.93	75.60	95.53	
		40.00		25.00		9.00	50.00		172.00	
		105.00		*70.61			203.00		819.79	
Total		2,817.00	2,124.94	2,914.00	2,150.92	1,050.00	652.22	5,939.40	12,334.17	13,161.77

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Report of Foreign Missionary Steward.

CHARGES.	Paid on Assessment.	Children's Day.	Busy Workers.	Special.	W. F. M. S.	Assessment.	*Total.
Accomac.....	\$ 25.00	\$ 40.00				\$ 25.00	\$ 65.00
Amelia.....	3.00	17.00				20.00	20.00
Alexandria...	15.00	15.00			\$ 25.00	30.00	55.00
Baltimore.....	5.00	40.43				25.00	45.43
Barren Creek..	2.25					15.00	2.25
Bedford.....	60.15					30.00	60.15
Belair.....	25.00					25.00	25.00
Broadway.....	30.00	9.25				30.00	39.25
Brooklyn.....	2.00	15.00				15.00	17.00
Cambridge....	13.60	13.65				18.00	27.25
Campbell.....	21.81					8.00	21.81
Caroline.....	25.00					25.00	25.00
Cecil.....	25.00					30.00	25.00
Central.....	40.00	66.00		\$ 11.00	47.35	40.00	164.35
Centreville...	25.00	30.00		5.00	5.00	25.00	65.00
Chesapeake...	30.00					30.00	30.00
Chestertown..	188.34					90.00	188.34
Chincoteague..	8.35	8.00	\$ 5.30			10.00	21.65
Clayton.....	10.00	5.00				30.00	15.00
Concord.....	26.00	50.00				30.00	76.00
Crisfield.....	15.00	50.00				20.00	65.00
Crumpton.....	18.00					20.00	18.00
Cumberland..	4.00	15.00				10.00	19.00
Deer Creek...	10.00					15.00	10.00
Deer Park.....	9.55					25.00	9.55
Delta.....	20.38	36.28				25.00	56.66
Dorchester...	17.98					30.00	17.98
E. Baltimore..	40.25	20.00		30.50	70.24	60.00	160.99
Easton.....	67.50	51.25			106.25	75.00	225.00
Ellicott City..	5.00	14.95				10.00	19.95
Eutaw.....	25.00	33.40		3.00		25.00	61.40
Fawn Grove... Felton.....	5.00	23.31	9.00	8.60		30.00	82.60
Finksburg....	10.00	9.52				25.00	19.52
First Church..	17.50	26.45		5.00	27.25	30.00	76.20
Franklin City..		41.00				20.00	41.00
Frederick....	10.00	50.00		7.00	25.00	60.00	92.00
Georget'n, DC.	53.00	50.12			36.32	50.00	139.44
Georget'n, Del.	10.00	10.00				10.00	20.00
Greenwood....	11.70					10.00	11.70
Grove.....	2.00	8.50				20.00	10.50
Hampden.....	24.50	15.00			31.80	35.00	71.30
Harper's Ferry		20.25				20.00	20.25
Harrington...	7.00	11.70				20.00	18.70
Heathsville...	8.00	85.00				15.00	93.00
Holly Run....	19.00				5.00	15.00	24.00
Howard.....	15.00	50.51				30.00	65.51
Hurlocks.....	2.00	5.50					7.50
Indian River..	.50	5.25					5.75
Jefferson.....	19.52	142.79	17.00		29.44	50.00	208.75
Kennedyville..	5.00					15.00	5.00
Kent Island... Laurel.....	17.35	22.33				25.00	39.68
	6.00	29.15				30.00	35.15

Report of the Foreign Missionary Steward.

CHARGES.	Paid on Assessment.	Children's Day.	Busy Workers.	Special.	W. F. M. S.	Assessment.	Total.
Leipsic.....		\$ 8.50				\$ 20.00	\$ 8.50
Liberty.....	\$ 25.00	66.00				25.00	91.00
Lisbon.....	14.00		\$ 6.00			30.00	20.00
Lynchburg....	45.00	165.00		\$ 52.00		45.00	262.00
Mariner's.....	20.00					30.00	20.00
Marley.....	23.65					20.00	23.65
Middleway....	1.00					15.00	1.00
Milton.....	10.00	23.85				20.00	33.85
Mt. Tabor....	20.00	16.52				35.00	36.52
Newark.....	100.50			\$ 75.00	40.00	60.00	215.50
New Market..	15.00	45.73				25.00	60.73
N. C. Avenue..	10.00	8.58				30.00	18.58
Oxford.....	25.00	18.00	3.00			25.00	46.00
Pipe Creek....	35.00		3.00		50.00	30.00	88.00
Pittsville....	13.15		18.00			20.00	31.15
Pocomoke....	3.00	13.50				20.00	16.50
Pocomoke City	42.00	20.00	3.05			50.00	65.05
Potomac.....	8.00	20.00		2.30		10.00	30.30
Powellsville..	13.13	27.15				20.00	40.28
Quantico....	25.00	45.50				25.00	70.50
Queen Anne's.	38.00	64.00				35.00	102.00
Reliance.....	3.00	10.00				15.00	13.00
Rowlandville..		41.00				25.00	41.00
Salem.....		18.00				15.00	18.00
Salisbury....	7.00	20.27	12.05			22.00	39.32
St. James....	63.00	19.50	3.00		5.00	40.00	90.50
St. Luke's....	30.00					30.00	30.00
St. Michael's..	11.50	24.00		1.10		20.00	36.60
Seaford.....	7.40	21.00				25.00	28.40
Snow Hill....	5.00	32.37				20.00	37.37
S. Baltimore..	23.00				3.50	30.00	26.50
Starr.....	115.00	35.00			22.00	100.00	172.00
Stewartstown.	15.00					15.00	15.00
Surry.....	6.00	14.50				10.00	20.50
Susquehanna..	30.00	47.25				30.00	77.25
Sussex.....	6.00	17.27				20.00	23.27
Talbot.....	7.00	11.74				15.00	18.74
Trinity.....	27.20					18.00	27.20
Tyreanna....	6.00					6.00	6.00
Union.....	5.00	10.00				25.00	15.00
Union Bridge.	30.00	31.00		15.00	15.00	30.00	91.00
Warwick.....	21.89	34.91				50.00	56.80
Washington St.	46.11	20.00			57.10	50.00	123.21
Waverly.....	2.89	5.27				10.00	8.16
W. Baltimore.	109.43	62.35		168.04	67.10	100.00	406.92
Westminster..	80.00	20.00			65.25	80.00	165.25
Williamsport..	2.50					10.00	2.50
Wilmington... Chatsworth, I.	11.25	21.75			14.93	20.00	47.93
St. John's, Ind.	50.00				203.00		50.00
							203.00
	2,263.53	2,251.10	89.40	331.54	1,003.53	2,817.00	5,939.40

*This includes the amount contributed to Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

For the Year Ending April, 1892.

Table with columns: No., CHARGES., No. Unstationed Min. & Pres's., Probationers., Members., No. on Roll at last Conference., Received during the year., Elected to Membership., Withdrawn by Certificate., Discontinued., Deceased., Now on Roll.

