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WEDNESDAY, *March 11th*, 1868.

The Fortieth Session of this body convened at the East Baltimore Station at 9 o'clock, A. M., and was opened by the President, Rev. J. J. Murray, D. D., by reading the 2d chapter of Acts, and singing 558th Hymn, and prayer.

Revs. E. J. Drinkhouse and W. W. Reese were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

The roll was called as follows:

MINISTERS.

D. Evans Reese,	David Wilson, M. D.	C. H. Littleton,
John W. Everist,	T. D. Valiant,	D. F. Ewell, M. D.
Francis Waters, D. D.	H. J. Day,	J. T. Ward,
James K. Nichols,	F. Swentzel, M. D.	B. F. Benson,
John Elderdice,	T. M. Bryan,	W. M. Strayer,
John R. Nichols,	Jesse Shreeve,	Wm. W. Reese,
A. S. Eversole, M. D.	J. A. McFaden,	C. T. Cochel,
J. M. Elderdice,	J. M. Dennis,	J. E. T. Ewell,
L. W. Bates,	J. H. Ellegood,	S. A. Hoblitzell,
Alfred Baker,	E. J. Drinkhouse, M. D.	J. E. Maloy,
S. B. Southerland,	J. Clay,	J. L. Mills,
H. P. Jordan,	Thos. Lee,	Henry Nice,
J. J. Murray, D. D.	J. Thos. Murray,	R. Whinna,
P. L. Wilson,	W. S. Hammond,	M. E. Hysore,
D. W. Bates,	H. C. Cushing,	J. W. Charlton,
T. M. Wilson,	T. A. Moore,	J. B. Jones,
John Roberts,	C. Eversole,	W. M. Poisal,
R. S. Norris,	James Thompson,	G. W. Simpson,
Wm. T. Dumm,	D. Bowers,	G. S. Battersby,
John Morgan,	A. D. Dick,	J. W. Gray,
D. A. Shermer,	W. G. Holmes,	Augustus Webster, D. D.

ANNUAL MINUTES

J. D. Kinzer,	S. T. Ferguson,	A. W. Mather,
W. D. Litzinger,	S. T. Graham,	John E. Darby,
R. S. Rowe,	J. E. Read,	Henry E. Miskimon,
G. D. Edmondston,	A. T. Melvin,	Jas. C. Stewart.
James T. Lassel,	J. M. Holmes,	

PROBATIONERS.

D. L. Greenfield,	Chas. M. Thompson,	Thos. H. Burgess.
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LAY DELEGATES.

Jacob Walker,	Francis J. Hayman,	J. W. Collins,
Samuel Carmack,	James H. Hopkins,	R. G. Price,
Noah Gill,	Edward C. Thomas, Sr.	Howard Meeks,
S. B. Taylor,	J. C. Johnson,	F. James Bartlett,
Gaven Spence,	J. T. Darby,	Rezin Hammond,
J. B. Nichols,	Wm. Slaughter,	Samuel McKinstry,
J. Baily Butler,	Peter Grimes,	John Smith,
W. H. Griffith,	W. Dale,	Joseph H. Wilkinson,
Wm. J. C. Dulany,	G. F. Kindley,	John H. Wallace,
J. B. Williams,	Henry Swope,	John W. Gist,
Peter Harrington,	Thomas McCormick,	Jas. B. Mathews,
Wm. J. Harris,	Thos. W. Ewing,	Geo. K. Ridgeley,
George W. Gordy,	W. D. Massey,	Samuel Vannort,
Martin Smith,	Thos. Johnson,	D. C. Hopper,
R. S. Griffith,	R. H. Powell,	Wm. K. White,
Geo. W. Bishop,	David A. Edie,	Horatio Ball,
J. Widney,	Wm. Mackey,	E. L. Williams,
Geo. W. McGee,	John Munnickhuysen,	Wm. H. Hartman,
J. T. Moore,	S. H. Green,	S. S. Ewell.
Joseph Graham,	J. D. Cathell,	

When the name of Rev. Eli Henkle was called, Rev. D. E. Reese responded, announcing his death, and paying an affectionate tribute to his memory. Revs. S. B. Southerland, Jas. K. Nichols, D. W. Bates and Dr. F. Swentzel also made appropriate remarks upon the many virtues of this venerable brother.

Rev. W. W. Reese, J. T. Moore and Rev. J. Edgar Read were elected Secretaries pro tempore.

Conference adjourned to hear the Annual Sermon by Rev. Dr. David Wilson, and to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

AFTERNOON SESSION—3 O'CLOCK.

Conference was opened with religious services by Rev. Samuel Clawson. The President, Dr. J. J. Murray, having called Rev. J. W. Everist to the chair, read his annual report, and his official character passed.

Upon calling the name of Rev. F. Waters, D. D., the following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That it is with profound regret, that we learn of the protracted illness of Rev. Francis Waters, one of the most prominent, revered and beloved members of this Conference, and that we most devoutly, yet submissively, pray the Great Head of the Church to spare his valuable life to his family and to our prosperous Zion, that we may again see his stately form and benign presence in our midst, to bless us with his wise and beneficial counsels.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Conference be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing to Dr. Waters, at his residence No. 8 McCullugh street.

L. W. BATES,
S. B. SOUTHERLAND.
DANIEL W. BATES,
DAVID WILSON,
J. K. NICHOLS.

Examination of official character was resumed.
Conference proceeded to the election of President.
Rev. S. B. Southerland was elected.

And on motion of Rev. D. E. Reese, the vote was declared unanimous.

On motion, the hours for meeting and adjourning were fixed as follows: Meet at 9 o'clock A. M., adjourn at 12 M.; meet at 2½ P. M., and adjourn at pleasure.

Conference adjourned with the benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING, March 12th.

Conference opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. W. Dale.

Examination of official character continued.

A communication was received from Messrs. Selby & Dulany, kindly offering to supply the Conference gratuitously all the stationery required during its present session.

On motion, this generous offer was thankfully accepted.

Conference proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result :

Standing District Committee—Dr. J. J. Murray, D. E. Reese, Thos. McCormick, John W. Richardson, Joseph Graham, Hon. George Vickers.

Committee of Appeals—James K. Nichols, L. W. Bates, J. W. Everist, W. D. Massey, W. H. Griffith.

Conference Steward—S. A. Hoblitzell.

Missionary Fund Steward—C. H. Littleton.

Superannuated Fund Steward—J. Earle Maloy.

Secretary—W. S. Hammond.

Assistant Secretaries—Howard Meeks, J. E. Read.

The following was made a Standing Rule :

Resolved, As the sense of this Conference, that a majority shall be required to elect the Standing District Committee, as well as in the election of President.

Conference adjourned with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2½ o'clock.

Conference opened by Rev. D. W. Bates.

The President announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES :

On Unfinished Business—W. M. Poisal, Wm. J. C. Dulany, R. H. Powell.

On Finance—G. W. Bishop, R. S. Griffith.

On Itinerancy and Orders—J. Thos. Murray, J. M. Elderdice, J. A. McFaden, S. B. Taylor, Gaven Spence.

On Necessities and Requests of Circuits and Stations—Thos. McCormick, Noah Gill, J. B. Nichols, Robert G. Price, John W. Collins, Geo. W. McGee, Jas. H. Hopkins.

On Missions—J. K. Nichols, David A. Shermer, E. J. Drinkhouse, Jos. Graham, Martin Smith, Jacob Walker.

On Publication of Minutes—H. C. Cushing.

On Pulpit Service—Daniel Bowers, J. R. Nichols, Jesse Shreeve.

On Literature—L. W. Bates, R. S. Norris, John Roberts, W. D. Massey, S. H. Green, John Munickhuysen.

On Superannuated Claimants—D. F. Ewell, John Elderdice, D. W. Bates, W. Slaughter, W. H. Griffith, Henry Swope.

Executive Committee—Dr. J. J. Murray, P. L. Wilson, T. D. Valiant, W. Dale, J. T. Moore, J. D. Cathell.

On Statistics—A. D. Dick.

On Sabbath Schools—J. W. Charlton, R. Whinna, S. T. Graham, J. Widney, Wm. Mackey, David A. Edie.

On Temperance—Dr. David Wilson, W. T. Dumm, W. M. Strayer, G. W. Gordy, F. J. Hayman, J. C. Johnson.

On Ecclesiastical Communications and Visitations—A. Webster, D. E. Reese, J. W. Everist, J. B. Butler, G. F. Kindley.

Faculty of Instruction—D. Evans Reese, President.

