

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRD SESSION

OF THE

Delaware Annual Conference

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

HELD AT SALISBURY, MD.,

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1866.

The Rev. Joseph Cook, preacher in charge of Salisbury Circuit M.-E. Church, was introduced.

Circulars from the Sunday School Union and Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, were presented, read, and referred to the appropriate committees.

Recommendations of Local Preachers to Deacon's orders were called for, when J. G. Manluff presented the case of Jacob M. Hill, recommended by John Wesley Church, Philadelphia. Also George W. Fulman, Chambersburg, Pa., and James Hill, Salem Circuit.

James Davis, P. E., presented the recommendation of Wilson Gross, from Odessa Circuit.

The examination of characters of effective Elders was taken up, when John G. Manluff, P. Elder of the Delaware River District, reported the condition of the work, retired, and was represented by the brethren.

Nathan Young, after giving an account of the state of his charge, Salem Circuit, asked for a location for one year, which, on motion, was granted.

John H. Pearce reported the work to be in a prosperous condition in his charge.

J. Davis, P. Elder of Odessa District, reported the work to be in a healthy condition, although four churches had been burned by incendiaries, and much tribulation experienced. He retired, and was represented by the preachers of his district. Nothing against him.

Harrison Smith reported his charge as being in a healthy condition.

The name of brother Samuel Dale being called, he represented his circuit as in good condition. His Presiding Elder stated that, in consequence of his infirmity, he had requested him to locate, but he refused. When, on motion of J. H. Pearce, the following committee, viz.: J. Henson, H. Smith and B. Gibbs were appointed, and requested to consult with brother Dale as to his relation.

Joshua Brinkley reported his charge as being in fine condition.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the members united in singing the Doxology, and the Conference was dismissed with the Benediction, by the Rev. Mr. Cook.

SECOND DAY. THURSDAY MORNING.

The Conference met at 9 A. M., Bishop Simpson in the chair.

Religious services by Joshua Brinkley.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The examination of characters was resumed, when W. S. Elsey, P. Elder of Choptauk District being called, he read the following report of the condition of his District:

"Reverend and dear brethren: After a period of twelve months we are again assembled in Annual Conference; and this too, under more

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1866-'67.

I hereby certify that the following is a correct list of appointments at Delaware Conference.
M. SIMPSON.
July 30, 1866.

DELAWARE RIVER DISTRICT.—J. G. Mantuff, P. E.

Philadelphia, John Wesley.....	To be supplied.
" Zoar.....	John H. Pearce.
Camden.....	Joshua Brinckley.
Salem.....	John W. Saunders.
Bridgeton and Goshen.....	Simon Taylor.
Milford.....	To be supplied.
Wilmington.....	Charles Wing.
New Castle.....	Wm. Johnston.
Port Deposit.....	Abraham Brown.
Chambersburg.....	George W. Fulman.

ODESSA DISTRICT.—James Davis, P. E.

Odessa.....	Harrison Smith.
Smyrna.....	Nathan Young.
Dover.....	John W. Cisco.
Milford.....	Stephen P. Whittington.
Millington.....	Joseph D. Elbert.
Kent.....	Isaiah Broughton.
Centreville.....	Perry Lee.
Hillsborough.....	Philip Kennedy.
Friendship.....	Asbury Grinage.
Greensborough.....	Harrison Rich.
Denton.....	John H. Holland.

CHOPTANK DISTRICT.—W. S. Elsey, P. E.

Waugh.....	Stephen Johns.
Washington.....	Wesley J. Parker.
Wycomico.....	Charles Pollett.
Manoken.....	Samuel G. Waters.
Union.....	Henry Morris.
Newtown.....	Handy Long.
Snow Hill.....	Noah Morris.
Bethel.....	Wm. Phillips.
Quantico.....	John Q. Dennis.
Drummondtown.....	To be supplied.
Eastville.....	To be supplied.
Easton.....	Peter Burrows.
Talbot.....	Benjamin Gibbs.

favorable circumstances than in the past. It devolves upon me to present you a view of that part of the work assigned me. Our Conference, as you know, has been divided into three separate Districts—the first, entitled the Delaware River District; the second, the Odessa, and the third, the Choptank District, over which I have the honor to preside. It embraced at the close of last Conference eleven Circuits, with a membership of three thousand four hundred and fifty, with forty-seven churches. The membership of Talbot, Quantico and Drummondtown not being then reported.

