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Baltimore and East Baltimore Districts,
and the Pastors in the City.

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IV. In the case of William E. Munsey.

COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION,

NELSON HEAD,

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WM. G. COE,

JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

The Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, commenced its eighty-ninth Session in Trinity Church, Baltimore, Maryland, March 5th, 1873 at 9 o'clock A. M.

The Conference was opened with appropriate religious services, conducted by Bishop Pierce.

Bishop Pierce stated, that in view of the sickness of Bishop Paine, he was here, at his request, to preside over the Conference, but that he would be assisted by Bishop Doggett who was then present.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, and 61 clerical, and 12 lay members responded to their names.

On motion John S. Martin was elected Secretary.

James E. Armstrong was reappointed assistant Secretary and W. G. Coe Statistical Secretary.

The Conference determined to meet in daily session at 9 o'clock A. M., and to adjourn at 1 o'clock P. M.

The Presiding Elders of the Baltimore, and East Baltimore Districts, and the preachers of the several stations in this city, were appointed a committee on Public Worship.

Beverly W. Bond was appointed to receive and distribute letters for the members of the Conference.

Frazier Furr was placed on the Committee on Publishing Interests, in the place of J. F. Clarke.

J. L. Shipley, and J. H. March, were appointed to serve on the Committee of Examination of the Fourth Year, in the place of F. H. Richey and T. E. Carson, who were absent from the Conference.

J. L. Gilbert Presiding Elder of Lewisburg District, presented papers in relation to J. F. Clarke, which were referred to a committee of nine to be appointed by the Chair.

The President announced that Dabney Ball from the Pacific Conference, and Erastus B. Duncan from the Florida Conference, had been transferred to this Conference.

A communication from Dr. J. B. McFerrin, Treasurer of the Board of Missions was presented and read, and referred to the Board of Missions of this Conference.

A communication from A. H. Redford in relation to the Publishing House at Nashville, was presented and read, and referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

A. Poe Boude, was appointed on the Committee on Publishing Interests, in the place of J. P. Etchison.

Dabney Ball, was appointed on the Committee on Education, in the place of J. P. Etchison.

Norval Wilson, George G. Brooke and J. B. Fitzpatrick were appointed a Committee on Temperance.

Williamson Harris, was appointed on the Committee on Sunday Schools, in the place of J. H. Temple.

G. H. Zimmerman was appointed on the Committee for the Publication of the Minutes, in the place of E. R. Smith.

A communication from the West Virginia Female Institute was presented and read, and on motion referred to the Committee on Education.

C. G. Linthicum was appointed to receive money collected for Educational purposes.

P. B. Smith was appointed to receive money collected for the Bible cause.

The Twentieth Question of the General Minutes was called—
“are all the Preachers blameless in their life and official administration?”

The Washington District was called, and represented by the Presiding Elder—and the characters of the Preachers of the District were examined and passed.

The Relation of J. W. Boteler as supernumerary was continued.

The Winchester District was called, and represented by the Presiding Elder, and the characters of the Preachers were examined and passed.

The relation of J. P. Hyde as supernumerary was continued.

A supernumerary relation was, on motion, granted to Francis H. Richey.

Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Bishop Doggett, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, *March 6, 1873.*

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Pierce in the Chair.

Religious Exercises were conducted by W. H. Seat of the Texas Conference.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Lay members were appointed on the Committees as follows:—

Sunday Schools—Leroy M. Wilson, Rev. J. F. Petherbridge, L. W. S. Hough, W. R. Denny, W. Milnes, Jr., James Chalmers, Alexander Cooper, Nathaniel McKenny, Rev. Patrick Hamil.

Education—Rev. E. B. Prettyman, Wm. H. May, J. F. Houck, Joel McPherson, Wm. N. Price, Wm. J. King, E. W. Massey, J. A. Raybum, John L. Pitzer.

Publishing Interests—Ezekiel Jones, John S. Biddison, Wm. R. Denny, W. W. Ballard, Osborne Hamilton, Walker P. Conway, Rev. John W. Watson, Washington Hill, Jacob A. Marker.

The Conference ordered a committee to prepare a memoir of the late Rev. Thomas E. Bond, M. D. Rev. S. Rodgers and N. Head were appointed on the said committee, with instruction, to confer with Rev. J. A. Duncan, D. D. in the preparation of the memoir.

George T. Tyler was appointed assistant Statistical Secretary.

The following visitors were introduced to the Conference;—

Rev. J. A. LeFevre, D. D. of the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Dr. Brantley of the Baptist Church. Rev. Joseph Davis of the Virginia Conference, and Rev. J. A. Duncan, D. D. President of Randolph Macon College.

The Twentieth Question of the General Minutes was resumed;—

The Baltimore District was called, and represented by the Presiding Elder, and the characters of the Preachers were examined and passed.

J. N. Hank, J. W. Bull, W. J. Perry and J. H. Dulaney, were continued in the supernumerary relation.

The East Baltimore District was called, and represented by the Presiding Elder, and the characters of the Preachers were examined and passed.

The Supernumerary relation of S. Kepler, E. R. Smith, J. N. Spangler, R. B. Frampton, was continued.

On motion a supernumerary relation was granted to Asbury R. Martin.

Rockingham District was called and represented by the Presiding Elder, and characters of the Preachers were examined and passed.

Geo. R. Jefferson and Wm. R. Stringer were continued as supernumerary.

The character of S. S. Ryder was passed, and, on motion a supernumerary relation was granted him.

The Roanoke District was called, and represented by the Presiding Elder, and the characters of the Preachers were examined and passed.

The Seventh Question of the General Minutes was called; viz—"Who are the Deacons of one year? and—

John S. Hutchinson having been favorably reported on by the Committee of Examination—his character was examined and passed.

Lewisburg District was called and represented by the Presiding Elder, and the characters of the Preachers were examined and passed.

Lexington District was called, and represented by the Presiding Elder.

The President announced the following Committees of three, viz :

On the case of L. D. Huston—E. F. Busey, J. L. Clarke, A. Poe Boude.

On the case of J. F. Clarke—C. G. Linthicum, F. C. Tebbs, W. A. Wade.

Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Bishop Pierce, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, *March 7th* 1873.

MORNING SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Pierce in the chair.

Religious Exercises were conducted by the Rev. Bro. Nolley of the Virginia Conference.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The twentieth Question on the minutes was called.

Lexington District was resumed, and the characters of the Preachers were examined and passed.

The character of W. G. Cross was examined and passed, and on Motion, a superannuated relation was granted him.

The supernumerary relation of E. L. Kregelo was continued.

On motion, the Conference requested the appointment of W. R. McNeer as Principal of "Oakland High School."

Also, S. K. Cox, D. D., as President of "Montgomery Female College."

Morefield District was called, and represented by the Presiding Elder, and the characters of the Preachers were examined and passed.

Brother Ray of the Virginia Conference was introduced to the Conference.

Bishop Doggett took the chair.

M. C. Nadenboush was substituted for E. W. Massey, on the Committee on Education.

The First Question of the General Minutes was called, viz :

"Who are admitted on Trial?"

The following recommendations were presented and read :

District.	Name.	Quar. Conf. recom.
Baltimore Dist.	Godlove Meyer,	by Emanuel Station.
" "	John G. Knight,	" Howard Circuit.
E. Baltimore Dist.	J. Wesley Steele.	" Prince Geo. "
" "	James D. Reese,	" Harford "
Washington "	James T. Williams,	" Warrenton Station.
" "	Wm. T. Caruthers,	" Falls Church Circ't
Winchester "	Alfred H. Way,	" Morgan Circuit.
Lewisburg "	Lewis Henley,	" White Sulpher "
" "	Vincent W. Wheeler,	" Frankford "
Lexington "	Wm. M. Hiner,	" M'tery & Doe H 1 "
and	Washington Varner,	" Hanover Circuit.

Randolph Macon District, Virginia Conference; and on motion they were severally admitted on trial.

The Second Question of the General Minutes was called, viz:

"Who remain on trial?"

For Answer see "General Minutes."

The character of Luke R. Markwood was examined and passed, and he was discontinued at his own request.

James W. Compton, and Francis A. Strother, of the class of the first year, having passed the examination of the first and second years, were elected to Deacons orders, and continued on trial under Question "Second."

Rev. J. A. Duncan, D. D., President of Randolph Macon College, presented and read the report of that Institution.

Rev. Alex. G. Brown, Financial Secretary, presented the report on the Finances of the College.

On motion the reports were referred to the Committee on Education.

A letter and Books of accounts were presented from Dr. A. H. Redford, Agent for the Publishing House at Nashville.

Referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

J. J. Engle was appointed to collect the accounts for the Publishing House.

A Communication from the "Baltimore Book and Publishing House," was read and on motion, referred to the Committee on Publishing Interest.

The following Resolution was presented and read, and on motion it was made the order of the day for Monday next at 12 o'clock:

"Resolved--That we respectfully request the Bishops, so to manage their Plan of Episcopal visitation, as hereafter to hold the sessions of the Baltimore Annual Conference in the early part of the month of October.

J. S. GARDNER,

A. P. BOUDE,

F. C. TEBBS."

The Committee in the case of L. D. Huston presented a report which was read and on motion adopted. See Report II., of Special Committees.

A Committee of five on the Bible cause was ordered and constituted as follows: J. P. Hall, F. A. Mercer, H. H. Kennedy, E. C. Brown, J. F. Petherbridge.

The hour for adjournment having come, the session was on motion extended.

The Fourth Question of the General Minutes was called, viz:

"Who are admitted into full connection?"

For Answer see General Minutes.

The President announced the Committee of Trial in the case of L. D. Huston, as follows:

SAMUEL REGESTER. Chairman.

T. B. Sargent,
I. R. Finley,
F. C. Tebbs,
G. G. Brooke,

J. C. Dice,
L. R. Jones,
J. L. Shipley.
J. M. Grandin,
S. Townshend.

A. B. Dolly,
P. B. Smith,
D. Ball,
J. Higgins,

Conference adjourned with the Benediction, to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, *March 6, 1873.*

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Pierce in the Chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by P. B. Smith.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Fourth Question of the General Minutes was resumed.

For Answer see General Minutes.

Charles E. Beauchamp was on motion discontinued.

The following committees were appointed. On the case of James F. Follin :

N. WILSON, Chairman.

E. H. Henry,	W. H. Wilson,	L. H. Baldwin,
J. W. Ewan,	J. W. Wolf,	J. F. Liggett.
S. R. Snapp,	G. G. Brooke,	C. L. Torreyson.

In view of injury received by N. Wilson, E. Welty was substituted on the Committee.

On the case of J. F. Clark.

NELSON HEAD, Chairman.

W. S. Baird,	L. C. Miller,	Jehu Hank.
L. H. Crenshaw,	W. C. Maloy,	F. A. Mercer.
P. H. Whisner,	H. E. Johnson,	J. Beaty.

A Communication from Mrs. Robbins, was presented and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Fifth Question of the General Minutes was called, viz ;

" Who are re-admitted ? "

Wesley Hammond and W. H. Seat were re-admitted.

The Sixth Question of the General Minutes was called, viz :

" Who are received by transfer from other Conferences. "

For answer see General Minutes.

The Seventh Question of the General Minutes was called, viz:

" Who are Deacons of one year ? "

For answer see General Minutes.

On motion Asbury R. Martin was elected Assistant Secretary.

The Twelfth Question of the General Minutes was called, viz:—

" What traveling Preachers are elected Elders ? "

For answer see General Minutes.

The Tenth Question of the General Minutes was called, viz:—

" What Local Preachers are elected Deacons ? "

For answer see General Minutes.

The Fourteenth Question of the General Minutes was called, viz:—

" What local Preachers are elected to Elders orders ? "

For answer see General Minutes.

The Seventeenth Question of the General Minutes was called, viz:—

" Who are Supernumerary ? "

For answer see General Minutes.

The Twentieth Question of the General Minutes was called—

For answer see General Minutes.

The Eighteenth Question of the General Minutes was called, viz:—

" Who are Superannuated ? "

For answer see General Minutes.

The character of M. G. Balthis was passed and his relation changed from supernumerary to superannuated.

The vote by which S. S. Ryder, was placed on the supernumerary list, was re-considered and he was restored to the effective list.

E. T. R. Frippe was located.

A communication from T. O. Summers, D. D. Book Editor at Nashville, was presented and read, and appropriate resolutions of respect and esteem were adopted. See Resolution I.

The Committee on Public Worship reported to the Conference the appointments for Preaching on the Sabbath.

On motion George H. Zimmerman was elected Assistant Secretary.

Adjourned with the Benediction by Bishop Pierce to meet Monday Morning at 9 o'clock.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, *March 10th*, 1873.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Pierce in the Chair.

Religious Exercises were conducted by Jehu Hank.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Bishop Pierce reported the following persons ordained by him yesterday to the office of Deacon, viz:—James W. Compton, Francis H. Strother, Asbury C. McNeer, J. Rembert Smith, William E. Miller, Beverly W. Bond, William N. Hiner, (Local.)

Bishop Doggett, reported that the following persons were ordained by him, on yesterday, to the office of Elders. viz:—

Lewis G. Martin, Frazier Furr, Henry D. Bishop, Francis H. Shipley, Samuel W. Haddaway, Hamilton W. Kinzer. *Local*—Alexander McV. Cooper, Joshua E. Humphreys, Robert G. Sanford.

The recommendation of Dr. A. Williamson, McLeod, was presented from the Quarterly Conference, of St. Paul's Station, Baltimore District, for the recognition of his orders as Elder.

On motion the request was granted, it being understood that Dr. McLeod, preparatory to this, appear before the Conference and take upon himself our ordination vows.

The report of the Committee in the case of J. F. Follin was presented, and his character was passed;—See III of special Committees.

And J. F. Follin having been examined by the President, before the Conference and having passed the examination before the Committee on the Course of Study; he was on motion elected to Deacons' orders and admitted into full connection.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was presented and read, and on motion it was adopted. See Report I.

A motion to re-consider the vote by which E. T. R. Frippe was located, was lost.

Committees were instructed to furnish duplicates of their reports.

On Motion Wm. E. Miller, was appointed to collect money for the Publication of the Minutes.

The President was requested to appoint John Poisal, Agent for the collection of money to liquidate the debt on Mt. Vernon Place Church, Washington City.

The Secretary was ordered to furnish W. H. Wilson with certificates of his Election and ordination as Deacon and Elder.

The Committee on the memoir of Dr. T. E. Bond, were granted time after Conference to complete their work.

The report of the Committee on the Publishing Interests was presented and read, and after amendment was adopted. See Report I.

The Committee in the case of J. F. Clarke reported, and the Parchments of J. F. Clarke were presented to be filed with the papers of the Conference. See I Special Committees.

W. K. Boyle presented \$146.00 from Chatsworth Methodist Church, to be appropriated to the supernumerary fund.

The Thanks of the Conference were returned to Chatsworth Church.

By request, the relation of J. C. Hummer was changed from effective to Supernumerary.

A communication from the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was presented and read—and on motion referred to a committee of four lay, and three clerical members to be appointed by the Chair.

The order of the day was taken up, viz: The resolution offered on Friday to change the time of holding the Conference, and after debate the resolution was lost.

The Chair announced the following Committee, to consider and report on the resolutions of the Virginia Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church, Lay—W. P. Conway, L. W. S. Hough,

Moses Walton, Joel McPherson, Clerical—R. R. S. Hough, W. G. Hammond, J. B. Fitzpatrick.

Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Bishop Doggett to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, *March 11th*, 1873.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Pierce in the Chair.

Religious Services were conducted by E. B. Duncan.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The report of the Committee on the Bible cause was presented and read, and on motion it was laid on the table for the present.

The name of W. E. Munsey was called.

The Presiding Elder stated that reports having been made against Dr. W. E. Munsey, a committee of investigation had been appointed.

W. H. Wilson, J. B. Fitzpatrick, and William Milnes, Jr. were appointed a committee to act in connection with Moses Walton, Esq. in relation to the Preachers Aid Society of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the M. E. Church South, in its claim against the Wesleyan Female College at Staunton, Va.

Albert Taylor Bledsoe and A. Williamson McLeod, were called before the Conference by the Bishops, and taking upon themselves the ordination vows—their orders were duly recognized.

James F. Follin, Elected to Deacons orders and William J. Breeden a Local Deacon, were ordained by Bishop Pierce.

The Report on the Bible Cause was taken up and adopted. See Report III.

The Committee on Virginia Conference (M. E. Church) pa-

pers in relation to church property, presented a report which was adopted. See Report IV.

The Twentieth Question of the General Minutes was resumed. When—

The character of Dabney Ball was examined and passed.

The Committee on Education presented their report. When—

Rev. A. G. Brown, Financial Secretary, and Rev. J. A. Duncan, D. D. President of Randolph Macon College, addressed the Conference, on that part of the report relating to R. M. College.

Pending the consideration of this report,

Conference adjourned, with singing the Doxology, and with the Benediction by Bishop Doggett, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, *March 12*, 1873.

MORNING SESSION,

Conference convened pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Pierce in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by J. M. Grandin.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

A communication from Dr. Abbey, enclosing a memorial to the Congress of the United States was presented and read, and on motion it was referred to the following Committee.—S. R. Cox, P. H. Whisner and John S. Martin.

The Report of the Committee on Education was resumed, and after various amendments, was adopted. See Report V.

The following certificate was ordered to be recorded.

“Leslie H. Davis and William O. Ross.

"Elders elect of the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church
"South were ordained by me this day.

Signed, D. S. Doggett,
" Baltimore, Md. *March 12th*, 1873."

The Committee in the case of Dr. Wm. E. Munsey presented their report, which was read and adopted. See Report IV Special Committees.

A Preamble and resolution, in reference to "Church Records," Signed by J. E. Armstrong and A. A. P. Neel, was presented, and on motion adopted. See Resolution II.

The Report of the Committee on the claim of the Preachers' Aid Society, against the Wesleyan Female Institute, was presented, and on motion adopted. An authenticated copy of the report was ordered to be furnished to Moses Walton. See Report VI.

Wm. E. Munsey was located at his own request.

The Report of the Statistics of Membership was presented and read. See General Statistics.

The Sixth Question of the General Minutes was called—for answer see General Minutes.

A resolution respecting the Circulation of the Bible, signed by S. Kepler and J. L. Clarke, was adopted. See Resolutions III.

An appeal was made to the Congregation by the Joint Board of Finance, to enable them to pay the claimants on the Superannuated Fund, 100 cents in the dollar, and the necessary amount was realized.

Adjourned with the Benediction by Bishop Pierce, to meet this afternoon at 3.30.

SEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, *March 12th* 1872.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Pierce in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by H. H. Kennedy.

The journal of the Morning Session was read and approved.

The Financial Statistics were read, See Financial Statistics.

Bishops Pierce and Doggett addressed the Conference in relation to the cause of Missions, and referred especially to the fact that a Church edifice has been purchased in the City of Mexico for the accomodation of our mission there, and that one hundred dollars had been contributed by this Conference to aid said Church.

The Report of the "Joint Board of Finance" was presented, read and adopted. See Report of Joint Board of Finance.

Adjourned with the Benediction by Bishop Pierce to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

EIGHTH DAY.

THURSDAY, *March 13th* 1873.

MORNING SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Doggett in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by R. R. S. Hough.— followed by J. H. Waugh.

The journal of yesterday afternoon was read and approved.

Rev. George Hildt, J. H. C. Dosh, John Miller and James N. Davis, of the M. E. Church, were introduced to the Conference.

The Report of the Committee on Temperance was presented, read and adopted. See Report VII.

The Thirteenth Question of the General Minutes was called, viz:

"Where shall the next Conference be held?"

Alexandria, Washington City and Staunton, were severally nominated, and Staunton was unanimously selected.

The Bishop was requested to appoint W. S. Baird to the Editorship of the "Baltimore Episcopal Methodist."

A Resolution signed by Samuel K. Cox, and James E. Armstrong, touching concert of prayer for schools and Colleges, was adopted. See Resolutions IV.

Revs. W. B. Edwards and J. H. Marsh of the M. E. Church, and M. Morrison of the Presbyterian Church were introduced.

Rev John Miller of the M. E. Church addressed the Conference.

Resolutions providing for the expenses of the delegates to the General Conference, were adopted. See Resolution V.

The concluding portion of the session was occupied by a General Experience meeting, at which a gracious visitation of the Holy Ghost was vouchsafed, shared in by all the Congregation.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon at 3.30, with singing the doxology, and with the Benediction by Bishop Doggett.

EIGHTH DAY.

THURSDAY, *March 13th* 1873.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Doggett in the chair.

Religious Exercises were conducted by S. Kepler.

The journal of the morning session was read and approved.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the families who have entertained the Conference, also, the Railroad and Steamboat Companies, for half-fare, and the Official Body of Trinity Church

for the use of the Church for the Conference. See Resolutions VI.

Adjourned with the Doxology and Benediction by Bishop Doggett, to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

NINTH DAY.

FRIDAY, *March 14,* 1873.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Doggett in the Chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by S. Rodgers.

The Journal of yesterday afternoon was read and approved.

On motion, a resolution appointing A. W. Wilson and S. Rodgers, fraternal visitors to the Methodist Protestant Conference, now in session in this city, was adopted. See Resolutions VII.

The First Friday in May and November were set apart, as days of Fasting and Prayer for the prosperity of the Church.

On motion, a resolution of Sympathy for Norval Wilson was adopted. See Resolution VIII.

On motion, Resolutions respecting the Missionary work of the Conference, signed by S. Rodgers and A. W. Wilson, were adopted See Resolutions IX.

W. G. Coe, J. E. Armstrong and S. Rodgers, were appointed a Committee to make nominations for Directors of the Board of Missions.