On motion, Conference adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING, March 13th.

Conference met at 9 o'clock. Religious services conducted by Rev. B. F. Benson.

Dr. Murray introduced to the Conference the Rev. W. H. Wills, of North Carolina.

The official character of every member of the Conference was passed without objection.

Letters were read from Bros. T. M. Bryan, John Morgan and J. E. T. Ewell.

On motion, the case of Bro. J. E. T. Ewell was referred to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

The case of T. C. Downs was referred to the following Committee : Dr. J. J. Murray, J. W. Everist, L. W. Bates, John Smith, J. T. Moore.

Upon calling the name of Francis Hawkins, it was announced that he had withdrawn from the Methodist Protestant Church.

Rev. D. Bowers introduced to the Conference Rev. the John Berg, D. D., of the Baptist Church.

The following Committee was appointed on the President's Annual Report: D. W. Bates, Dr. D. Wilson, B. F. Benson, Jacob Walker, J. H. Hopkins.

Rev. Dr. Drinkhouse read the report of the Book Directory, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Literature.

The offer of W. J. C. Dulany to publish the Minutes and two Presidential Sermons, was referred to the following Committee: Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse, J. T. Murray, G. W. Bishop.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee on Missions be directed to inquire and report, whether it is practicable to extend aid to feeble Churches in other Conference Districts.

On motion of D. W. Bates, a Committee of three were appointed to report for insertion in the Minutes, a record of our deceased ministerial members. Committee—R. Whinna, H. Nice, Gaven Spence.

Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2½ O'CLOCK.

Conference opened with devotional exercises by Rev. John R. Nichols. A paper from Frederick Mission was read and referred to Committee on Missions.

Conference proceeded to fix the place and time for holding the next session. Georgetown was selected as the place, and the 2d Wednesday in March, 1869, as the time.

Conference adjourned for the meeting of the Missionary Society.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. T. D. Valiant in the Chair. Rev. J. C. Stewart, Secretary.

The Society proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the selection of the following:

President—T. D. VALIANT.

1st Vice President—DR. A. S. EVERSOLE.

2d Vice President—JOHN R. NICHOLS.

Secretary—JAMES C. STEWART.

It was moved and carried that a Committee of three be appointed to nominate a Board of Managers for the ensuing year. They nominated and the Society elected the following: L. J. Cox, H. T. Gernhardt, Wm. H. Griffith, James Bond, Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, John G. Clarke, and the Superintendents of Broadway Mission and East Baltimore Station. L. J. Cox, Jr., Treasurer of the Board.

Funds collected from members of the Society, \$50.00.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be authorized to devise and carry out some plan, either by loan or otherwise, to meet the present deficiency.

The Society then adjourned.

T. D. VALIANT, *President*.

JAS. C. STEWART, *Secretary*.

Dr. Drinkhouse made a report from the Committee on printing the Minutes, in favor of the proposition of Selby & Dulany. Adopted.

On motion, it was determined that the ordination of Deacons should take place in the East Baltimore Station on Sabbath morning, and the ordination of Elders in the West Baltimore Station at night.

Dr. Drinkhouse offered a paper in relation to the examination of official character, which was laid on the table.

Bro. Poisal was left without an appointment at his own request.

The case of Bro. Thos. Lee was referred to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Rev. H. C. Cushing.

SATURDAY MORNING, March 14th.

Conference opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. A. D. Dick.

The President introduced to the Conference, Rev. Geo. R. Barr, President of the Holston Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Rev. D. W. Bates, Chairman of the Committee on President's Report, submitted the following:

1st. That so much of the President's communication as relates to Home Missions, be referred to the Committee on Missions.

2d. That the part referring to expenses of Delegates to the Convention at Montgomery, Alabama, be referred to a special committee.

3d. The part which refers to the death of the lamented and venerable Bro. Henkle, be referred to Committee on Obituaries.

4th. On the part which refers to the colored population, they suggest the following:

Whereas, the Convention which met in Montgomery, authorized the Annual Conferences to organize our colored members into Societies, and appoint Missionaries to them; and

Whereas, but few of them are connected with us in Church fellowship, and we do not deem it expedient at this time to send Missionaries especially to them; nevertheless, we cannot be guiltless if we overlook their claims to our common Christianity—therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend, 1st, that provision be made for their accommodation at all our Camp and Woods Meetings, and as far as practicable in our Churches. 2d, that we recommend our Ministry to avail themselves of all opportunities to administer to them the Ordinances of the Church and the Word of Life.

The report was adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the action of the President in relation to the ordination of Rev. Francis Brown, colored, of Charleston, South Carolina, be approved.

Dr. Murray, chairman of the committee on the case of T. C. Downs, reported as follows:

1st. That they find nothing against his official character, and recommend that it pass.

2d. That the charges affecting his moral character, contained in the paper submitted to them, be referred to the President for investigation according to Discipline.

Report adopted.

A letter from Rev. J. M. Dennis was received and read.

The Committee on the Record of deceased Ministers, were, at their own request, excused from further service, and the Pastors of West and East Baltimore Stations, and Lexington st. Mission, were substituted.

Rev. D. Bowers, Chairman of Committee on Pulpit Services, made a report, which was adopted.

Rev. B. F. Benson offered the subjoined resolutions, which were adopted:

1st. To insert on page 71 of the Conference Manual, in 2d resolution, 3rd line, "each society or congregation belonging to."

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference, that all property acquired by Missions, while receiving the funds of the Missionary Society, shall be vested in said Society.

Resolved, That when any Mission, or Society or Congregation thereof shall refuse to deed any property hereafter acquired by them, this Conference shall cease to make any appropriation of the funds of the Missionary Society for its benefit.

A paper from 9th street, Washington, was received and referred to a special committee, consisting of D. E. Reese, P. L. Wilson and W. D. Massey.

The case of Bro. J. Thos. Ward was referred to the Committee on Superannuated fund Claimants.

The following, offered by Rev. H. Nice, was adopted:

Whereas, we have heard with regret of the continued illness of Bro. Samuel H. Green, one of our most efficient laymen, and a delegate elect to this Conference from Baltimore Circuit; therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply sympathise with our dear brother in this affliction, and pray that he may be restored to health and usefulness.

On motion of Dr. A. Webster, the fraternal messengers from sister Conferences were invited to address the Conference.

Rev. W. H. Wills, of North Carolina, C. W. Button, Esq., of Virginia, and Rev. Geo. R. Barr, President of Holston Conference, made addresses.

Rev. L. W. Bates offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted by a rising vote:

Whereas, the late Convention of the Methodist Protestant Church adopted a paper recommending the disagreeing propositions between the Commissioners of the Methodist Protestant Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South, to the consideration of the several annual Conferences of the two Churches, and authorizing a Commission of the Methodist Protestant Church, therein named, to call another session of said Convention—(Journal, page 22)—and

Whereas, notwithstanding the Commissioners of the Methodist Episcopal Church South announced to the Convention their acceptance of said paper, the Annual Conferences of that Church have failed to respond by declining to take any action upon the above mentioned disagreeing propositions—and

Whereas, the Commissioners of the M. E. Church South disclaim any authority beyond the original proposition contained in their first communication to our Commissioners—(see Journal of Convention, page 37)—therefore,

Resolved, That while we refrain from any expression of opinion upon the legality of a second session of the Convention of the Methodist Protestant

Church to deliberate further upon the proposition of Church union, it is the decided judgment of this Conference that no meeting of the aforesaid Convention should be called or held in the city of Lynchburg on the last Friday of May next.

A partial report from the Committee on necessities and requests of Circuits and Stations, was received and laid on the table.

On motion, Conference adjourned

AFTERNOON SESSION—2½ O'CLOCK.

Conference opened with religious services by Rev. T. D. Valiant.

Resolution from Chesapeake Circuit read and referred to a special committee, as follows: Dr. D. F. Ewell, J. D. Kinzer, J. B. Nichols.

The report of Committee on necessities and requests of Circuits and Stations was taken up, and the following items adopted:

- 1st. Harmony Circuit was referred to Missionary Committee.
- 2d. Laurel was made a Station, and the name of the Circuit changed to Union.
- 3d. Kent Circuit was divided, and Kennedyville set off as a separate charge.
- 4th. Talbot Circuit was divided—St. Michael's and Bayside to form a new charge, to be called St. Michael's Circuit.
- 5th. Sussex Circuit was divided—Milton and Beaver Dam's to form a new Circuit, to be called Milton Circuit.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made a partial report as follows:

FOR ELDERS ORDERS:

Geo. D. Edmonston, Samuel T. Graham, Jas. T. Lassell, and Francis Brown, colored, of Charleston, South Carolina.