Since the close of our Conference of 1865, we have bought one and built five new churches, and the increase of our membership has been very considerable. It is true that our financial interests on the District have been somewhat retarded; the people have been very heavily taxed, and some of the preachers have not received over two-thirds of their salary, in consequence of the great necessity laid upon us to erect churches, &c. But the brethren have labored on, willing to make every sacrifice for the work's sake. We have travelled over the District, and are happy to represent it in a growing condition as regards morals and religion. Our educational advantages are on the increase, and every privilege in this important direction is highly appreciated by our people. I had the pleasure of visiting, on my fourth round, ten or eleven schools, and was gratified to witness the interest in learning manifested both by teachers and scholars. Public schools are now opening in every direction, and we may safely calculate that no period in our church history has been fraught with more hope and encouragement than the present and coming year. The prejudices of our white friends are gradually dying away, and although they do not visit our churches as formerly, yet they treat us politely and kindly; and we think if our ministers and people will walk circumspectly and humbly before God and man, and live near the cross, in due time God will exalt them."

Rev. Frost Pollett gave an account of Manoken Circuit, and, at his own request, was granted a superannuated relation, he being too old and feeble to continue longer in the effective work.

Isaiah Broughton represented his work on Pocomoke Circuit, and stated that five places of worship have been built there.

The Bishop then took up the question, "Who remain on trial?" And the following being duly recommended and represented by the Elders and Committee of Examination, were severally acted on by the Conference, viz.:

Philip Kennedy, from Hillsborough Circuit, character passed.

Henry Morris, Union Circuit, reported the condition of his charge, and passed.

John W. Sanders, Dover, was admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's orders.

Simon Taylor, Bridgeton and Goshen Circuit, reported, and was received into full connection and elected to Elder's orders.

Abraham Brown, John Wesley Station, Philadelphia, after representing the state of his charge, was received into full connection.

Stephen Johns, Washington Circuit, gave an account of his work, and was received into full connection and elected to Elder's orders.

Wesley J. Parker, from Waugh Circuit, Cambridge, Md., reported the state of his charge, was received into full connection and elected to Deacon's orders.

Charles Pollett reported Wycomico Circuit, and was admitted into full connection and elected to Elder's orders.

Stephen P. Whittington reported a prosperous state of things in his Circuit, Milford, Delaware, was received into full connection and elected to Elder's orders.

Samuel G. Waters passed examination, and was received into full connection.

Anthony Driver represented Bethel Circuit, and was received on trial.

Isaac Henson's character passed, and his relation was continued.

Samuel Dale asked and obtained a superannuated relation.

The Conference then adjourned with the Doxology, and Benediction by Frost Pollett.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The Conference met at the usual hour, Bishop Simpson presiding.

Religious services by Rev. J. G. Maulff.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The second question was resumed.

The names of Philip Kennedy, Henry Morris, Charles Wing, John Q. Dennis, Peter Burrows, Joseph D. Elbert, Perry Lee, William Phillips, Benjamin Gibbs, John Smith and William Johnson were called successively, the Committee on Examinations reported, the Elders represented, and they were passed and continued on trial.

The case of Handy Long was laid over.

The first question was taken up, viz. :—"Who are admitted on trial?" when John W. Sisco, recommended by John Wesley Station, Philadelphia; G. W. Fulman, Chambersburg, Pa.; Asbury Grinage, from Centreville Circuit; Harrison Rich, from Greensborough Circuit; John H. Holland, Bethel Circuit, and Noah Morris, from Union Circuit, were respectively presented and admitted on trial.

Chestertown, Kent County, Md., was fixed upon as the place for holding the next session of the Conference.

Rev. J. Henson presented receipt showing that he had paid over the Missionary funds of last year.

Rev. S. M. Cooper, P. Elder of the Snow Hill District, was introduced to the Conference.

