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Conference met at Chestertown, Wednesday morning, March 15th, 1871, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and was opened by the President, Rev. S. B. Southerland, D. D., by reading parts of 2d, 3d and 4th chapters of 2d Corinthians, and singing 554th hymn, and prayer. The President read his report, and his official character passed.

MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE.

MINISTERS.—D. Evans Reese, J. W. Everist, James K. Nichols, John Elderdice, John R. Nichols, A. S. Eversole, J. M. Elderdice, L. W. Bates, A. Baker, S. B. Southerland, H. P. Jordan, J. J. Murray, P. L. Wilson, D. W. Bates, John Roberts, R. S. Norris, W. T. Dumm, John Morgan, D. A. Shermer, David Wilson, T. D. Valiant, H. J. Day, F. Swentzel, T. M. Bryan, Jesse Shreeve, J. A. McFaden, J. H. Ellegood, E. J. Drinkhouse, J. Clay, Thomas Lee, J. T. Murray, W. S. Hammond, H. C. Cushing, T. A. Moore, J. Thompson, Daniel Bowers, A. D. Dick, W. G. Holmes, C. H. Littleton, D. F. Ewell, J. T. Ward, B. F. Benson, W. M. Strayer, C. T. Cochel, J. E. T. Ewell, S. A. Hoblitzell, J. E. Maloy, J. L. Mills, Henry Nice, R. Whinna, J. W. Charlton, J. B. Jones, J. W. Gray, A. Webster, W. D. Litsinger, J. D. Kinzer, George D. Edmonston, S. T. Graham, J. T. Lassell, S. T. Ferguson, R. S. Rowe, J. M. Holmes, J. E. Read, A. T. Melvin, A. W. Mather, H. E. Miskimon, J. E. Darby, W. C. Lipscomb, J. P. Wilson, T. McCormick, Amon Richards, Isaac T. Adkins, W. A. Crouse, D. L. Greenfield, C. McF. Thompson, C. O. Melvin, Wm. C. Ames, Wm. H. Lane, H. C. Hayghe, Otho O'B. Strayer, F. T. Tagg.

PROBATIONERS.—J. L. Straughn, Samuel G. Valliant, Henry Bruner.

DELEGATES.—Robert H. Powell, J. W. Cochran, P. M. Pearson, C. N. Payne, John Coulbourn, S. T. Philips, William Dale, Edward Saulsbury, J. H. Hopkins, J. A. Kennedy, F. A. Turpin, Aquilla Tracy, L. J. Cathell, W. S. Greenwood, James Wright, D. W. Webster, J. E. Nicholson, G. W. McGee, A. W. Nicodemus, Israel Norris, James Stephenson, J. M. Harper, E. Bombarger, H. Meeks, J. J. Smouse, J. H. Young, T. Edwards, W. E. Bell, J. C. Lightner, E. C. Thomas, J. Barnett, C. E. Staton, S. B. Treadway, Thomas E. Lloyd, A. Gardiner, J. Nelson, W. Pulley, T. M. Flint, J. Divers, E. L. Wolf, G. Moore, T. Hendricks, H. Becker, A. Donelson, J. S. Crouse, Wm. H. Cuncell, John Gale, George Frame, G. W. Taylor, S. Carmack, J. D. Grant, A. Johns, J. W. Hering, J. A. Robinson, C. W. Green, J. B. Nichols, W. T. Joyce, W. H. Todd, G. F. Kindley, S. Golden, Thomas Fegan, S. V. Yantis.

On motion of E. J. Drinkhouse, the fourth rule (page 34 of Manual) in the second item was modified so as to read:

“On Finance, three ministers and two laymen,” for the purpose of referring the President’s salary to said committee, as a standing order of the Conference; the last ex-President to be the Chairman.

It was further resolved, That it be a standing order, as a part of the opening religious exercises of the Conference, that after the Conference sermon, and before the administration of the Lord’s Supper, the President, or the brother leading in the last named service, shall read the “Dead Roll” of this Conference as found on pages 10 and 11 of Conference Minutes of 1869, with such additions as may be from time to time necessary; said roll to be kept perfect by the Secretary of the Conference.

The President announced the Standing Committees:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—S. T. Ferguson, A. Donelson, J. M. Harper.
FINANCE.—S. B. Southerland, B. F. Benson, J. E. Read, E. C. Thomas.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.—A. S. Eversole, C. T. Cochel, G. W. Taylor.
STATISTICS.—J. L. Mills.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.—J. T. Murray.

COLLECTION FOR MINUTES.—A. W. Mather, Wm. Pulley.