FOR DEACONS ORDERS:

Henry E. Miskimon, John E. Darby, James C. Stewart, Augustus W. Mather.

FOR THE ITINERANCY:

Thos. H. Burgess, Chas. M. Thompson and David L. Greenfield.

TO BE EMPLOYED BY THE PRESIDENT:

Wm. H. Lane, Wm. A. Crouse, and Charles O. Melvin.

Report adopted.

Conference adjourned with the benediction.

MONDAY MORNING, *March 16th.*

Conference opened by devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. M. E. Hysore. Proceedings of Saturday read and approved.

The Committee on paper from Washington, reported as follows:—That we recommend the reference of said paper to the Committee on Missions. Referred.

On motion of Dr. Murray, a committee was appointed to apportion the President's salary. Committee—J. J. Murray, Daniel Bowers, J. E. Maloy, J. D. Cathell, Gaven Spence.

Rev. R. S. Rowe presented a communication from the infant class of the Sabbath School of Georgetown Station, donating to the Missionary fund the sum of twenty-five dollars, which was received; and the following, offered by Rev. David Wilson, was adopted:

Resolved, That the communication from the infant class of the Georgetown Station Sunday School, including a contribution of \$25.00, be referred to the Committee on Missions, with the request that the Secretary of the Missionary Society transmit the thanks of the Conference for the very liberal contribution, and a certificate of life membership to the class.

On motion,

Resolved, That the ordination of Rev. Francis Brown, (colored,) of Charleston, South Carolina, take place in this house to-morrow (Tuesday,) at three o'clock, P. M.

The following resolution, offered by Dr. Drinkhouse, was read and passed:

Resolved, That the order for the examination of official character be and is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:

1st. *Examination of President.* The President shall leave the chair and proceed to give the Conference a statement of the condition of the District, noting the extent of his visitations, disposition made of any cases of executive or judicial action coming within the sphere of his duty, and the progress and state of existing cases, and such other information as he may deem proper to communicate. The Chair shall then ask, "Is there any objection to his official character." If no objection be made, the Chair shall say to the Conference, "Shall the character of the President pass?"

2d. *Examination of Superintendents.* The Secretary shall have printed at the expense of the Conference, blanks containing the following questions, and spaces for statistics, which shall be distributed by him at an early hour during the first session of the Annual Conference, among the Superintendents.

Questions—When did you arrive at your appointment? When did you leave

it? How long have you been absent from your field of labor? Have you taken up the collections prescribed by Conference?

Statistics—Number of members, probationers, ministers and preachers. Number of Churches—Value of Church Property—Number of Sabbath Schools—Number of Teachers—Number of Scholars—Volumes in Library—Superannuated Fund Collection—Missionary Fund Collection—Conference Fund Collection—Salary allowed and amount received.

These questions are to be answered in writing, and the blank spaces filled by the Superintendents.

A Standing Committee shall be appointed by the Executive annually, to be called the *Committee on Official Reports*.

The only questions to be put by the Executive in the examination of Superintendents shall be as follows:

The President to the Delegate: "Is there any objection to the official character of Bro. _____?"

The President to the Superintendent: "Have you filled up your blank?—What relation do you wish the coming year?"

On answering these questions his report shall be referred to the aforesaid Committee, who shall report as soon as practicable the names of all those whose blanks are properly filled, and the President shall ask as their names are called *seriatim*: "Shall his character pass?"

The Committee shall also report to the Conference any items in connection with the Superintendents' reports, that they may deem worthy the action of the body. The blanks shall then be referred to the several Committees of Statistics and Conference Collections.

3d. *Examination of Assistants and Supernumeraries.* President to Superintendent: "Is there any objection to the official character of Bro. _____?"

4th. *Examination of Missionaries.* The same questions to be asked as in the case of other Superintendents, and the same course pursued in all respects except that they shall read their reports in open Conference, and shall not be restricted to the printed blanks in the items they may wish to furnish.

The Committee on Literature reported as follows:

1st. While the continued depression of the Book Concern will not justify the employment of a salaried Editor at this time, it is a source of thankfulness and congratulation, that the increased resources arising from the gains of the past year, justify the hope that at no distant day, the Board will be able to employ a competent Editor at a suitable salary.

2d. That the thanks of the Conference, and of the whole Church are due to the Editorial Corps, Revs. S. B. Southerland, T. D. Valiant, E. J. Drinkhouse and Daniel Bowers, for the very acceptable and efficient manner in which they have gratuitously fulfilled the duties of the Editorial department of the *Methodist Protestant* throughout the past year.

3d. That we cannot refrain from the expression of our high appreciation of the voluntary expenditure of time and labor, on the part of the *Book Directory*, in behalf of the Book Concern and paper.

4th. That the Editorial Committee be selected from the Pastors of the City Stations, as last year, to whom shall be entrusted the editorial management of the paper for the ensuing year, and that in all other respects we confide the management of the Concern to the judgment and discretion of the *Book Directory*.

5th. That the members of this Conference hereby pledge themselves to increased exertions to extend the circulation of the Church periodical.

All of which was adopted.

L. W. BATES,
R. S. NORRIS,
JOHN ROBERTS,
W. D. MASSEY,
S. H. GREEN,
JOHN MUNNICKHUYSEN.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders submitted the following supplementary report, which was adopted:

1st. FOR ELDER'S ORDERS—Isaac T. Adkins.

2d. FOR DEACON'S ORDERS—Herman T. Gernhardt.

3d. J. W. Watts, an applicant for the Itinerancy, is recommended for employment by the President, the want of a recommendation from a Quarterly Conference being a legal barrier to his admission.

J. T. MURRAY, *Chairman*.

Rev. W. M. Poisal made a report from the Committee on Unfinished Business, as follows:

1st. A preamble and resolutions offered by Bro. L. W. Bates, in respect to Superannuated Claimants, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Dr. A. Webster, A. S. Eversole, J. W. Everist, John Gephart and Wm. Whitney, to report to this Conference.

2d. An item from the report of the Committee on Literature in reference to the Western Maryland College, was referred to this session.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Dr. Webster, the items in the above report, which had been referred to the Committee of which he was chairman, were taken up; whereupon the committee recommend that no change in our present plan should be made. Adopted.

The consideration of the item in respect to Western Maryland College, was deferred to await the report of the Advisory Board of the College.

The Committee on Necessities and Requests of Circuits and Stations, made a final report, which was adopted, as follows:

- 1st. Potomac Mission, referred to Committee on Missions.
- 2d. The request from Powhatan Factory to be supplied with preaching, referred to the President.
- 3d. Worcester and Snow Hill Circuits were united and called Snow Hill and Whaleyville Circuit.

Conference adjourned with doxology and benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2½ o'clock.

Conference opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. S. T. Graham.

Dr. Drinkhouse presented the Report of the Advisory Board of the Western Maryland College. Referred to Literary Committee.

The Committee on expenses of delegates to Convention made a report, in which they stated that the sum required was \$246.00. This was apportioned to the several Circuits, Stations and Missions. Report adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Superintendents be requested to collect this amount immediately on their arrival at their appointments, and forward to the Book Agent.

Conference adjourned to allow the Superannuated Fund Society to meet.

BALTIMORE, MARCH 16TH, 1868.

The Superannuated Fund Society of the Maryland Annual Conference, held its annual session at East Baltimore Station this day, Rev. John Roberts in the Chair, and Rev. Henry Nice, Secretary.

On motion, the roll was called, when the sum of \$58.00 was collected.

The Society proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

1st Vice President—Rev. JOHN ROBERTS.

2d Vice President—Rev. D. A. SHERMER.

Secretary—JOHN G. CLARKE.

Assistant Secretary—Rev. A. W. MATHER.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. M. E. HYSORE.

Board of Managers—Superintendent of Starr Church, Rev. T. D. Valiant, Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, John W. Richardson, P. E. Kent, H. T. Gernhardt, James Bond, John G. Clarke.

The Treasurer, Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, reported the sum of \$2,749.43 in the treasury for distribution, and a balance in hand of \$21.26 on investment account. Adopted.

The Society then adjourned to meet at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Society resumed its session at the appointed hour, the exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. D. Evans Reese, and singing by the Choir, the Society and audience were then addressed by Hon. George Vickers, and Rev. Dr. F. Swentzel, when the sum of \$280 was subscribed for life memberships, and a basket collection taken up amounting to \$13.58—the meeting was then closed with the benediction by Rev. J. K. Nichols.