Edward Brown, recommended for Deacon's orders, was not elected.

The Doxology was then sung, and the Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. S. M. Cooper.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Conference met at the usual hour, Bishop Simpson in the chair.
Religious services by Rev. Isaiah Broughton.

The Minutes of previous day were read and adopted.

The Bishop then laid before the Conference the following letter from G. W. Lybrand, of the Philadelphia Conference, viz. :—

“TUESDAY, July 24, 1866.

“*Dear Brethren* : It would have afforded me pleasure to have been present at your session, and aided you in the general interests of the Church. During the year I have felt it a privilege to aid your Sabbath School work. I have made applications for assistance for your schools, and have met with success. I shall be obliged if the Committee on Sabbath Schools will report what circuits and stations have been aided. In reference to the future, please inform me what schools are yet to be supplied. I have some books on hand somewhat defaced, but still whole, and will be glad to find a place for them. In the work of the coming year, if a school needs help, report the name, location, officers and teachers, scholars, number that can read, average congregation; also what books on hand, and what are needed to place the school in a good condition. My time and influence will be gladly given to aid the work.

“My address, West Philadelphia, Penna.

“Yours, in love,

G. W. LYBRAND.”

A vote of thanks was then passed to the Rev. G. W. Lybrand for the deep interest he has taken in our Sabbath Schools, and his kind regards to the Conference; and that a minute be prepared showing what has been done in the way of placing books in the hands of our children, and the present needs of the S. School department, to be sent on to him and published wherever he may deem proper.

The Missionary Report was presented, read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

The Steward's Report was presented, read and adopted, and the proceeds ordered to be paid over to Bros. Henson, Frost Pollett and S. Dale.

Mrs. Henrietta Bradley, in behalf of the daughters of Conference of Zoar Station, Philadelphia, was introduced to the Conference and presented twenty-five dollars to the same.

The Committee on Education presented their Report, which was read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

The Committee on the Tract Cause presented their Report, which was read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

The Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was presented, read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

The Report on Temperance was presented, read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

The case of Nathan Young was reconsidered, and he was retained in the effective relation.

A Committee, consisting of J. G. Manluff, Isaac Henson and J. H. Pearce, was appointed to take into consideration the subject of securing a lot and building a church in the town of Chambersburg, with instructions to report to the Conference on Monday morning.

It was, on motion, resolved, that there be 1200 copies of the Minutes printed this year.

Rev. J. Henson was, on motion, appointed to procure a trunk for the use of the Conference, and the sum of five dollars was then raised to pay for said trunk.

Rev. J. G. Manluff was, on motion, requested to procure the Record of our Annual Conference proceedings, and send it on to the Secretary as soon as possible.

A Committee was ordered for the purpose of taking some action on the benevolence of the "Daughters of Conference" connected with this body, and report hereafter.

The Conference then adjourned with the Doxology, and Benediction by W. S. Elsey.

SABBATH SERVICES.

The Great Head of the Church favored the Conference and crowded congregation in attendance with the presence and power of His holy spirit in an unusual manner on Sabbath-day, July 29th, 1866.

After a Conference love-feast in the morning, the Rev. Bishop Simpson preached from Acts xx, 24, and ordained four brethren to the office of Deacon.

A collection and subscription was then taken up to pay for repairs and improvements on the church in which the Conference sessions were held, amounting to one hundred and sixty-five dollars.

The Rev. Adam Wallace, of the Philadelphia A. Conference, preached in the afternoon an appropriate discourse from Isaiah lxii. 1; after which the Elders were ordained in due form by the laying on of hands.

Evening services were conducted by the Rev. J. Davis, and participated in by several of the members of Conference.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING.

Conference met, according to adjournment, at 8 A. M.

Opening religious services by the Rev. J. A. Massey of Laurel, Del. Minutes read, corrected and adopted.

Rev. I. Henson produced a trunk, which he had purchased by order of the Conference, and which was on motion accepted.

The officers of the Conference Missionary Society of last year re-elected for the present.