Table with columns: No., FULL MEMBERS., No. on Roll at last Conference., Received from Probation., Received by Certificate., Withdrawn by Certificate., Discontinued., Deceased., Now on Roll., SABBATH SCHOOLS., No. Schools., Officers and Teachers., New Scholars Received., Scholars now on Roll., In School., In Cong'n., BAPTISMS., Infants., Adults.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

No.	CHARGES.	PROBATIONERS.								
		No. Unstationed 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
56	Leslie.....			170	16					16
57	Liberty.....		16	222	83	15	16	21		56
58	Lisbon.....		56	261	11	19	17		1	13
59	Lynchburg.....	1	13	203	39	9				48
60	Mariner's.....		48	80						
61	Marley.....			105	2	7				
62	Middleway.....			173	36	12	6			6
63	Milton.....	2	10	111	2	8	8	1	1	8
64	Mt. Tabor.....		8	239	13	21	3		1	18
65	Newark.....	1	18	262	9	38	1	1		45
66	New Market.....	1	38	84		4	4			
67	N. C. Avenue.....			98	39	31	15	1	9	35
68	Oxford.....		35	179	5	7	4			7
69	Pipe Creek.....		7	232	3	119	39		3	80
70	Pittsville.....	3	80	265	10	11	7			7
71	Pocomoke.....	1	7	288	6	3	3		6	
72	Pocomoke City.....	1		98	1		1	1		
73	Potomac.....	2		173	9	28	17		1	19
74	Powellsville.....		19	300	72	24	56			6
75	Quantico.....		6	154	9	13	6	1	1	14
76	Queen Anne's.....		14	197	2	13	13			
77	Reliance.....	1		176	66	39	33	2	2	88
78	Rowlandville.....	1	19	128		9				9
79	St. James.....		9	183	5	20	8			
80	St. Luke's.....	2	12	93	22	39			21	40
81	St. Michael's.....	1	40	210	3	3	1		2	3
82	Salisbury.....		3	170	43	103	12	31	1	3
83	Seaford.....		3	401	141	52	48	1	47	1
84	Snow Hill.....	3	96	84						
85	Salem.....			154	28	8	5		4	9
86	South Baltimore.....	1	27	280	17	10	13	1		1
87	Starr.....	1	9	87		14	13			10
88	Stewartstown.....		10	199	5	18	14			4
89	Surry.....	1	4	202						
90	Susquehanna.....			213		59	40			19
91	Sussex.....		19	34	19	23		1	3	19
92	Talbot.....		19	170	21	4				25
93	Trinity.....		25	82		2	13	2		2
94	Tyreeanna.....		1	317	8	11			2	14
95	Union.....		14	122	2	2	5			
96	Union Bridge.....			187	7		21			7
97	Warwick.....		7	307	11	37			1	11
98	Washington-St.....	2	11	110	15	30	11		13	24
99	Waverly.....		24	348	47	5	7	3		51
100	W. Baltimore.....	4	51	248	8	9			5	11
101	Westminster.....	4	11	93		16	7			7
102	Williamsport.....	1	9	85	3	7				2
103	Wilmington.....		2	128						
	Itinerants.....									
	Total.....	68	1434	18,861	1,570	1952	1494	30	356	12,151
	Report of 1891.....	70	1596	18,672	1,046	2254	1241	26	330	19,000
	Gain.....			189	524		253	4	26	
	Loss.....	2	162		302				7	

For the Year Ending April, 1892.

No.	FULL MEMBERS.						SABBATH SCHOOLS.				CONVERSIONS.		BAPTISMS.		
	No. on Roll at last Conference.	Received from Probation.	Received by Certificate.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Now on Roll.	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Scholars Received.	Scholars now on Roll.	In School.	In Congregation.	Infants.	Adults.
56															
57	234	7	5	64	2	170	3	30	20	200	11	19	4		
58	254	18		50		222	5	61	20	275	3	12	30	5	
59	246	19	3	3	1	261	1	22	5	150	14	5	1	16	
60	206	1			3	203	1	28	22	250		24	10		
61	80				1	79	2	18		60			4		
62	98	7	1		2	105	4	30	40	200	4	4	7	1	
63	186	6	3		20	173	4	20	18	270	5	7	10		
64	106	8	1	5		111	1	24	31	108	3	3			
65	229	16	11	7	11	239	1	36	32	234	3	37	4	11	7
66	260	1	4	2		262	4	40	20	300	16	22	10	7	
67	96	4	1	11	4	84	1	16	20	130		4	15	2	
68	98	15	1		15	98	1	23	98	182	22	14	29		
69	178	4	2	4		179	2	27	20	161	2	3	2		
70	242	39	4	26	23	232	3	40	50	400	40	90			
71	266	7	1	3		265	4	67	25	140		11	8		
72	316	4	1	4	25	288	2	38	31	210		3	5		
73	98	2		1		99	4	47	16	347		2	20		
74	164	17	6	5	6	173	4	40	20	190	12	20	5		
75	258	56	1	2		300	5	50		250		12	6	4	
76	148	6	2	2		154	2	15		125		13	17		
77	187	13	3	1	4	197	2	27	7	135	1	4	25	2	
78	122	30	3	2	3	176	3	24		200		5	5	22	
79	128		1	1		128	2	31	15	140	3	6	22	2	
80	123	8	2	4		133	1	30	13	219		20	6	2	
81	115		1		16	93	2	15	15	110		50	17	3	
82	209	1	3	2	12	210	2	21	48	177	1	5	2	11	
83	174	12		1	7	170	1	20		124	1	3	4		
84	391	48	15	6	46	401	5	56	43	363	16	34	45	5	
85	114				24	84	1	16		73					
86	169	6		2	11	154	1	28	50	275		6	45		
87	256	13	13	1		280	1	37	30	275	10	12	47	2	
88		16	1	2		87	1	12	30	160		19		4	
89	189	14		2	1	199	2	21	1	112	2	8		9	
90	194	13	1	3		202	3	30	2	200		13	16	1	
91	203	40	3	7	24	213	4	50	10	291		15	13	9	
92	27	112	1		6	34	2	10	8	50	10	13	3		
93	162		8			170	1	20	40	225	1	11	12		
94		13		2		82	2	15		75		2			
95	353	11		10	6	317	5	60		370	6	11	26	3	
96	120	2	6			122	2	20	30	130	2		8	1	
97	166	21	1	4	1	187	3	20		190		9	24	2	
98	276	37	14	7	1	307	1	29	50	375	4	8	29	1	
99	103	11	14	9	6	110	1	24	40	240		41	30	1	
100	346	10	11	18		348	1	43	95	522			8	2	
101	266		10	22	1	248	1	23	2	160		12	8	3	
102		5	1			93	4	31	28	156		16	21	4	
103	81	7	2	3	2	85	1	31	47	309		8	13		
	120														
	18,100	1,579	366	356	841	214	18,691	253 1/2	3348	2987	21,029	501	1780	1528	259
								238 1/2	2997	2378	21,407	720	1780	1679	330
								15	351	609					
											378	119		151	71

Property Statistics for the Year Ending April, 1892.

CHARGES.	No. of Ap- pointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Church Pa- pers.	Our S. S. Papers Taken.	Volumes in S. S. Library.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Debt.	Insured?
Accomac.....	3	4	1	23	340	300	\$ 8,000		Yes.
Alexandria...	1	1	1	20	205		17,000	\$ 3,600.00	Yes.
Amelia.....	3	3		20	111	203	2,150		No.
Baltimore....	5	5	1		75	150	4,000	50.00	Partly.
Barren Creek..	4	3	1	4	275		6,125	348.00	Partly.
Bedford.....	6	6	1	28	374	350	11,700		No.
Belair.....	4	4	1	25	150	200	12,000	600.00	Partly.
Broadway.....	1	1	1	10	150	300	37,000	8,500.00	Partly.
Brooklyn.....	1	1	1	10	76	60	5,000	500.00	No.
Bethany.....	1	1			100	367	3,000		No.
Cambridge....	3	3	1	20	243	125	5,800	1,000.00	Partly.
Campbell.....	4	4		2	80		2,500		No.
Caroline.....	4	4	1	24	210	400	6,100		Partly.
Cecil.....	6	5	1				15,000	800.00	Partly.
Central.....	1	1			215	500	90,000	30,000.00	Yes.
Centreville..	2	2	1	15	110	150	15,500		Yes.
Chesapeake...	2	2	1	14	100	86	8,500	40.00	Yes.
Chestertown..	1	1	1	38	255	114	32,500		Yes.
Chincoteague..	1	1		8	105		2,000	50.00	Yes.
Clayton.....	3	3	1	13	200	200	8,100	500.00	Partly.
Concord.....	4	4	1	9	240	50	8,200		Partly.
Crisfield.....	1	1	1	9	250	150	8,000		Yes.
Crumpton.....	2	2	1	5	100	130	5,600	12.00	Yes.
Cumberland...	1	1	1	18	155	275	5,000		Yes.
Deer Creek...	3	3	1	8	125	245	6,250	363.00	Yes.
Deer Park....	4	4		2		454	9,000	475.00	Partly.
Delta.....	3	2	1	21	350	196	9,000	1,400.00	Yes.
Dorchester...	4	4	1	12	75	200	10,500		Partly.
E. Baltimore..	1	1		23	330	260	2,000		Yes.
Ellicott City..	2	2		3	209		3,500		Yes.
Easton.....	1	2	1	44	290	145	20,000	339.00	Yes.
Eutaw.....	1	1	1	16	100	25	3,500		Yes.
Fawn Grove...	4	4	1	12	350	450	8,000		No.
Felton.....	5	5		14	200	225	7,350	1,850.00	Yes.
Finksburg....	4	4	1	20	200	435	12,000		Partly.
First Church..	1	1	1	11	200	300	17,000	857.00	Yes.
Franklin City.	4	4	1	13	200	50	5,500	600.00	Partly.
Frederick....	8	8	1			600	16,000		Partly.
Georgetown...	1	1	1	30	350	310	17,500		Yes.
Georget'n, Del.	4	2		18	40	205	2,800	325.00	Yes.
Greenwood...	2	2		18	141		2,500	39.00	Partly.
Grove.....	5	4	1	7	175	150	6,000	150.00	No.
Hampden.....	2	2	1	9	425	400	15,000		Yes.
Harper's Ferry	2	1	1		7		6,000		No.
Harrington...	1	1	1	10	256	100	2,500	1,200.00	Yes.
Heathsville...	6	6	1	125	300	160	18,000	500.00	No.
Holly Run....	3	3		8	60		4,100		No.
Howard.....	5	3½	1	24	100	230	7,200	180.00	Yes.
Hurlocks....	1	1		6	46		2,000	500.00	Yes.
Indian Mission	1	1		2		125	600		No.
Jefferson....	6	6	1	22	300	700	17,000	400.00	Partly.
Kennedyville..	1	1	1	5		200	5,000		Yes.
Kent Island...	2	2	1	15	100	170	10,000		No.
Laurel.....	1	1	1	13	175	50	10,000		Yes.