JOHN G. CLARKE, Secretary.

On motion, the case of Rev. J. W. Everist was referred to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

The special Committee on the paper of Bro. Bowers in regard to the instruction of children and their reception into the Church, made a report recommending its adoption. Laid on the table.

The Committee on Superannuated Claimants made their report. Laid on the table under the rule.

On motion, Conference adjourned.

TUESDAY MORNING, March 17th.

Conference opened with religious services by Rev. J. W. Gray.

On motion, Union and Carlisle Circuits, Pa., and Frederick Avenue Mission, were stricken from the list.

Rev. A. D. Dick, Committee on Statistics, made a report, which was laid on the table.

Rev. Jas. K. Nichols, Chairman of Committee on Missions, made a report, which was received and taken up by items.

Item 1st, relative to East Washington, was under discussion when the hour of adjournment arrived.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2½ o'clock.

Conference opened by devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. A. W. Mather.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Whereas, The Rev. Francis Brown, Pastor of the Colored Methodist Protestant Church of Charleston, South Carolina, by his presence here has manifested the devotion of himself and people to the doctrines and government of the Methodist Protestant Church; therefore,

Resolved, That the Maryland Annual Conference, now assembled, hereby express its heartfelt sympathy for the said Rev. F. Brown and his charge, and earnestly prays that the Great Head of the Church may prosper them in all holy living and godliness.

And the Conference further desires to assure all the colored people in all sections of this country, that individually and collectively, they will do all they can to promote their moral and spiritual welfare.

W. D. MASSEY,
L. W. BATES.

On motions of Rev. D. Bowers,

Resolved, That having heard with great pleasure, the very excellent addresses of Chas. W. Button, Esq. and the Hon. George Vickers, on the occasions of our Missionary and Superannuated Fund Societies' anniversaries, we do hereby most respectfully request these dear brethren to furnish copies of their addresses to the Editorial Committee for publication in the Methodist Protestant.

Conference resumed the consideration of the 1st item of the Report of Committee on Missions.

A motion to strike out \$600, and insert \$200 prevailed.

The 2d item was passed after striking out the appropriation.

The 3d item passed as reported by the committee.

A motion to adjourn to 7½ o'clock was carried, and

Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

EVENING SESSION—7½ o'clock.

Conference opened by Rev. C. T. Cochel.

The 4th item in the report of Committee on Missions was taken up and discussed until the hour arrived for the ordination of Rev. Francis Brown.

Revs. Dr. Webster, Jas. K. Nichols and Daniel Bowers assisted the President in the ordination services.

On motion,

Resolved, That the ordination of Isaac T. Adkins as Elder and H. T. Gerhardt as Deacon, shall take place in this house to-morrow evening at eight o'clock.

Conference resumed the consideration of the appropriation to 9th street, Washington, and adopted this item as it came from the Committee.

The 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th items were adopted as reported by Committee.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. H. Wills, of North Carolina.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *March 18th.*

Rev. A. T. Melvin opened the Conference with the usual religious services.

Dr. Eversole, chairman of Committee on paper from Chesapeake Circuit, reported unfavorably.

The Committee on Literature made a supplementary report, which was laid on the table.

A report from Committee on President's salary was received and adopted.

The consideration of the report of Committee on Missions again resumed. The 9th and 10th items were taken up, amended and adopted.

Conference adjourned with doxology and benediction by Rev. D. E. Reese.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2½ o'clock.

Conference opened with prayer by Rev. Wm. T. Dumm.

The order of business was, on motion, suspended.

The report of the Superannuated Fund Steward was received.

On motion of Rev. J. Roberts, the name of Sister T. C. Ewell was stricken from the list, she being no longer a claimant upon the funds.

The report was recommitted.

The cases of the following brethren were disposed of:

Revs. Dr. F. Waters, Dr. A. Webster and Geo. W. Simpson left without appointments at their own request.

Rev. Jos. L. Mills loaned to the Virginia Conference.

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

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| 1. East Washington, appropriation | \$200 00 |
| 2. Potomac, without do. | |
| 3. Cumberland, do. | 200 00 |
| (The property to be deeded to the Missionary Society, as proposed by the delegate.) | |
| 4. 9th street, Washington, changed to a Mission, | 600 00 |
| 5. Choptank, | 500 00 |
| (Provided a married man is sent, if not, \$400.00) | |
| 6. Harper's Ferry, | 200 00 |
| 7. Lexington Street, | 600 00 |
| (Provided a married man is sent, if a single man, \$200.00.) | |
| 8. Broadway, | 600 00 |
| 9. Williamsport and Berkeley, | 100 00 |
| (Provided a married man be sent.) | |
| 10. Kent Island, | 200 00 |
| (If a married man be sent.) | |
| 11. Montgomery to be set off in Frederick county. | |
| 12. Delaware, | 200 00 |
| (Provided it can be supplied with one married and one single man.) | |
| 13. Millsboro', | 200 00 |
| (If a married man is sent.) | |
| 14. Harmony to be made a Mission, | 200 00 |
| (If supplied with a married man.) | |

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| 15. Alexandria, | 500 00 |
| 16. Tiaskin, | 100 00 |
| 17. Canton to be made a Mission connected with Washington st. Station, if it can be supplied with a single man, | 200 00 |
| (If it cannot be supplied, the sum named for this place to be appropriated to the purchase of the new Missionary plate ordered by the Conference, and not secured for want of funds for this purpose.) | |
| 18. Frederick. We recommend against the sale of the property, and that steps be taken to secure it to the Missionary Society by the Superintendent appointed to that place. Appropriation referred to Jefferson Circuit Benevolent Society. | |
| 19. Salisbury—to be made a Circuit. | |
| 20. Newark continued without appropriation. | |

The Committee also beg leave to report that they do not think it practicable to extend Missionary aid to Churches out of our own District.

They further recommend the employment of a Missionary Agent, and that the plan of securing \$1.00 per member be continued, leaving brethren to direct their own mode of securing it.

They also recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is hereby made a binding obligation upon every Superintendent to lift and forward to the Treasurer, the Missionary collection at a period not later than the 1st of November proximo, and in default thereof it be made an exception to the passage of his official character by the Conference.
J. K. NICHOLS, *Chairman*.

The following, offered by Dr. Webster, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference is happy to have had the Rev. W. H. Wills, Fraternal Messenger from the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church; the Rev. Geo. R. Barr, President of the Holston Annual Conference of the M. P. Church, and C. W. Button, Esq., Fraternal Messenger from the Virginia Annual Conference of the M. P. Church, in our midst. We thank them for their presence and kind greeting. We have been deeply interested in their several statements relative to their respective Conferences, and beg them, and the beloved brethren they represent, to be assured of our most sincere Christian sympathy, love, respect and confidence.

On motion,

Resolved, That Fraternal Messengers be appointed to the Holston, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina Conferences.

Revs. H. P. Jordan, J. M. Dennis and T. A. Moore were granted a continuance of their present relation to the Conference.

The additional report from the Committee on Literature was taken up and adopted as follows :

The Committee on Literature would further report, that they have carefully considered the Report of the Board of Advisers to the Western Maryland College, and respectfully recommend that this Conference appoint an Agent, whose duty it shall be during the Conference year to visit, as far as practicable, all the Congregations and Churches of the District for the following purposes :

1st. To obtain purchasers of Scholarships in the Western Maryland College, the said Scholarships to be secured until taken up by tuition, by a legal claim upon the College buildings or in some other equally secure manner.

2d. To solicit donations for the ultimate purchase or endowment of the said College as a Church Institution, under the control of the Maryland Annual Conference.

3d. In connection with the above, we also recommend that the same Agent be employed to obtain subscribers to the Methodist Protestant and solicit donations to the Book Concern.

4th. The Agent to be compensated by such a per centage upon his collections as the Trustees of the College and the Book Directory may determine.

5th. That Rev. J. T. Ward be appointed said Agent.

L. W. BATES, *Chairman.*

The Committee on President's Salary made their report, which was adopted.

The Report of Committee on Superannuated Claimants was read and adopted.

On motion, Conference adjourned with doxology and benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. M. E. Hysore.

The hour for the ordination of Bros. H. T. Gernhardt and Isaac T. Adkins having arrived, they were ordained; the former a Deacon, the latter an Elder.

The Report on Statistics was taken up and adopted.

The Report of the Superannuated Fund Steward, which was recommended for amendment, was received and adopted.

On motion, Conference adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING, *March 19th.*

Conference was opened with religious services by Rev. R. S. Rowe. Minutes read and approved.