The Report of the Committee on Missions was read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

The Committee on Bible Cause presented their Report, which was read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

The Committee on Chambersburg Church reported as follows, viz. :

Resolved, That we recommend to each preacher in charge to raise the sum of nine dollars forthwith, to secure the ground to build a Methodist Episcopal Church in Chambersburg, and to deposit the same in the hands of the P. Elder of Delaware River District.

J. G. MANLUFF,
I. HENSON,
J. H. PEARCE.

The Rev. S. W. Thomas, Agent and Corresponding Secretary of the Philadelphia Conference Tract Society, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

It was, on motion, ordered that the Conference money in hand be paid over to the Rev. S. W. Thomas, to be by him sent to the Treasurers of the respective societies to which it belongs.

Bishop Simpson then presented the following, viz. :

"I hereby certify, that on yesterday, July 29, 1866, I ordained the following persons as Deacons :—John W. Saunders, Wesley J. Parker, George W. Fulman and Wilson Gross. And the following persons Elders :—Simon Taylor, Stephen Johns, Charles Pollett and Stephen P. Whittington.
M. SIMPSON.

July 30, 1866."

A balance in hand, on account of publishing the minutes of last year, was ordered to be appropriated towards publishing the minutes of the present Conference, and, on motion, Wesley J. Parker, the Secretary, was appointed to superintend the publication and distribution to the Elders and Preachers.

Anthony Driver, at his own request, was discontinued from the traveling ministry.

The collection taken up for Sexton was announced as amounting to \$3.40.

A paper containing resolutions of thanks was then offered by W. S. Elsey, which, after being read, were unanimously adopted by a rising vote. (*See Resolutions.*)

A series of resolutions in recognition of the services and persevering diligence of the Daughters of Conference were then read and adopted. (*See Resolutions.*)

A paper, containing Committees of Examination &c. for next year, was presented by the Bishop. (*See Committees.*)

The Hymn beginning, "And let our bodies part," was then sung, after which the Bishop engaged in the closing prayer. After addressing the members, he proceeded to read the appointments for the present Conference year.

The Doxology was sung, and, on motion, the third session of the Delaware Annual Conference stood adjourned.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION, &C.

First Year.—J. Davis, J. W. Saunders, A. Brown.
 Second Year.—J. G. Manluff, J. H. Pearce, Stephen Johns.
 Third Year.—W. S. Elsey, I. Broughton, H. Smith.
 To examine Local Preachers.—I. Henson, S. Taylor, S. P. Whittington.

TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON.

J. H. Pearce; Alternate, S. Johns.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Delaware District.—J. Brinckley, Henry Thomas.
 Odessa District.—Perry Lee, James Gibbs.
 Choptank District.—W. J. Parker, Hooper Jolly.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