Property Statistics for the Year Ending April, 1892.

CHARGES.	No. of Ap- pointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Church Pa- pers.	Our S. S. Papers Taken.	Volumes in S. S. Library.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Debt.	Insured?
Leipsic.....	1	1		6	130	75	\$ 2,800		Yes.
Liberty.....	4	4	1	25	60	30	10,000		Yes.
Lisbon.....	5	5	1	23	200	850	8,800	\$ 160.00	Yes.
Lynchburg...	1	1		24	170	300	19,500	3,000.00	Yes.
Mariners.....	1	1	1	20	260		4,500	1,000.00	Yes.
Marley.....	3	2		6	103	75	2,500		Partly.
Middleway...	4	2	1	5	25	50	3,500	200.00	Yes.
Milton.....	4	4	1	16	85	200	5,400	130.00	Partly.
Mt. Tabor...	1	1		12	172	120	8,000	333.00	Yes.
Newark.....	1	1	1	28	410	500	35,000	2,300.00	Yes.
New Market..	4	4		18	200	270	7,000	300.00	Yes.
N. C. Avenue..	1	1		14	240	100	7,000		Yes.
Oxford.....	1	1	1	15	143	450	5,000		Yes.
Pipe Creek....	2	2	1		100	750	9,000		Partly.
Pittsville....	3	3	1	12	200	248	5,000		Partly.
Pocomoke....	4	4	1	10	87	82	6,000		Partly.
Pocomoke C'y.	2	2	1	31	250	300	12,700	600.00	Yes.
Potomac.....	4	4	1	12	300	382	7,200		Yes.
Powellsville..	4	4	1	14	200	218	4,830	205.00	Partly.
Quantico.....	5	5	1	9	200	290	7,000		Partly.
Queen Anne's.	2	2	1	65	225	100	4,000		Yes.
Reliance.....	3	3	1	13	135		3,925	300.00	Partly.
Rowlandville..	3	3	1	39		440	6,200		Yes.
St. James....	3	3	1	29		100	8,500		Yes.
St. Luke's....	1	1	1		215		12,000	5,500.00	Yes.
St. Michaels..	2	2	1	24	125	300	6,250		Partly.
Salisbury....	2	2	1	12	195	158	11,000		Yes.
Seaford.....	1	1	1	13			2,700	300.00	Yes.
Snow Hill....	5	5	1	18	300	300	10,000	1,420.00	Yes.
Salem.....	1	1	1	6	100	20	3,000		Partly.
S. Baltimore..	1	1	1	8	200	187	23,000	1,200.00	Partly.
Starr.....	1	1	1	53	300	270	45,000		Yes.
Stewartstown.	1	1	1	28	158	40	2,500		Yes.
Surry.....	4	2	1	13			3,500	100.00	Partly.
Susquehanna..	3	3	1	28	160	500	11,000		Yes.
Sussex.....	4	4	1	14	255		4,500	65.00	No.
Talbot.....	2	2		10	40	140	1,500		Yes.
Trinity.....	1	2	1	25	250	150	6,000		Yes.
Tyreeanna....	2	2					2,500		No.
Union.....	5	5		16	300	288	8,400		No.
Union Bridge.	2	2	1	15	125	100	11,500	1,500.00	Yes.
Warwick.....	3	3	1	20	50	150	9,000		Partly.
Washingt'n-St.	1	1	1	20	373	250	48,000	9,000.00	Yes.
Waverly.....	1	1	1	1	175	140	3,500	250.00	Yes.
West Balto... Westminster..	1	1		85	425	750	30,000	8,000.00	Yes.
Williamsport..	1	1	1	38	168	378	23,000		Yes.
Wilmington..	5	3		12	80	125	1,050		Partly.
	1	1		14	255	192	8,500	3,300.00	Partly.
Total.....	268	256½	76	1,745	17,407	21,073	1,055,330	94,554.00	
Report of 1891	261	253½	74	1,463	16,412	21,368	1,068,986	82,151.00	
Increase..	7	3	2	282	995			12,403.00	
Decrease..						295	13,656		

MINUTES SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY.

Superannuated Fund Society met in M. P. Church, Pocomoke City, April 8, 1892. J. E. Nicholson, Second Vice-President, in the chair. J. L. Straughn, Secretary pro tem.

J. E. Nicholson was elected First Vice-President; J. W. Gray, Second Vice-President; A. W. Mather, Corresponding Secretary; J. L. Straughn, Recording Secretary.

The following Board of Managers were elected: E. J. Drinkhouse, J. J. Murray, David Wilson, and pastor of South Baltimore Station; Horace Burrough, J. G. Clarke, C. A. Benjamin and W. H. Jones.

The report of the Treasurer was presented and adopted.

L. W. Bates, D. D., donated \$1,000 to the Society, on condition that 5 per cent. interest on the amount be paid him and wife during life.

The bequest of Mrs. Wm. T. Wright, of \$1,000 to the Society, has netted but \$599.12, owing to legal obstructions.

On motion, it was ordered that the Secretary of the Society furnish the Secretary of the Conference a copy of the minutes for publication.

An adjourned meeting of the Society was held in the M. P. Church, Pocomoke City, April 11, 1892. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the Superannuated Fund Society be authorized to make the necessary expenditures required to furnish the Treasurer a proper bond, if they shall deem that a judicious step.

J. L. STRAUGHN, Secretary.

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Home Missionary Society held its annual meeting, April 8, 1892. Rev. J. E. Maloy, Vice-President, in the chair.

J. H. S. Ewell was appointed to collect annual dues.

The report of the Board of Managers was read and adopted.

It was ordered, that a copy be furnished the Secretary of Conference for publication.

The following officers were elected: J. E. Maloy, President; J. W. Trout, R. L. Lewis and W. M. Poisal, Vice-Presidents, respectively. S. J. Smith was chosen Secretary and W. H. Silk Treasurer.

The Board of Managers was elected as follows: Pastors of West Baltimore, East Baltimore, Washington-Street and Starr Church, W. J. C. Dulany, W. H. Silk, T. Harry Bartlett and J. N. Gilbert.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we concur in the action of the Annual Conference to merge this Society into the Church Extension Society of the Maryland Annual Conference.

The Anniversary of the Society was held at night, and was addressed by Q. L. Morrow. A collection of \$75.23 was lifted.