The report of the above Committee was adopted.

The Board of Missions reported the assessment for Missions, for the ensuing Conference year to the Several Districts.

The report of the Committee on Expenses of Delegates to the General Conference was presented, read and adopted. See Report XII.

A collection amounting to \$39.55 was taken for the Sexton.

J. S. Martin, T. J. Magruder, and A. W. Wilson, were appointed a Committee to secure subscriptions to liquidate the debt on the Church at Laurel, Prince George's County Maryland—Said Church having been represented as in distress by Rev. J. W. Bull.

On motion, a resolution touching the above case and signed by J. S. Gardner and A. W. Wilson, was adopted. See Resolution X.

The Committee in the case of L. D. Huston, reported through the Chairman, Rev. S. Regester, that he L. D. Huston has been expelled.—See II Special Committee.

L. D. Huston gave notice through his counsel of his intention to appeal.

On motion the Conference ordered that the Financial Statistics to be reported at the next Session--embrace the estimated value of Churches and parsonages.

The Secretary announced :

The Clerical members of the "Joint Board of Finance," The Committees on *Education, Publishing Interests, Sunday Schools* and *Memoirs*.

Also visitors to :

Randolph Macon College.

Wesleyan Female Institute.

Montgomery Female College.

Oakland Institute.

West Virginia Female Institute.

Also ;

Trustees for Oakland Institute.

Also ;

Director of the Book and Publishing House of the M. E. Church South in Baltimore.

Conference united in singing the 278th hymn, commencing,

"And let our bodies part."

And joined in prayer led by Nelson Head, after which the appointments were read by Bishop Doggett.

Conference adjourned with Singing the Doxology and with the Benediction by Bishop Doggett.

General Minutes.

I. *Who are admitted on trial?*

Ans. Gottlieb Meyer, John G. Knight, J. Wesley Steele, James D. Reese, James T. Williams, Wm. T. Caruthers, Alfred H. Way, Lewis Henley, Vincent W. Wheeler, Wm. M. Hiner, Washington Varner.

II. *Who remain on trial?*

Ans. James T. Smith, Lewis L. Lloyd, John C. Sedwick,* Henry C. Pitzer, Lafayette Fox, Oliver C. Beall, Wm. L. Lynch, Sydnor G. Ferguson, James W. Compton,† Francis A. Strother.‡

III. *Who are discontinued?*

Ans. Luke R. Markwood, Charles W. Beauchamp.

IV. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

Ans. Robert Ross, Burton S. Highley,† J. Rembert Smith, Asbury C. McNeer, Hamilton W. Kinzer † William E. Miller, Beverly W. Bond,† James F. Follin.

V. *Who are re-admitted?*

Ans. Wesley Hammond, Wm. H. Seat.

VI. *Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?*

Ans. Dabney Ball, from the Pacific Conference.
 Erastus B. Duncan, " " Florida "
 George B. Allen, " " Memphis "
 Thomas A. Griffiths " " S. Carolina "
 Rumsey Smithson, " " Illinois "

VII. *Who are the Deacons of one year.*

Ans. John S. Hutchinson, Jefferson W. Duffy, Leslie H. Davis, Richard S. Shreve, William O. Ross, George W. Lightner, John W. Canter.

* To appear before the committee on the first year at the next session.
 † Examined on 1st and 2d years. Elected and ordained deacons.
 ‡ Passed examination of 3d year.

VIII. *What Travelling preachers are elected Deacons.*
Ans. J. F. Follin, Beverly W. Bond, Asbury C. McNeer, J. Rembert Smith, William E. Miller.

IX. *What travelling preachers are ordained Deacons.*
Ans. Asbury C. McNeer, J. Rembert Smith, William E. Miller, Beverly W. Bond, James E. Follin, James W. Compton, Francis A. Strother,

X. *What local preachers are elected Deacons.*
Ans. William J. Breeden, William M. Hiner.

XI. *What local preachers are ordained Deacons.*
Ans. William M. Hiner, William J. Breeden.

XII. *What travelling preachers are elected Elders.*
Ans. Lewis G. Martin, Frazier Furr, Henry D. Bishop, Samuel W. Haddaway, Hamilton W. Kinzer, Leslie H. Davis, Wm. O. Ross, Francis H. Shipley.

XIII. *What travelling preachers are ordained Elders.*
Ans. Lewis G. Martin, Frazier Furr, Henry D. Bishop, Francis H. Shipley, Samuel W. Haddaway, Hamilton W. Kinzer, Leslie H. Davis, Wm. O. Ross.

XIV. *What local preachers are elected Elders.*
Ans. Alexander McV. Cooper.

XV. *What local preachers are ordained Elders.*
Ans. Alexander McV. Cooper, Joshua E. Humphreys, Robert G. Sanford.

XVI. *Who are located this year?*
Ans. R. B. Frampton, E. T. R. Fripp, Wm. E. Munsy.

XVII. *Who are supernumerary?*
Ans. S. Kepler, J. W. Boteler, F. M. Mills, J. P. Hyde, F. H. Richey, J. N. Hawk, J. W. Ball, W. J. Perry, J. H. Dulaney, E. R. Smith, J. N. Spangler, A. R. Martin, G. R. Jefferson, W. R. Stringer, E. L. Kregelo, E. F. Heterick, Mabury G. Balthis, J. C. Hummer.

XVIII. *Who are superannuated?*
Ans. Norval Wilson, Henry Hoffman, Elias Welty, P. S. E. Sixeas, William Hedges, William H. D. Harper, Thomas B. Sargent, John W. Tongue, Wm. G. Cross,

XIX. *What preachers have died during the past year?*
Ans. None.

XX. *Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*

Ans. Their names were called one by one, and their characters examined. For special information see the several questions of these General Minutes.

XXI. *What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?*

Ans. Number of Local Preachers, 100.
 " " White Members, 23,451.
 " " Colored " 63.
 (See Statistics.)

XXII. *How many infants have been baptised during the year?*

Ans. 1214.

XXIII. *How many adults have been baptized during the year?*

Ans. 806.

XXIV. *What is the number of Sunday Schools?*

Ans. 394.

XXV. *What is the number of Sunday School Teachers?*

Ans. 3088.

XXVI. *What is the number of Sunday School Scholars?*

Ans. 19,677.

XXVII. *What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?*

Ans. \$3,975.00

XXVIII. *What amount has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?*

Ans. Amount collected \$3,975.00.

For application see *Report of Joint Board of Finance.*

For collections see *Financial Statistics.*

For disbursements see *Report of Joint Board of Finance.*

XXIX. *What has been contributed for Missions?*

Ans.

For items see *Report of Treasurer of Board of Missions.*

XXX. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*

ns. Staunton Va.

XXXI. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

Ans. See Appointments.

APPOINTMENTS.

BALTIMORE DISTRICT.

JOHN S. MARTIN, P. E.

Baltimore:

Central—Dabney Ball,
 S. Kepler, Sup'y.
 St. Paul's—Rob't R. S. Hough,
 J. W. Bull, Sup'y.
 Emmanuel—J. Lester Shipley,
 W. J. Perry, Sup'y.
 Fred'k Av.—J. M. Grandin,
 J. H. Dulany, Sup'y.
 Calvary—Isaac W. Canter.
 Baltimore—William K. Boyle.
 { Balto. Circuit—Lewis R.
 Jones, J. W. Compton.
 Hookstown and
 Pikesville—G. G. Brooke.
 Fred'k City—Geo. T. Tyler.
 { Linganore—David Bush.
 Rockville—Peter H. Whisner,
 Beverly W. Bond.
 Hillsboro'—Adam B. Dolly,
 Lafayette Fox.
 Montgomery—William A.
 McDonald.
 Howard—John G. Knight.
 { Beltsville—Samuel W.
 Haddaway.
 Laurel—G. W. Lightner,
 Washington Varner.
 South River—W. W. Watts.
 Bladensburg—F. A. Mercer,
 Lewis Lloyd,
 Baltimore and
 Hookstown, } G. Meyer.
 German Mission.
 Maryland Agricultural College
 —S. Register, President.

E. BALTIMORE DISTRICT.

SAMUEL RODGERS, P. E.

Baltimore:

Trinity—John Hannon.
 Eugene R. Smith, Sup'y.
 East Balto.—George H.
 Zimmerman, Asbury R.
 Martin, Sup'y.
 N. Balto.—H. E. Johnson.
 Taylor Circuit—J. Higgins,
 T. W. Brown.
 J. N. Spangler, Sup'y.
 Hampden—Erastus B. Duncan.
 Harford—John C. Sedwick,
 Talbot—James R. VanHorne,
 John W. Steele.
 Trappe Station—W. C. Maloy.
 Kent—John A. Kern.
 Queen Anne—C. L. Torreyson,
 J. Rembert Smith.
 Severn—Hamilton W. Kinzer.
 West River—Presley B. Smith,
 William E. Miller.
 Calvert—Gilson Mauzy,
 James D. Reese.
 Prince George—S. Townsend.
 Charles and St. Mary's—
 Robert Smith.
 William S. Baird, Editor of
 Balto. Episcopal Methodist.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

NELSON HEAD, P. E.

Washington:
 Mt. Vernon Place—Alpheus
 W. Wilson.

Alexandria and City Mission—
Ezra F. Busey, Oliver C.
Beall. F. M. Mills Sup'y.
Fairfax—Edward H. Henry,
Wm. T. Caruthers.

Falls Church—L. H. Crenshaw,
J. P. Hall, Sup'y.
Farmville—Lorenzo D. Nixon,
J. C. Hummer, Sup'y.

Leesburg—J. M. Follansbee.
Hamilton and Grove—John C.
Dice.

Loudoun—H. H. Kennady,
Thomas A. Griffiths.

{ Piedmont—C. G. Linthicum.
Linden—F. A. Strother.

Warrenton—Louis C. Miller.
Fauquier—H. A. Gaver.

Prince William—H. Monroe
Strickler.

Stafford—Andrew Robey.

Fredericksburg—James S.
Gardner.

Agent for Mt. Vernon Place
Church, Washington City—
John Poisal.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

W. H. WHEELWRIGHT, P. E.

Winchester—T. E. Carson.

Winchester Circuit—Wm. G.

Eggleston, (One to be supplied.)
M. G. Balthis, Sup'y.

Frederick—G. S. Stevenson,
E. F. Heterick, Sup'y.

Front Royal—S. G. Ferguson.

Berryville—Foushee C. Tebbs,
J. P. Hyde, Sup'y.

Martinsburg—W. Hammond.

Berkeley—William H. Seat.

Charlestown—Wm. A. Wade.

Jefferson—John T. Maxwell.

Shepherdstown—Allen A. P.
Neale.

Gainsboro—Lewis G. Martin.

Morgan—Milton A. Taylor,
Shannondale—

(To be supplied.)

Wardensville—S. F. Butt.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

J. HOFFMAN WAUGH, P. E.

Staunton—S. S. Roszell.

Harrisonburg—

J. B. Fitzpatrick.

Shenandoah Iron Works—
J. F. Liggett.

Mount Sidney—John S.
Hutchinson.

Churchville—John W. Wolff,
G. R. Jefferson, Sup'y.

Bridgewater—Joseph J. Engle.

Sangersville—G. B. Allen.

East Rockingham—William
O. Ross.

Rockingham—A. A. Eskridge.

Elk Run—Henry D. Bishop.

New Market—W. H. Wilson.

Woodstock—J. H. March.
(One to be supplied.)

Luray—Aaron Boone.

Wesleyan Female Institute—
Wm. A. Harris, President.

ROANOKE DISTRICT.

JAMES E. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

Salem—Jason P. Etchison.

Roanoke—Joseph H. Temple.

Blacksburg—W. Harris.

Christiansburg—J. W. Ewan.

Fincastle—Charles A. Joyce,
James F. Follin.

Lexington Circuit—A. Poe
Boude.

James River—J. T. Williams.

New Castle—Robert Ross.

Catawba—(To be supplied by
G. W. Gardner.)

Sinking Creek—L. Butt.

Lafayette Mission—J. N. Gray.

New Hope—(To be supplied
by H. W. Lester.)

Montgomery Female College—
S. K. Cox, President.

LEWISBURG DISTRICT.

JOHN L. GILBERT, P. E.

Lewisburg—W. G. Hammond.

Frankford—Leslie H. Davis,
V. W. Wheeler.

White Sulphur—B. S. Highly.

White Sulphur Circuit—Lewis
Henley.

Levelton—L. H. Baldwin.

Edray Mission—J. W. Canter.

Green Bank—Joseph Cricken-
berger.

Centreville—Saul B. Dolly.

Union—William T. Quinn.

Peterstown—(To be supplied
by W. G. Hedricks.)

Summers—Wm. M. Hiner.

Hillsdale Mission—J. Hank.

Blue Sulphur—Wm. L. Lynch.

LEXINGTON DISTRICT.

W. G. COE, P. E.

Lexington—John L. Clarke,
E. L. Kreglo, Sup'y.

Collierstown—A. Q. Flaherty.

Fairfield—Francis H. Shipley.

Greenville—Thomas Briley.

Augusta—Addison Weller.

West Augusta—R. H. Wilson.

Upper Bottetourt—Charles L.
Dameron.

Covington—B. F. Ball.

Alleghany—A. C. McNeer.

{ Monterey—R. S. Shreve.

{ Doe Hill—Henry C. Pitzer.

Crab Bottom—T. Hildebrand.

Highland—S. S. Ryder.

Jackson's River } J. S.
and Warm Springs. } Porter.

Green Valley—Charles C.
Wertenbaker.

Oakland Institution—W. R.
McNeer, President.

MOOREFIELD DISTRICT.

DAVID THOMAS, P. E.

Moorefield—I. R. Finley.

Petersburg—Frazier Furr.

Franklin Miss.—S. R. Snapp.

South Branch—R. Smithson.

Springfield—James H. Wolff.

North River Mission—(To be
supplied.)

Lost River and Beans—Alfred
H. Way.

Piedmont—John Landstreet.

Frostburg } L. W. Haslup.
and Somerset }

Cumberland—J. W. Duffey.

Flint Stone—James Beatty,
J. Timothy Smith.

RESOLUTIONS.

IN REGARD TO DR. T. O. SUMMERS.

Resolved, by the Baltimore Annual Conference in Conference Assembled :

1. That we have received with great delight the communication of Rev. T. O. Summers D. D., and cordially reciprocate his expressions of affection, and fond remembrance.

2. That while the older members of this body recur with pleasure, to their association with Dr. Summers, as one of their former fellow-laborers; his example of diligence in study, and literary research, commenced, when a member of this Conference, and continued through thirty-eight years of patient toil, and responsibility in various departments of labor for the Church, should be commended to the young preachers of this body, as most encouraging to their diligence and success.

3. That we highly appreciate Dr. Summers as Editor of the "Christian Advocate," and we will with pleasure give our support to this, the accredited organ, of our Church, and we hereby pledge our renewed efforts for its circulation.

JOHN S. MARTIN,
SAMUEL RODGERS,
SAMUEL REGESTER.

CONCERNING CHURCH RECORDS.

Whereas, There is great deficiency in the manner of keeping our Church Records, some being very imperfectly kept, and in some charges there being no Church Register at all; and as an annual inspection of these Records, would tend greatly to improvement in the manner of keeping the same, therefore :

Resolved, That Preachers in charge, and Recording Stewards be required to present their records to their respective District Conferences for inspection by Committee.

(Signed.) J. E. ARMSTRONG.
A. A. P. NEEL.

IN REFERENCE TO THE HOLY BIBLE.

Resolved, That as the present condition of the Christian world, seems to be forshadowing of the last conflict of great principles, between the Evangelical advocates of the Protestant Bible on the one hand, and the open enemies and pretended friends of the Bible, on the other, we hereby pledge ourselves, as a Conference, to renewed and increased exertions, in order to a more extended circulation of the word of God, both at home and abroad; because of its high and blessed adaptation in itself, without note or comment, to the moral wants of universal humanity.

And we do further express our firm belief in the happiest issue to the Church of God, and to all mankind, of this coming battle between truth and error, if all christian people will but rally around the Holy Bible, and more earnestly than ever, endeavor to make it what it has not yet become, at least in a practical sense, the *Great Book of the World*,

SAMUEL KEPLER,
JOHN L. CLARK.

IN REFERENCE TO CONCERT OF PRAYER.

Resolved, That this conference requests its entire Ministry and membership to unite in the concert of prayer, observed by several of our sister Churches; on the last Thursday of February, of each year, in behalf of the Schools and Colleges of our land.

SAMUEL K. COX,
JAMES E. ARMSTRONG.

RESPECTING EXPENSES OF DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed whose duty it shall be:

First, to make at as early a date as practicable, an approximate estimate of the amount necessary to defray the expenses of our delegates to the next General Conference.

Secondly, To apportion that amount to the several Districts, upon a just and equitable basis, and Thirdly, To report forthwith the same to the Presiding Elders of the Several Districts, in time for the meeting of the District Stewards.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty, of the Presiding Elder of each district, to raise in such way, and at such time, as he may judge best, the amount thus appointed to his District, and to hand

over the same to such person as the next Annual Conference may appoint to receive it.

WM. S. BAIRD,
E. W. MASSEY.

OF THANKS.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks is due and is hereby tendered to the families who have kindly entertained us during the Session of Conference; also to the Rail Road and Steamboat Companies which have allowed us to travel at half-fare; and to the official body of this (Trinity) Church, for their kindly attention to the wants and interests of the Conference.

APPOINTING FRATERNAL MESSENGERS TO
M. P. CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That Revs. A. W. Wilson and S. Rodgers, be and are hereby requested, to bear the Christian Salutations of this Conference, to the Maryland Annual Conference, of the Methodist Protestant Church now in session in this city; to assure the Brethren of our fraternal regard, and of our prayers, for the prosperity of the Church they represent.

SYMPATHY FOR NORVAL WILSON.

Resolved, That this Conference hereby express its heartfelt sympathy for the venerable N. Wilson in his present affliction; and that we tender to him the assurance of our fraternal regards, and our prayers.

W. H. WILSON,
J. B. FITZPATRICK.

RESOLUTIONS, RELATION TO MISSIONS AND
MISSIONARIES.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Board, be instructed to remit to the Parent Board at Nashville, the 40 per cent on collections made for Missions in this Conference; the appropriations made by this Board being the basis of Estimate.

2. *Resolved*, That every Missionary, failing to make his regular Missionary Reports to the Secretary of this Board, shall be regarded as having forfeited his claim to the appropriation made to him; and the Treasurer, upon notification of such failure

given him by the Secretary shall withhold the payment of said appropriation.

3. *Resolved*, That Presiding Elders, who make application for appropriations from the Board of Missions, shall submit to the Board, in writing, as far as practicable, a statement of the number of members in the mission for which an appropriation is desired; also whether the Preacher to be appointed is married or single; and the number of members of his family; and such facts regarding the condition of the territory, and the circumstances of the members, as may be necessary to enable the Board to estimate rightly and accurately the needs of his mission.

S. RODGERS,
A. W. WILSON.

RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE CHURCH
AT LAUREL.

Resolved, That the action of this Conference in the case of Brother Bull shall not be construed, to be a precedent, authorizing, or giving color of justification to applicants, to this Body for relief in similar cases.

J. S. GARDNER,
A. W. WILSON.

REPORTS
OF
SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OF
INVESTIGATION AND TRIAL.

Report of the Committee of investigation in the case of
JAMES F. CLARKE.

The Committee appointed to investigate the case of Bro. J. F. Clarke, beg leave to make the following Report:

After a careful reading of all the papers relative to the matter; in their opinion, there is sufficient ground for a charge of gross immorality, against the said Bro Clarke; and we hereby prefer the charge with specification.

C. G. LINTHICUM,
W. A. WADE,
F. C. TEBBS.

Report of the Committee of trial in the case of
JAMES F. CLARKE.

Resolved, That the charge against Rev. James F. Clarke is sustained by his own written confession.

Resolved, 2. That Rev. James F. Clarke be, and he is, hereby, expelled from the Ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

ASBURY R. MARTIN, *Sec.* NELSON HEAD, *Chairman.*

Report of the committee of investigation in the case of
REV. LORENZO D. HUSTON, D. D.

The Committee appointed in the case of Rev. L. D. Huston, D. D., beg leave to report: that after a careful examination of all

the testimony submitted; we deem it necessary to present a charge of immorality, with accompanying specifications against the said L. D. Huston, and recommend the appointment of a committee of trial as required by the Discipline.

Report of the committee of trial in the case of
REV. L. D. HUSTON, D. D.

The committee to whom the case of Rev. L. D. Huston, D. D. was referred, beg leave to report, that after a calm and patient investigation; The charge of "Immorality" was *unanimously sustained*, and the said Lorenzo D. Huston has been solemnly expelled from the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

G. H. ZIMMERMAN, *Sec.* SAM'L REGISTER, *Chairman.*

Report of the committee in the case of
JAMES F. FOLLIN.

The court appointed by the Bishop to try the appeal taken by James F. Follin from the decision of the Quarterly Conference of Berryville circuit, beg leave to make the following Report, viz:

Having examined fully all the testimony in the case, as authenticated by said conference, and heard the pleadings of the counsel, have arrived at the conclusion expressed in the following resolution:

Resolved, That the decision of the court below be and is hereby reversed; which resolution was unanimously adopted.

L. H. BALDWIN, *Sec.* Signed, E. WELTY, *Chairman.*

Report of the committee of investigation in the case of
REV. WM. E. MUNSEY, D. D.

The committee appointed in the case of Rev. William E. Munsey, D. D. Report, that, having carefully enquired into this case, and examined the papers connected therewith, they see no reason to differ from the Investigation Committee whose decision was one of entire acquittal, and that in their judgment there is no ground for further proceedings in the case.