APPOINTMENTS.	Members.	Probationers.	Deaths.	Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	Tract Collections.	Missionary Coll.	Conference Coll.	Minute Money.	S. S. A. Money.	No. of S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.
					Adults.	Children.									
<i>Delaware River Dist</i>															
John Wesley	42	8	3	5	2	6	1	2000	22	\$17 00	\$1 26	\$3 00	\$ 69	1	5
Zoar	159	13	3	6	5	7	1	14000	2 00	36 42	\$ 11	5 09	3 00	1	13
Camden	194	42	6	9	2	25	4	2700	1 00	6 95	2 90	5 50		4	23
Salem	144	15	3	3	2	9	1	2500		6 25		3 00		2	10
Bridgeton and Goshon	75	5	1	5		10	4	3950		1 25	60	7 00		2	8
E. Zion	269	10	4			14	1	10000		36 13		7 50		1	13
New Castle	74	5					2	1600		2 00		1 00		3	19
Milton															
<i>Odessa District.</i>															
Odessa	180	30	8	1		8	2	1700		10 00		6 00	7 00	2	10
Smyrna	91	11	3	1	9	47	4	1000		22 56		99		1	5
Dover	220	8	7	2	5	15	2	1700		24 55	1 10	3 30		3	27
Milford	316	129	11	3	41	41	2	4000		26 00		2 00		5	20
Port Deposit	89	12	3	1	5	10	1	2750		24 00	5 00	5 79		2	18
Millington	278	85	13	4	61	81	3	3000	2 40	23 90	9 44	3 75		5	14
Kent	486		7	7	22	72	5	3100		22 02		1 50	1 00	2	31
Centreville	324	6	7	3	21	84	4	1500		11 15				3	25
Hillsborough	130	9	3	3		65	1	1 00		3 00		75	1 00	1	3
Friendship	349	30	8	1	26	25	4	1450		*5 00				2	16
Greensborough	162	10	1	2	20	30	3	1200		20 06				3	10
Denton	195	7	2	7	19	32	3	800		5 00	3 00				
<i>Choptank District.</i>															
Waugh	610	15	14	11		6	6	6000		36 32		3 45	9 26	10	50
Washington	441	12	14	13	66	8	8	2475		35 09		3 00	5 06	8	46
Wycomico	450	10	6	3		40	8	6000		25 00		6 30		3	18
Manoken	500	30	13	3	85	6	6	3300		22 50				4	20
Union	198	12	5	3	53	4	4	3600		25 62	4 64	2 70		4	19
Pocomoke	760	60	25	30	60	9	9	3400		26 87		2 25		5	50
Bethel	138	15	3	2	3	29	3	1500		11 00		1 00		2	9
Quantico	125	15	1			2	2	1500		12 50		3 00		1	10
Drummondtown	75	25	12	2	25	38					2 50				
Easton	272	25	13	3	38	72	4	2388	2 00	35 00	2 50	3 00	1 00	4	12
Talbot	253	14	20	3	5	31	5	1300		24 00	6 00	3 00		5	25
Total	7591	924	219	128	311	1064	108	83203	\$ 62	580 32	44 54	86 75	27 83	84	392

\$1.30 from Camden Station, in aid of Church Extension Society.
 * Counterfeit.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUEST. 1. Who are admitted on trial?—George W. Fulman, Asbury Grinage, John H. Holland, John W. Cisco, Harrison Rich, Noah Morris.
 QUEST. 2. Who remain on trial?—Philip Kennedy, Henry Morris, Charles King, John Q. Dennis, Peter Burrows, Joseph D. Elbert, Perry Lee, William Hillips, Benjamin Gibbs, William Johnson.
 QUEST. 3. Who are admitted into full connection?—John W. Saunders, Simon Taylor, Abraham Brown, Stephen Johns, Wesley J. Parker, Charles Pollett, Stephen P. Whittington, Samuel G. Waters.
 QUEST. 4. Who are the Deacons?—FIRST CLASS: John W. Saunders, Wesley Parker, Abraham Brown, Samuel G. Waters. SECOND CLASS: None.
 QUEST. 5. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?—Simon Taylor, Stephen Johns, Charles Pollett, Stephen P. Whittington.
 QUEST. 6. Who have located this year?—None.
 QUEST. 7. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?—None.
 QUEST. 8. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?—J. Hinson, F. Pollett, S. Dale.
 QUESTS. 9 and 10.—None. QUEST. 11.—As usual.
 QUEST. 12. Who have died this year?—None. QUEST. 13. (See Statistics.)
 QUESTS. 14 and 15. (See Stewards' Report.) QUEST. 16. (See Appointments.)
 QUEST. 17. Where shall our next Conference be held?—Chestertown, Md.

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

We, the Committee on the Bible Cause, know not hardly where to begin, as we believe it to be the cause of causes, before which all other causes must accumb and yield, as all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, and thoroughly furnished unto all good works; and moreover, the Bible is the only sufficient rule, both for our faith and practices. And that it is the power of God unto salyation to every one that believeth—to the Jew first, and also to the Greek; in a word, it is the sunlight of heaven, and the breath of life. Yea, we regard it as God's battering-ram. It works its way among the heathen, and subdues their idolatry; it has cheered the prisoner's dark cell, and, Sirs, over two hundred thousand copies went down to the rebels, by permission of the government. It was one of the noblest acts of the government, for by that act it said, "Your blood shall not be upon my shoulders;" and thousands through its instrumentality are happily housed in heaven.
 And though our contributions for the Bible cause are very small, or nothing at all, yet our people love the Bible; for you must bear in mind that the first of November, 1864, found eighty thousand of our fellow beings in a benighted condition,—not only without a Bible, but without the knowledge or desire to read it. But since the establishment of the Baltimore Moral and Educational Improving Association, you may see some old ladies of 60 or 70 sitting on the threshold of their door, with an old tattered Bible, trying to read one or two verses in it.
 Resolved, 1st, That we gratefully acknowledge the hand of Almighty God in the liberation of the people of color in the State of Maryland.
 Resolved, 2d, That we have the utmost confidence in the American Bible Society, and will heartily commend it to the sympathy and support of our churches and people.
 Resolved, 3d, We will preach in behalf of the Bible Cause, and take up collections for its support at each of our appointments twice during the Conference year.