S. J. SMITH, Secretary.

MAGNIFYING THE LORD: A SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON.

BY REV. J. T. WARD, D. D.

PSALMS XXXIV. 3: *O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.*

The assembling of so many ministers of the Gospel, and lay-representatives of the churches served by them, as is now witnessed in this place, is an event of marked significance and interest. These brethren are here to greet each other, in the name of their Lord and Saviour, at the end of a year of signal prosperity—to unite in thanksgiving to him for the preservation of their lives, and for the success with which he has crowned their labors in his cause; to pray together for the continuation of his blessing, and to confer and deliberate upon measures for further promoting his kingdom and glory. The occasion is not only of interest to them and the churches they represent, and especially to the church and community whose kind hospitalities they are now enjoying; but to all Christians who know of their assembling, and also, as we believe, to the invisible angelic host who encamp round about them that fear the Lord, to cheer, guard, and help them in all their efforts for the salvation of souls.

At this season of the year, for sixty-three consecutive years, such an assembly has convened in one or other of the churches within the bounds of the work, under the distinctive title, the "Maryland Annual Conference." From the *Mutual Rights*, Baltimore, Md., April 29th, 1829, I read of the first of these assemblies:

"The Maryland Annual Conference of the Associated Methodist Churches commenced its session in this city on Thursday, the 2d of this month, and continued until the following Thursday. The Rev. Nicholas Snethen was unanimously elected President, with the exception of one vote. Twenty ordained ministers and twenty-six lay delegates were present. Some of these are very ancient men. One, the Rev. Jonathan Forrest, of Frederick county, has been a Methodist for sixty years, and is probably the oldest in the State. In the love-feast held on Monday evening during the Conference, the venerable man said he had seen the commencement of the first Methodist Church, and God had permitted him to live to see the second Methodist Church in her infancy, and he had no doubt that the benevolent Parent of the universe would bless *this* also with his choicest blessings. Harmony and good feeling prevailed during the Conference, and the brethren are more than ever united to each other, and to the cause of truth and righteousness. On Sabbath forenoon six deacons were ordained to elder's orders, by the imposition of the hands of the President, and three other elders, and on the afternoon of the same day six licentiates were ordained to deacon's orders. Public worship during the sitting of the Conference was attended with the Divine presence, and on Sabbath evening a gracious revival of religion commenced, which still continues."

From an early period in the history of the Conference—certainly in 1839 and 1840, and from 1856 onward—it has been customary, on the opening day of the session, for a special discourse, called the Conference Sermon, to be delivered; and in 1879, the sermon, being commemorative of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the organization of the Conference, was entitled the Semi-Centennial Sermon. And since then, the Annual Sermons on several occasions have been designated semi-centennial, in view of the fact that the brethren who preached had, respectively, been received into Conference fifty years before. These sermons were all reminiscent in their character, each preacher making special allusion to facts and incidents of his own personal experience and observation in connection with his ministry. I presume it is expected that my sermon shall be of the same kind, inasmuch as the resolution of the Conference, at its last session, requests me to deliver “a Semi-Centennial Sermon, to take the place of the regular Conference Sermon.” Highly appreciating the honor and privilege conferred upon me by my brethren, and praying for divine assistance and direction, I shall endeavor to the best of my humble ability to comply with their request, by simply giving a narrative of some of my experiences.

The inspired author of the Psalm of which my text forms part, recounts in it, particularly, his own experience of the love, guidance, protection and blessing of the Lord, with evident design of inciting those who had been associated with him in work and worship, to take similar views of God's dealings with them, and draw similar encouragement from a consideration thereof. I select the verse read as my text because I consider it appropriate to the present occasion, in this view of its connection with the rest of the Psalm; and in my sermon, whatever I may say of myself or others, will be said with design to magnify not ourselves, but the Lord, whose good providence has been over us, and by whose gracious direction and help, I and those who have been associated with me, have been enabled to accomplish anything we may have done that is worthy of congratulation. God is the prime source of all spiritual strength, and the Giver of every good and perfect gift. “Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name be glory for thy mercy and for thy truth's sake.” “O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together,” dear brethren; for we have been sharers in his blessing, as well as associates in his service.

Very tender, I assure you, are the emotions of my heart, as I advert to the fact that a large majority of those to whom I would love to address these words are not within sight of my natural vision or within reach of the sound of my voice: “having served their own generation by the will of God, they have fallen on sleep and been laid unto their fathers.” But, “these all died in the faith”—the faith by which they had “obtained witness that they were righteous, God testifying of their gifts;” and by their faith and works—their lives of self-sacrifice and godly examples of devotion and usefulness—they, “being dead, yet speak” to their survivors, cheering and inspiring them to follow the Lord as they did, ever keeping in mind the great watchword which he gave for all his disciples: “One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren.” This watchword—the motto of the official organ of our Church—

is the favorite one of Methodist Protestants, as indeed it should be of all, of whatever name, who profess to hold that to Christ was given the name that is above all names, and desire to hasten the time when “every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.” No person who has carefully studied the history of the Methodist branch of the Christian Church can fail to discover that what gave rise to the movement for reform which culminated in the organization of the Methodist Protestant Church in the United States and similar organizations in Great Britain, was nothing else than the aim to properly put in force the principles of this watchword, namely, the recognition of the sole and absolute supremacy of Christ over the Church, and the mutual rights of all ministers and laymen in the church, as brethren united in Christ, to magnify his name and extend his kingdom.

Years before the movement for reform was fully inaugurated, earnest students of the Bible and of ecclesiastical history saw indications of a rising and increasing tendency in Methodist ranks, to lose sight of the importance of these principles to the purity and true prosperity of the church, and hence felt it their duty to call special attention to the subject. Their speeches and writings, as the years went on, caused much agitation. Men of the best intellectual endowments and highest spiritual attainments in Methodist circles, set themselves to consider the matter thoroughly, and to see whether there had not been serious mistakes in the polity of Methodism, affecting the rights of a large portion of those united as Methodists. For a full and very interesting account of the Methodist Reform in England, see article “Methodism” in *Encyclo. Britannica*, last edition. The investigation in our own country was principally carried on through the columns of the *Wesleyan Repository*, and led to the finding of reasons for desiring and advocating certain changes in the governmental polity of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to make it consistent with the teachings of our Lord and his apostles, especially in regard to the rights of the laity. Hence originated the periodical publication entitled *The Mutual Rights of the Ministers and Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church*. This publication displeased many of those in authority, and its writers and circulators were unkindly thought of and dealt with. Details need not be given, but finally some of the advocates of reform were expelled, and others in sympathy with them withdrew from the Methodist Episcopal, and organized first the Associated Methodist Churches, and at length the Methodist Protestant Church.

I knew nothing of these things at the time of their occurrence, for I was then a mere boy; and the brief account I have given is made up from what I heard or read when a little older, and then providentially so situated as to have my subsequent career materially affected by these events, and I may say to a great extent moulded and directed by some of the persons who sooner or later became identified with the reformers. Among these were my own parents. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church when I was born, August 21st, 1820, and I was baptized by a Methodist Episcopal minister, and in my childhood attended Sunday-school in the Foundry M. E. Church, Washington, D. C., with which my parents were then connected, and

of which my father was a local preacher, having been ordained to deacon's orders by Bishop Roberts, in March, 1829. Subsequently, however, in 1832, my parents became Methodist Protestants, and I was converted in the new connection, under the ministry of Revs. William Kesley and Daniel Evans Reese in the little Tabernacle M. P. Church, in Washington, which was in 1835 superceded by what was known as the Ninth-Street Station, and in a new locality in the city, is now known as the Central Station. Though my parents were not with the reformers from the very beginning, I think I have reason to bless God that they were with them in time for me to be numbered among the converts under their ministry. To be sure, my being brought to repent of my sins and to seek and find pardon and acceptance with God through the infinite merits and all-availing sacrifice of his dear Son, would have been cause enough for everlasting thanksgiving to his holy name, without regard to what particular ministry was made instrumental in it; yet, I am constrained to believe it was of the divine ordering that my conversion took place under the ministry of brethren with whom and others of the same ministry I was afterwards (though I little dreamed of such a possibility at the time) to be associated in the same Gospel work, and to be made instrumental with them in persuading many to embrace the same Saviour, and in helping to build them up and establish them in the faith. On this account, above all else, the text of my choice is appropriate to the present occasion: "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." Surely, he hath led us by a way that we had not known, and to his great name be all praise and glory, now and forever.