Signed, NELSON HEAD,
W. G. COE,
A. A. P. NEALE.

REPORTS.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report :
That, the growing interest in Sabbath Schools among us, may be learned from the following Statistics; viz

In the Minutes of the Conference for 1867, there are reported 219 Schools, 2,084 Teachers, 12,194 Scholars, and for 1872, 383 Schools, 3,475 Teachers, and 19,291 Scholars. This comparison gives the gratifying increase in an interval of *five* years of 164 Schools, 1,391 Teachers, and 7,097 Scholars.

It is proper that we should record our gratitude to God for this growing appreciation of the Sunday School cause among our people, thus indicated, and for the enlarged success achieved.

This growth in the past is however no proof that, as a people, we now think and feel exactly right, or that we have attained the best possible results.

We are convinced that far larger zeal and success may be realized in the future. No christian ought to be satisfied with less than the maximum results in this great work. The youthful mind is so susceptible to good and evil impressions, and there are so many evils ready to impress and pre-occupy it, that the church can not too cordially or too intelligently assume its whole duty on this subject. Manifestly, this duty is to *do all it can* for the religious instruction of its own and all other children that may rightly come under its influence. The obligation rests equally upon Pastor and People to be diligent in promoting the efficiency of our Sunday Schools, and the utmost harmony and co-operation should *exist* in every church and the most self-sacrificing zeal should *abound*.

No needed *money, time, talents or energy* should in any case be denied. There is no more delightful or promising field for christian enterprize than the religious nurture and care of children.

We desire, therefore, respectfully to suggest: that in order to the greater efficiency of our Schools, the Lesson Papers and

Wesleyan Catechisms should be used in all the classes and the Magazine by all the Teachers. They need not substitute each other nor need the children be overtaxed by too long lessons. We believe that nothing else can be substituted for these in our Schools without detriment. Singing should be prominent among the exercises of the School.

Infant Classes have in many places been of great service to children that have not learned to read, and we think should be formed whenever any number of such children can be collected together to be instructed orally.

The Sunday School Visitor and Little People are admirably adapted to the wants of our children and furnish a convenient and cheap substitute for a Sunday School Library in such Schools as can not afford to buy books.

We feel constrained to renew our warning against the pernicious Sunday School Literature, which is to be found almost everywhere, and inform our people that their only safety, in this respect, is in purchasing the books of our own Publishing House or those that have been examined by competent members of our own Church.

We are happy to say that the Officers of our Book and Publishing Company, in Baltimore, have a full assortment of Sunday School Library Books, which have been carefully examined and approved, and may be purchased on as favorable terms as elsewhere.

We think the fact that day schools are more numerous attended in winter than in summer, is sufficient proof that our people are mistaken, who suppose that Sabbath Schools can not be conducted all the year. If comfortable places are provided for the children and the same attention given them in winter as in summer, we are of the opinion that winter schools will not be impracticable anywhere.

The most intimate relation should always exist between the Pastor and the Sunday School, in order to which, the presence of the Pastor in the school as often as practicable is important, and the presence of the children at the regular preaching of the Word, equally important.

We would, in conclusion, remind our people that while the same suggestions may not suit all localities, and while our Sunday School workers must be left, in all cases, to the use of their own discretion, in large measure, yet the greatest uniformity compatible with success is desirable.

It must not be forgotten that the true end of all our efforts, is the conversion of the children and the development of a devoted and intelligent piety, nor should any be discouraged by the fact that these objects are not at once secured, but always

trusting in God and patiently toiling on we may be assured we shall not labor in vain.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. H. WHISNER, *Sec.* J. F. PETHERBRIDGE, *Chairman.*

BALTIMORE BOOK AND PUBLISHING CO., M. E.
CHURCH, SOUTH.

We would respectfully report to the Conference that at the Depository, No. 10 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, we are keeping a large assortment of Hymn Books, Disciplines, Books in the Conference course of study, Bibles, Stationery, and the Principal Publications of the Nashville Southern Methodist Publishing House, and are also acting as Agents for the Periodicals published at Nashville and St. Louis.

During the past year a large number of Sunday School Library books, obtained from different English and American Publishers, have been carefully examined by a committee, well qualified for such a work. Some of these books were found to teach principles and doctrines, most pernicious in their character, the existence of which could not be ascertained by a hasty perusal, and proving the importance of a more careful censorship over the literature which is being circulated among the children of the church; and after considerable care and labor, we are now prepared to furnish a large line of books which we can fully recommend to our Sunday Schools and Churches.

We have also a full line of Reward Books and Cards, Catechisms, Question Books, Maps, Superintendents and Teachers Records and other Sunday School Requisites.

We are selling the Nashville Books at Nashville prices, both at wholesale and retail, and other books at low rates, and in order to do this we have been obliged to sell only for cash, making, however the same provision as that offered by the Nashville House, that in case when, at the time of ordering, money cannot be sent by Post Office order, draft, or express, we will forward the books, and the money can be sent, the first opportunity.

We send books by Express, *collect on delivery*, unless the party ordering, write that on receipt of the books they will forward the money by draft, P. O. order or Express.

Being the only Depository of our Church in Baltimore, and endeavoring as we are to supply a want which has long existed, we are desirous of securing the sympathy and patronage of all our Preachers, Superintendents and people, and their active cooperation in extending the business of the house, that thereby

we may accomplish the greatest possible good, and be a help and blessing to the Southern Methodist Church.

EUGENE R. SMITH, *Agent,*
No. 10 N. Charles St. Baltimore.

ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

The committee to whom was referred the Publishing interest of the church submitted the following report:

Ten agencies are exercising the influence now wielded by the press, both for evil and good, and never was there an age when it became to such an extent imperative upon the church to sustain and use with all diligence, this mighty power for the defence and maintenance of Christian truth. Hence we rejoice to learn from the report of the Agent, that our Publishing House at Nashville has so soon arisen from the ashes of the late fire and is again in full operation, even enlarging her facilities for furnishing a literature suited to our wants.

We regard the energy of the Book Committee and of the unconquerable agent, worthy of all praise, and feel assured if our preachers and people will contribute their share in constant efforts for the dissemination of our books and periodicals, such enterprise must be crowned with success.

Thus will we best enable those in charge thereof to establish, on a firm and enduring basis this important auxiliary to our work of spreading scriptural holiness over these lands.

Your Committee regret that a sound religious literature is not sought after and read by our people, to a larger extent than it is, and we earnestly urge the vital importance of faithful sustained effort to counteract this evil, both by the agent in having prepared and published, books suited to our wants for the Family and Sunday School, and by the Preachers, in their dissemination among the people,

Your Committee have considered the report of the Baltimore Book and Publishing Company, submitted to the Conference by Rev. Eugene R. Smith, and we commend this establishment to the notice of the people throughout our bounds. Here they can procure all the publications of our church on the same terms as to price, and much more cheaply and certainly as to freight, than from Nashville. We offer the following resolutions:

1. That we will use all faithful diligence in the circulation of our books and periodicals, believing them in every sense best fitted to the instruction of our people, in practical and devotional Christianity, but regret that objections meet us on every hand as to the unsubstantial nature of the binding of some of our books, especially Hymn books, and hope this will be remedied by our Agent.

2. That the Bishops and other eminent men of our church, fitted by their position and culture, for the work; be requested to prepare a class of Books, illustrative of Methodist history, doctrines and experience, for general circulation among our people; and that the Book Agent be requested to furnish such books at the lowest rates possible.

3. That the Agent of our Publishing House, be respectfully requested to give his attention to the price of our Hymn Books, and if practicable, in his judgment, to publish them at a lower price.

4. That we especially commend to our Sunday Schools, our Sunday School Papers and Magazines and hope they will be universally introduced.

5. That we continue our cordial recommendation of the Quarterly review, edited by Dr. Bledsoe, and published at St. Louis, and heartily commend it to the patronage of our people,

F. FURR, *Sec.*

A. B. DOLLY, *Chairman*

ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on Bible Cause, beg leave to submit the following Report:

We are deeply impressed with the importance of giving more practical attention to the claims of the Bible Cause upon us as a Conference.

Our efforts heretofore have been too irregular and have not resulted in furnishing the aid which is due from us to this great work. We will not offer any resolutions for adoption, but most earnestly appeal to our people to give it a more diligent and liberal support, that our report at the next session of our Conference may be more worthy of us and in correspondence with the importance of supplying the people with the Book of books.

F. A. MERCER, *Sec.*

Signed, JOHN P. HALL, *President.*

ON VIRGINIA CONFERENCE (M. E. CHURCH) PAPER.

The Committee, to whom was referred the communication from the Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church property, beg leave to report:

That while it is very desirable that all contention on the subject between the churches should cease, we see nothing in the plan proposed in the paper likely to secure that end.

It is our opinion that this vexed question must be settled either by a joint General Conference Commission, or upon the merits of each separate case involved.

We furthermore state, and wish it distinctly understood, that we are not aware that we are in the occupancy of any church property to which we are not justly entitled.

W. P. CONWAY, *Chairman*,

ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following:

The reports of President and Financial Secretary of RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE, are so full and satisfactory that we append them in full to be printed in the published minutes. In addition we think it necessary only to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved. 1. That we acknowledge, with profound gratitude to God, its continued and rapidly increasing prosperity and usefulness.

2. That recognizing its claims upon us as a conference, we will make earnest effort, largely to increase its patronage within our limits.

3. That we appreciate the desirableness and importance of adding new buildings to those already erected.

4. That the sum of \$2,000 be assessed by the Joint Board of Finances upon the several Districts, and by the District Stewards upon the Pastoral charges, to be called the Educational Fund of the Baltimore Conference.

See (Report of President and Financial Secretary.)

In reference to the WESLEYAN FEMALE INSTITUTE, we append also the highly gratifying Report of the President, Rev. Wm. A. Harris, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolution. 1. That we renew our hearty recommendation of this Institution, the Female College of our Conference, and that we call upon our people to give it a more cordial and united support and secure to their daughters its unusual advantage of education and culture.

2. That we will as preachers more earnestly endeavor to extend its patronage.

3. That we recommend the appointment of two preachers and two laymen as a visiting committee to attend its annual Examination and Commencement.

See (Report of Pres. of Wes. Fem. Inst.)

THE MONTGOMERY FEMALE COLLEGE

'At Christiansburg, Va., is still enjoying a high degree of prosperity, under the administration of its accomplished President, Rev. Dr. Cox. It is worthy of all commendation and in all its departments offers advantages of the highest grade.

OAKLAND INSTITUTE.

At Doe Hill, Highland, Co Va., is doing a good work for our Church in that region and we recommend it to our people.

We offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That in compliance with the request of the Board of Trustees, we recommend the appointment of 3 Visitors, and 3 Trustees of this Institution.

THE WEST VIRGINIA FEMALE SEMINARY,

is a School of high grade, located at Union, Monroe Co., W. Va. It has started during the past year with the most encouraging prospects, under the presidency of Prof. J. Pede. Marshal. We earnestly solicit the patronage of our people in that region for this Institution, believing it to be every way worthy of their support.

THE SOUTHERN LITERARY INSTITUTE

Of Baltimore, is now under the charge of Mrs, L. E. Robins. We hope it will continue to receive the same cordial encouragement and support as heretofore.

THE REISTERSTOWN SEMINARY,

A School for both sexes, situated in Reisterstown, Md., is supplying a felt need of our Church in that community. It is under the charge of Rev. Jas. S. Whittington and Rev. W. R. Stringer and deserves the cordial encouragement of our people.

In conclusion, we beg leave to say that our educational interest were never in a more flourishing condition than at the present time. The advantages of sanctified learning are more deeply appreciated and its benefits more widely diffused.

Signed, J. M. FOLLANSBEE, *Chairman.*

H. H. KENNEDY, *Sec.*

ON CLAIMS BY PREACHERS AID SOCIETY.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the relations of the Wesleyan Female Institute, at Staunton, to the Preachers Aid

Society of Baltimore, beg leave to make the following report, viz :

From the correspondence and other papers before the Committee it appears.

1. That the Preachers aid society of Baltimore which was originally organised, for the joint benefit of the Preachers, their wives, widows and orphans of the Baltimore Conference, is now held and has been held and administered since 1862, and all of its fund appropriated only to that portion of the Baltimore Conference which adhered to the M. E. Church, to the exclusion, as beneficiaries on its fund, of all who adhered to the M. E. Church South.

2. It further appears that a comparatively small part of said fund, (\$5,000) was invested and secured by mortgage on property held by Trustees of the Wesleyan Female Institute at Staunton. And that Wm. Daniel Esq., Atty., of said claimant demands all back and accruing interest shall be forthwith paid to him as the representative of the Baltimore Conference M. E. Church, or said mortgage shall be foreclosed and the property sold.

3. It appears that no preacher, widow or orphan of our Conference has ever relinquished their legal or equitable claim on said fund, and we are informed in its fiduciary relation to these interest cannot relinquish these claims without violating a most solemn trust, therefore resolved :

1. That the Trustees of Wesleyan Female Institute, are hereby requested not to pay over said fund until the equitable rights of the claimants are adjusted.

2. That the P. E. of Rockingham District, Moses Walton, Esq., and Hon. Wm. Milnes, are hereby appointed a Committee on our part, to settle this matter on Christian principles.

3. That in the event the claim and suit are persisted in on the part of the legal representative of the M. E. Church, then in that case, the commissioners aforementioned may employ Moses Walton, Esq., or some other counsel learned in the Law to protect and defend our rights in this matter.

W. H. WILSON, *Chairman.*

J. B. FITZPATRICK, *Sec.*

ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to report :

The evils of Intemperance have long assumed gigantic proportions, and they have diminished in no appreciable degree. In the forms of Wine, Beer, Whiskey, Brandy, and the several preparations of "Opium," Intemperance is diffusing itself to an al-

arming extent within the Church, and abroad in the land. It is the fruitful source of many other crimes so that he who would in- veigh against sin, must denounce Intemperance.

We believe the Ministers of this Conference to be unanimous in their hostility to intemperance, but we are desirous of direct- ing attention to the aggravating evils of a vice which cannot be exaggerated by any form of language that shall be used; That the preachers shall have their attention more especially directed in that way, and be prevailed upon, not only to denounce from the Pulpit, but also in their personal intercourse with those who are enslaved, and those who vend these agents of destruction, to remonstrate and dissuade persistently and unweariedly; if by these means, with the blessing of God upon them, the accursed evil may be arrested, and its progress abated.

We present the following resolution for adoption, viz:

Resolved. That we as Preachers of the Conference will leave no means within our power (and that are consonant with Christ- ian duty) untried, for the purpose of rescuing our fellowmen from Intemperance, and its direful results.

Signed, NORVAL WILSON,
S. B. FITZPATRICK,
GEO. G. BROOKE.

ON PETITION TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial to the Congress of the United States, in behalf of the Publishing House of the M. E. Church at Nashville, Tenn., respectfully recom- mend:

That the following paper, officially signed by this Conference be transmitted to the Congress of the United States, and that Bro. R. Abbey D. D., be delegated to bring the same to the at- tention of the proper authorities, and be clothed with power to act for the Conference in this behalf.

The Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church South, sitting in Baltimore, Maryland this day of March, 1873, respect- fully petition the Congress of the United States in behalf of the Publishing House of the Church aforesaid, located at Nashville, Tenn.

Your petitioners represent that the government of the United States occupied, and used said Publishing House during the years 1864 and 1865, with its entire outfit of machinery and stock of all kinds, whereby a large portion thereof was not only seriously injured, but totally worn out and destroyed, and further: that for

the damage thus sustained, no compensation has thus far been made.

Your petitioners therefore earnestly, and respectfully request that the General Government give the earliest attention practi- cable, to the adjudication and settlement of this claim; believing as we do, that the entire justice of the same will be readily re- cognized and acknowledged.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAM'L R. COX,
J. S. GARDNER,
JNO. S. MARTIN.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE.

March 5, 1873.

Mr. President and Brethren of the Baltimore Conference:

The blessing of Divine Providence upon our plans and labors afford me the privilege of reporting to you every year that our people's interests in Randolph Macon College steadily increases. The College grows in favor upon healthy grounds. Besides the relation it sustains to thorough mental discipline and high col- legiate attainments; and besides the gratifying representation it gives to the world of the dutiful work our church is doing in the field of education, the specific good, it is so rapidly achieving, in aid of the ministerial supply, for this Conference, gives it pec- uliar favor in the hearts of our people.

Last March I reported the number of students 164: I now can report 233. Last year there were 31 students of divinity, now there are 43, and 17 of these are preparing for service in your Conference. Last year 5 of the sons of your ministers were with us, this year 4.

Last year your territory furnished us in all 35 students, now from your bounds we have 50.

In addition to these general items the Financial Secretary who is present, will furnish you with full Statistics in respect to pa- tronage and to the fiscal condition of the College. From his report you will discover we have not been idle, neither have we labored in vain.

The field of our patronage has been carefully surveyed and a sober calculation authorizes us to expect, from the two patroniz- ing Conferences, an average supply of, from 250 to 300 students. But we should err greatly if we should reckon on such a supply of students merely because of the numerical strength of the member-

ship or of the fiscal resources of the field from which it is to be gathered, or because of the effort already made in the cultivation and development of our patronizing territory. It is not a mere show of statistics, or on past labors that we rely for future prosperity. It has not been unusual in the history of Colleges, as also of other enterprizes, to behold lamentable reactions from moments of extraordinary success—to see a splendid flower bloom but once then wither and disappear. Perpetual bloom is neither the product of a feeble plant nor the recompense of fitful and irregular cultivation. To *maintain* prosperity we have fewer obstacles to overcome to *begin* it, and yet we cannot allow the relaxation of steady exertion. We have no power to put a cause or enterprize of this sort into perpetual motion. It is only easier to keep it in effective operation than it was originally to construct it, and begin its action. But the fires must not go out, the fuel must not fail, the workmen must not cease to labor.

The success of our College has not been the result of any circumstances which oblige us naturally to fear reaction. We have simply gone out among the people diffusing information of the work we are doing for education, satisfying them it is good work, worthy of their appreciation, and of value to the scholar and to the sacred interests for which they are concerned, and they have responded with a cordial appreciation and sent us their sons.

But the public forget such things very quickly, and it is needful to stir up their pure minds by way of remembrance.

It is so in regard to every good undertaking, moreover, the population of communities is rapidly shifting—some dying, others moving away, and you go back every year to work among new people. In the same places, the same facts and arguments and agencies must be employed over and over again in endless repetition and become inexhaustible tributaries to the current interests we maintain in this cause. I know this kind of effort is very tiresome to those who can only work by convulsive impulses, as also to them whose zeal can only be kept in a flame by something new. But this is nevertheless the way by which Truth and Righteousness and Intelligence advance through the persevering exertions of earnest, patient, faithful men whose motives are quiet inspirations of duty and who live only for such work.

There is just now a special want at Randolph Macoz which I desire to bring to your notice: it is our lack of sufficient buildings for our enlarging patronage and plans. What I said, a short time ago, to the Va. Conference on this point I will report, as equally appropriate to be said here.

Already has this College, in four sessions, in our present location, outgrown all provisions ever made for it. Our present ac-

commodations are more extensive and our enlarged lecture rooms, by recent improvements, are more commodious than the College ever had, and yet the classes are too large for the rooms, or the rooms too few for such divisions of classes as we intend to make. It is a strange chapter in the history of our College that more young men are offering themselves to the care of the Church, while seeking a Collegiate education, than the Church is prepared to receive; and yet, as I showed in my last report, the patronage of the Institution has not even reached its normal standard.

This demand for larger halls at Randolph Macon is imperative. How shall we meet it? Shall we do nothing, and compel a reaction in our own prosperity? Shall two great Conferences bid young men go to other halls of learning because we have no place for them? Shall we have the dishonor of rolling back the tide of our own success? I implore the Ministers and laymen here assembled to take this matter into serious consideration. We must show the children of our Church that we are in earnest about their education. We must illustrate our gratitude to Heaven by liberality and zeal equal to the honor of the advancement to which a favoring Providence invites us. The measure we adopt must be prompt and effective. Delay would do no little harm; for it would undo much that has cost us thought and trial and prayer to achieve. For how many years have we been struggling to reach the degree of influence that this College has now attained! Let us look to ourselves that we loose not the things which we have wrought but that we receive a full reward. Behold here is the work, have we the will for it? Do you answer, where are the means. They are in the hands of our own people, if we could only employ the faith and the system for rendering these means available. How abundantly the wealth of our own people, amid all their comparative impoverishments, declares itself in the splendors of extravagant dress and costly dwellings. A tithe of that wealth which religion never required should be devoted to vanity or hoarded in avarice would procure all we need. A single dollar from each of our members would erect all the buildings we require. Alas! that rich men should be so indifferent to such an appeal! Yet they coldly suffer our crowded hall to plead in vain for enlargement. Even the students themselves have rebuked the tardiness of public appreciation, and setting their elders an example in generous zeal have undertaken, by their own efforts, to build and furnish their own literary halls. I have been often astonished that those whose means afford them the privilege of being munificent seem neither moved by christian beneficence, nor secular enterprise, nor an honorable ambition, nor by any other motive to devote to this Institution a princely gift! Strange that the present inviting moment in the history of our venerable College

has no power to charm from the full treasury of the wealthy a noble benefaction! Surely money could not be transmuted into nobler forms than these educated young men and young ministers for successive generations! And yet we only delude ourselves and injure our cause if we remain inactive in the fond hope some man of noble heart and magnificent resources will substitute our gifts and toil. When little by little all needful appliances for the Institution have been secured through the faithful love of its true friends, I doubt not some man of wealth can be found ready to share the honors of a great Institution by a donation that we shall perhaps have sufficient ingenuity to dispose of, in some way, that shall prevent it from appearing superfluous. Providence seems to work many of its best results by people of moderate resources and of great faith. Perhaps, in the end, it may be well that our cause is committed to the affections of the poor; Not independent of the masses of our people its roots will be nourished by the great devotion and become more firmly fixed in the best faith and purest charity, and our success be made sure and abiding by those faithful agents of Divine Providence whose zeal never ceases and whose self-sacrificing liberality never closes its hand while a good work remains to be done.