The Report of the Conference Steward was read, amended and adopted.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools, made their report, which after being amended, was adopted as follows :

Your Committee taking occasion to express their gratification at the interest manifested by the Conference and the congregation in the Sabbath School Convention, held at the beginning of our session, and expressing the hope that these efforts will be continued as calculated to further the object in view, would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That a Sabbath School Convention be held at the next session of our Annual Conference, on the evening of the second Wednesday in March and the following Thursday afternoon and evening.

2. *Resolved*, That each ministerial and lay member of the Conference and the Superintendents of our Sabbath Schools shall be entitled to a seat in said Convention.

3. *Resolved*, That an Executive Committee, of four ministers and three laymen, shall be appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to make the requisite arrangements, due notice of which shall be given in the Methodist Protestant not later than the month of January, and to prepare a report to be submitted to the Convention.

4. *Resolved*, That we recommend the holding of sub-district Conventions, by two or more Circuits or Stations, at such times and places as may be agreed upon by the Superintendents of the several charges, proposing to unite in them.

5. *Resolved*, That Superintendents of Circuits, Stations and Missions urge the attendance of Sabbath School Superintendents at our Quarterly Conferences as now required by our book of Discipline, and that they be required to furnish quarterly reports of the condition of their schools, embracing the number of teachers, scholars and volumes in the Library, with such other information as may be deemed of interest to the Church.

J. W. CHARLTON, *Chairman.*

Bro. T. D. Valiant made a report on President's Parsonage furniture, which was read and referred to a committee.

Dr. Murray presented a Report from the Centenary Committee, which was read and referred.

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

Your Committee express the regret that the evils of intemperance abound almost everywhere. The homes of wealth and honor have become the abodes of poverty and shame. Orphans have been made and thrown out upon the cold charities of the world; and worst of all, the cause of Religion has suffered from the fearful increase of social inebriety. Your Committee, therefore, respectfully urge upon all our ministers and members personally to discountenance, by example and precept, the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and to encourage the formation of Juvenile Temperance Societies as one of the best means of guarding the rising generation from the influence and effects of intemperance; as the surest means of preventing the increase of this fearful evil.

DAVID WILSON, *Chairman.*

The Steward of the Missionary Fund made his report, which was adopted.

The following resolution was offered and passed:

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be requested and authorized to secure a loan, not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars, to assist the Home Missionaries who may be appointed.

W. S. HAMMOND,
J. K. NICHOLS.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Rev. L. J. Cox.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2½ o'clock.

Conference opened by Rev. J. E. Read.

A communication from Rev. J. P. Carter was read and laid on the table.

The resolution offered by Rev. D. Bowers, in regard to Missionary collections, was referred to a special committee, to report to the next session of Conference. Committee—D. Bowers, J. R. Nichols and W. S. Hammond.

Rev. T. D. Valiant presented a report from the committee appointed to audit the accounts for furnishing the President's Parsonage, which was read and adopted.

The following, offered by Dr. Murray, was adopted:

Whereas, the discussion of the proposition for union from the Methodist Episcopal Church South consumed so much of the time of the late Convention, as to preclude proper attention being given to the objects for which the Convention was primarily called, it is the opinion of this Conference that the representatives to the next General Conference should be clothed with conventional powers; and it is therefore,

Resolved, That the other annual Conferences are hereby invited to unite with us in clothing the representatives to the next General Conference with full conventional powers.

Signed,

JOHN J. MURRAY,
H. C. CUSHING,
L. W. BATES,
DAVID WILSON,
J. D. CATHELL.

Bro. D. Bowers moved that the Secretary of the Missionary Society be instructed to send a certificate of Life Membership to Miss Mary Powell, of Newtown Circuit, in consideration of her efforts to promote the interests of said Society. Carried.

Bro. David Wilson offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, 1st, That we especially commend the interests of the American Bible Society, and its auxiliary dependencies in Maryland and Virginia, to the liberality of all our congregations.

Resolved, 2d, That we will cheerfully permit the Agents of this Society to visit our several congregations in the furtherance of its interests, receiving collections; said collections to be appropriated in constituting Life Directors of ministers or members of the charge.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet at 7½ o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference opened with religious services by Rev. Jas. C. Stewart. Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.

Bro. E. J. Drinkhouse offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we deeply deplore the efforts made throughout our land to desecrate and outlaw the Christian Sabbath, that divine institution so vitally connected with *all the true interests of Society*; and therefore most earnestly and affectionately beseech the membership of our Churches to do all they

can, by example, prayer and influence to promote a more sacred observance of the Lord's day, and we recommend that Superintendents present the subject to their congregations.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be and are hereby tendered to Revs. W. S. Hammond and J. Edgar Read, Howard Meeks, Esq., Secretaries of the Conference, for the faithful discharge of their onerous duties.

J. E. MALOY,
D. A. SHERMER.

The report of special Committee on paper of Rev. D. Bowers, in respect to the children of the Church, was taken up and read, when Bro. J. Roberts offered a substitute.

Both papers were referred to a committee to report at the next session of Conference. Committee—L. W. Bates, E. J. Drinkhouse, J. W. Charlton.

ORIGINAL PAPER.

Whereas, The Word of God recognizes the children of all believers in Christ as members of His Church; and whereas, the Constitution of the M. P. Church recognizes the children of our members as entitled to the privileges of Probationers, and holds them as candidates for membership; therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That hereafter each Superintendent of a Circuit, Station and Mission in this Conference District be required to report to the Committee on Statistics those children of our members and their wards who have not been received to full membership, as so many probationers in his charge.

Resolved, 2d, That each Pastor be requested to hold, if at all practicable, a Children's meeting in his charge every Saturday next preceding the administration of the Lord's Supper, for the purpose of instructing the children in the nature and design of this Sacrament, and to encourage such as in his judgment sufficiently comprehend the ordinance, to appear with their parents at the Lord's table on the following Sabbath to participate with them in the Eucharistic celebration.

Resolved, 3d, That all such children as are admitted to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be eligible at once for full membership, and shall be proposed by the pastor to the proper authority for such relation.

D. BOWERS,
J. R. NICHOLS.

SUBSTITUTE.

1st. It shall be the duty of Superintendents of Stations, Circuits and Missions to keep a record of all the children of the members of the Methodist Protestant Church within the bounds of this Conference District, in their respective fields of labor, reporting the same to this Conference at each of its annual sessions, as infant probationary members.

2d. To hold, when practicable, in all our Churches, on the Saturday before the administration of the Lord's Supper, a Children's meeting for the purpose of instruction, and of examination as to religious character, and where it is found that there are proper views as to the nature of the Lord's Supper, and sufficient evidence of the growth of the new creature in any of the children, they shall be encouraged to appear with their parents at the Lord's table and partake with them in this sacred ordinance, and such shall be presented to the proper authorities for election to full membership.

3d. To report in separate columns from the adult members such infant members and probationers, to this Annual Conference.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be and are hereby tendered to the families of this city who have so generously and hospitably entertained its members, and that we will carry with us to our homes a grateful appreciation of their kindness, with the sincere prayer to God that His blessing may abide with them.

L. A. HOBLITZELL,
W. D. MASSEY,

Adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, That all our Ministers are most respectfully requested, in laying the corner stones of Church buildings to use our own forms as adopted by the Conference.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be and are hereby tendered to those Railroad and Steamboat Companies who have kindly given half fare tickets to the members of this Conference.

R. WHINNA.

On motion, a collection was taken up for the purpose of purchasing a Communion Service to present as a testimony of our sympathy and regard, to the Colored Methodist Protestant Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

The order of the day having arrived, the President proceeded to announce the

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS:

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President*.

STATIONS.	CIRCUITS.
East Baltimore—Daniel Bowers.	Anne Arundel—Chas. H. Littleton.
West Baltimore—J. J. Murray, D. D., T. D. Valiant.	Bel-Air—David A. Shermer, Chas. O. Melvin.
South Baltimore—John M. Holmes.	Baltimore—Henry Nice, one to be sup- plied.
Washington Street—Jesse Shreeve.	Bedford—Jas. Thompson, one to be supplied.
Starr Church—John R. Nichols.	Clarksville—Wm. W. Reese.
Georgetown—L. W. Bates.	
Salem, Pa.—A. D. Dick.	
Laurel—W. M. Strayer.	