All new converts are but "babes in Christ." I was a very feeble one. Indeed I was a mere child in years, having not quite reached my thirteenth. Through the careful nurture of godly parents, and pastors, and teachers, I was enabled by God's blessing to maintain a tolerable standing as a young member of the church, until in my seventeenth year, I was subjected to new scenes of trial in a religious point of view, during my boarding-school life at Brookeville Academy, in Montgomery county, Md., and for a time wandered from the Lord; but, during a gracious revival under the ministry of Rev. Andrew A. Lipscomb, I renewed my covenant, regained the experience of blessed communion in Christ, which I had before enjoyed, and was led by the Holy Spirit to make an unreserved consecration of all my ransomed powers to the service of the Lord in whatever way he might mark out for me.

While at Brookeville, I was placed by my parents under the special guardianship of Rev. Thomas McCormick, who resided on a farm not far from the Academy, and my frequent visits to his family had, I have no doubt, much to do with keeping me from wandering entirely away from the godly influences that had surrounded me at my own home. Bro. McCormick was, like my father, a local preacher, very active in church work, and a most prominent mover in the Methodist reform from the beginning, being one of the twenty-two who were expelled from the Methodist Episcopal Church for their devotion to the reform. He lived to the great age of ninety-two, and had the satisfaction of seeing the Methodist Protestant Church prosper until it had over twelve hundred ministers and over one hundred and twenty thousand

members in the United States. He wrote many valuable articles concerning the reform, which were published in the *Methodist Protestant*, and other church periodicals, from time to time to within a very short time of his death, or, as I think it more proper to say, his sweetly falling asleep in Jesus.

Upon completing my school-term at Brookeville, I returned to Washington, in the spring of 1838, and was occupied in business for my father; but he allowed me good facilities for continuing such studies as most interested me and ample time for moral and spiritual efforts among my acquaintances and in the church and Sunday-school. My mind was much exercised in regard to the question of giving my life to the work of the ministry, and especially after Rev. Augustus Webster became our pastor the subject engaged more and more of my prayerful consideration, until at length, under circumstances of a very interesting character which I need not now detail, I was licensed by the Quarterly Conference of the Ninth-Street Station to preach the Gospel, August 30th, 1840, having, however, a few weeks before attempted to preach without any license except that which, as I believe, the Holy Spirit had given me. From this time I directed my studies almost entirely to preparation for entering fully into the work of the ministry, under the advice and assistance of Revs. A. Webster and A. A. Lipscomb. I also availed myself of such opportunities as offered for preaching at various points in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, and for some months served the Mount Olivet (now known as the East Washington) Station.

At the thirteenth session of the Maryland Annual Conference held in the city of Philadelphia, April, 1841, I was kindly received. Thus by divine providence was I led on and associated with the noble band of workers for God and for the souls of men, my connection with whom is now to be further noticed. Of the seventy-seven ministers who had been enrolled as members of the Conference up to 1841, only thirty-nine were living and present at that session; but among them were many whose voices I had heard in the pulpit and at the fireside of my boyhood home. Indeed, I had previous acquaintance with nearly all of them. The four of them who had been Presidents of the Conference previously, and the one who was then President, had had more or less part in my religious training; two of them had been my pastors, as also had been three of the other members of the Conference, so that, when I was received, I felt quite at home, and not as if I had entered a company of strangers. S. B. Southerland and Alfred Baker joined at the same session, and in God's mercy the former and I are spared to meet to-day, as we met last year, to review the experiences of half a century, he having then told the Conference of some of his, and I now trying to talk of some of mine. Dr. Southerland and myself were not only received into Conference at the same time, but also ordained together two years afterwards. During nearly all of the years, however, it so happened that our appointments were far apart until, in 1877 and subsequently, while he was pastor at Westminster, we were so near each other as to enjoy almost daily opportunities of mutual intercourse, and frequent opportunities of mutual part in public and social worship. It would require more than the whole of the time allotted for this discourse for me to relate the delightful and profitable incidents of my inter-

course and co-laborers with him and all the other pastors at Westminster during the twenty-six years of my residence there from 1866 onward. The limit of time will compel me to omit here, and at many points in my narrative, much that I would otherwise be glad to say in illustration of my design to magnify the Lord in considering the displays of his grace and saving power.

To resume, then, the connection of my narrative, my first appointment was to Pipe Creek Circuit, and it was an ordering of divine providence which I have always regarded as having had an important bearing upon my after career, particularly because of my association with Rev. Dr. John S. Reese, a man of so much wisdom and piety and zeal, and who took so much interest in young ministers. Under his instruction and counsel, and animated by his noble example, the year I spent with him was equal in advantages to a year in the best theological school, and amply made amends for my not having had, as our young preachers now have, the privileges of preparation in such a school. The circuit was then one of the largest in the Conference, embracing a territory in which our Church has now five charges with six pastors, and more than five times the number of church members we then had.

The fourteenth session of the Conference began in Georgetown, my native city, April 6th, 1842. The brethren came from their various charges with glorious tidings of success in winning souls to Christ during the previous year. Fifteen hundred and fifteen members had been added to the church, and during the Conference session eleven new names of ministers were added to the roll. But one of the veterans was missing—Rev. Wm. Kesley, who died Sept. 23d, 1841. And of the names then added only one, that of Rev. Dr. John J. Murray, now appears on the roll. He joined the Conference in 1842, and is properly the semi-centenarian of our present session. My appointment was changed from Pipe Creek to Williamsport Circuit, where I remained three years, during which the M. P. church in Williamsport under the name of "Rehoboth," was built mainly through the liberality of Peter Light, and the M. P. church at Little Georgetown, called the "Friendship" church, mainly by my own agency as collector of funds, the lot having been deeded to the M. P. Church by Mr. P. C. Pendleton, of Martinsburg, W. Va. There were numerous accessions at the different appointments on the circuit and special interest awakened in the Sunday-school cause, a great assembly of the friends of which was held at what was known as the Lick appointment at Bedington.

Throughout the entire Conference district during these three years under the Presidency of Revs. A. Webster, Eli Henkle and Levi R. Reese, more than three thousand members were added to the Church, and thirty ministers added to the Conference, only three of whom are now living and on the roll, namely, Revs. R. S. Norris, D. W. Bates and David Wilson. A large number of camp-meetings were held, both on the Eastern and Western Shores of the Chesapeake Bay, several of which I had the privilege of participating in, witnessing exhibitions of divine grace and power such as I had never witnessed before. I recall one instance in which about seventy souls were happily converted to God during a single service, and many instances in which the tokens of God's presence filled and thrilled the hearts of his people with joy unspeakable and

full of glory. How sweet are these recollections! I do not think I could offer a better prayer for my younger brethren in the ministry than that they may in their after-years be able to look back, as their elder brethren now can, to scenes like those of which I have spoken. It is true that within the three years referred to we had the grief of losing by death five of the most efficient of our ministers, but they left many signal evidences of the good they had under God accomplished, and closed their career in peace and triumph. So, as in the case of Paul, God was magnified by them in death as well as in life.