You brethren are the guardians of Randolph Macon College. You are the representative men of our communion. To you we look for those distributive influences which can reach all the members of our church. If you fail us; if your co-operation shall consist only of well framed resolutions, what shall we hope from others? But remember you are worth to this cause just what you choose to do for it and no more. You cannot compliment it into prosperity, nor add one jot or title to its glory by any thing less than a sincere and practical friendship.

Besides our want of buildings, it is our wish to enlarge our corps of instructors. During this year we have already added the valuable chair of Physiology and Hygiene, and secured the services of an eminent Medical Gentleman who had recently become a citizen of Ashland. We have also fully established our most valuable chair of English, which because of its thoroughness and extent of instruction is deservedly popular and is meeting considerable attention. We need other professor-ships and are looking to you for the means that will soon enable us to say Randolph Macon is now in every thing, fully supplied with power to achieve the noble ends at which we aim as our share in the great work of Christian Education.

Fundamental to our energy in this cause is our conviction of the relation which this provision for the highest forms of Education sustains to the work which a Christian Church must do for the world. It is hardly needful to argue the point that this educational agency is, under God's blessing our most powerful

instrument. Yet while we admit it as a proposition we are too liable to forget it as a fact.

In this College work let us remember we, as a church, are neither pioneers-ahead of our times, nor yet in labors more abundant than others. The world around us, simply in the name of secular and social improvements, is vigorously active in this work which we attempt in a higher name and for nobler ends. The most certain method, we all very well know, of losing our children from our own Church is that of educating them out of it. Worse even than this, however, is the method of not only educating them *out* of the church, but *into* the world. The prevalence of free Schools, under State Control, invaluable as a measure for the masses, though it might be, is not without moral and religious difficulties which are very serious. If our people desire to secure for their children, however indigent, educational advantages equal to State provisions, they must illustrate a liberality far exceeding that which has distinguished our past action. Yet, sooner or later, to this extent our plans must reach. But before it can be done there is much preparatory work to be performed—work which our preachers and laity must do earnestly. First the people are to be fully impressed with the value of such educational provisions. They are to be taught to enter upon this enterprise as a great church work. They are to be convinced of the grand moral obligation which rests upon the church to promote true intelligence, to respect the dignity of the human soul and its capacity for knowing and for glorifying truth. "Culture" it has been well said, "if thoroughly and consistently carried out, must lead on to religion, that is, to the cultivation of the spiritual and heavenward capacities of our nation. And religion if truthful and wise must expand into culture, must urge men who are under its power to make the most of all their capacities, not only for the worth of these capacities in themselves, but because they are gifts of God and given for this purpose, that we may carefully cultivate them.

When I behold among the young men gathered at College, scores of them from your Methodist firesides, who are yet without living faith in your Saviour, I feel the burden of this great care. How to save those whom parental influence and pastoral zeal have not saved; how to confirm the integrity and improve the piety of those who are already christians; and how to blend religious and intellectual influences, in the formation of character and the preparation for life, which will bring to the church no reproach and to the College no shame: I feel is a work worthy of the highest christian ambition, and a work over which I should shrink to preside, if I could not be assured that your sympathies and your prayers united with me in seeking that blessing of Heaven without which success is impossible.

I place Randolph Macon before you in the name of the Church as the foe to darkness, error or sin. Because as widely as I can, I would impress my conviction on this subject upon the minds of christians, allow me to say here what I have said elsewhere, that I do not advocate this Collegiate enterprise from any inordinate conception of the worth of intellectual culture separate from spiritual and moral developments. Of all the devices of Satan for the ruin of the human race I think that is the deepest and strongest which seeks to divide the very empire of our personality—the Kingdom of our manhood against itself—to array mental science against moral science, physical truths against spiritual truths, stimulating pride of intellect to a point of vain intoxication, promising to exalt us to the dignity of Gods without moral principles, substituting for regeneration a bold intellectual self-cultivation, making talent more excellent than virtues, scholarship more divine than piety, human freedom mere intellectual selfassertion and human slavery obedience to God, faith another name for irrational credulity, and in a word, accounting religion nonsense and impiety a work of Genius! I call this the most cunning device of Satan because it more frequently conceals the deadly poison under the beautiful form of noble attainments, and is most successful in arraying the friends of piety against the friends of intelligence. The unnatural conflicts of Science and religion are painful comments upon the fatal success of this scheme of the "Father of lies." Now I hold that the true way to meet this subtlety of the Wicked One is for the Church to take the wise in their own craftiness, vigorously enter the fields of learning and demonstrate that no men are more sensible or better informed than those that follow Christ—that Jesus is in the widest sense King of Truth—that christianity is herself the inspiration of the best informed leaders of human thought. O brethren we have a great work to do for this generation in this matter of christian education! Are we fully awake to it? All I ask and all I urge in this report and this appeal is, *devotion to truth and diligence in its dissemination*. For this Randolph Macon exists; for this we would make the Institution still stronger and more effective. The two patronizing Conferences possess an opportunity in this College of doing for the Church and for Society great and grand things—let us see that we have the wisdom—the faith and the courage to enter into this great door and effectual which is opened unto us.

For Statistical facts and general information concerning the financial condition of the College I refer you to the reports of the Financial Secretary whose invaluable labors in behalf of the Institution have contributed so largely to its present success that

it affords me special gratification to commend him anew to your cordial approbation and most hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. DUNCAN

President, R. M. C.

To the Bishop and Members of the Baltimors Annual Conference, M. E. Church, South, Baltimore, Md.

DEAR BRETHREN:

The relation you sustain to Randolph Macon College, as a patronizing Conference, specially committed to its support, and the deep interest you have manifested in its prosperity, make it my duty, to lay before your venerable Body, a brief report of its fiscal condition.

The Assets of the College are of two classes, viz: available assets; and assets not now available. The available assets are estimated to be worth not less than \$74,500.00; the assets not now available, consisting of bequests and individual bonds, in the sum of \$24, 603 67, may be safely estimated as worth 25 per cent. of this amount. The heavy discount made upon the *nominal value* of this class of assets, is explained by the fact that, the bequests and individual bonds, of which it is composed, with but few exceptions, date prior to the late war, and are therefore, in many instances comparatively worthless.

The Liabilities of the College do not exceed \$28,300.00—all of which, with the exception of \$4,272.16, have been contracted since the reopening of the Institution in the year 1866. The debt of the College, at the close of the war, was very small—not exceeding \$6,300.00. Its assets, notwithstanding the heavy loss in Confederate Bonds and Currency, were worth \$65,000.00 in Greenbacks. When therefore, at your session in this city in March 1867, you adopted the College, conjointly with the Virginia Conference as your College, it was comparatively free of debt. Its assets, over and above its liabilities, were worth \$58,700. You did not therefore indentify your Conference with a *broken Institution*; nor did you enter into any *embarrassing financial relations*. Without the payment of a *Dollar* you became the joint owners and controllers of a College worth every cent of \$58,700, *in excess of liabilities*. Nor is this all. You became the patrons of an Institution, whose position was in the *very fore front of the educational enterprises of the South*; whose history was interwoven with the *most illustrious names of Southern Methodism*, whose sons, scattered all over our Southern and Western lands,

had risen to distinction *in the pulpit, at the bar, on the bench, in the councils of Church and State, in Commercial pursuits, and in the Agricultural and Mechanical arts and industries of the Country.*

The liabilities of the College, contracted since the war, have been incurred in the purchase of the property at Ashland, in the improvement of the College buildings, and in providing for a heavy deficit on account of current expenses, which, I regret to say, occurred for several years, *owing mainly to the failure of the patronizing Conferences to raise the amounts assessed for the cause of Education.* I sincerely hope that such a deficit will never occur again.

Deducting the Liabilities of the College from its assets, we have \$52,150.91, which we may safely regard as *the minimum of its present financial strength*; and upon this foundation, small as it may seem and insufficient as it undoubtedly is, we may reasonably hope, in a few years, by gradual accumulations, if not by any good fortune, to place it beyond the range of financial embarrassment. We should address ourselves to this work with that fervent zeal and large hearted liberality befitting the cause, and the Church we serve.

I am happy to inform the Conference that, since my last annual Report to your Body, the fiscal condition of the College has greatly improved. Its debts have been *reduced*, and the interest has been *promptly and fully paid*. Its assets have been *materially increased in value*; two *new buildings* have been erected, and *valuable additions* have been made to the Lecture Rooms and Dormitories; the salaries of its President, Professors and Employees have been promptly paid *at the expiration of each month, and sometimes in advance*; all bills for repairs, printing, servants hire, insurance &c., have been *paid on presentation*. This has been done without borrowing one cent. On the contrary we have had, as we now have, a respectable balance in favor of the College in Bank. Thus the credit of the Institution has been *firmly established*. These facts greatly encourage us. They fill us with gratitude to God for His blessings, to whom be glory forever.

But the more gratifying improvement, in the recent history of the College, is in its *unprecedented increase of patronage*; for after all *the patronage of the College*, is not only the *chief source* of its income, but *the exact measure of its usefulness and the sure basis of its hope*. Our efforts therefor have been *steadily directed* to this object, as one of *supreme importance* to the Institution. The *unparalleled success* which rewards our labors is *mainly due* to the *fidility and ability* of the Faculty, and *especially*, to the *eminent talent and untiring labors* of the President, who after performing the duties of his presidency and professorship during the nine months of the Collegiate year, has, without additional

compensation, devoted his vacations to the work of visiting the different sections of our patronizing territory, addressing the people on the general subject of education and the special claims of Randolph Macon, and preaching the Gospel, with fervid eloquence and fervor.

We now have 233 Matriculates as against 164 of the corresponding date of last year, which is an improvement of *nerly 50 per cent. in twelve months*. This rapid improvement is without a parallel in the Colleges and Universities of the South. Indeed, our Southern Colleges and Universities, and particularly those of Virginia, have, with but very few exceptions, suffered a loss of patronage this year. This we deeply regret. Yet we rejoice that, our *great success* has been achieved under circumstances, *so adverse*. But while rejoicing in the success, thus achieved, and *especially* in the high appreciation of the College, which it so emphatically expresses, we are *far from satisfied* with the results attended. The oldest of all our Southern Methodist Colleges, its Alumni in every Southern State, the Virginia and Baltimore Conferences specially committed to it; its Scholarship unsurpassed, its religious influences invaluable, its expenses moderate, its location, central, healthful and accessible—who will affirm that Randolph Macon College should be satisfied with a Matriculation list of 233 Students; With a church membership of 63,000 in the patronizing Conferences, and a denominational influence in Maryland and Virginia, extending to not less than 300,000 people, we ought to have *at least 300 matriculates*. WE WILL HAVE THEM! Give us your *hearty co-operation, work earnestly* for the College in your several charges, give us the names and Post Office address of all persons of your acquaintance *who have sons to educate, cease not* in your prayers to God *for us* and for the *young men* committed to our care and culture, and at your next annual Session *we will not fail to report 300 Students!*

Of the 233 Matriculates, 142 come from the Va. Conference, 50 from the Baltimore conference; 15 from that part of North Carolina not embraced in the Virginia Conference; 7 from Tennessee; 2 from Georgia; 2 from Mississippi; 3 from Alabama; 3 from Texas; 4 from West Virginia; 3 from Louisiana; 2 from New York; 1 from Missouri.—43 are preparing for the Ministry: 29 are sons of itinerant Ministers; 17 are on Scholarships, 6 give their notes for their tuition fees, payable, with interest from date, two years after they leave College; 138 pay full tuition fees.

Our Baltimore Conference patronage, it will be perceived, has increased, since your last annual session, about *45 per cent*. That you may know the Districts from which this patronage is received, the classes to which they belong;—I have carefully prepared a brief tabular statement setting forth these interesting and suggestive facts.

DISTRICTS.	STUDENTS.			
	Div.	M. S.	Fay.	Total.
Baltimore District	2.....	1.....	3.....	6
East Balto. "	4.....	1.....	4.....	9
Washington "	6.....	0.....	12.....	18
Winchester "	1.....	0.....	1.....	2
Rockingham "	0.....	0.....	3.....	3
Roanoke "	0.....	1.....	3.....	4
Lewisburg "	0.....	0.....	1.....	1
Lexington "	2.....	0.....	2.....	4
Moorefield "	2.....	1.....	0.....	3
Total.....	17.....	4.....	29.....	50

The Washington District yields the largest proportion of students to the numerical strength of the church. In our Report of last year, *this honor* was accorded to *East Baltimore*; but while that gallant District still does well, it has ceased to bear the banner of this important Church work. This *honorable distinction* has been worthily won by our friends of *Washington District*, which, if we except the District in which the College is Located, is the banner District of the two patronizing Conferences in the proportion of Students to members of the Church. Who shall have this honor next year?

The Fees remitted to Students from the Baltimore Conference aggregate the following amounts: Baltimore District \$195; East Baltimore \$375; Washington \$450; Winchester \$75; Roanoke \$75; Lexington \$150; Moorefield \$187; Total, \$1507.

Whether the College shall continue the ratio of prosperity realized in its recent history and become in a few years what it ought to be as the College of two great Conferences, leading the educational enterprises of Southern Methodism; or whether it shall soon recede from the measure of its present improvement and become a second or third rate Institution, doing honor to no one, depends very much upon the response of the Church to the urgent appeal we now make for New College Buildings, large enough to accommodate our patrons and so tasteful and artistic in design and construction, as to combine beauty with convenience, healthfulness and comfort. WHO SHALL ERECT THIS IMPERISHABLE MONUMENT TO HIS MEMORY! WHO SHALL BESTOW UPON THE CHURCH THIS IMMEASURABLE BLESSING!!

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER G. BROWN,

Financial Sec. R. M. C.

Ashland, Va., March 2d, 1873.

WESLEYAN FEMALE INSTITUTE.

To the Baltimore Annual Conference in Session in Baltimore, March 6th, 1873.

Since our last annual Report, the Wesleyan Female Institute has enjoyed the most gratifying prosperity.

By the continued blessings of God, the present session is marked with a degree of success hitherto unknown in the history of the Institute. Every successive year has been one of increased prosperity, and in the like ratio it has enlarged its varied facilities for the most advanced Collegiate education. Our material facilities, as buildings, grounds, furniture and domestic accommodations, for all the purposes for which they are respectively designed, are not surpassed in any similar Institution in our country. Here every thing is provided which is essential for the health, comfort and happiness of our pupils.

For high and thorough mental culture in all the varied departments of education adapted to women, our academic organization was never before so complete. An experienced corps of twenty Teachers and officers assist the President in the various departments of the College. The pupils are happy, respectful to authority and attentive to duty. Every department of the School is harmoniously and efficiently performing its office.

The number of Boarding pupils matriculated for the present session is one hundred and ten, and steadily increasing, and the number of day pupils is about as former years. Our boarding pupils come from all the States reaching from Maryland to Texas. We deeply regret that the number sent from the territory of our own Conference is so singularly and sadly small. The distant State of Texas sends as many as the entire number from our own Conference bounds. If the Baltimore Conference would patronize this Institution in the ratio of its relations and importance to the Church as its own educational enterprise, our number of pupils would approximate three hundred, and the measure of its power and usefulness would be proportionately enhanced.

Notwithstanding the late addition to our new buildings, our accommodations are yet too small to provide for our steadily increasing patronage. To avoid the expense of additional buildings for the present session and to provide accommodations for the increased number of boarding pupils, we have found it necessary to rent for a time a handsome and comfortable building, convenient to the Institute, and yet our accommodations are not equal to the growing patronage of the College. If you, brethren of the Conference would lend us your united and hearty support, not by raising money, but by sending us pupils, we should not hesitate to incur the expense of enlarging the

buildings of this Institution, on a scale commensurate with its character and claims. With the Baltimore Conference taking the lead in the zealous support of this School, supported and backed as it now is by all the Conferences from Maryland to Texas, who can tell the amazing extent of its future prosperity and usefulness as a great seat of sanctified learning?

Religious instruction holds a permanent place in this school. Beside our daily religious services we have a regular weekly prayer meeting for the entire School, conducted by the President. Also a number of weekly prayer meetings among the young ladies and conducted by one of their number. A weekly class-meeting is held for all Christian pupils in the School each Sabbath evening. The Young Ladies Christian Association meets weekly each Sabbath evening. When the weather is favorable our pupils attend Divine service at our Church morning and evening, when the weather is inclement services are held in the College Chapel. At the recent great revival of religion conducted by Dr. Rosser in our Church, our entire School was most signally blessed. About sixty pupils were converted, and out of this large College circle not more than five or six pupils remain out of the Church. We record this annual recurrence of God's revival grace and blessing to us with devout praise and profound gratitude.

The financial condition of the Institute is very encouraging. The financial report made to the Trustees on the annual meeting June 20th, 1871 showed the following exhibit:

Entire debt for original purchase of present new site.....	\$25 000 00	
Debt new building, repairs &c.....	10 906 20	
Whole amount debt June 20th, 1871..	35 906 20	
Credit by amount due board 20, June 1871, vide report.....	5 030 26	
Balance debt W. F. Institute, June 20th, 1871.....		\$30 875 94
Add to this balance debt for session ending June 20th, 1872, as follows:		
New wing reported June 20th, 1872...		2 402 50
Furniture account reported June 20th 1872.....		2 905 25
Entire debt June 20th, 1872.....		36 184 69
Less amount due to Board of Trustees per report June 20th, 1872.....		6 313 77
Balance of debt due June 20th, 1872...		29 871 95
Showing net decrease of debt (over and above expenses new wing Furniture.....	2 402 50	
of.....	2 906 25	5 308 75)
	1 004 02	

The annual income due the Institute, June 20th 1872, was, as above stated.....	6 312 77
The annual income declared due the Institute June 20th 1871, was.....	5 030 26
Increase of income of 1872, over previous year ending June 20th 1872	1 282 51

which income was applied as above stated. With such an annually increasing income made alone by the legitimate operations of the School, we may safely predict that the new College property will be paid for in the time specified in the Deed of Conveyance and the entire property with all its valuable appurtenances will become the property of the Church.

When we consider the character and claims of this Institution in all its varied attractions and enlarged facilities for high and thorough culture;—when we consider its solid prosperity, and its increasing patronage—which comes from every State from Maryland to Texas—when we think of its high and holy mission as a great enterprise of the Church, and consecrated as it is to the cause of sanctified learning—when we think of its success in the past and its prospects for the future: and lastly when we remember that this is the College of our own Conference devoted to her interests and entitled to her care. May we not with renewed confidence and hope commend the Wesleyan Female Institute to your prayers and support.

In closing this report allow us again to express our deep sense of that Divine care and blessing by which this School has been conducted through varied vicissitudes to its present condition of enlarged usefulness and solid prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. HARRIS.

March 3, 1873.

EXPENSES OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Your Committee on expenses of Delegates to the next General Conference, present the following Report:

They estimate the amount necessary to be raised, in order to meet the expenses of our Delegates to the next General Conference at.....\$610 00
which they apportion among the several Districts as follows:

Baltimore District.....	\$105 00
E. Balto. ".....	105 00
Washington ".....	105 00

Winchester	80 00
Rockingham	75 00
Moorefield	40 00
Lewisburg	40 00
Lexington	30 00
Roanoke	30 00
Total	\$610 00

Signed, WM. S. BAIRD.
SAM'L KEPLER.
E. WELTY.

OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE,

For the year ending March, 1873.

Amount received for Superannuated fund..	\$3975 00
Bishops Fund.....	1531 75
	5506 75

Amount paid to Superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers.....	\$3975 00
Amount paid to Bishops.....	1460 00
Travelling expenses Bishop Pierce \$60 00	
“ “ “ Doggett 11 75	71 75
	5506 75

Amount divided to Superannuated Preachers and to widows
and orphans of deceased Preachers as follows :

	Claim.	Paid.
NORVAL WILSON.....	\$800 00	\$800 00
Mrs. D. TROUT.....	200 00	200 00
Mrs. VEITCH.....	350 00	350 00
Mrs. J. L. GIBBONS.....	75 00	75 00
H. HOFFMAN.....	100 00	100 00
Mrs. JOSEPH EAKIN.....	125 00	125 00
Mrs. JOHN TRONE.....	125 00	125 00
JAMES EAKIN'S child.....	100 00	100 00
Mrs. THOS. H. BUSEY.....	150 00	150 00
M. G. BALTHIS.....	100 00	100 00
P. S. E. SIXEAS.....	100 00	100 00
Mrs. D. SHOAFF.....	400 00	400 00
JNO. W. TONGUE.....	350 00	350 00
WM. HEDGES.....	200 00	200 00
Mrs. S. SMITH.....	100 00	100 00

T. B. SARGENT.....	300 00	300 00
W. H. D. HARPER.....	400 00	400 00
Total.....	\$3975 00	\$3975 00

being at the ratio of 100 cents to the dollar.

Estimates for the ensuing year.