Signed,

W. S. ELSEY,
 JAMES DAVIS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

REFEREND SIR,—

We, the Committee on Sunday Schools, are sorry that we are not prepared to make such a report on Sunday Schools as we would like; for we are convinced of the importance of Sunday Schools as a great reforming agency in the M. E. Church, and that there has been a great amount of good effected by them; and if the proper attention is given to the Sabbath School cause, yet greater good may be effected.

Resolved, 1st, That we, as ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ, will use our utmost efforts to promote the cause of Sabbath Schools, not only in our Church, but everywhere; and see that our Schools are properly supplied with such religious books as we deem necessary and proper to be used in a Sabbath School, to elevate the morals, and enlighten their minds and hearts on the subject of religion and godliness.

Resolved, 2d, That we will endeavor, so far as in us lieth, to teach our children in our Sabbath Schools decency, honesty, and industry, and, above all, the great and all-important duty of the salvation of their souls.

Resolved, 3d, That we will preach on the subject of Sunday Schools once at all of our appointments during the Conference year, and lift a collection in behalf of our Sunday School Union.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions beg leave to report that they have made an appropriation of Missionary money to the following places:

Delaware River District,	\$150.00
John Wesley,	100.00
Salem,	50.00
Bridgeton and Goshen,	100.00
New Castle,	50.00
Port Deposit,	50.00
Chambersburg,	50.00
Odessa District,	50.00
Smyrna,	50.00
Greensborough,	50.00
Hillsborough,	50.00
Choptank District,	100.00
Manoken,	50.00
Bethel,	50.00
Quantico,	50.00
Drummondtown,	100.00

W. S. ELSEY, P. E.,
JOHN G. MANLUFF,
JAMES DAVIS, P. E.

I concur in the above. M. SIMPSON.
July 30, 1886.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

It is gratifying to us to learn that the free schools and Educational Society of the State of Maryland and other States are great aids to the education of our children within the bounds of this Conference; and furthermore, we are glad to say that our people in Stations and Circuits are making great efforts to educate themselves and children, striving to rise in the scale of being, so as to be useful in their day, and to leave their works as monuments for future generations. We regard the superlative attainments of literature to be of such paramount value to our youth and disciples of the Gospel, that we commend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, 1st, That each preacher be required to impress the great question of education upon their members and children, and to send them to the schools that have been so wonderfully provided for them by the Providence of God.

Resolved, 2d, That we do recommend our ministers to advocate in their sermons the vital importance of education, as being the great lever in elevating our race.

A. BROWN, H. SMITH,
J. H. PEARCE, C. WING,
C. POLLETT,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRACT CAUSE.

In view of the inestimable amount of good which has been accomplished by the organized and systematic efforts of tract distribution, and in view of the increasing demand for so efficient an instrumentality for good; therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That the Tract Cause is worthy of our continued confidence, and that, as a Conference, we will give it our earnest support by increased efforts in the distribution of tracts within the bounds of our respective circuits and stations.

Resolved, 2d, That we will take up collections in all our congregations at such time as the judgment of each preacher in charge shall decide to be most appropriate.

Resolved, 3d, That the Presiding Elders be respectfully requested to supply the preachers with tracts, by conferring with the Agent in the accomplishment of the evangelical work committed to him.