From Williamsport Circuit, I was sent to Cumberland Station, in 1845, following Rev. Peter Light Wilson, who had been remarkably successful in winning souls. My own labors were not so extensively useful, but still I trust were not altogether in vain. In the early part of the year, my home was with Bro. A. L. Withers and his estimable family; for the remainder of the year, I and my chosen companion had the special privilege of being members of the household of the venerable Alexander Waugh (brother of Bishop Beverly Waugh of the Methodist Episcopal Church) and his excellent wife. Many an hour did we spend delightfully in listening to Father Waugh telling of events in the history of the Methodist Episcopal Church when it was not older than the Methodist Protestant Church is now. Speaking of his brother the Bishop, he used to say, "My brother, Beverly, was at heart as much of a reformer as I am." This was doubtless the case with many others in the early period of the reform movement, who, like the Bishop, nevertheless, failed to identify themselves with the new church. Father Waugh was born in 1773 and died in 1846. He had entrusted to me many of his manuscripts, which I have carefully preserved, and highly value. After his death, I sent a full account of his life, with a copy of a most interesting letter from his brother, the Bishop, to the *Methodist Protestant*, in the columns of which they were published. Among his manuscripts in my possession is a minute diary, which he wrote during a journey he made on horseback from Virginia to Kentucky, in 1812, about twenty-five years after the latter became a State of the Union. Father Waugh was one of those noble laymen of our Church whose record of service in the work of winning souls to Christ and building them up in the faith, is hardly excelled by many of the ministers; and, by his ripe Christian experience, he became a most useful adviser of his pastors in their work. What reason have we to magnify the Lord for the career of such godly men; and also for the lives of such pious and devoted women as was his wife. It was my habit to speak of this exemplary couple as Zacharias and Elizabeth, for "they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless."

My labors during the three years on Williamsport Circuit, and at protracted and camp-meetings on other circuits (for, in my youthful zeal, I traveled during these years far more extensively than one of such feeble physical ability should have done); my health was much impaired; and after my year at Cumberland, I was persuaded by my parents and by older members of Conference to whom I was accustomed to look for counsel and advice, to ask to be left without an appointment, that I might, by taking recreation, recruit my health. This I did at the session held in the Ninth-street church, Wash-

ington, April, 1846. After the adjournment of Conference, I took up my abode in the old parental home, and during the summer made a trip northward, on the way visiting, for one Sabbath, the First M. P. Church, Philadelphia, and preaching for Rev. T. H. Stockton, the pastor then in charge there, little dreaming that I was to become pastor of that church, as events developed within two years. Upon returning from my northern trip to Washington, my health being much improved, I wrote to Rev. E. Henkle, then President of the Conference, desiring him to give me an appointment for the remainder of the year; but there was no vacancy which he deemed suitable. Hence, that I might not be idle, I connected myself with my father in the editing and publishing of the *Columbian Fountain*, a daily and weekly periodical devoted especially to the Temperance cause at the nation's capital. When the Conference held its next session in April, 1847, I had become so identified with the *Fountain*, that I could not be released until the end of the volume, which was in December. I did not, however, confine myself entirely to the editorial work, but preached almost every Sunday, and sometimes oftener. For some months I served as supply for a Lutheran church, whose pastor was absent. One of the most delightful episodes of this period was a visit to Centreville, Md., during which I sojourned for nearly two weeks with Judge P. B. Hopper, one of the veterans of Methodist Reform, and cooperated with him, and Rev. J. J. Murray and others, in a protracted meeting which resulted in the conversion of a number of precious souls. Judge Hopper knew all about the history of the reform, especially on the Eastern Shore; it was a rich privilege to listen to his instructive conversation, and it made impressions upon my mind and heart which have never been effaced.

During the autumn of 1847, a change had taken place in church affairs. A new Conference had been organized called the Philadelphia Annual Conference, embracing part of the territory which was previously included in the bounds of the Maryland Conference. Among its ministers was Rev. T. H. Stockton; but he, having resigned the charge in Philadelphia, was transferred to the pastorate of the M. P. church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Late in December I was invited by the Philadelphia church to take Bro. Stockton's place, and agreed to do so temporarily. After a few weeks, concluding to remain at the charge until the meeting of the Philadelphia Annual Conference, I obtained a transfer in regular form from my own Conference and was duly appointed to the pastorate of the charge. This appointment was renewed for three years by the Philadelphia Conference. By action of the General Conference of 1850, the Philadelphia Annual Conference was dissolved, and the First Church, being dissatisfied with said action, became independent, and arrangements were made whereby I was enabled to continue as pastor without forfeiting my denominational connection, and so I remained in the charge until the session of the Maryland Conference of 1856, when my return was kindly welcomed by my brethren, notwithstanding many of them were of opinion that I should have returned sooner. In the light of subsequent events, however, I think they as well as myself saw and recognized the hand of God in ordaining my continuance in Philadelphia just so long. It was a period of training to me for work which was afterwards to fall to my lot, in

various respects, not necessary to be now detailed, and it would require more time than I have within the limit of the present discourse. Let it suffice for me to say that, concerning no portion of the half century I am reviewing have I more cause to repeat the language of my text, than concerning the nine years spent in Philadelphia. If it were only for the constant instructive intercourse I had there with the venerable William S. Stockton, who, of all laymen, had been the earliest and most prominent of Methodist Reformers, that would be reason sufficient for me to praise the Lord. Father Stockton was not an orator like his distinguished son, Rev. Thomas H., but he was the best informed man I ever knew on ecclesiastical history and related subjects, and especially familiar with Methodism in all its features, from its incipiency down to his time. He was moreover a most conscientious, faithful and devoted follower of Christ, and a true philanthropist. He passed to his reward, November, 1860, aged 75 years.

In regard to intercourse with helpful brethren during my time in Philadelphia, I mention, as a cause for magnifying the Lord, the fact that the ties which bound me to the Maryland Conference, while I was absent from it, were kept up by the fraternal relations I had with the pastors of the Methodist Protestant churches still existing in Philadelphia at that time. I not only saw them frequently, but worked in harmony with them and they with me in communion and effort for the saving of souls. So that I may say that virtually connection with the ministers of the Maryland Conference has remained intact from the day I first joined it until the present time. Of the ministers who joined when I did in 1841 only four besides Rev. Dr. Southerland and myself survive—Rev. J. W. Everist, Rev. Dr. J. K. Nichols, Rev. John R. Nichols and Rev. Dr. L. W. Bates. Of the sixty-three who were in the Conference when I returned in 1856, twenty are still living, and the names of fourteen of them are now on our roll. All who have passed away did faithful service for the Master to the last, and those who remain are following their noble example, and hoping to unite with them ere long in forever magnifying the Lord and exalting his holy name in the heaven of the blest, where all who love and serve him on earth find their sure reward. It is a coincidence that my appointment at the session of 1856, like my first in 1841, was to the same circuit—good old Pipe Creek, though only to a portion of the territory it had when I traveled with Dr. J. S. Reese. My colleague now was Rev. J. T. Murray—he residing at Libertytown, in Frederick county, and I at Uniontown, in Carroll county. Our appointments were renewed for three years, which I count among the happiest of my life. By the blessing of God, these were years of extraordinary success. In June, 1858, the commodious and handsome new house of worship at Uniontown was dedicated, Rev. E. Y. Reese, D. D., then editor of the *Methodist Protestant*, and Rev. Jesse Shreeve assisting Bro. Murray and myself in the services. Toward the end of 1858, and in the beginning of 1859, gracious and extensive revivals occurred on the circuit, especially at the Libertytown and Pipe Creek appointments; and during the three years of our copastorship, nearly three hundred members were received into church fellowship on the circuit. Such times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord I had never known to the same extent within

the bounds of any charge and the same limit of time. "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." And let us pray for the recurrence of such days of the Son of man, often, and throughout all lands.

In 1860 I was appointed to Alexandria Station, as successor to Rev. N. S. Greenaway, who, on account of declining health, was compelled to superannuate, still, however, continuing to reside in Alexandria. For a number of weeks I occupied his study-room in the parsonage, he having gone on a trip to Philadelphia. In the study-room I was surrounded by his books and had opportunity of examining many of them that had notes of his on the margins of the pages, which gave me knowledge of his studious habits and extensive research. After his return, he preached in our church a notable sermon on "Angelic Ministration," and he assisted in church work as often as health would permit, much to the delight of the congregation, which held him in the highest esteem. My appointment was renewed in 1861, and I had constant intercourse with Bro. Greenaway and his pious wife and interesting family, until in May we were called to mourn his death, and follow his mortal remains to the cemetery. The text I used at the funeral was strictly applicable to him: "To live is Christ, and to die is gain."