Amount necessary to meet the claims of the Superannuated Fund.....	\$4390 00
For Bishops Fund.....	1514 00
For Educational Fund.....	2110 00

8014 00

Assessed as follows :

	Superannu'd.	Bishops.	Educational
Baltimore District.....	\$1022 00	\$280 00	\$500 00
E. Balto. ".....	925 00	200 00	450 00
Washington ".....	925 00	245 00	450 00
Winchester ".....	525 00	160 00	250 00
Rockingham ".....	350 00	180 00	175 00
Roanoke ".....	160 00	130 00	75 00
Lewisburg ".....	150 00	130 00	90 00
Lexington ".....	100 00	75 00	50 00
Moorefield ".....	140 00	114 00	70 00
	\$4390 00	\$1514 00	\$2110 00

Amounts allowed to Superannuated Preachers, and to widows
and orphans of deceased Preachers, as follows :

NORVAL WILSON.....	\$800 00
Mrs. D. TROUT.....	100 00
Mrs. VEITCH.....	350 00
H. HOFFMAN.....	50 00
Mrs. JOSEPH EAKIN.....	100 00
Mrs. JOHN TRONE.....	100 00
JAMES EAKIN'S child.....	100 00
Mrs. BUSEY.....	150 00
P. S. E. SIXEAS.....	100 00
Mrs. D. SHOAFF.....	400 00
JNO. W. TONGUE.....	350 00
WM. HEDGES.....	200 00
Mrs. S. SMITH.....	100 00
T. B. SARGENT.....	300 00
W. H. D. HARPER.....	500 00
W. G. CROSS.....	400 00

Contingencies..... 200 00

\$4300 00

The Treasurer reported the amounts collected for the Educational Fund as follows:

From Wesley Grove Camp-meeting..... \$900 00

“ Warrenton “ “ 140 00

From the several Districts..... 884 80

\$1914 80

On motion, it was ordered that each District shall be entitled to a credit on its Educational Fund for whatever sums may be raised at Camp-meetings or other meetings held within its bounds.

The Board unanimously recommend the re-adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Preachers in charge of the various Stations and Circuits throughout the Baltimore Conference be required to take up the several collections of the year by the third Quarterly meeting, and that each preacher be required to answer in open Conference at the time of examination of his character, whether this duty has been performed, and the amounts assessed fully raised.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. A. WADE, *Sec.*

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

REV. JOHN S. MARTIN, Chairman.

REV. JAMES S. GARDNER, Secretary.

CHARLES SHIPLEY, Treasurer.

REV. G. G. BROOKE, A. W. WILSON, REV. S. K. COX,
REV. A. A. ESKRIDGE, W. G. EGGLESTON, H. F. ZIMMERMAN,
EZEKIEL JONES, T. J. MAGRUDER.

CONSTITUTION OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

ARTICLE 1. This Board shall be denominated and known as the Board of Missions of the Baltimore Annual Conference, auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

ART. 2. The Board shall consist of eleven Managers, to be chosen annually by the Conference, seven of whom shall be clerical and four lay members, and shall, at their first meeting, elect their own President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In case of vacancy, by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Board shall fill the vacancy, subject to confirmation by the Conference.

ART. 3. The President, and in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meeting of the Board.

ART. 4. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the funds and property of the Board, subject to the order of the Board, and shall make an accurate and full report annually of all the receipts and disbursements of the Board.

ART. 6. The Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of the Board, and make the Annual Report of the Board.

ART. 7. As preachers in charge of mission work are required by the Discipline to make quarterly reports to the Secretary of the parent Board, they shall also be required to forward reports to the Secretary of the Conference Board.

ART. 8. All money collected for missionary purposes shall be paid first to the Treasurer of the Board, and by him *pro rata* to the several claimants.

ART. 9. Forty per cent. of all the collections made for missions in the bounds of the Conference shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, at Nashville, Tenn. Should any surplus accrue after defraying the expenses of missions in this Conference, it shall also be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

ART. 10. There shall be a public anniversary of this Board at the time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference. At said anniversary a report, or an abstract of the report of the Board and Treasurer shall be made, and the interest of the missionary cause promoted in such manner as the Board shall deem expedient.

ART. 11. Collections for missions shall be taken in all the charges of the Conference without reference to the anniversary, and the money collected at this meeting shall be appropriated to the general fund for the next ensuing year.

ART. 12. All amendments to or alterations of the Constitution of the Society shall be proposed by the Board to be confirmed by the Conference.

Assessments for the present Conference year by the Board of Missions:

Baltimore District.....	\$1200 00
E. Balto. “	1200 00
Washington “	1200 00
Winchester “	1000 00
Rockingham “	800 00
Roanoke “	400 00
Lewisburg “	400 00
Lexington “	400 00
Moorefield “	400 00

CLERICAL MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES,
For the present year.

		Joint Board of Finance.	
Baltimore District	.....	DABNEY BALL,	
E. Balto. "	.....	GEO. H. ZIMMERMAN,	
Washington "	.....	J. S. GARDNER,	
Winchester "	.....	W. A. WADE,	
Rockingham "	.....	J. J. ENGLE,	
Roanoke "	.....	A. P. BOUDE,	
Lewisburg "	.....	W. G. HAMMOND,	
Lexington "	.....	W. R. McNEER,	
Moorefield "	.....	JOHN LANDSTREET.	

		Education.	Publishing Interest.
Baltimore District	P. H. WHISNER,	W. J. PERRY,	
E. Balto. "	J. A. KERN,	P. B. SMITH.	
Washington "	L. H. CRENSHAW,	J. M. FOLLANSBEE,	
Winchester "	T. E. CARSON,	A. A. P. NEAL,	
Rockingham "	S. S. ROSZEL,	J. H. MARCH,	
Roanoke "	J. W. EWAN,	C. A. JOYCE,	
Lewisburg "	L. H. BALDWIN,	B. S. HIGHLEY,	
Lexington "	J. L. CLARKE,	A. WELLER,	
Moorefield "	J. R. FINLEY,	L. W. HASLUP.	

		Sunday Schools.	Memoirs.
Baltimore District	R. R. S. HOUGH,	J. L. SHIPLEY,	
E. Balto. "	W. C. MALOY,	S. TOWNSHEND,	
Washington "	H. H. KENNEDY,	E. F. BUSEY,	
Winchester "	W. H. SEAT,	F. H. RICHEY,	
Rockingham "	J. F. LIGGETT,	J. B. FITZPATRICK,	
Roanoke "	J. P. ETOHISON,	S. K. COX,	
Lewisburg "	J. CRICKENBERGER,	S. B. DOLLY,	
Lexington "	C. L. DAMERON,	R. S. SHREVE,	
Moorefield "	J. H. WOLFF,	J. BEATTY.	

VISITING COMMITTEES, TRUSTEES & C.

1. Visitors to Randolph Macon College.
J. S. Martin; S. Rodgers; J. S. Gardner; E. B. Prettyman.
2. To Wesleyan Female Institute.
T. E. Carson; J. L. Clarke; J. W. Allemong; Wm. Milnes, Jr.
3. To Montgomery Female College.
W. G. Coe; A. P. Boude; J. H. H. Figgatt.
4. Trustees for Oakland Institute.
Thos. Hildebrand; R. S. Shreve; S. R. Snapp.
5. Visitors to Oakland Institute.
B. F. Ball; J. W. Wolff; L. H. Baldwin.
6. Visitors to Wesleyan Female Institute.
W. G. Hammond; W. T. Quinn; Washington Hill.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH SOUTH,
For the year ending March 1873.

DISTRICTS.	Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.		BAPTISMS.		PROPERTY.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.							
		White.	Colored.	Infants.	Adults.	Churches.	Parsonages.	No. of Sch'ls.	Superint'rs.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes.	Expenses.	
BALTIMORE.															
Balto. Central	5	208						1	2	15	160	2	550	\$ 30 65	
" St. Paul's	2	360	30			1		1	1	28	310	20	270	109 40	
" Eman'l.	1	174	16			1		1	2	27	156	2	378	306 21	
" Fred'k Av.		70	26					1	1	13	95	1	150	84 00	
" Calvary	2	198	9		7	1		1	3	16	163		663	100 00	
Balto. Circuit	2	344	12		14	2		7	7	61	379	38	1435	122 29	
Hookstown and Pikesville	1	63	8		3	2		2	2	16	101	2	110	70 00	
Frederick City		82	14		1	1		1	2	20	109		600	160 00	
Linganore	1	178	13		1	3		4	4	51	266		758	87 73	
Rockville	2	379	33		5	4		7	7	57	331		678	104 48	
Hillsboro	1	388	7		15	5		8	14	39	372	16	1396	102 00	
Montgomery	1	165	13		3	3		6	12	47	232	3	375	59 00	
Howard	1	122	4		1	2		2	4	13	118	17	310	125 00	
Beltsville		172	34		8	3		5	5	31	182	19	525	41 00	
Laurel		170	30		9	3		3	5	30	200	1	460	150 00	
South River		132	16		3	3		3	3	9	68	1	260	4 00	
Bladensburg	1	180	25			6		1	4	4	21	222	6	634	237 05
		3325	7	292		66	41	4	67	79	647	3401	126	9742	\$1892 83
Pierce Ger. Mis'n	2	15		3				1	1	7	63				
Keener Ger. Mis'n	2	17		9				1	1	9	116			210	
	2	32		12				2	2	16	178			210	
E BALTIMORE.															
Balto. Trinity		290	10			1		1	2	31	292	4	800	\$375 00	
" E. Balto.		92	30			1		1	2	12	165	3	300	125 00	
" N. Balto.		148	26			1		1	2	14	136		314	200 00	
Taylor's Circuit	1	200	9		6	5		4	5	36	218	6	515	32 00	
Harford		140	9		1	4		4	5	32	178	8	878	222 61	
Talbot	2	208	15		1	4		1	5	29	137		1016	42 00	
Trappe Station		80	10		1	2		2	2	9	83		125	37 30	
Kent Circuit		92	14		1	2		2	2	17	93	10	300	41 65	
Queen Anne's		282	62		1	6		7	10	45	250		940	111 00	
Seyern		85	25		3	3		3	3	20	90	3	250	75 00	
West River	1	237	40		4	3		1	5	40	212	15	1180	75 00	
Calvert	2	256	58		1	5		1	5	5	20	150	31	375	20 25
Prince George	2	200	29		7	7		1	5	5	27	157	5	400	74 30
Charles		214	32			4		3	4	16	50	4	300	8 00	
St. Mary															
	8	2518	253	14	46			5	50	60	384	2210	89	7543	\$1439 61

General Statistics—Continued.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERS.		BAPTISMS.		PROP- ERTY.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.								
	Whites.	Colored.	Infants.	Adults.		Churches.	Parsonages.	No. of Sch'l's.	Superint's.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes.	Expenses.
WASHINGTON.														
Wash. Mt. Vernon	262		9	1	1		1	1	30	175	6	500	\$200 00	
Alexandria and														
City Mission....	345	1	17	1	1									
Fairfax Circuit....	280		13	22	1									
Falls Church....	383		13	22	1									
Farmwell.....	107	1	4	1	1									
Leesburg Sta....	242		4	2	1									
Hamilton & Gr'vo	245		17	41	1									
London Circuit....	481		19	29	1									
Piedmont.....	626	3	12	22	1									
Linden.....	213	12	12	12	1									
Warrenton Sta....	129	1	4	1	1									
Paquier Circuit	383		6	14	1									
Prince William...	225	9	2	16	1									
Stafford.....	476	2	4	57	1									
Fredericksburg...	182		12	3	1									
WINCHESTER.														
Winchester Sta...	556		18	115	1									
Front Royal.....	655		8	21	1									
Berryville.....	86		3	19	1									
Martinsburg Sta.	214		3	7	1									
Berkeley Circuit.	105		6	6	1									
Jefferson.....	174		13	6	1									
Darkeville.....	202		3	2	1									
Shepherdstown..	123		4	1	1									
Gainsboro' Cir... Morgan..... Shandonoh Mis. Wardensville....	272 152 83 175	6 2 2 2	4 4 2 5	4 4 1 5	1 1 1 1									
ROCKINGHAM.														
Saunton.....	338		4	40	1									
Harrisonburg....	349		1	35	1									
Shen'd'n L. W'ks	45		1	6	1									
St. Sidney.....	150		5	10	1									
Charoville.....	207		4	1	1									
Wagewater.....	353		6	4	1									
Rockingham....	307		7	12	1									
Rockingham....	318		8	5	1									
New Market....	140		1	6	1									
Rockwell.....	180		1	4	1									
Rockwell.....	280		1	4	1									
Rockwell.....	210		1	18	1									
TOTAL	3070	0	55	101	22									

General Statistics—Continued.

DISTRICTS.	Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.		BAPTISMS.		PROP- ERTY.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.								
		White.	Colored.	Infants.	Adults.		Churches.	Parsonages.	No. of Sch'l's.	Superint's.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes.	Expenses.
LEWISBURG.															
Lewisburg.....	1	132		2	3	1	1	1	13	75	2	112	\$ 7 59		
Frankford.....	1	235		4	1	1	1	4	21	130	9	180	4 44		
White Sulphur St Cr.	1	127		2	3	1	1	4	16	132	17	135	210 00		
Levelton.....	1	185	1	1	1	1	1	5	10	22	204	6	325	15 50	
Greenbank.....	1	178		2	2	1	1	4	4	18	145	5	250	15 00	
Centreville.....	1	260		2	2	1	1	4	4	30	175	2	185	40 00	
Union.....	1	139		2	2	1	1	2	2	14	107	6	300	5 00	
Peterstown.....	1	50		5	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3		
Summers.....	1	130	3	1	3	1	1	4	4	31	102	85			
Hillsdale Miss...	1	69		16	2	1	1	2	2	6	40				
Sweet Spring....	1	80		2	2	1	1	2	2	8	49			5 00	
Blue Sulphur....	1	139	2	2	12	2	2	2	2	2	2				
ROANOKE.															
Salem Circuit....	4	1735	7	59	33	25	4	32	32	175	1181	47	1672	\$295 44	
Roanoke Circuit...	1	170		2	5	1	2	1	1	17	146	5	350	\$ 35 00	
B'ks'b'g & Chr'b'g	1	200		2	4	1	1	3	3	35	169	5	57	55 00	
Fincastle.....	1	320		1	9	4	1	5	9	44	332	760		65 00	
Lexington Cir....	1	195		1	1	2	1	2	4	13	70			38 00	
Buchanan.....	1	188		6	6	3	1	2	4	26					
Catawba & N'ble	1	126		7	7	1	1	7	7	30	160	2	77		
Snaking Creek..	1	140		6	6	1	1	1	2	6	45				
Lafayette Miss..	1	180		8	8	2	1	5	5	28	176	75		38 75	
Montgomery....	1	185		2	2	1	1	2	2	6	56				
LEXINGTON.															
Lexington Sta...	11	1959	2	17	31	28	7	26	34	182	1182	7	1849	\$201 75	
Collierstown....	1	172		1	1	1	1	2	2	20	166	22	625	\$145 00	
Fairfield.....	1	119		6	7	1	1	3	3	12	101	6	300	10 00	
Greenville.....	1	199		6	7	4	1	5	5	23	150	2	300		
Augusta.....	1	61		2	1	1	1	1	1	1	20			12 00	
West Augusta....	1	115		1	6	4	1	3	3	20	100	3	100		
Upper Botetourt	1	52	1	2	3	6	1	2	3	6	50	1	291	20 00	
Covington.....	2	163		3	2	1	1	2	4	17	122	1	600	3 00	
Alleghany.....	2	150		3	1	4	1	4	4	25	125	2	200	15 32	
Monterey.....	2	94		3	3	2	1	3	3	22	100	3	250	15 60	
Doe Hill.....	1	175		8	3	3	1	5	5	24	170	5	75		
Crab Bottom....	1	97		3	3	1	1	3	3	22	6	60	75		
Highland.....	1	129	3	10	5	1	1	3	3	13	105	2	250	14 30	
Jack-on River...	1	95		4	4	2	1	4	4	12	90	1	500	15 00	
Warm Spring....	1	53		4	1	1	1	4	4	12	90	1	500	15 00	
MOOREFIELD.															
Moorefield Sta..	10	1704	4	50	34	31	8	40	50	238	1420	44	3867	250 07	
Petersburg.....	2	121	1	7	1	2	1	1	2	16	80	3	225	113 00	
Franklin.....	2	198		4	2	2	1	5	5	24	198	4	200	30 00	
South Branch...	1	188	2	4	2	2	1	3	3	15	100	25	365	40 00	
Springfield....	1	240		4	2	2	1	3	3	15	100	160		8 00	
North River....	1	256		19	2	2	1	8	8	42	260	2	905	26 00	
Piedmont Station	1	175		3	3	1	1	6	6	30	125	3	300	30 00	
Frostburg.....	1	170		4	1	1	1	2	2	24	160	3	340	127 17	
Cumberland....	3	59		13	4	3	1	3	4	18	122	5	308		
Flint Stone....	1	87		10	1	1	1	1	1	15	120	6	600	200 00	
Rainsburg.....	1	200		2	4	4	1	5	5	30	250	5	349	45 00	
TOTAL	10	1714	3	132	65	31	2	30	43	241	1595	47	3694	629 17	

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FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.	PREACHERS' ALLOWANCE.				TRAVELLING EXP'S.		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.			Rent value of Parson- age.	Payment per member.	
	Salary.		House Rent.		Ass'd.		Paid.		Assessed.	Paid.	Deficy.			
	Assessed.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.						
Trinity—John Hammon.....	\$1500 00	\$1500 00	\$200 00	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$375 00	\$375 00	\$2175 00	\$2175 00	.....	.....	.....	\$7 50
E. Balto.—G. H. Zimmermann.....	1000 00	1000 00	.....	87 00	87 00	100 00	100 00	1137 00	1137 00	.....	.....	.....	12 35
N. Balto.—J. L. Clarke.....	800 00	800 00	.....	4 50	4 50	110 00	110 00	914 50	914 50	.....	.....	.....	6 17
Taylor's Chr. { J. M. Grandin.....	700 00	545 24	.....	.....	.....	175 00	136 71	1075 00	838 10	\$236 81	.....	.....	4 10
Harford, { J. C. Sedwick.....	600 00	321 19	.....	10 00	10 00	150 00	80 30	960 00	518 58	441 42	.....	.....	3 70
Talbot, { A. B. Dolly.....	777 50	107 09	.....	441 45	175 00	130 00	86 31	1330 00	883 06	446 94	.....	.....	4 24
Trappe—W. C. Malloy.....	500 00	500 00	.....	.....	50 00	90 00	90 00	690 00	640 00	50 00	.....	.....	8 00
Kent—G. T. Tyler.....	500 00	502 00	.....	12 50	12 50	100 00	103 00	612 50	617 50	toverp'd	.....	.....	6 71
Q. Anne's, { C. G. Linthicum.....	750 00	629 78	.....	.....	.....	180 00	143 32	1255 00	1071 68	183 32	.....	.....	3 80
Severn—B. S. Highley.....	175 00	148 58	.....	460 00	.....	75 00	75 00	535 00	535 00	.....	.....	.....	6 29
West River, { P. B. Smith.....	700 00	684 74	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00	1050 00	1004 64	45 36	.....	.....	4 23
Calvert, { G. Mauzey.....	200 00	189 90	.....	.....	.....	140 00	140 00	815 00	815 00	.....	.....	.....	3 26
Pr. George's, { W. E. Miller.....	500 00	500 00	.....	.....	.....	125 00	117 94	900 00	851 46	48 54	.....	.....	4 25
Charles—Robert Smith.....	610 00	575 58	.....	40 00	40 00	100 00	91 00	810 00	706 69	103 31	.....	.....	3 30
	125 00	117 94	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	650 00	555 69	.....	60 00	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Samuel Rodgers, P. E.....	\$11,322 50	\$10,023 22	\$685 00	\$251 50	\$251 50	\$2000 00	*1798 58	\$14,259 00	\$12,708 30	\$1555 70	\$650	\$5 04
								†Deduct overpaid...		5 00
								Aggregate deficy...		\$1550 70

* Including house rent, travelling expenses and incidentals.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.	PREACHERS' ALLOWANCE.				TRAVELLING EXP'S.		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.			Rent value of Parson- age.	Payment per member.	
	Salary.		House Rent.		Ass'd.		Paid.		Assessed.	Paid.	Deficy.			
	Assessed.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.						
Mt. Vernon Place, { S. S. Roszel.....	\$2500 00	\$2500 00	.....	.....	\$49 50	\$49 50	\$220 00	\$220 00	\$3569 50	\$3769 50	.....	.....	\$13 62
Alex. and City Mts., { J. A. Kern.....	800 00	800 00	.....	.....	33 75	33 75	250 00	250 00	1483 75	1483 75	.....	.....	4 80
Fairfax—E. H. Henry.....	1200 00	1200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 00	75 00	790 00	575 00	\$215 00	.....	2 05
Fall's Church—L. H. Crenshaw.....	600 00	500 00	\$100 00	.....	.....	115 00	99 22	1085 00	898 01	141 99	.....	.....	2 83
Farmwell—J. D. Nixon.....	920 00	793 79	.....	.....	.....	60 00	60 00	610 00	418 34	191 66	.....	.....	3 90
Leesburg—Nelson Head.....	500 00	308 34	.....	.....	5 00	120 00	120 00	1125 00	1125 00	.....	.....	.....	4 64
Hamil'n and Grove—J. C. Dice.....	850 00	850 00	150 00	.....	.....	110 00	110 00	910 00	910 00	.....	.....	.....	3 71
Loudoun, { R. R. S. Hough.....	800 00	800 00	.....	.....	10 70	10 70	285 00	250 00	1470 70	1403 38	67 32	.....	2 91
	950 00	932 68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	225 00	210 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piedmont, { H. E. Johnson.....	800 00	696 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	225 00	195 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Linden—F. A. Strother.....	225 00	209 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warrenton—L. C. Miller.....	525 00	525 00	.....	.....	11 00	11 00	90 00	90 00	626 00	626 00	.....	.....	2 25
Fauquier, { L. H. Baldwin.....	600 00	325 09	100 00	.....	.....	110 00	52 40	960 00	557 62	402 38	.....	.....	1 45
	150 00	80 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pr. William—H. M. Strickler.....	600 00	440 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stafford, { A. Robey.....	600 00	350 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	300 00	177 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fredericksburg—J. S. Gardner.....	900 00	900 00	.....	.....	16 00	16 00	160 00	160 00	1076 00	1076 00	.....	.....	.....
											