Caroline—J. H. Elegood, one to be supplied.
 Cambridge—John M. Elderdice.
 Cecil—James M. Elderdice, John M. Watts.
 Chesapeake—J. Earle Maloy.
 Concord—W. A. Crouse.
 Dorchester—James T. Lassell.
 Frederick—R. Scott Norris, Geo. D. Edmonston.
 Finksburg—Wm. T. Dumm, one to be supplied.
 Howard—John Roberts, Samuel T. Ferguson.
 Jefferson Circuit and Frederick Mission—Jas. K. Nichols, one to be supplied.
 Kent—J. Thos. Murray, A. W. Mather.
 Kennedyville—Henry E. Miskimon.
 Liberty—Daniel W. Bates.
 Milton—Isaac T. Adkins.
 Newtown—R. Semple Rowe, David L. Greenfield.
 New Market—Robert Whinna, one to be supplied.
 Pipe Greek—David Wilson.
 Prince William—To be supplied.
 Queen Annes—Henry C. Cushing, H. J. Day.
 Snowhill and Whaleyville—Thos. H. Burgess, Chas. M. Thompson, J. M. Dennis, Supernumerary Assistant.
 Severn—Wm. D. Litzinger.
 Sussex—Wm. G. Holmes, T. A. Moore, Supernumerary assistant.

Susquehanna—Chas. T. Cochel.
 St. Michaels—Alfred T. Melvin.
 Salisbury—S. T. Graham.
 Talbot—D. Evans Reese, J. Edgar Read.
 Union—S. A. Hoblitzell.
 Warwick—Dan'l F. Ewell.

MISSIONS.

Alexandria—J. B. Jones.
 Broadway—P. L. Wilson.
 Choptank—B. F. Benson.
 Cumberland—J. W. Gray.
 Delaware—A. S. Eversole, one to be supplied.
 East Washington—J. W. Charlton.
 Ninth Street, Washington—E. J. Drinkhouse.
 Williamsport and Berkeley—J. D. Kinzer.
 Potomac—John E. Darby.
 Lexington Street—Wm. S. Hammond, H. P. Jordan, Supernumerary assistant.
 Newark—Frederick Swentzel.
 Harmony—Geo. S. Battersby.
 Kent Island—M. E. Hysore.
 Montgomery—Alfred Baker.
 Millsboro—J. Clay.
 Tiaskin—To be supplied.
 Canton—To be supplied.
 Harper's Ferry—James C. Stewart.

Joseph L. Mills loaned to the Virginia Conference.

J. T. Ward, Agent of the Western Maryland College.

Superannuated—Thos. M. Wilson, Jos. A. McFaden, Thos. M. Bryan, Christian Eversole, John Morgan, John W. Everist, John E. T. Ewell, Thos. Lee, J. Thos. Ward.

Without appointments at their own request—F. Waters, D. D., Augustus Webster, D. D., Wm. M. Poisal and Geo. W. Simpson.

In hands of President—W. H. Lane.

The minutes of the evening were read and approved.

Conference then adjourned with prayer by Dr. Murray. Doxology and benediction by the President.

WM. S. HAMMOND, *Secretary*.

HOWARD MEEKS, }
 J. EDGAR READ, } *Assistants*.

COURSE OF STUDY.

PREPARATORY STUDIES.

Bullion's Analytical English Grammar; Quackenbos' Rhetoric; Hedge's Logic; Constitution and Discipline of the M. P. Church; Watson's Institutes; Evidences of Christianity, Vol. 1st; Miller on Clerical Habits and Manners.

FIRST CLASS.

Watson's Institutes.—Doctrines of Christianity. Existence and Attributes of God. Mosheim's Church History, from the 1st to the 5th century. Kirkham's Elocution.

SECOND CLASS.

Watson's Institutes.—Doctrines of Christianity. Original Sin and Redemption. Mosheim's History, from 6th to 12th century.

THIRD CLASS.

Watson's Institutes.—Institutions of Christianity. Butler's Analogy. Mosheim's History, from the 13th century to the close.

FOURTH CLASS.

Whatley's Moral Philosophy. Watson's Institutes—Moral Law. Wayland's Moral Science. Powell on Succession.

FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

D. E. REESE.—Watson's Institutes—Evidences of Christianity, Vol. 1st.

J. K. NICHOLS.—Bullion's Analytical Grammar. Hedge's Logic.

L. W. BATES.—Quackenbos' Rhetoric. Constitution and Discipline of the M. P. Church. Quackenbos' Rhetoric. Miller on Clerical Habits and Manners.

FIRST CLASS.

J. T. MURRAY.—Watson's Institutes—Doctrines of Christianity. Existence and Attributes of God.

J. T. WARD.—Mosheim's Church History, from 1st to 5th century.

JOHN J. MURRAY.—Kirkham's Elocution.

SECOND CLASS.

D. BOWERS.—Watson's Institutes; Doctrines of Christianity; Original Sin.

J. A. MCFADEN.—Watson's Institutes; Redemption.

D. A. SHERMER.—Mosheim's Church History, from 6th to 12th century.

THIRD CLASS.

R. S. NORRIS.—Watson's Institutes; Institutions of Christianity.

JOHN ROBERTS.—Butler's Analogy.

DAVID WILSON.—Mosheim's Church History, from 13th century to close of volume.

FOURTH CLASS.

Dr. F. SWENTZEL.—Watson's Institutes; Moral Law.

H. C. CUSHING.—Wayland's Moral Science.

J. W. EVERIST.—Powell on Succession.

Dr. F. WATERS.—On Languages.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S SALARY.

Kent,	\$60 00	Delaware Mission,	\$35 00
Queen Anne's,	60 00	Potomac Mission,	15 00
Finksburg,	35 00	Kennedyville,	15 00
Bel-Air,	55 00	Kent Island,	20 00
Susquehanna,	30 00	Lexington Street,	40 00
Pipe Creek,	85 00	Starr Church,	45 00
Georgetown,	85 00	Williamsport and Berkeley,	20 00
East Washington,	20 00	Severn,	25 00
Anne Arundel,	40 00	Tiaskin,	10 00
Alexandria,	40 00	Millsboro',	10 00
Concord,	20 00	Harmony,	20 00
Caroline,	40 00	Cecil,	35 00
Choptank,	25 00	Howard,	50 00
East Baltimore,	40 00	Clarksville,	20 00
Ninth Street, Washington,	40 00	Cambridge,	20 00
Newtown,	70 00	West Baltimore,	70 00
Talbot,	60 00	Bedford,	40 00
St. Michaels,	20 00	Chesapeake,	30 00
Snowhill and Whaleyville,	60 00	Harper's Ferry,	10 00
Dorchester,	40 00	Warwick,	45 00
Cumberland,	25 00	Jefferson,	45 00
Newark,	45 00	Laurel,	20 00
Sussex,	15 00	Union,	20 00
Milton,	15 00	Salisbury,	25 00
New Market,	40 00	Frederick,	50 00
Broadway,	45 00	Salem, Pa.,	25 00
Baltimore Circuit,	40 00	South Baltimore,	25 00
Frederick Mission,	20 00	Washington Street,	30 00
Liberty,	65 00		

Rent on President's Parsonage fixed at \$175.00.

J. J. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON SUPERANNUATED CLAIMANTS.

	Amount of Claim.	Amount Paid.
Sister Boyd,	\$250 00	\$117 39
T. M. Bryan,	400 00	187 68
Sister Collins,	250 00	117 39
H. J. Day,	300 00	140 78
Christian Eversole,	650 00	304 99
J. A. McFaden,	650 00	304 99
Sister Greenway,	450 00	211 19
Sister Hamilton,	250 00	117 39
Sister Henkle,	460 00	215 89
Sister Kesley,	200 00	93 84
John Morgan,	550 00	258 07
Sister J. S. Reese,	265 00	124 39
Sister Roby,	450 00	211 19
Sister Raleigh,	200 00	93 84
Sister Schull,	200 00	93 84
Sister Varden,	265 00	124 39
Sister Isaac Webster,	250 00	117 39
Sister Whiteside,	450 00	211 19
Bro. T. M. Wilson,	530 00	248 69
Sister W. T. Wright,	250 00	117 39
Sister F. G. Wright,	275 00	129 08
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Full amount of claim,	7,545 00	3,530 91
Per cent. 45½.		

REPORT OF THE SUPERANNUATED FUND STEWARD.