My first year in Alexandria was a very happy one, as was part of the second; but during the latter, the terrible war began, which filled our whole country with sadness, and I was for months separated from my beloved charge, and had experiences which I hope never to have again. I was, however, mercifully preserved to return and fill out the year with such service as I could under the excitement and confusion of the times. One of the most delightful sources of relief I had was in the companionship of the guardian of my youth before referred to, Bro. McCormick, who resided in Alexandria during my pastorate, and whose counsels were of great value to me. I also had the sweet satisfaction of witnessing the love and devotion of many to the Church under circumstances of peculiar trial. This also applies to my experience in the other charges I served during the war—namely, Liberty Circuit and Ninth-Street Station.

I was pastor of the former from the spring of 1862 to 1864. It was the portion of Pipe Creek Circuit which had been set off at the close of the term of Dr. J. T. Murray and myself, and Rev. H. C. Cushing was its first pastor. As its territory had been embraced in Pipe Creek Circuit both during my term with Dr. Reese in 1841 and with Dr. Murray in 1856-'59, I was surrounded with many old friends, who, as well as new ones, co-operated nobly in church work. There, too, one of the pastors of my boyhood, Rev. Josiah Varden, grown old in the ministry, was residing. He, like myself, was a native of the District of Columbia, and on this and other accounts the ties between us were very strong and precious. The constant delightful intercourse with him was a source of helpfulness to my ministry. But, alas, that intercourse was broken as to this world by his death during my pastorate, January 16th, 1863. I was with him to the last hour of his earthly existence, and he gave all possible evidence that the faith he had for so many years held and so eloquently proclaimed, sustained his spirit, prepared and waiting and even longing to "de-

part and be with Christ," where, through grace divine, we hope to spend eternity with him, and all the ransomed of the Lord.

From Liberty Circuit, the Conference sent me in 1864 to Ninth-St. Station, Washington, from which, a quarter of a century before I had received my license to preach. If, when I began my itinerancy, I had traveled in a direct course, the miles over which I went during this period, as I found by taking note of them, would have been just sufficient to compass the earth, and I should have been back to my boyhood home just when in fact I was, although I had only traveled in a few States, and mostly in Maryland. The joy of my term at Ninth St. Station, all can readily imagine. My own parents, and many of the associates of my earliest years, were among my hearers from Sabbath to Sabbath. The Rev. Wm. C. Lipscomb, and Bro. James A. Kennedy, so well known to all who are familiar with the history of the organization of the Methodist Protestant Church, and who did so much for the cause of Methodist Reform, in Georgetown and Washington especially, were also my advisers and helpers during the two years of this pastorate. But, time fails me to do more than thus glance at the reasons I have for magnifying the Lord for the display of his mercy in this charge, which proved to be my last in the regular pastoral work. Declining health compelled me to think of retiring, and my kind parents made provision of a home to which I might retire at Westminster. By the time of the session of the Conference in 1866, however, my health seemed to be improving, and I hesitated as to quitting the active work. A letter which I had received from Rev. R. S. Norris, then on Pipe Creek Circuit, called my attention to the college enterprise in contemplation at Westminster; but I had no thought that I could be of any special service in such a work, and when Conference assembled I felt disposed to abandon my idea of retiring from the active ministry. All things considered, however, it was deemed best for me to go to my provided home in Westminster, and I took up my abode there. A train of providences as unexpected as they were wonderful to me soon identified me with the educational enterprise which culminated in the founding of Western Maryland College. All the prominent events in the history of this institution have been so frequently published that I need not here and now repeat them. And the same may be said as to the Westminster Theological Seminary. I will make this remark, however, as proper and necessary to the purpose of my discourse, that the hand of God is as plainly seen in the entire history of these institutions as it certainly is in the history of the Maryland Annual Conference, the patron and fosterer of them both. In the divine ordering, I have had much to do with these institutions. In reference to them, and, indeed, to all my work, I have conscientiously endeavored to follow the path which the Lord opened before me, trusting in him for grace and strength to perform the part assigned me, though it was in this instance of a character very different from any I had before been accustomed to, and though I seriously felt my feebleness in attempting it. The Holy Spirit never moves a man to undertake what by that Spirit's aid he may not accomplish; but only by that aid being continually sought and relied upon.

During the fifty-one years of my ministry, particularly in the last half of

them spent in connection with these institutions, I have had some part in the preparation for the ministry of one hundred and twenty-one brethren, all of whom entered upon the work in Methodist Protestant Conferences, except twenty-two, who became ministers of other branches of the Christian church—fourteen of them of the Methodist Episcopal Church. These ministers have preached in nearly all parts of our own and a few of them in foreign lands, and I have memoranda of reports of their labors showing that more than six thousand souls have professed conversion under their ministry since 1879, and many previous to that date doubtless—but how many I do not know. So far, however, as human instrumentality is concerned, the College and the Seminary are unquestionably most largely indebted to the Maryland Annual Conference, and to friends within its territory; and we have only to look around us at this moment to see and realize the return of benefit to the Conference from these institutions; and then, extending the sphere of observation, we may witness the benefit to other Conferences of our own and of other denominations, and to many communities in our own and other States. Of the nearly fifteen hundred students, male and female included, that have gone forth from these institutions, the number who have proved themselves useful in all departments of life, will, I am persuaded, compare favorably with that of any similar institutions with so little, or even with more, means at command. In a religious point of view especially we have reason to magnify the Lord for the record made by our students both while engaged in their studies and since their going forth into society. I have been careful to keep account in this matter, and am constrained to exclaim, "Glory to God!" for what he hath enabled our "boys" and "girls" to do, particularly in the work of helping to save souls. And the same exclamation, with even more emphasis, I make upon a review of the history of the Maryland Annual Conference during the years of my knowledge of it. As I read over the long list of the members, departed or surviving, I can but make my boast in the Lord, for what he has enabled them to accomplish, not only in the way of faithfully carrying forward the reform in church polity which they were providentially called to do, until it has even permeated the mother church to an extent which indicates its ultimate triumph there; but, as a matter still more to be rejoiced in, it has, in common with other evangelical denominations, been faithful to the work of bringing souls to Christ and building them up in the faith. It was predicted of the reformers at the beginning that their zeal to have the laity's rights duly recognized would divert them from the work of saving souls and spreading scriptural holiness; but the prediction has been falsified by the facts. These have fully demonstrated that a pure church government is a grand adjunct to pure gospel preaching, and that we may be, and should be, "zealously affected" in both combined, as being indeed "a good thing."

It is impossible for us fully to estimate the amount of good accomplished in the period of our Conference history, but from data at command, at least seventy thousand members have been received into the Methodist Protestant Church, in the Maryland Conference alone, besides a large number converted under her ministry who joined other branches of the Christian church, so that I believe not less than one hundred thousand souls have been, directly or

indirectly, brought to embrace and follow the Lord, by the divine blessing upon the efforts of our ministers and lay co-operators. Therefore, with a heart overflowing with gratitude to God, I say: For our fathers, and our brethren—for their labors, their sacrifices and their success; for the mission to which they were called, and for all they have been enabled by the divine blessing to accomplish; and for the encouraging prospect, in humble reliance on the source of help, for the increase of prosperity in the future—"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." Nor let us think only of the territory within the limits of our own Conference, but as, under God, we have especially of late years, been enabled to send helping hands to far-away portions of our own land, and to farther-away regions beyond the ocean's expanse, let us pray and labor to accomplish greater things in this line, and be more of a Missionary Church than ever before, taking our true rank with the entire "sacramental host of God's elect," in the promotion of his glory and the extension of his kingdom "to earth's remotest bounds."

Indulge me, dear brethren, in a few remarks before closing this sermon, on what I consider of great importance to even enlarged success in our work, namely, fuller consecration of all our talents, and particularly of the pecuniary means with which God has intrusted his people as stewards of his bounty. Paul exhorted Timothy to "charge them that are rich in this world . . . that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate, laying up for themselves a good foundation against the time to time, that they may lay hold on eternal life." It is my firm conviction that the means are in the hands of professing Christians in the leading civilized nations this day to evangelize the whole earth. This is a fact as solemn as it is true; for it involves tremendous responsibility, and the time is at hand when every man must give an account of himself unto God. May the Holy Spirit so move the hearts and hands of all Christians, that the glorious gospel of the Son of God may very soon have been preached not only in every land, but to every individual, for a witness. Let us see to it that we do our part, trusting in God, and magnifying him, not only with our lips but also by our lives. Amen.