A. W. Wilson, P. E.....	\$14,270 00	\$12,793 73	\$400 00	\$300 00	\$125 95	\$125 95	\$2070 00	*1875 32	\$16,865 95	\$15,095 00	\$1770 95	\$1105	\$3 37

* Including house rent, travelling expenses and incidentals.

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FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

LEXINGTON DISTRICT.	PREACHERS' ALLOWANCE.				TRAVELLING EXP'S.		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.				Rent value of Parson's age.	Payment per member.	
	Salary.		House Rent.		Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Defic'y.	Rent value of Parson's age.			Payment per member.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.											
Lexington Sta.—W. G. Cross.	\$833 00	\$833 00	\$240 00	\$240 00			\$190 00	\$190 00	\$1263 00	\$1263 00	\$106 35	\$70	\$7 84		
Collierstown—L. G. Martin.	860 00	836 88					100 00	67 27	400 00	403 65			3 39		
Fairfield—F. H. Shipley.	800 00	274 10					110 00	86 17	400 00	360 86			1 81		
Greenville—T. Briley.	800 00	300 00					30 00	30 00	330 00	330 00			5 40		
Augusta—J. R. Van Horne.	440 00	350 23					100 00	60 05	540 00	410 28			3 56		
West Augusta—R. H. Wilson.	300 00	178 77					100 00	59 58	400 00	238 35			3 58		
Up. Botetourt—C. L. Dameron	450 00	450 00					95 00	95 00	545 00	545 00			5 29		
Covington—A. Weller.	600 00	529 40					75 00	83 82	695 00	613 22			4 08		
Alleghany—A. C. McNeer.	150 00	60 33					90 00	30 16	225 00	90 45			2 94		
Monterey—R. S. Shreve.	425 00	425 00					50 00	50 00	175 00	175 00			1 80		
Doc Hill—H. C. Pitzer.	125 00	125 00					110 00	93 42	710 00	602 98			4 67		
Crab Bottom—T. Hildebrand.	600 00	509 50					85 00	50 10	400 00	271 09			2 85		
Highland—J. S. Porter.	375 00	220 99					75 00	27 50	375 00	137 50			1 52		
Jackson's Riv., { A. Boon.	{ 300 00	{ 110 00					50 00	20 00	300 00	130 00			2 26		
Warm Springs, }	{ 250 00	{ 100 00													
W. G. Coe, P. E.	\$5998 00	\$4802 85	\$240 00	\$240 00					\$7593 00	\$6075 92	\$1517 08	\$500	\$3 56		

* Including house rent, travelling expenses and incidentals.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.—CONTINUED.

MOOREFIELD DISTRICT.	PREACHERS' ALLOWANCE.				TRAVELLING EXP'S.		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.				Rent value of Parson's age.	Payment per member.	
	Salary.		House Rent.		Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Defic'y.	Rent value of Parson's age.			Payment per member.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.											
Moorefield—I. R. Finley.	\$900 00	\$900 00	\$50 00	\$50 00			\$120 00	\$120 00	\$1070 00	\$1070 00		\$50	\$8 84		
Petersburg—J. H. Wolf.	300 00	300 00					75 00	75 00	375 00	375 00			1 89		
Franklin—S. R. Snapp.	500 00	500 00					60 00	60 00	560 00	560 00			2 97		
South Branch—J. Higgins.	600 00	600 00			\$20 00		100 00	100 00	720 00	720 00			3 00		
Springfield—J. Beatty.	530 00	417 91	75 00	2) 00			100 00	76 00	725 00	518 91	\$206 09		2 02		
North River—L. R. Markwood.	200 00	138 00	180 00	20 00			60 00	38 00	260 00	176 00	84 00		1 00		
Piedmont—G. G. Brooke.	700 00	300 00	180 00	12 50			120 00	40 00	1020 00	1020 00			6 00		
Frostburg—L. W. Haslup.	300 00	300 00					40 00	40 00	352 50	352 50			5 97		
Cumberland—J. W. Duff.	600 00	600 00					30 00	30 00	630 00	630 00			7 24		
Flintstone—C. L. Torreyson.	600 00	600 00	75 00	75 00			80 00	80 00	735 00	735 00			3 77		
*Rainsburg—R. Ross.															
David Thomas, P. E.	\$2350 00	\$5055 91	\$380 00	\$380 00	\$52 50	\$52 50	\$785 00	\$739 00	\$6407 50	\$6177 41	\$290 09	\$50	\$3 60		

* No Report.

† Including house rent, travelling expenses, and incidentals.

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DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS—Baltimore Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the year ending March, 1878—continued.

EAST BALTO. DISTRICT.	BISHOP'S FUND.		SUPERANNUATED FUND.		MISSIONS.		BIBLE CAUSE.	EDUCATION.
	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.		
Baltimore Trinity*.....	\$70 00	\$70 00	\$250 00	\$250 00	\$363 00	\$363 00	.....	\$65 00
" E. Baltimore.....	11 60	11 60	30 00	30 00	85 00	85 00	.....	10 00
" N. Baltimore.....	15 00	15 00	50 00	50 00	80 00	80 00	.....	24 00
Taylor's Circuit.....	20 00	7 03	63 00	22 86	94 00	83 07	\$60 65	7 03
Harford.....	10 00	5 89	50 00	30 43	55 00	32 88	.....	8 83
Talbot.....	15 00	4 11	56 00	56 00	60 00	48 91	16 09	15 00
Trappe Station.....	5 00	8 13	35 00	21 87	19 57	19 57	.....	6 25
Kent.....	10 00	1 87	45 00	48 00	30 00	18 75	11 25	20 00
Queen Anne's.....	10 00	10 00	65 00	45 00	Overpaid.	Overpaid.	.....	10 00
Severn.....	10 00	10 00	45 00	45 00	95 00	95 00	.....	10 00
West River.....	10 00	10 00	65 00	65 00	50 00	25 00	.....	15 00
Calvert.....	13 00	13 00	60 00	65 00	65 00	65 00	.....	10 00
Prince George's.....	14 50	14 50	55 00	55 00	49 00	30 00	.....	7 85
Charles.....	24 65	13 40	25 00	19 10	20 00	20 00	.....	.....
	\$248 75	\$213 55	\$896 00	\$753 26	\$1085 00	\$880 09	.....	\$218 96
WASHINGTON DISTRICT	\$25 00	\$25 00	\$85 00	\$85 00	\$154 00	\$154 00	.....	\$20 00
Washington Mt. Vernon	33 00	33 00	125 00	125 00	192 00	170 10	\$21 90	46 79
Alex'a & City Mission..	15 00	14 00	50 00	30 00	46 00	25 00	21 00	17 00
Falls Church.....	25 00	25 00	60 00	60 00	50 00	50 00	.....	.....
Farmwell.....	15 00	10 00	25 00	20 00	31 00	20 00	.....	10 00
Leesburg.....	15 00	15 00	50 00	50 00	53 00	72 00	Overpaid.	2 00
Hamilton and Grove.....	45 00	45 00	15 00	15 00	62 00	40 00	.....	30 00
Loudoun.....	37 50	37 50	150 00	105 00	129 00	76 70	.....	10 00
	\$340 50	\$285 75	\$875 00	\$715 65	\$1117 00	\$857 92	.....	\$288 50
*Trinity paid for Home Missions \$1100.00.								

Piedmont.....	25 00	20 00	75 00	62 32	86 00	72 00	14 00	50 00	147 25
Linden.....	10 00	8 25	25 00	16 13	25 00	16 12	8 88	.....	.....
Warrenton.....	15 00	15 00	30 00	20 00	62 00	62 00	.....	10 00	.....
Fauquier.....	25 00	8 00	60 00	10 20	62 00	10 00	52 00	2 00	5 00
Prince William.....	15 00	15 00	50 00	15 00	30 00	12 00	18 00	.....	.....
Stafford.....	20 00	5 00	50 00	12 00	62 00	4 00	58 00	50	2 00
Fredericksburg.....	20 00	20 00	60 00	60 00	74 00	74 00	.....	10 00	30 00
	\$340 50	\$285 75	\$875 00	\$715 65	\$1117 00	\$857 92	.....	\$202 29	\$288 50
WINCHESTER DISTRICT.	\$18 00	\$18 00	\$55 00	\$30 00	\$101 00	\$20 00	\$81 00	.....	\$20 00
Winchester Station...	23 00	20 58	60 00	48 80	130 00	43 00	87 00	\$1 50	30 00
" Circuit.....	7 00	3 00	20 00	10 00	40 00	3 68	36 32	.....	.....
Frederick Circuit.....	15 00	15 00	45 00	45 00	85 00	30 20	54 80	.....	8 33
Front Royal.....	18 00	10 00	35 00	20 00	105 00	30 00	75 00	.....	8 20
Berryville.....	9 00	4 75	25 00	12 00	50 00	24 00	26 00	.....	8 00
Martinsburg.....	15 00	7 50	30 00	15 00	15 00	12 50	12 50	.....	.....
Berkeley.....	18 00	9 09	55 00	20 01	105 00	35 89	69 11	.....	16 30
Jefferson.....	18 00	8 00	25 00	20 00	105 00	105 00	.....	.....	35 00
Darkesville.....	10 00	18 00	55 00	55 00	60 00	8 00	52 00	.....	2 00
Shepherdstown.....	12 00	5 00	30 00	7 00	60 00	2 00	58 00	.....	.....
Gainsboro'.....	10 00	4 25	20 00	10 20	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morgan.....	No	Report.	.....	.....	55 00	.....	46 95	.....	.....
Shanondale.....	10 00	7 00	25 00	11 00	.....	8 05	.....	.....	.....
Wardensville.....			\$480 00	\$304 01	\$921 00	\$352 32	.....	\$1 50	\$127 88
	\$183 00	\$130 17	\$64 00	\$34 00	\$52 00	\$52 00	.....	.....	\$30 00
ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.	18 00	18 00	34 00	34 00	52 00	52 00	.....	.....	2 50
Stanton.....	18 00	18 00	24 00	75 73	37 00	37 00	.....	.....	21 00
Harrisonburg.....	13 00	13 00	25 00	12 00	37 00	20 69	\$16 31	.....	3 00
Shen'd'h Iron Works...	12 00	10 00	29 00	6 00	45 00	34 52	10 48	.....	3 50
Mt. Sidney.....	16 00	12 69	38 00	38 00	58 00	30 23	27 77	.....	12 00
Churchville.....	20 00	20 00	39 00	22 09	56 00	27 55	28 45
Bridgewater.....	17 00	17 87	Overpaid.
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ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.	BISHOP'S FUND.			SUPERANNUATED FUND.			MISSIONS.			BIBLE CAUSE.		EDUCATION.	
	Assessed	Paid.	Def.	Assessed	Paid.	Def.	Assessed	Paid.	Def.	Paid.	Paid.	Paid.	
Rockingham Mission	\$15 00	\$12 44	\$2 56	\$27 00	\$7 33	\$19 07	\$42 00	\$16 21	\$25 79	.....	.....	\$2 00
New Market	6 00	6 00	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	16 00	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodstock	12 00	4 44	7 56	18 00	6 17	11 83	30 00	14 25	15 75	.....	.....	2 50
Luray	18 00	17 00	1 00	34 00	20 00	14 00	52 00	30 00	22 00	.....	.....	.....
	24 00	21 00	3 00	15 00	11 00	4 00	39 00	20 50	18 50	.....	.....	.....
Roanoke District.	\$189 00	\$170 44	.....	\$327 00	\$293 32	.....	\$516 00	\$350 95	.....	.....	.....	\$78 50
Salem Station	\$14 50	\$14 50	.....	\$18 12	\$18 12	.....	\$46 25	\$46 25	.....	.....	.....	\$13 30
Blks'b'g and Christn'sb'g	11 60	11 60	.....	14 50	14 50	.....	37 00	37 00	.....	.....	.....	\$6 30
Fincastle	20 80	13 62	\$7 18	26 20	17 15	\$9 05	66 00	43 23	\$23 37	.....	.....	5 00
Lexington Circuit	15 08	15 10	Overpaid.	18 85	18 90	Overpaid.	48 10	31 25	16 85	.....	.....	7 50
Catawba & New Castle.	18 12	18 12	.....	14 50	14 50	.....	46 25	46 25	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Sinking Creek	8 12	.....	8 12	10 15	.....	10 15	25 90	5 00	20 90	.....	.....	14 13
Lafayette Mission	10 44	5 40	5 04	13 05	5 60	7 45	33 30	5 18	28 12	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery	8 70	5 00	3 70	10 87	5 00	5 87	27 75	5 00	22 75	.....	.....	.....
Buchanan	5 80	.....	5 80	7 25	.....	7 25	18 50	.....	18 50	.....	.....	.....
	6 38	1 72	4 66	8 00	1 73	6 27	20 55	13 33	8 22	.....	.....	.....
Lewisburg District.	\$119 54	\$85 06	.....	\$141 49	\$95 50	.....	\$370 20	\$231 49	.....	.....	.....	\$14 80
Lewisburg	\$18 00	\$13 08	\$4 92	\$22 00	\$16 22	\$5 78	\$45 00	\$32 94	\$12 06	.....	.....	.....
Frankford	14 00	10 50	3 50	18 00	14 00	4 00	40 00	20 00	20 00	.....	.....	\$19 75
White Sulphur Station.	2 50	1 00	1 50	3 75	1 00	2 75	7 50	1 75	5 75	.....	.....	10 00
" Circuit.	2 50	2 50	.....	3 75	2 66	1 09	7 50	5 50	2 00	.....	.....	1 00
Levelton	14 00	14 00	.....	18 00	18 00	.....	35 00	10 50	18 50	.....	.....	2 75
							85 00	10 50	18 50	.....	.....	20 00

Greenbank	14 00	9 40	4 60	18 00	11 85	6 15	35 00	16 65	18 35	.....	.....	7 00
Centreville	14 00	12 00	2 00	18 00	12 00	6 00	40 00	28 00	12 00	.....	.....	10 00
Union	11 00	11 00	.....	14 00	14 00	.....	25 00	15 00	10 00	.....	.....	2 55
Peterstown	6 00	4 00	2 00	No Report.	.....	.....	6 00	5 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Summers	8 00	3 25	4 75	"	"	.....	20 00	2 00	18 00	.....	.....	5 00
Hillsdale Mission	No Report.	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	15 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sweet Springs	5 00	2 05	2 95	6 00	.....	6 00	15 00	9 30	5 70	.....	.....	20 00
Blue Sulphur	13 00	13 00	.....	16 00	16 00	.....	35 00	35 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$122 00	\$95 78	.....	\$137 50	\$105 73	.....	\$311 00	\$192 64	.....	.....	.....	\$88 06
Lexington District.	\$9 00	\$10 00	Overpaid.	\$10 00	\$10 00	.....	\$4 00	\$60 00	Overpaid.	.....	.....	\$12 00
Lexington Station	6 00	7 00	"	7 00	7 00	.....	20 00	20 06	.....	.....	.....	.....
Collerstown	5 00	5 00	"	7 00	7 00	.....	10 00	10 15	"	.....	.....	75
Fairfield	2 00	2 00	.....	3 00	3 00	.....	8 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenville	4 00	5 00	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	12 00	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Augusta	3 00	4 00	Overpaid.	4 00	4 00	.....	12 00	12 86	Overpaid.	.....	.....	.....
West Augusta	4 00	6 00	"	8 00	8 00	.....	18 00	18 68	"	.....	.....	.....
Upper Botetourt	7 00	8 00	"	7 00	7 00	.....	18 00	18 96	"	.....	.....	.....
Covington	4 00	5 00	"	4 00	4 00	.....	8 00	8 10	"	.....	.....	.....
Alleghany	5 00	7 00	"	9 00	9 00	.....	30 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Monterey	3 00	3 00	"	5 00	5 00	.....	10 00	12 00	Overpaid.	.....	.....	.....
Doc Hill	7 00	8 00	.....	7 00	7 00	.....	20 00	25 00	"	.....	.....	.....
Crab Bottom	5 00	5 00	Overpaid.	7 00	7 00	.....	20 00	21 35	"	.....	.....	.....
Highland	5 00	4 00	"	6 00	6 00	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jackson's River	2 00	2 00	"	2 00	2 00	.....	10 00	13 00	Overpaid.	.....	.....	.....
Warm Springs Mission	\$70 00	\$81 00	.....	\$91 00	\$91 00	.....	\$250 00	\$279 16	.....	.....	.....	\$14 75
Add'l on Deficiency	.....	21 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moorefield District	\$23 50	\$23 50	\$15 00	\$15 00	\$35 00	\$35 00
Moorefield	8 50	8 50	10 00	10 00	30 00	30 00	\$2 00
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MOOREFIELD DISTRICT	BISHOP'S FUND.		SUPERANNUATED FUND.		MISSIONS.		BIBLE CAUSE.	EDUCATION.	
	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Def.	Assessed	Paid.	Def.	Paid.	
Franklin Mission.....	8 50	8 50	5 00	5 00	20 00	20 00	.....	.....
South Branch.....	13 50	13 50	13 50	.....	45 00	38 00	.....	.....
Springfield.....	13 50	13 50	10 00	.....	50 00	50 00	.....	.....
North River.....	13 50	4 50	10 00	\$9 00	50 00	.....	.....	\$20 00
Piedmont.....	23 50	23 50	30 00	\$6 00	35 00	.....	.....	.....
Frostburg.....	8 50	8 50	5 00	.....	50 00	50 00	.....	.....
Cumberland.....	8 50	8 50	5 00	.....	50 00	50 00	.....	.....
Flintstone.....	8 50	8 50	5 00	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....
Rainsburg.....	8 50	5 00	10 00	.....	40 00	11 00	.....	.....
No Report.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$130 00.	\$117 50	\$113 50	\$115 73	\$325 00	\$266 00	\$15 00	\$20 00

SUMMARY BY DISTRICTS.	
Baltimore.....	\$38 25
East Baltimore.....	\$803 00
Washington.....	\$145 00
Winchester.....
Rockingham.....
Roanoke.....
Lewisburg.....
Lexington.....
Moorefield.....
	\$1078 00

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Baltimore.....	\$38 25
East Baltimore.....	\$803 00
Washington.....	\$145 00
Winchester.....
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Lewisburg.....
Lexington.....
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	\$1078 00

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE
Missionary Society of the Baltimore Conference,

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,

MARCH, 1873.