A. BROWN,
N. YOUNG,
S. TAYLOR.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, the Committee on Temperance, being more convinced than ever of the evils of intemperance, and that many of our people indulge therein; and that it is the way to ignorance, death, and destruction; and that it is our duty as ministers of Christ to do all we can to stop it; therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That we use our utmost efforts to press this evil upon their minds, and enforce the importance of temperance.

Resolved, 2d, That we organize Temperance Societies in our charges wherever practicable.

Resolved, 3d, That as the instruction and elevation of the youth depends on our teachers, we will use our utmost efforts to show the children, young men and women in the Sabbath School, the evils of intemperance, and persuade them to abstain from all intoxicating drinks.

Resolved, 4th, That we, as ministers of the Gospel, preach as often through the year on the subject of Temperance as the Discipline directs.

CHARLES WING,
JOSEPH D. ELBERT, } Committee.
WESLEY J. PARKER, }

STEWARDS' REPORT.

Amount of claims,	\$18.55
actually paid,	18.55
Disbursed as follows, by order of the Conference:—	
To William Fornan,	\$3.45
John Smith,	5.00
Joshua Brinckly,	2.00
Philip Camady,	3.30
Abraham Brown,	4.80
Paid to I. Henson, F. Pollet, S. Dale, \$8.66 each. Superannuated members, amounting to \$25.98.	

DAUGHTERS OF CONFERENCE.

Whereas, The female members of our churches have been heretofore and still are willing to lend their assistance in the support of the Gospel, for which object they have in several places organized themselves into Societies, called the "Daughters of Conference;"

Resolved, 1st, That the hearty thanks of this Conference are due to them for their noble and praiseworthy efforts.

Resolved, 2d, That the preachers, on their several circuits and stations; will use their utmost endeavors among the ladies of their charges to organize similar Societies, under the control of the ladies of said Society.

Resolved, 3d, That a delegation of ladies be invited to meet at the different Annual Conferences, one from each Society, and confer together, or pursue any course which they may think proper in relation to their Society.

Resolved, 4th, That some one of the ministers, whom the ladies may select, shall address them during the session of the Conference, and render them any assistance which they may require.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, 1st, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to our beloved Bishop Simpson, for the faithful and fatherly manner in which he has conducted the business of this Conference, and for the wholesome and godly admonition he has given us.

Resolved, 2d, That we gratefully tender our hearty thanks to the families of this town who have so kindly entertained us during the sitting of our Conference, and in parting from them we earnestly pray that He whose blessing maketh rich may reward them an hundred fold in this life, and in the world to come with life everlasting.

Resolved, 3d, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the white citizens of this town, whose kindness and benevolence have cheered our hearts during this, the first session of our Conference held in Salisbury, Md., or at any point south of Mason and Dixon's line. And may the blessings of heaven rest upon them, and upon this whole community, in its business prosperity and social and religious improvement.

Resolved, 4th, That we hereby express our grateful thanks to the Pastor and Officers of this church, for its use, and all the accommodations afforded us during the present session.

Resolved, 5th, That the hearty thanks of this Conference are due to the Missionary Daughters of Salisbury, Princess Anne, Cambridge, Salem, and Vienna, for their untiring perseverance in the cause for the last two years, and that our fervent prayers are, that when they have done with the turmoils of this life, they may hear that blessed plaudit from the Master above, "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

Resolved, 6th, That we regard with profound gratitude to Almighty God, the efforts of the Baltimore Association for the Moral and Intellectual Improvement of the Colored People of Maryland, who for nearly two centuries have been kept in the lowest depths of ignorance and degradation. But Maryland, by her own act, had said to her bondmen, "Go free!" (for which she will stand renowned on the pages of this nation's history, and generations yet unborn will rise up to call her blessed.) On the 9th of January, 1865, that Association opened the first free school in Law's building, corner of Calvert and Saratoga streets, Baltimore; and in November, 1865, in the city and counties, her public schools numbered in pupils 2316 persons, who are struggling night and day to unloose the bands of ignorance, and gain the inestimable blessing of education. For the efforts of this noble Association we tender our hearty appreciation and thanks, praying that the largest prosperity may attend its promoters, and the blessed work in which it is engaged.

Resolved, 7th, That copies of our Annual Minutes, containing the above, be sent to the said Society.