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.

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 person 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. Should the President not be in place at the hour of meeting; the Secretary, or in his absence one of his assistants, shall announce the fact, and the Conference shall elect a chairman pro tempore, and proceed to business.
3. Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference, and be accountable for them.

4. Be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.
5. Keep an accurate list of the members of the Conference.
6. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of Conference, including all written resolutions whether adopted or rejected, and the mover and seconder of all written resolutions.
7. Keep a list of business, on which he shall record all business brought before the Conference, and in the order of its presentation.
8. 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.
9. Keep a correct list of the Circuits and Stations, to be used as occasion may require.
10. Report to the Conference any unfinished business of the preceding annual session.
11. Be the Committee on Publication of the Minutes.
12. 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. Finance, 2 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
2. Itinerancy and Orders, the Faculty of Instruction.
3. Boundaries, 7 Laymen.
4. Pulpit Services, 3 Ministers
5. Home Missions, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
6. Superannuates, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
7. Literature, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
8. Sabbath Schools, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
9. Temperance, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
10. Benevolent Agencies, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
11. Fraternal Relations, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
12. Official Character, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
13. Statistics, 1 Minister, 1 Layman.
14. Obituaries, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.
15. Education, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
16. Foreign Missions, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
17. President's Report, 2 Ministers, 1 Layman.
18. Sabbath Observance, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
19. Committee on Credentials,
20. General Home Missions, 3 ministers, 2 laymen.

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.

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, to substitute, to amend, or to make the order of the day: 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 IX.

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 X.

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 XI.

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

RULE XII.

A motion after it is seconded, is the property of the Conference, and the mover has no power to withdraw or have it amended, without leave.

RULE XIII.

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

RULE XIV.

In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put. In balloting, blanks shall be rejected and not reported by the tellers.

DECORUM.

RULE XV.

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 XVI.

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

RULE XVII.

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 XVIII.

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 XIX.

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; the question on such appeal shall be taken without debate; but the appellant may state the ground of his appeal. If the Conference sustain the chair, the member shall be allowed to proceed only in order.

RULE XX.

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 XXI.

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 requests.

RULE XXII.

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

RULE XXIII.

Every member shall report at Roll call of the first day's session, and be present at the daily sessions of Conference.

RULE XXIV.

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 XXV.

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 XXVI.

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 XXVII.

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. Roll Call. The roll shall then be called, including the Dead Roll. 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 XXVIII.

At 11 o'clock, on the first day of each session of the Annual Conference, the President, or a substitute appointed by him, shall preach a sermon on

Foreign Missions, provided that the President shall preach at least one sermon during his term.

RULE XXIX.

At two-and-a-half o'clock P. M., on the first day of the session, the officers of the Conference shall be elected by ballot, as follows: 1. President; 2. Secretary; 3. Conference Steward; 4. Home Missionary Steward; 5. Superannuated Fund Steward; 6. Foreign Missionary Steward; 7. General Home Missionary Steward; 8. Educational Steward; 9. Standing District Committee, consisting of three elders, one of whom must be unstationed; 10. Committee of Appeals, three ministers and three laymen.

RULE XXX.

Examination of Official Character. The roll shall be called and the 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.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DIURNAL SESSIONS.

RULE XXXI.

The Conference shall be opened each day by reading the Scriptures, singing a hymn, and prayer.

RULE XXXII.

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

RULE XXXIII.

The President shall then announce that it is in order for delegates to present any business from the churches they represent. When any delegate upon recognition by the chair, may present any business, and it shall be recorded without debate on the list of business.

RULE XXXIV.

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 XXXV.

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

RULE XXXVI.

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

RULE XXXVII.

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

RULE XXXVIII.

When any business is taken into consideration, it shall not be interrupted by any other business (except the order of the day), or by adjournment.

RULE XXXIX.

When there are present Fraternal Messengers, and other visitors to whom the courtesy of formal recognition is due, the Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations shall quietly inform the President; whereupon the President may request the visitors to be brought to him, to be by him introduced to Conference, either at that time, or when the state of the business may with more propriety be arrested.

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 office of stationing the ministers and preachers is committed to the hands of 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 failure of the President to visit any charge does not vitiate his right to the amount assessed for his salary.
6. The President shall represent the General Interests of the Conference, and shall present their claims in such a manner and at such times as in his judgment may be necessary.

DUTIES OF STEWARDS.

1. The Conference Steward, Home Missionary Steward, Superannuated Fund Steward, Foreign Missionary Steward, General Home Missionary Steward and Educational 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. The pastor shall seek the co-operation of the Stewards in collecting the assessments made by the Annual Conference; admonishing them of their duty in this matter as contained in the Discipline under the head of "Duties of Stewards," pp. 116-17.
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 amounts contributed to Foreign missions by the auxiliaries of Woman's F. M. Societies, and due credit shall be given in the Minutes.

EXPENSES OF CONFERENCE.

The churches shall be assessed in a sum sufficient to meet the incidental expenses, including the publication of the Minutes; each church receiving Minutes in proportion to the amount contributed.

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 114 and 115 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 member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-one years, shall be eligible as a Steward, Class-Leader and Sunday-school Superintendent, and every male member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-one years, shall be eligible as a Trustee and 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 orders, 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 placing of mortgages upon church property, for the purpose, directly

or indirectly, of paying the pastor's salary, is so far as it has authority disallowed by the Conference.

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 acts 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, withholding 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, Trial of Members. 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 the entire mission become refractory, the missionary shall be authorized to select them according to the provision of the Discipline for trial of churches; *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 of the church from which the committee of trial is selected, at the session 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 for trial of members.
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.

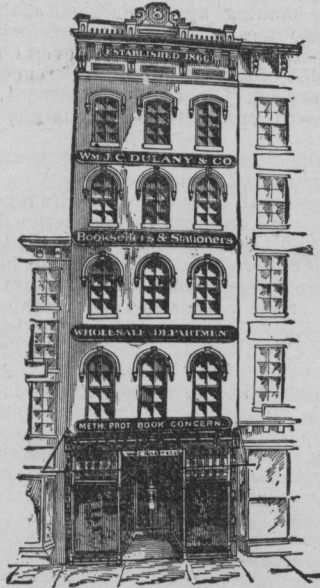
SUPERANNUATED FUND REGULATIONS.

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 two interests, the collections for Superannuates and the interest on the Superannuated Fund, are blended, and the committee is instructed to act accordingly.
3. The Committee in making appropriations, shall be governed by the ascertained probable resources of the Conference; they shall discriminate according to the comparative claims of the several recipients, taking into consideration, 1. The time of service in the Conference; 2. The value of said service to the Conference; 3. The size of family; 4. The peculiarities of location, &c.; 5. Ability to contribute to self-support by business capacity, or private income.
4. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund shall disburse all moneys coming from the Superannuated Fund Society.
5. When the Committee shall have completed its report it shall be read to the Conference twenty-four hours before final action thereon, during which time objections to the report must be filed before the Committee.
6. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund holds his office from the time of election until his successor is elected, and he is authorized to receive and distribute collections lifted for this fund at any time during the year.
7. The Steward shall make a semi-annual distribution of the funds coming from the Superannuated Fund Society, provided the Treasurer of said society can make a payment in the interim of Conference.
8. Every pastor is requested to bring to each session of the Annual Conference at least \$5.00, in addition to the superannuated collection, to assist any persons who may be placed on the superannuated list at that session.
9. The Corresponding Secretary of the Superannuated Fund Society shall furnish superannuated claimants with blanks containing the following questions, a neglect to answer which shall deprive the claimant of any portion in the distribution of said fund for the year:
 1. What is your present place of residence? Post-office address?
 2. Do you desire a superannuated relation the ensuing year?
 3. What is the number of your family? Ages of your children respectively?
 4. In what business are you now engaged? How much does its product fall short of yielding you a necessary support? What is the amount of your private income from all sources?
 5. What is the assessed value of the real estate owned by you?
 6. Do you attend our church?
If not, why not?
 7. Do your children attend our Sabbath-school?
If not, why not?

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