	Amt. Ass'd.	Amt. Paid.
Dr.		
To balance on hand March, 1872.....		\$ 45
To amount from small children at Warrenton.....		45
To subscription by the late Dr. T. E. Bond, to make Rev. C. H. Carroll and Mrs. Elizabeth Digges, of Warrenton, Va., life members of the Parent Missionary Society.....		40 00
To amount from Mrs. Alexander Kirkland.....		5 00
To " " Mrs. Taylor.....		5 00
To " " A Friend.....		5 00
To " " Miss Margaret Peyton.....		10 00
To amount from Baltimore District—		
Central, Dabney Ball.....	\$165 00	165 00
St. Paul's, W. G. Eggleston.....	165 00	165 00
Emmanuel, J. L. Shipley.....	60 00	60 00
Frederick Ave., W. A. McDonald.....	45 00	20 00
Calvary, I. W. Canter.....	60 00	33 80
Baltimore Circuit, A. Q. Flaherty.....	60 00	49 10
Hookstown and Pikesville, L. R. Jones.....	45 00	45 00
Frederick City, J. C. Hummer.....	45 00	2-15
Linganore, D. Bush.....	45 00	40 00
Rockville, P. H. Wisner.....	65 00	65 00
Hillsboro', J. Landstreet.....	75 00	20 00
Montgomery, B. F. Ball.....	40 00	15 00
Howard.....	No assessment.	4 76
Beltsville, S. W. Haddaway.....	45 00	16 45
Laurel, G. W. Lightner.....	45 00	35 00
South River, W. W. Watts.....	40 00	33 00
Bladensburg, F. A. Mercer.....	45 00	45 00
Keener Mission, (German,) E. N. S. Blogg.....	No assessment.	2 75
Pierce " " E. N. S. Blogg.....	" "	3 25
	\$1045 00	\$820 26
From East Baltimore District—		
Trinity, John Hannon.....	363 00	363 00
E. Baltimore, G. H. Zimmerman.....	35 00	35 00
North Baltimore, J. L. Clarke.....	80 00	80 00
Taylor Circuit, J. M. Grandin.....	94 00	33 05
Harford Circuit, J. C. Sedwick.....	55 00	32 38
Talbot Circuit, A. B. Dolly.....	60 00	43 91
Trappe Station, W. C. Maloy.....	30 00	18 75
Kent Circuit, G. T. Tyler.....	40 00	52 00
Queen Anne's Circuit, C. G. Linthicum.....	90 00	33 00
Seyern Circuit, B. S. Hightley.....	50 00	25 00
West River Circuit, P. B. Smith.....	65 00	65 00

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Dr.	Amt. Ass'd.	Amt. Paid.
Calvert Circuit, Gilson Mauzey.....	49 00	30 00
Prince George Circuit, S. Townshend.....	49 00	49 00
Charles Circuit, Robert Smith.....	20 00	20 00
	<u>\$1080 00</u>	<u>\$880 09</u>
From Washington District—		
Mt. Vernon Place, S. S. Roszell.....	154 00	154 00
Alexandria, E. F. Busey.....	192 00	170 00
Fairfax Circuit, E. H. Henry.....	46 00	25 00
Falls Church Circuit, L. H. Crenshaw.....	50 00	50 00
Farmwell Circuit, L. D. Nixon.....	31 00	20 00
Leesburg, N. Head.....	52 00	72 00
Hamilton and Grove, J. C. Dice.....	62 00	40 00
Loudoun, R. R. S. Houg.....	129 00	76 70
Piedmont, H. E. Johnson.....	86 00	72 00
Linden, F. A. Strother.....	32 00	16 12
Warrenton, L. C. Miller.....	62 00	62 00
Fauquier, L. H. Baldwin.....	62 00	10 00
Prince William, H. M. Strickler.....	32 00	12 00
Stafford, Andrew Robey.....	62 00	4 00
Fredericksburg, J. S. Gardner.....	74 00	74 00
	<u>\$1126 00</u>	<u>\$857 82</u>
From Winchester District—		
Winchester Station, T. E. Carson.....	100 00	20 00
Winchester Circuit, G. Stevenson.....	130 00	43 25
Frederick Circuit, M. A. Taylor.....	40 00	3 68
Front Royal, J. W. Ewan.....	85 00	80 20
Berryville, F. C. Tebbs.....	105 00	30 00
Martinsburg, Wesley Hammond.....	50 00	24 00
Berkeley, W. H. Seat.....	70 00	43 81
Jefferson, W. A. Wade.....	105 00	35 89
Darkesville, F. H. Richey.....	50 00	No report.
Shepherdstown, A. A. P. Neale.....	105 00	105 00
Gainsboro', H. A. Gaver.....	60 00	8 00
Morgan, T. W. Brown.....	60 00	2 00
Shannondale Mission.....	No report.	
Wardensville, S. F. Butt.....	50 00	8 05
	<u>\$1010 00</u>	<u>\$353 88</u>
From Rockingham District—		
Staunton, H. H. Kennedy.....	52 00	52 00
Harrisonburg, J. B. Fitzpatrick.....	52 00	52 00
Shenandoah Iron Works, J. F. Liggett.....	37 00	37 00
Mt. Sidney, John W. Wolfe.....	37 00	20 75
Churchville, A. A. Eskridge.....	45 00	34 55
Bridgewater, J. J. Engle.....	58 00	30 23
East Rockingham, W. H. Wilson.....	56 00	27 55
Rockingham Mission, H. D. Bishop.....	16 00	16 00
Rockingham, S. S. Ryder.....	42 00	16 20
New Market, W. O. Ross.....	30 00	14 25
Woodstock, J. H. March.....	52 00	30 00
Luray, J. S. Hutchinson.....	39 00	20 50
	<u>\$516 00</u>	<u>\$351 03</u>
From Roanoke District—		
Salem, J. P. Etchison.....	46 25	46 25
Salem Circuit, Joseph H. Temple.....	37 00	37 00
Blacksb'g and Christiansb'g, Williamson Harris.....	66 60	43 30

Dr.	Amt. Ass'd.	Amt. Paid.
Fincastle, J. M. Follansbee.....	48 10	31 25
Lexington Circuit, A. Poe Boude.....	46 25	46 25
Buchanan, no Preacher.....	20 35	12 33
New Castle, G. W. Gardner.....	25 90	5 00
Sinking Creek, Leonidas Butt.....	33 30	5 20
Lafayette Mission, C. C. Wertenbaker.....	27 75	5 00
Montgomery.....	18 50	No report.
	<u>\$370 00</u>	<u>\$231 58</u>
From Lewisburg District—		
Lewisburg, W. G. Hammond.....	45 00	32 94
Frankford, W. T. Quinn.....	40 00	20 00
White Sulphur Station, J. T. Smith.....	7 50	1 75
White Sulphur Circuit, L. Henley.....	7 50	5 50
Levelton, C. A. Joyce.....	35 00	16 50
Greenbank, Jas. Crickenberger.....	35 00	16 65
Centreville, S. B. Dolly.....	40 00	28 00
Union, F. Furr.....	25 00	15 00
Peterstown, John W. Canter.....	20 00	5 00
Summers, H. W. Leslie.....	20 00	2 00
Hillsdale Mission, Jehu Hank.....	15 00	5 00
Sweet Springs, C. E. Beauchamp.....	15 00	9 30
Blue Sulphur, W. L. Lynch.....	35 00	35 00
	<u>\$340 00</u>	<u>\$192 64</u>
From Lexington District—		
Lexington, W. G. Cross.....	44 00	60 00
Collierstown, L. G. Marin.....	20 00	20 06
Fairfield, F. H. Shipley.....	10 00	10 15
Greenville, T. Briley.....	8 00	8 00
Augusta, J. R. Vanhorne.....	12 00	12 00
West Augusta.....	12 00	12 86
Upper Botetourt, C. L. Dameron.....	18 00	18 68
Covington, A. Weller.....	18 00	18 96
Alleghany, A. R. McNeer.....	8 00	8 10
Monterey, R. S. Shreve.....	30 00	30 00
Doe Hill, H. C. Pitzer.....	10 00	12 00
Crab Bottom, T. Hildebrand.....	20 00	25 00
Highland, J. S. Porter.....	20 00	21 35
Jackson's River, Aaron Boon.....	10 00	10 00
Warm Springs Mission, R. H. Wilson.....	10 00	12 00
	<u>\$250 00</u>	<u>\$279 16</u>
From Moorefield District—		
Moorefield, I. R. Finley.....	35 00	35 00
Petersburg, Jas. H. Wolf.....	30 00	30 00
Franklin Mission, S. R. Snapp.....	20 00	20 00
South Branch, J. Higgins.....	50 00	38 00
Springfield, J. Beatty.....	50 00	50 00
North River, L. R. Markwood.....	35 00	12 00
Piedmont, G. G. Brooke.....	50 00	50 00
Frostburg and Somersct, L. W. Haslup.....	10 00	10 00
Cumberland, J. W. Duffy.....	10 00	10 00
Flintstone, C. L. Torreyson.....	40 00	11 00
Rainsburg.....	No assessment.	
	<u>\$330 00</u>	<u>\$266 00</u>
Debit Grand Total.....		<u>\$4302 03</u>

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No.	NAME.	En'd into conne' n.	Rela- tion.	Post OFFICE.
1	Allen, George B.	E.	Sangersville, Augusta Co., Va. Memphis Con.
2	Armstrong, Jas. E.	1853	E.	Salem, Roanoke Co., Va.
3	Baird, Wm. S.	1842	E.	49 Lexington street, Baltimore, Md.
4	Baldwin, L. H.	1859	E.	Academy, Pocahontas Co., W. Va. Virginia Con.
5	Ball, Benjamin F.	1866	E.	Covington, Alleghany Co., Va.
6	Ball, Dabney.	1843	E.	671 W. Lexington st., Baltimore, Md.
7	Balthis, M. G.	1861	Sy.	Strasburg, Shenandoah Co., Va.
8	Beall, Oliver C.	1872	P.	Alexandria, Va.
9	Beatty, James.	1850	E.	Flintstone, Alleghany Co., Md.
10	Bishop, Henry D.	1869	E.	Roadside, Rockingham Co., Va.
11	Bond, Beverly W.	1871	D.	Rockville, Montgomery Co., Md.
12	Boone, Aaron.	1857	E.	Luray, Page Co., Va. Virginia Con.
13	Boteler, J. W.	1851	Sy.	Washington, D. C.
14	Boude, A. Poe.	1858	E.	Lexington, Va.
15	Boyle, Wm. K.	1860	E.	Baltimore, Md.
16	Briley, Thomas.	1859	E.	Greenville, Augusta Co., Va.
17	Brooke, Geo. G.	1829	E.	Hookstown, Baltimore Co., Md.
18	Brown, Thomas W.	1867	E.	Lauraville, Baltimore Co., Md.
19	Bull, John W.	1843	Sy.	41 S. Sharp street, Baltimore, Md.
20	Busey, Ezra F.	1842	E.	Alexandria, Va.
21	Bush, David.	1868	E.	Unionville, Frederick Co., Md.
22	Butt, Leonidas.	1860	E.	Newport, Giles Co., W. Va.
23	Butt, Shannon F.	1859	E.	Wardensville, Hardy Co., W. Va.
24	Canter, Isaac W.	1866	E.	104 Lee street, Baltimore, Md.
25	Canter, John W.	1867	E.	Huntersville, Pocahontas Co., W. Va.
26	Carson, Thomas E.	1853	E.	Winchester, Va.
27	Caruthers, Wm. T.	1873	P.	Fairfax C. H., Va.
28	Clarke, John L.	1848	E.	Lexington, Va. Virginia Con.
29	Coe, Wm. Gwynn.	1854	E.	Lexington, Va.
30	Compton, J. W.	1872	D.	Reisterstown, Baltimore Co., Md.
31	Cox, Samuel K.	1844	E.	Christiansburg, Montgomery Co., Va. Md. M. P. Con.
32	Crenshaw, L. H.	1859	E.	Falls Church, Fairfax Co., Va. Virginia Con.
33	Crickenberger, J.	1864	E.	Greenbank, Pocahontas Co., W. Va.
34	Cross, Wm. G.	1846	Sd.	Leesburg, Va.

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35	Dameron, C. L.	1864	E.	Locust Bottom, Botetourt Co., Va.
36	Davis, Leslie H.	1870	E.	Frankfort, Greenbrier Co., W. Va.
37	Dice, John C.	1848	E.	Hamilton, Loudoun Co., Va.
38	Dolly, Adam B.	1853	E.	Hillsboro', Loudoun Co., Va.
39	Dolly, Saul B.	1856	E.	Indian Creek, Monroe Co., W. Va.
40	Duffy, Jeff. W.	1870	D.	Cumberland, Md.
41	DuLaney, J. Hervey	1860	Sy.	298 N. Howard street, Baltimore, Md. St. Louis Con.
42	Duncan, Erastus B.	1833	E.	97 W. Bidlle street, Baltimore, Md. Tenn. Con.
43	Eggleston, Wm. G.	1837	E.	Winchester, Va.
44	Engle, J. J.	1856	E.	Bridgewater, Rockingham Co., Va.
45	Eskridge, Alfred A.	1830	E.	Keezletown, Rockingham Co., Va.
46	Etchison, Jason P.	1852	E.	Salem, Roanoke Co., Va.
47	Ewan, J. W.	1853	E.	Christiansburg, Mont'ry Co., W. Va.
48	Ferguson, Sydn'r G.	1872	P.	Front Royal, Warren Co., Va.
49	Finley, I. Randolph	1842	E.	Moorefield, Hardy Co., W. Va. Ky. Con.
50	Fitzpatrick, J. B.	1845	E.	Harrisonburg, Va. Virginia Con.
51	Flaherty, A. Q.	1861	E.	Colliertown, Rockbridge Co., Va.
52	Follansbee, J. M.	1849	E.	Leesburg, Loudoun Co., Va. Texas Con.
53	Follin, J. F.	1871	D.	Fincastle, Botetourt Co., Va.
54	Fox, Lafayette.	1872	P.	Hillsboro', Loudoun Co., Va.
55	Furr, Frazier.	1869	E.	Ridgeville, Mineral Co., W. Va.
56	Gardner, James S.	1853	E.	Fredericksburg, Va.
57	Gaver, H. A.	1853	E.	Bowenille, Fauquier Co., Va.
58	Gilbert, John L.	1842	E.	Lewisburg, Greenbrier Co., Va.
59	Graybill, L. H.	1859	E.	Independence Hill, Pr. Wm. Co., Va. Virginia Con.
60	Grandin, Joshua M.	1845	E.	Baltimore, Md.
61	Gray, J. N.	1860	E.	Lafayette, Montgomery Co., Va.
62	Griffiths, Thomas A. ....	....	E.	Middleburg, Loudoun Co., Va.
63	Haddaway, S. W.	1869	E.	Colesville, Montgomery Co., Md.
64	Hall, John P.	1853	Sy.	Falls Church, Fairfax Co., Va.
65	Hammond, Wesley.	1864	E.	Martinsburg, W. Va.
66	Hammond, W. G.	1857	E.	Lewisburg, Greenbrier Co., W. Va. Virginia Con.
67	Hank, Jehu.	1828	E.	Maple Lawn, Monroe Co., W. Va.
68	Hank, J. N.	1851	Sy.	1028 W. Baltimore st., Baltimore, Md.
69	Harper, Wm. H. D.	1868	Sd.	10 N. Charles street, Baltimore, Md.
70	Harris, Wm. A.	1861	E.	Staunton, Va. Holstein Con.
71	Harris, Williamson.	1853	E.	Blacksburg, Montgomery Co., W. Va. N. Car. Con.
72	Haslup, Lemuel W.	1861	E.	Frostburg, Alleghany Co., Md.
73	Head, Nelson.	1834	E.	Leesburg, Va.
74	Hedges, Wm.	1859	Sd.	Capon Springs, W. Va.
75	Henly, Lewis.	1873	P.	Alvon, Greenbrier Co., W. Va.
76	Henry, E. H.	1860	E.	Fairfax C. H., Va. Virginia Con.
77	Heterick, E. F.	1857	Sy.	Winchester, Va.
78	Higgins, James.	1867	E.	Chesterville, Kent Co., Md.
79	Highly, Burton S.	1868	D.	White Sulp'r Sp., Green'r Co., W. Va.
80	Hildebrand, Thos.	1838	E.	New Hampden, Highland Co., Va.
81	Hiner, Wm. M.	1873	P.	Hinton, Summers Co., W. Va.
82	Hoffman, Henry	1841	Sd.	New Creek, Mineral Co., W. Va.

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83	Hough, R. R. S.....	1854	E.	688 W. Lexington st., Baltimore, Md.
84	Hummer, J. C.....	1854	Sy.	Leesburg, Va.
Virginia Con.				
85	Hutchinson, J. S....	1870	D.	New Hope, Augusta Co., Va.
86	Hyde, John P.....	1860	Sy.	Wadesville, Clarke Co., Va.
87	Jefferson, Geo. R....	1855	Sy.	Parnassus, Augusta Co., Va.
88	Johnson, H. E.....	1857	E.	4 Jackson street, Baltimore, Md.
Virginia Con.				
89	Jones, Louis R.....	1860	E.	Reisterstown, Baltimore Co., Md.
90	Joyce, Chas. A.....	1861	E.	Fincastle, Botetourt Co., Va.
91	Kennedy, H. H.....	1868	E.	Middleburg, Loudoun Co., Va.
92	Kepler, Samuel.....	1827	Sy.	21 N. Gilmore street, Baltimore, Md.
93	Kern, J. A.....	1866	E.	Baltimore, Md.
94	Kinzer, H. W.....	1871	D.	Arnold's Store, A. A. Co., Md.
95	Knight, John G.....	1873	P.	Cookeville, Howard Co., Md.
96	Kregeloc, E. L.....	1853	Sy.	Lexington, Va.
97	Landstreet, John....	1848	E.	Piedmont, Mineral Co., W. Va.
98	Liggett, J. F.....	1855	E.	Shenandoah Iron Works, Page Co., Va.
99	Lightner, Geo. W....	1868	E.	Laurel, Prince George's Co., Md.
100	Linthicum, C. G.....	1848	E.	Rectortown, Fauquier Co., Va.
101	Lloyd, L. L.....	1872	P.	Bladensburg, Pr. George's Co., Md.
102	Lynch, W. L.....	1872	D.	Lewisburg, Greenbrier Co., W. Va.
103	Maloy, Wm. C.....	1863	E.	Trappe, Talbot Co., Md.
Virginia Con.				
104	March, J. H.....	1842	E.	Woodstock, Shenandoah Co., Va.
105	Martin, A. R.....	1863	Sy.	Contee's Station, Pr. Georges Co., Md.
106	Martin, John S.....	1825	E.	" " " " " "
107	Martin, Lewis G....	1868	E.	Gainsboro', Frederick Co., Va.
108	Mauzey, Gilson.....	1851	E.	Prince Frederick, Calvert Co., Md.
Virginia Con.				
109	Maxwell, J. T.....	1864	E.	Darkesville, Jefferson Co., Va.
110	McDonald, Wm. A....	1864	E.	Clarksburg, Montgomery Co., Md.
111	McNeer, A. C.....	1871	D.	Selma, Allegany Co., Va.
112	McNeer, W. R.....	1863	E.	Doe Hill, Highland Co., Va.
113	Mercer, F. A.....	1855	E.	Bladensburg, Pr. George's Co., Md.
114	Meyer, Gotlieb.....	1873	P.	Baltimore, Md.
115	Miller, L. C.....	1863	E.	Warrenton, Va.
116	Miller, Wm. E.....	1871	D.	Dunkirk, Calvert Co., Md.
117	Mills, Francis M....	1832	Sy.	Alexandria, Va.
118	Neal, A. A. P.....	1863	E.	Shepherdstown, Jefferson Co., W. Va.
119	Nixon, Lorenzo D....	1854	E.	Farmwell, Loudoun Co., Va.
120	Perry, Wm. J.....	1858	Sy.	Contee's Station, Pr. Geo. Co. Md.
121	Pitzer H. C.....	1872	P.	McDowell, Highland Co., Va.
122	Poisal, John.....	1827	E.	Baltimore, Md.
123	Porter, J. S.....	1857	E.	Cleck's Mill, Bath Co., W. Va.
Virginia Con.				
124	Quinn, Wm. T.....	1856	E.	Union, Monroe Co., W. Va.
125	Reese, James D.....	1873	P.	Prince Frederick, Calvert Co., Md.
126	Register, Sam'l.....	1840	E.	Agricultural College, Pr. Geo. Co., Md.
127	Richey, F. H.....	1843	Sy.	Darkesville, Berkeley Co., W. Va.
128	Robey, Andrew W....	1860	E.	Stafford C. H., Va.
129	Rodgers, Sam'l.....	1848	E.	69 Park avenue, Baltimore, Md.
130	Ross, Robert.....	1868	D.	New Castle, Craig Co., Va.
131	Ross, Wm. O.....	1869	E.	Port Republic, Rockingham Co., Va.
132	Roszel, S. S.....	1838	E.	Staunton, Va.
133	Ryder, S. S.....	1859	E.	Mill Gap, Highland Co., Va.
Virginia Con.				
134	Sargent, Thos. B....	1825	Sd.	Baltimore, Md.

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135	Seat, Wm H.....	E.	Hedgesville, Berkeley Co., W. Va.
Texas Con.				
136	Sedwick, J. C.....	1872	D.	Aberdeen, Harford Co., Md.
137	Shipley, F. H.....	1869	E.	Fairfield, Rockbridge Co., Va.
138	Shipley, J. Lester...	1860	E.	276 N. Stricker street, Baltimore, Md.
Virginia Con.				
139	Shreve, Rich'd S....	1869	E.	McDowell, Highland Co., Va.
140	Sixas, P. S. E.....	1856	Sd.	Clintonville, Greenbrier Co., W. Va.
141	Smith, Eugene R....	1860	Sy.	10 N. Charles street, Baltimore, Md.
Texas Con.				
142	Smith, J. R.....	1871	D.	Marydell, Caroline Co., Md.
143	Smith, J. T.....	1872	P.	Flintstone, Allegany Co., Md.
144	Smith, Presly B....	1853	E.	Dunkirk, Calvert Co., Md.
145	Smith, Robert.....	1846	E.	Mechanicsville, St. Mary's Co., Md.
146	Smithson, Rumsey...	.....	E.	Romney, Hampshire Co., W. Va.
Illinois Con.				
147	Snapp, Silas R.....	1867	E.	Franklin, Pendleton Co., W. Va.
148	Spangler, J. N.....	1845	Sy.	446 W. Fayette street, Baltimore, Md.
149	Steele, John W.....	1873	P.	Easton, Talbot Co., Md.
150	Stevenson, Geo.....	1841	E.	N. T. Stephensburg, Frederick Co., Va.
151	Strickler, H. M.....	1867	E.	Manassus, Prince William Co., Va.
152	Stringer, W. R.....	1855	Sy.	Reisterstown, Baltimore Co., Md.
153	Strother, F. A.....	1872	D.	Warrenton, Fauquier Co., Va.
154	Taylor, M. A.....	1866	E.	Bath, Morgan Co., W. Va.
155	Tebbs, F. C.....	1845	E.	Wadesville, Clarke Co., Va.
156	Temple, J. H.....	1855	E.	Big Lick, Roanoke Co., Va.
157	Thomas, David.....	1833	E.	10 S. Calhoun street, Baltimore, Md.
158	Tongue, John W....	1844	Sd.	Charlestown, W. Va.
159	Torreyson, C. L....	1858	E.	Marydell, Caroline Co., Md.
160	Townshend, S.....	1859	E.	T. B., Prince George's Co., Md.
Phila. Con.				
161	Tyler, George T....	1869	E.	Frederick City, Md.
162	Van Horne, J. R....	1866	E.	Easton, Talbot Co., Md.
163	Varner, Washington	1873	P.	Laurel, Prince George's Co., Md.
164	Wade, Wm. A.....	1868	E.	Charlestown, Jefferson Co., W. Va.
165	Watts, W. W.....	1867	E.	Rutland, Anne Arundel Co., Md.
166	Waugh, J. H.....	1842	E.	Staunton, Va.
167	Way, A. H.....	1873	P.	Lost River, Hardy Co., W. Va.
168	Weller, Addison...	1864	E.	Waynesboro', Augusta Co., Va.
169	Welty, Elias.....	1842	Sd.	170 Hanover street, Baltimore, Md.
170	Wertenbaker, C. C.	1868	E.	Cady's Tunnel, Bath Co., W. Va.
171	Wheeler, V. W.....	1873	P.	Frankford, Greenbrier Co., W. Va.
172	Wheelwright, W. H.	1846	E.	Nineveh, Warren Co., Va.
Virginia Con.				
173	Whisner, P. H.....	1861	E.	Rockville, Montgomery Co., Md.
174	Williams, J. T.....	1873	P.	Roaring Run, Botetourt Co., Va.
175	Wilson, Alpheus W.	1853	E.	Washington, D. C.
176	Wilson, Norval....	1821	Sd.	Winchester, Va.
177	Wilson, R. H.....	1867	E.	Pond Gap, Augusta Co., Va.
178	Wilson, W. H.....	1844	E.	New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.
179	Wolfe, J. H.....	1855	E.	Springfield, Hampshire Co., W. Va.
180	Wolfe, J. W.....	1846	E.	Churchville, Augusta Co., Va.
181	Zimmerman, G. H..	1860	E.	225 E. Baltimore st., Baltimore, Md.