STATIONS.		CIRCUITS.	
East Baltimore collection,	\$16 03	Anne Arundel,	5 00
Interest Phebean Society,	65 00	Bel-Air,	46 10
West Baltimore,	21 50	Baltimore,	3 53
South Baltimore,	5 44	Bedford,	13 79
Washington St.	5 50	Clarksville,	5 00
Starr Church,	16 27	Caroline,	6 35
Georgetown,	44 08	Cambridge,	2 00
Ninth St., Washington,	15 00	Carlisle—no report.	
Salem, Pa.	6 78	Cecil,	10 00
	<hr/>	Chesapeake,	14 80
	\$195 60	Concord,	12 60
		Dorchester,	12 40
		Finksburg,	11 01
		Frederick,	6 61

		MISSIONS.	
Harmony,	1 20	Alexandria,	5 50
Howard,	10 10	Broadway,	5 00
Jefferson Circuit and Frederick Mission,	25 11	Choptank,	3 00
Kent,	47 68	Cumberland,	6 65
Laurel,	10 00	Delaware,	4 50
Liberty,	10 56	East Washington,	8 00
Newtown,	12 84	Frederick Avenue—no report.	
New-Market,	13 91	Harper's Ferry,	5 66
Pipe Creek,	48 20	Kent Island,	6 40
Prince William—no report.		Lexington Street,	10 00
Queen Anne's,	23 55	Millsboro',	4 00
Snow Hill,	2 30	Newark,	9 55
Severn,	2 00	Potomac,	6 65
Sussex,	3 40	Salisbury,	6 13
Susquehanna,	2 00	Tiaskin—no report.	
Talbot,	55 00	Williamsport and Berkeley,	8 28
Union, Pa.—no report.	11 89	Total amount from District,	\$720 42
Warwick,	6 60	Cash from Secretary of Fund,	71 15
Worcester,	631 13	In hands of Treasurer for distribution,	2,749 43
		Full amount for distribution,	3,541 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. EARLE MALOY, *Steward.*

REPORT OF MISSIONARY FUND STEWARD.

STATIONS.			
East Baltimore,	\$104 00	Dorchester,	107 50
West Baltimore,	110 00	Frederick,	53 25
South Baltimore,	8 00	Finksburg,	45 02
Washington Street,	10 23	Howard,	19 28
Starr Church,	121 43	Harmony,	10 00
Georgetown,	276 21	Jefferson Circuit and Frederick Mission,	100 03
Ninth St., Washington,	35 67	Kent,	207 08
Salem, Pa.	119 00	Liberty,	63 74
		Laurel,	50 00
		Newtown,	107 00
		New Market,	70 00
		Pipe Creek,	90 70
		Queen Anne's,	108 85
		Snowhill,	13 50
		Severn,	10 00
		Sussex,	3 25
		Salisbury,	15 67
		Susquehanna,	35 28
		Talbot,	60 00
		Warwick,	33 93
		Worcester,	57 00

CIRCUITS.

Anne Arundel,	20 00
Bel-Air,	128 75
Baltimore,	69 60
Bedford,	31 00
Caroline,	27 00
Cecil,	25 00
Cambridge,	3 65
Carlisle,	
Concord,	22 63
Chesapeake,	23 50
Clarksville,	10 00

MISSIONS.			
Alexandria,	40 00	Tiaskin,	31 00
Broadway,	71 00	Williamsport and Berkeley,	19 20
Cumberland,	52 20	Balance from last year,	856 15
Choptank,	14 25	Miss Wright,	2 00
Delaware,	47 50	W. C. Lipscomb,	10 00
East Washington,	73 00	Mrs. Scholl,	2 00
Harper's Ferry,	19 37	Miss J. Johnson,	1 00
Kent Island,	41 80	Miss S. McLaughlin,	50 00
Lexington Street,	44 84	Conference Subscription,	50 00
Millsboro',	30 35	Proceeds of Anniversary,*	
Newark,	11 25		
Potomac,	30 00		
			\$3,903 67

MISSIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

	Amount.	Paid.	Deficient.
Alexandria,	\$500 00	389 96	110 04
Broadway,	800 00	673 93	126 07
Cumberland,	200 00	147 00	53 00
Choptank,	500 00	384 96	115 04
Delaware,	200 00	147 98	53 02
East Washington,	300 00	221 97	78 03
Harper's Ferry,	250 00	184 98	65 02
Kent Island,	200 00	147 88	52 12
Lexington Street,	1000 00	762 92	237 08
Potomac,	300 00	221 97	78 03
Salisbury,	300 00	221 97	78 03
Tiaskin,	100 00	73 99	26 01
Williamsport and Berkeley,	100 00	73 99	26 01
	\$4,750 00	\$3,663 50	\$1,107 50

C. H. LITTLETON, *M. F. Steward.*

*This amount has not been reported to the Publishing Committee.

STATISTICS.—Concluded.

STATISTICS, CIRCUITS AND MIS- SIONS.	Members.	Probationers.	Ministers.	Preachers.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value Church property.	Col. Members.	Sabb Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	NAMES OF MINISTERS AND PREACHERS UNSTA- TIONED.
Worcester Circuit,	201	10	1	1	6	1	8,000		4	30	260	650	R. H. Powell.
Broadway Missions,	160	64	1	1	1	1	27,000		1	20	200	500	John Davis.
Cumberland "	71	64	2	1	1	1	8,000		1	20	120	500	
Delaware "	277	64	1	1	9	1	7,000		5	50	255	550	Y. G. Clayton.
East Washington "	85	20	1	1	1	1	6,000		1	13	92	350	
Harper's Ferry "	84	9			2	1	4,655						
Kent Island "	121	19	1	1	1	1	6,800	1	4	25	120	450	Amon Richards.
Lexington "	127	1			1	1	15,000		2	24	172	529	
Potomac "	55	15	1	1	1	1	1,000	1	2	15	60	400	
Choptank "	94	15	1	1	4	1	8,370		2	30	125	400	
Newark, N. J. "	190	4	2	1	6	1	25,000	3	30	42	180	432	Luke Morris, Minister; Daniel Smith, Preacher.
Wmsport & Berkeley "	125	3	1	1	1	1	10,000	3	3	27	115	500	
Taskin "	70	3			1	1	1,200		3	22	190	208	
Millsboro, "	93	8	1	1	2	1	5,000		2	12	50	200	H Linthicum and Thomas McCormick.
Seyern Circuit, "	34	6	1	1	1	1	10,000		1	10	30	75	J. C. Meredith.
Clarksville "	60	1			1	1			1	18	85	450	
South Baltimore Station, /	115	3			1	1			1	1	85	450	
	9,669	1,281	36	20	173	30	528,411	6,201	1707	10720	31,700		

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. DICK, Committee.

CENTENARY FUND.

Total Cash receipts,	\$7,194 93
Expenses,	1,320 66
	\$5,874 27
DISTRIBUTION.	
Lexington Street Mission,	\$4,530 92
Broadway " "	642 77
Delaware " "	130 56
Potomac " "	86 37
	\$5,390 62
Balance in hand for distribution,	483 65

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATED CLAIMANTS.

Thomas M. Wilson,	\$450 00	Mrs. Varden,	200 00
Joseph A. McFaden,	650 00	Mrs. Raleigh,	200 00
Hamilton J. Day, (If not ap- pointed,)	400 00	Mrs. Collins,	200 00
T. M. Bryan,	400 00	Mrs. Schull,	500 00
John Morgan,	400 00	Mrs. Roby,	200 00
J. E. T. Ewell,	550 00	Mrs. Kesley,	200 00
Thomas Lee,	450 00	Mrs. W. T. Wright,	200 00
J. T. Ward,	450 00	Mrs. F. G. Wright,	275 00
Christian Eversole,	650 00	Mrs. Greenway,	500 00
John W. Everist,	200 00	Mrs. Hamilton,	200 00
Mrs. Boyd,	200 00	Mrs. Webster,	200 00
Mrs. J. S. Reese,	200 00	Mrs. Henkle,	200 00
		Mrs. Whiteside,	450 00

DEFICIENCY ON FURNISHING PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE.

Salem,	\$5 00	Ninth Street,	\$23 00
Finksburg,	5 11	Bedford,	20 00
Caroline,	18 75	Sussex,	10 00
Jefferson,	20 00	Broadway,	16 00
Pipe Creek,	21 00	Union,	8 00
Montgomery,	10 00		

REV. ELI HENKLE.

In the ordering of Divine Providence it is rendered our melancholy task to record, in the present Journal of the Conference, the decease of this eminent minister of the Gospel of Christ; one of the venerable fathers and founders of the Methodist Protestant Church, and an early and unwavering advocate of the essential elements and principles of her Constitution and Discipline. The workman is no more, but his labor remains; and, with that of his noble and illustrious compeers, will pass down to generations yet unborn, and will endure unimpaired the severest tests of scrutiny, of criticism and of time.

Rev. Eli Henkle was born in Pendleton Co., Virginia, April 15th, 1787. His grandfather, a most respectable minister of the Gospel in the M. E. Church, had some years previous settled in Rowan Co. North Carolina; but, incensed by threatened incursions of neighboring Indian tribes, he decided to remove into the State of Virginia.

Here he raised a very numerous family—nine sons and two daughters. Six of the sons became ministers of the Gospel, and the whole family were made subjects of Divine grace and members of the same Church with their estimable parents.

The subject of this memoir made his first essay to preach, as assistant to his brother Saul, on Greenbriar Circuit, at the urgent request of his brother, in the year 1807; which request was confirmed by the sanction and appointment of the Presiding Elder.

He was received into the Annual Conference in the year 1808, and, two years after, having served out his probation, he was admitted into full connection, and ordained Deacon by Bishop Asbury, in Light street Church, Baltimore. Two years thereafter, under the rule of the Church, he received Elder's Orders from the hands of Bishop McKendre, at the Conference held for that year at Leesburgh, Loudoun Co., Virginia. From the time of his admission on probation to the Annual Conference, he continued regularly in the labors of the Itineracy, until the Spring of the year 1813; when, by the pressure of domestic circumstances, he felt obliged to locate. In the Spring of 1815 he resumed his place in the Annual Conference, wherein he continued regularly some nine years, until he was compelled, for similar reasons, to locate again.

The following testimonials to the worth of his character as a Christian minister and gentleman, and a kind and hospitable friend, furnished by two of his brethren in the ministry still living, and his colleagues in those days, will be read with great interest. The first, from the Rev. Wm. Hamilton, D.D., Pastor of Ryland Church, Washington City, was given in a letter written expressly to be used on the occasion of Bro. Henkle's funeral in Green street Church:

"Washington City, Sept. 23d, 1867.—Rev. Dr. Francis Waters—Dear Sir: It was my happiness in 1822, to be associated with Bro. Henkle six months at

Wilk street Church, Baltimore, I boarded in the family, and never in any place did I receive stronger proofs of kindness than were bestowed upon me there. My only wish now is, that I could be present at Green street Church to hear from you the story of my old colleague's life, and also the manner of his death. My pressing engagements will keep me at home. If the Address should be published, which it will no doubt, you will greatly oblige me by sending a copy to Ryland Church, corner of David and 10th streets. Yours affectionately and truly.

WM. HAMILTON."

The second testimonial is from the Rev. John Baer, who was present at the funeral, and took an affecting part in the impressive solemnities of the occasion, in an address, which delivered in his earnest and feeling style at the close of the public services, sent a thrill of emotion throughout the large congregation assembled there, as he spoke of the character and virtues of Bro. Henkle; and still more, when he introduced the name of his venerable consort, still surviving, and enumerated the kind and maternal attentions he had received from her, during his membership in the Parsonage household, of the aforesaid City Station at Wilks street, Fell's Point, Baltimore.

Bro. Henkle was an early and active advocate of representation in the government of the M. E. Church, and that from principle and conviction; not only on the presiding Elder question, in unison with such clear and vigorous minds as Lee, Sneath, Shinn, Morgan and Ryland; but, also, on the broad ground of common and equal rights of the local ministry and laity, in the legislative and executive councils of the Church, such as we now have in our Constitution and Book of Discipline. With the earliest regular organization of measures for the achievement of this last object, Bro. Henkle was avowedly identified, both as advocate and co-operator. This will appear to all from the history of the engaging struggle for representation and mutual rights in those days, from 1824 to 1828 inclusive, and the important and responsible positions he was selected to occupy in the incipient plans of temporary ecclesiastical organization that were adopted as preliminary to the more complete and permanent work of the Convention in November, 1830. Bro. Henkle was also a ministerial member of that General Convention, and heads the list of fourteen ministers, one half itinerant, the other half local, that represented the Maryland District in that truly memorable and historic council of American Methodism.

Other facts might here be enumerated, and many such, in evidence of the esteem and confidence in which Bro. Henkle was held by the Church in Maryland; but we close with these as sufficient for the purpose. In his theology, or his views of Christian doctrines and ethics, Bro. Henkle was sound to the core. He was a Church of England Methodist; that is, he held the views on such subjects that were held by the Wesleys and Fletcher and others, and which they so ably maintained and vindicated by unanswerable appeals, not only to the Scriptures, but to the articles of religion, the prayer book, homilies and other standards of the Reformed Church of England; views that now constitute the symbols of faith, with scarcely any exception, in all evan-

gelical Churches of the present day. Spiritual or experimental preaching, in any pulpit, is only a synonym for this kind of Methodism.

As a preacher, Bro. Henkle was plain, lucid, practical; never aiming at any embellishment for its own sake, but at the same time employing always a style well adapted to the purposes of general apprehension and edification. As a pastor, in charge of a circuit or a station, we infer, from our knowledge of his manner and habits, as they came under our observation, that he was strictly attentive to his duties, indeed scrupulous in the faithful observance of them. His manner, also, as a Christian, when making his pastoral visits or calls, was always such as well comported with his holy office and vocation. He was cheerful and pleasant in conversational intercourse, yet becomingly dignified and self-possessed; spiritual and impressive in all the appropriate solemnities of family worship, and winning and attractive in the influence he shed by his spirit and example on both old and young; so that we may confidently presume that he seldom, if ever, took leave of a family without the reflection on their part that a true minister of the Gospel had been in their midst.

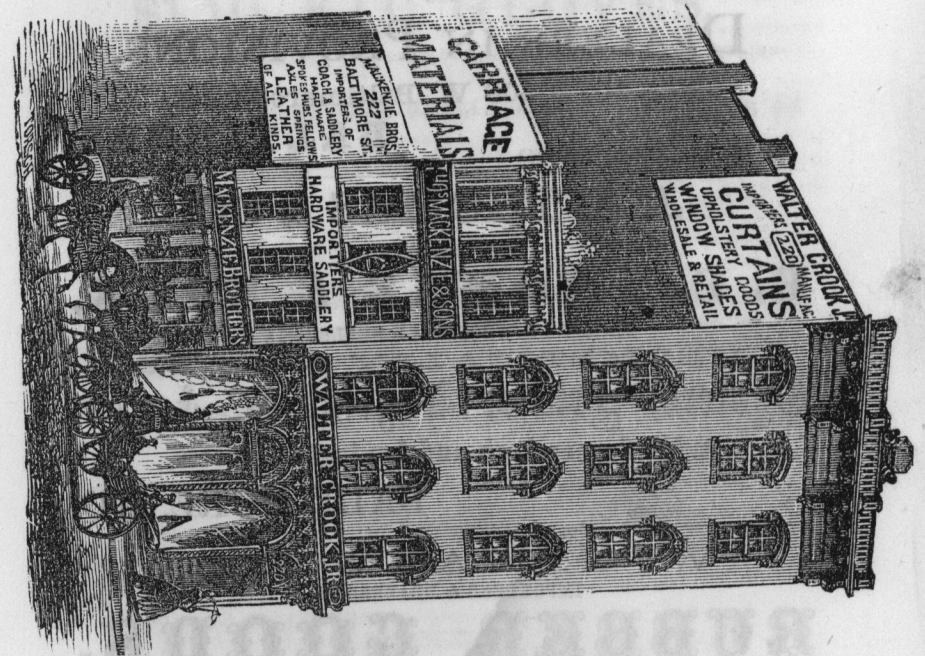
Bro. Henkle died at his residence in Baltimore Co. on the 24th day of August, 1867, aged 80 years, 4 months and 9 days. The state of his mind at this time, and for some weeks previous to it, is thus given by the Rev. John Miller, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a neighbor to Bro. Henkle:—"For six weeks previous to his death, I visited Bro. Henkle almost daily, and always found him in a most tranquil state of mind, and enjoying full confidence in the promises and hopes of the Gospel of Christ, and in no instance did I discern the shade of a doubt of his final acceptance with God." Thus died this good and venerable man, full of years and full of labors and usefulness in the service of his Master.

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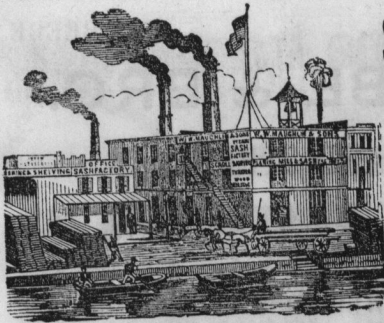
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