LAY DELEGATES.

Baltimore District—	
E. B. Prettyman.....	Rockville, Montgomery co., Md.
Ezekiel Jones.....	Baltimore, Md.
L. M. Wilson.....	Baltimore, Md.
J. R. Mills.....	Unionville, Frederick co., Md.
E. Baltimore District—	
J. F. Petherbridge.....	Smithville, Calvert co., Md.
Wm. J. King.....	Baltimore, Md.
John S. Biddison.....	Lauraville, Baltimore co., Md.
David Clements.....	Chesterville, Kent co., Md.
Washington District—	
Walker P. Conway.....	Fredericksburg, Va.
E. C. Brown.....	Middleburg, Loudoun co., Va.
L. W. S. Hough.....	Leesburg, Va.
William H. Way.....	Alexandria, Va.
Winchester District—	
M. C. Nadenbousch.....	Hedgesville, Berkeley co., W. Va.
E. W. Massey.....	White Post, Clarke co., Va.
Wm. R. Denny.....	Winchester, Va.
Moses Burr.....	Duffields, Jefferson co., W. Va.
Rockingham District—	
R. Williams.....	Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah co., Va.
M. Walton.....	Woodstock, Va.
Dr. Samuel Kennerley.....	Hermitage, Augusta co., Va.
John W. Allemong.....	Bridgewater, Rockingham co., Va.
Roanoke District—	
Rev. Geo. W. Gardner.....	McDonald Mills, Montgomery co., Va.
W. Wirt Ballard.....	Salem, Roanoke co., Va.
Jos. A. Rayburn.....	Salem, Roanoke co., Va.
James Chalmers.....	Salem, Roanoke co., Va.
Lewisburg District—	
Alexander Cooper.....	Lewisburg, Greenbrier co., W. Va.
Joel McPherson.....	Wh. Sulph. Sp's, Greenbrier co., W. Va.
James F. Watts.....	Lewisburg, Greenbrier co., W. Va.
Washington Hill.....	Academy, Greenbrier co., W. Va.
Lexington District—	
Nathaniel McKenney.....	Sun Rise, Bath co., Va.
Osborne Hamilton.....	Covington, Allegany co., W. Va.
John L. Pitzer.....	Covington, Allegany co., W. Va.
Bailey Hiner.....	Covington, Allegany co., W. Va.
Moorefield District—	
Rev. Patrick Hamill.....	Oakland, Garrett co., Md.
Henry Homan.....	Ridgeville, Mineral co., W. Va.
Jacob A. Marker.....	Cumberland, Md.
Wm. M. Price.....	Cumberland, Md.

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Baltimore Conference Sunday School Society,

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,

HELD IN HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA, JULY 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 1872.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1872-73.

President,

T. J. MAGRUDER, No. 1 Hanover street, Baltimore.

Vice-Presidents,

- 1st. Rev. J. L. CLARKE, Baltimore, Md.
- 2d. S. VANDERSLICE, Lexington, Va.
- 3d. J. L. PITZER, Covington, Va.
- 4th. JACOB SNYDER, N. T., Stephensburg, Va.
- 5th. H. F. ZIMMERMAN, Washington, D. C.
- 6th. P. HAMMIL, Prince William county, Va.
- 7th. C. W. HUNTER, Staunton, Va.
- 8th. GEORGE O. CONRAD, Harrisonburg, Va.
- 9th. Rev. P. B. SMITH.
- 10th. Rev. GEORGE G. BROOKE, Piedmont, W. Va.

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 BENJAMIN WASKEY, Baltimore, Md.

Local Committee at Winchester, Va.,
 In charge of arrangements for the next Annual Convention, to be held at that place.

WILLIAM R. DENNEY, HENRY KINZEL,
 CHARLES W. HENSELL, WILLIAM JENKINS,
 JOS. A. NULTON.

NOTE.—The Executive Committee afterwards deemed it prudent to change the place of holding the Convention to Frederick, Md.

MINUTES.

HARRISONBURG, VA., July 16, 1872.

The sixth annual meeting of the Sunday School Society of the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, South, was convened at 8 o'clock this evening. Bro. T. J. Magruder, President, in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. Wm. H. Wilson, consisting of reading Psalm i, singing hymn 480, and prayer.

The President addressed the Convention, setting forth the object of the Convention, and exhorting all the brethren to diligence and devotion in the work of the Convention, and congratulating the Church on the prosperity of the Sunday School interests in the Conference.

On motion, Rev. Geo. H. Zimmerman was elected Secretary, *pro tem.*, and Bro. Henry T. Wactmann assistant.

The Stations and Circuits in the Conference were called, and a number of delegates, alternates and visiting teachers answered to their names.

On motion, the following Committees were appointed by the Chair:

On Credentials—Rev. H. E. Johnson, R. S. Shreve, Philo Bradley, Benj. Waskey, J. H. Grabill.

On Business—Rev. E. Welty, J. B. Fitzpatrick, F. G. Maxwell, W. M. Cloud, John E. Wood.

On motion, the hours of meeting were fixed at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., and adjournment at 12 M. and 5 P. M.

The Convention then adjourned by singing the doxology, and benediction by Rev. E. Welty, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Morning Session.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met, the President, T. J. Magruder, in the chair, and was opened with religious services by Rev. G. T. Tyler, by reading from Deut. vi, singing hymn 616, and prayer.

Minutes of session of last evening read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials presented their report, which was received and adopted.

Brothers Welty and Calvert presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS the Sabbath School work is a common work in which all evangelical churches are alike engaged; and whereas, it is important that all Sabbath School workers co-operate with each other whenever opportunity serves for this purpose; therefore

Resolved, That the pastors of the churches of this place and the superintendents and teachers of the Sabbath Schools be and are hereby invited to sit as corresponding members of this Convention, and participate in the exercises as inclination may suggest.

The President presented his annual report, (see Appendix,) which was received, accepted, and referred to the Committee on Business.

Brother Kincheloe offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the President's report as refers to the re-establishment of the Sunday School Agent of the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, South, be referred to a special committee of five, which,

acting conjointly with the Committee on Business already appointed, be and are hereby instructed to report thereupon to this Convention at the earliest time possible.

The President appointed the following as the committee:

E. D. Kincheloe, Rev. W. H. Wilson, Rev. H. H. Kennedy, Rev. C. C. Calvert, Joseph H. Nelson, Jacob Snyder.

The Convention then adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M. Doxology and benediction by Rev. J. R. Bowman.

Afternoon Session.

WEDNESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention assembled and was called to order by T. J. Magruder, President.

Religious services conducted by Rev. E. Welty by reading Psalm xviii, singing hymn 609, and prayer.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

On motion of Dr. Wadsworth, it was ordered that the committee to whom the President's report was referred be instructed to take special note of that portion regarding the book room.

D. Eldridge Monroe, who had been appointed for that purpose, then read an essay entitled, "The Model Sunday School Teacher."

The subject of the essay was then given to the Convention for discussion in five minutes addresses, when Rev. G. H. Zimmerman, Rev. L. Rosser, D. D., Rev. W. E. Munsey, D. D., Rev. E. Wadsworth, D. D., and T. J. Magruder addressed the Convention on the subject of the essay.

Bro. Chas. P. Harman offered a resolution requesting Dr. Munsey to preach a sermon before the Convention on Thursday, at 3.30 P. M.

Adopted.
The Convention then adjourned with the doxology, and benediction by Rev. Dr. E. Wadsworth, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Morning Session.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Convention was called to order by T. J. Magruder, the President. Religious services by Rev. H. H. Kennedy, of Staunton, with reading Romans xii, singing hymn 595, and prayer.

Minutes of last evening's session read and approved.

The special committee to whom was referred that portion of the President's report relating to the appointment of a Sunday School agent, offered the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

Resolved, That notwithstanding the adverse decision of the last Annual Conference in regard to the appointment of Sunday School agents, this Convention is still firmly convinced of the wisdom of such a measure, and we recommend that at the coming session of the Conference a suitable man be appointed for this work, with the special view of organizing new Sunday Schools, and helping the more destitute portions of the work.

Rev. G. H. Zimmerman, who had been appointed by the Executive Committee for that purpose, read an essay upon the "means to be employed to secure a larger attendance of the Sunday School scholars upon the services of the Church."

The first question from the report of the Committee on Business was taken up, as follows:

"What can be done to induce the children of our Sunday Schools to attend the public worship of God?"
Bro. C. P. Harmon, who had been selected for that purpose, read an essay on the subject of Sabbath Schools.

Ordered, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock.
The Convention then adjourned with the doxology, and benediction by Rev. J. H. Waugh.

Afternoon Session.

THURSDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention was called to order by the President, T. J. Magruder. Religious services by the Rev. Mr. Price, of the Presbyterian Church, by reading Psalm xxi, hymn 394, and prayer.

Proceedings of morning session read and approved.
Ordered, That we now proceed to select a place for holding the next annual session of the Convention.

The following places were nominated: Winchester, Baltimore and Lexington.

The Convention, by a unanimous vote, selected Winchester as the place for holding the Convention. [NOTE.—Subsequently changed to Frederick, Md.]

The seventh item of the report of the Business Committee was taken up, as follows:

"Shall we not recommend and heartily endorse the Book and Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, in Baltimore, as worthy the confidence and patronage of all our Sunday Schools and the Church at large?"

Item second of the report of the Business Committee was taken up, as follows:

"Shall we not insist more than ever on the introduction of Church music into all our Sunday Schools, as an essential element of success in our Sunday School work?"

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we insist that the superintendents of Sabbath Schools within the bounds of our Conference give especial attention to the subject of vocal music, and that a part of every session of the schools be devoted to the practice of singing appropriate hymns.

Brother D. Eldridge Monroe and Rev. Wm. H. Wilson offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention heartily endorse the Amaranth and Emerald, the Sunday School music books issued by the Publishing House of our Church, located at Nashville, Tennessee, and recommend them for use in all our Sunday Schools.

At 3.30 P. M. Rev. Dr. Munsey preached to the Convention from the text, John xxi, v. 15, "Feed my Lambs."

After singing by the children of Andrews Chapel Sabbath School, the Convention adjourned to meet, on motion, to-morrow morning at 8.30 A. M. Doxology and benediction by Rev. E. Wadsworth, D. D.

Morning Session.

FRIDAY, 8½ o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met, and was called to order by the President, T. J. Magruder.

Religious services by the Rev. H. E. Johnson, Ecclesiastes xi, hymn 904 and prayer.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Rev. E. Wadsworth, D. D., be invited to preach the opening sermon before the next annual meeting of this Society, and that Rev. L. C. Miller be requested to act as alternate.

On motion, it was ordered that a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to nominate officers of the Convention.

The President appointed the following: D. E. Monroe, Rev. W. H. Wilson, Rev. L. C. Miller, J. M. Newton, Philo Bradley.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be and the same is hereby extended, with the Christian affection of the President and Convention, to Bro. Fitzpatrick, the pastor in charge, and to the Local Committee of the M. E. Church, South, of Harrisonburg, for their uniform Christian courtesy to and the prompt and liberal provisions made for the President and members of this Convention, and to the citizens of Harrisonburg vicinity generally, for their characteristic liberality and the amiable hospitality of their homes.

The committee to nominate officers then presented their report, which was adopted, as follows:

President—T. J. Magruder.

Vice-Presidents—Rev. J. L. Clarke, 1st Vice-President; J. S. Vanderslice, 2d Vice-President; J. L. Pitzer, 3d Vice-President; Jacob Snyder, 4th Vice-President; H. F. Zimmerman, 5th Vice-President; P. Hamill, 6th Vice-President; C. W. Hunter, 7th Vice-President; Geo. O. Conrad, 8th Vice-President; Rev. P. B. Smith, 9th Vice-President; Rev. George G. Brook, 10th Vice-President.

Secretaries—C. P. Harmon, Corresponding Secretary; Rev. Geo. H. Zimmerman, Recording Secretary, C. C. Calvert, assistant.

Treasurer—Jasper M. Berry.

Executive Committee—F. G. Maxwell, D. E. Monroe, W. H. Harrison, G. W. Numsen, Benjamin Waskey.

The Convention then adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M., with the doxology and benediction by Rev. L. Rosser, D. D.

Afternoon Session.

FRIDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention was called to order by the President, T. J. Magruder. Religious services by Rev. R. S. Shreve, by reading Psalm cxxxiii, singing hymn 134, and prayer.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

The first item of the report of the Committee on Business was taken up, as follows:

"What can be done to induce the children of our Sunday Schools to attend the public worship of God?"

The sixth item in the report of the Committee on Business was taken up, when, the hour of 3½ o'clock having arrived, the Convention entered upon the services of a Sabbath School experience meeting.

The following brethren were elected the Local Committee at Winchester: William R. Denny, Henry Kinzle, Charles W. Hensel, William Jenkins, Jos. A. Nulton.

The Convention then adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning, with the doxology and benediction by Rev. J. B. Fitzpatrick.

Morning Session.

SATURDAY, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled. The President in the chair.
Religious services by Rev. E. Welty reading Psalm xlviii, singing hymn 908, and prayer.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The report of Rev. Geo. G. Brooke, former Sunday School agent of the Baltimore Annual Conference, was read.

The Convention then united in singing the 456th hymn. After the following brethren made appropriate and affecting remarks, T. J. Magruder, Bros. Harrison, Maxwell and Monroe, of Baltimore, and Bro. Nulton, of Winchester. The Convention then sung together the beautiful hymn, "Over There," when the Convention adjourned with the benediction by Rev. J. B. Fitzpatrick.

APPENDIX.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

*To the members of the Sixth Annual Convention of the
Sunday School Society, Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, South.*

DEAR BRETHREN: We have met once more in our annual Convention, and our deepest gratitude is awakened when we reflect on the goodness and mercy which God has so abundantly manifested towards us.

Since we last assembled ourselves together we have been engaged in our different fields of labor, and I doubt not that each one is prepared to bear evidence of the encouraging truth that his work has not been in vain. The grand cause in which we are engaged is advancing with ever increasing power and success. Great accessions are continually being made to our Sunday school army, and I trust the day is not far distant when our banner shall be triumphantly unfurled in every community throughout our globe.

I come before you to-day more than ever convinced of the great importance of this work, and impelled by a deeper earnestness to engage in it with all the energy of my being. Brethren, this is a work of no ordinary character. Upon its successful prosecution depends in a great measure the evangelization of the world. The Sunday school is a potent instrumentality in hastening on that grand millennial period, when all nations, and kindreds and peoples shall bow down and worship the true and living God.

The Church realizes to-day more fully than ever before, that the Sunday school is a mighty agency in sending the gospel to every creature. It is, in fact, the strong hope of the Church. How then should our hearts burn with unquenchable zeal in our efforts to advance all its interests.

I am fully satisfied of the necessity of our organization as a means of promoting the Sunday school work.

I presume it is not necessary to more than refer to this subject. Those of you who have attended our annual conventions heretofore, and have witnessed their workings, and have seen the results that have followed, require no argument from me to convince you of the importance of these annual meetings. I regret to have to state that one important auxiliary of our Society has, by the action of the last Baltimore Conference, been taken away. I allude to the discontinuance of the Sunday school agency. This

has materially interfered with our working plans. We have been unable to make the necessary provision for destitute localities, because the organization of Sunday schools and the rendering of other needful assistance to many such places remotely situated could not be done without the aid of an agent. The Society has, moreover, suffered in this matter by having no immediate means of communicating with the different schools, and thus keeping up the general interest in the work. I would recommend that we ask of the next Annual Conference the reappointment of an agent, and that the plan for his support as adopted at our last annual Convention be continued.

I would also call your attention to our Church Book Depository in Baltimore city. This is an enterprize organized as a joint stock company, under the auspices of the Conference, for the purpose of supplying our Church and Sunday school literature to those localities that have heretofore been unable to secure suitable books of this class without great expense and inconvenience. This house is able to furnish all the publications of our Church, and also has on hand a large assortment of Sunday school and miscellaneous books. The Sunday School catalogue alone contains a list of over two thousand books, all of which have been examined by a committee of discreet persons appointed by the Board of Directors of the company.

I would especially direct your attention to the importance of organizing missionary societies in all our Sunday Schools. For this purpose I would suggest a plan which has been adopted in my own, and other Sunday schools of our city. We have a society duly organized in accordance with the form of constitution adopted at the annual convention of our society in 1869. Each class has a missionary name, and is designated by that name in all the missionary meetings.

We hold a missionary meeting on the second Sunday of every month, when the classes, as they are called, hand in their contributions. We also hold an anniversary meeting every year, when the aggregate amounts contributed by the respective classes is read out. The class paying in the most missionary money receives the honor of being called the banner class, and holds this position until some other class shall win the banner by contributing a larger amount. In this way there is an interest awakened among the children and a laudable emulation stimulated that rarely, if ever, fails of success. The subject of missions is kept continually before the minds of the children in such a manner that they become in time to esteem it a pleasure to give. As a consequence, we never fail to pay our full missionary assessment, besides raising large amounts for missionary purposes to be disbursed in the city, and other places.

Since our last meeting we have had ample time to test the system of uniform lessons issued from the Publishing House of our Church, at Nashville, and the result has been entirely satisfactory. I am persuaded that no Sunday school should be without them. The lessons are not only of inestimable value in aiding both teachers and pupils in properly studying the Bible, but the system is invaluable as a disciplinary measure in harmonizing the work of the school. I would urge that every Sunday school in our Conference and in our Church adopt these lessons without delay.

I would also speak in terms of the highest commendation of the "Amaranth," the Sunday school music book issued by the Nashville Publishing House. This work, in my judgment, has no equal of its kind in the country, unless it be the new Sunday school music book published by the same house, and called the "Emerald," which is in every respect worthy its predecessor. Both of these books should be used in all of our Sunday schools. To me there is no more beautiful religious exercises than the singing of Sunday school children. It thrills my heart to its very depths to hear their sweet songs ascending in unison and joy. It is important that we should cultivate their love of music. Let us teach them the glad

songs of Zion. Let us instruct their young voices to sing praises unto God. They are but learning now the songs that as angelic beings in the great hereafter, in the New Jerusalem, shall swell in hosanna of loudest adoration unto "Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever."

I have noticed in our city churches an evil which we should do all in our power to correct. I allude to the non-attendance of the children of the Sunday school at divine worship. This should not be so. The Sunday school is an auxiliary to the Church, and aims to bring the children into church fellowship. If this result is not accomplished then the Sunday school fails. By all means let us endeavor to get the children to attend the regular Sunday services, and if possible, the weekly prayer meetings. Let parents, pastors and teachers unite in trying to remedy this evil.

In conclusion, dear brethren, let me urge upon you to be faithful, earnest and untiring in your work. Much, under God's blessing, has been accomplished, yet much remains to be done. The blessed gospel, through the instrumentality of the Sunday school, has been unsealed to many a darkened soul as the power of God unto salvation, and hundreds, aye, thousands and tens of thousands have been brought to Christ, but there are yet unsaved millions who are without hope, lost and wandering amid the gloomy labyrinths of sin. Countless numbers have been gathered into the fold of safety through the labors of the Sunday school teacher, and yet the work is but begun. Turn we whithersoever we may, and a great field for our most earnest exertions is opened before us. Near to our very homes are children who have never attended a Sabbath school, and who know nothing of the love of Jesus. Shall we who have the means of offering them the bread of life fold our arms, while these helpless ones are hungering and dying around us? No, my brethren, let us teach them a knowledge of the love by which they, with all the world, may be saved. Let us lead them to the foot of the Cross. So long as there is a child without religious instruction, so long as there is a soul that knows not Christ in the forgiveness of sins, it is our duty to labor unceasingly. O, teachers, let me urge you to be faithful; be diligent; work with all your hearts, for the day for some of us may be waning into shadows, and our labors will soon end. By and by, across the dark river we shall meet, and oh, what a glorious joy will be ours if we can say to the Good Shepherd, "Thy lambs which thou hast given to us to care for are safe. We have left none of them in the wilderness," and shall receive the commendation, so inexpressible, sweet, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." Oh! may God stir our hearts to greater earnestness in this work, and may we witness during the coming year a glorious outpouring of His spirit.

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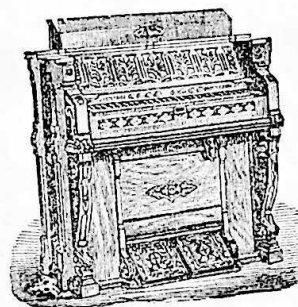
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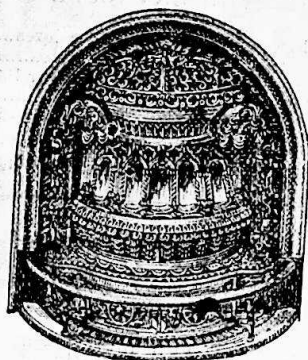
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