ITINERANCY AND ORDERS (*Disciplinary Committee*).—D. W. Bates, F. Swentzel, J. T. Lassell, Wm. Dale, S. V. Yantis.

ORDERS (*Conference Committee*).—Faculty of Instruction.

BOUNDARIES.—P. M. Pearson, John Gale, W. E. Bell, C. E. Staton, E. L. Wolf, J. H. Young, W. S. Greenwood.

MISSIONS.—J. T. Murray, J. E. T. Ewell, R. S. Rowe, W. H. Todd, T. E. Lloyd, L. J. Cathell.

LITERATURE.—J. K. Nichols, Jesse Shreeve, P. L. Wilson, Gabriel Moore, J. W. Hering, A. W. Nicodemus.

SUPERANNATED CLAIMANTS.—John Roberts, W. T. Dumm, Henry Nice, John Coulbourn, Henry Becker, J. B. Nichols.

EXECUTIVE.—J. W. Everist, L. W. Bates, S. B. Southerland, Jas. A. Kennedy, J. H. Hopkins, Jas. Stephenson.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—D. A. Shermer, T. D. Valiant, A. D. Dick, George Frame, Wm. H. Cuncell, C. W. Green.

TEMPERANCE.—F. Swentzel, C. H. Littleton, S. T. Graham, John Divers, Israel Norris, Thomas Edwards.

ECCLESIASTICAL COMMUNICATIONS AND VISITATIONS.—E. J. Drinkhouse, W. S. Hammond, J. T. Ward, Howard Meeks, T. M. Flint.

BIBLE CAUSE.—A. Webster, D. Wilson, W. M. Strayer, T. B. Taylor, J. L. Gemmill.

PULPIT SERVICES.—H. C. Cushing, J. W. Gray, H. E. Miskimon.

J. Clay and S. A. Hoblitzell were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

The Conference took a recess to hear the Annual Sermon by Rev. R. S. Norris, and to celebrate the Lord’s Supper.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was opened by Rev. J. B. Jones.

Conference proceeded to election of officers, with results as follows:

PRESIDENT.—D. E. Reese, D. D.

STANDING DISTRICT COMMITTEE.—L. W. Bates, D. Wilson, H. F. Zollickoffer, J. G. Clarke, J. W. Hering.

ON APPEALS.—J. J. Murray, D. W. Bates, John Roberts, J. W. Hering, P. M. Pearson.

On motion, W. H. Cole, Esq., was afforded the opportunity of addressing the Conference in behalf of the Maryland State Bible Society.

Conference adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. D. Valiant.

THURSDAY MORNING, March 16.

Conference was opened with religious services, conducted by Rev. A. D. Dick.

Rev. J. Clay was elected Conference Steward; B. F. Benson, Missionary Steward, and J. E. Maloy, Steward of the Superannuated Fund. J. W. Charlton was elected Secretary of the Conference, and George Frame, Esq., and D. L. Greenfield, his assistants.

Revs. J. B. Quigg, of the M. E. Church, George Nestor, and O. Lowther, of the W. Virginia Conference, and E. R. McGregor, of the Pittsburg Conference, Methodist Church, were introduced.

A. Baker, J. T. Ward, T. A. Moore, T. McCormick, H. P. Jordan and A. Richards, were assigned a supernumerary relation. Rev. D. Bowers was placed upon the superannuated list.

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.—J. J. Murray, L. W. Bates and Wm. H. Councill.

Adjourned, with prayer, by Rev. J. B. Quigg of M. E. Church.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference was opened with religious services by Rev. J. E. T. Ewell.

W. McK. Poisal was transferred to the unstationed list at his own request. Rev. T. H. Colhouer, Pittsburg Conference, Methodist Church, was introduced to the Conference.

On motion, it was resolved to hold the next session of Conference on the second Wednesday in March, 1872.

On motion of J. T. Murray—

Resolved, That action upon the report of the Committee on Finance, shall not be had until twenty-four hours after it has been read in open Conference, and that after reading their report, they shall hold a meeting, the time of which shall be announced in Conference, so that an opportunity may be had for any suggestions of revision of the report.

The report of Committee on President's Annual Report, as follows, was adopted:

1. That the first hour of the morning session to-morrow be set apart, in accordance with the suggestion of the President, for prayer in behalf of our afflicted brethren, Elderdice and Bowers, and that during said hour, prayer be made in behalf of the families of deceased and disabled ministers.
2. That the President's suggestion in relation to brethren elected to orders, be adopted as a standing regulation of the Conference.

J. J. MURRAY, *Chairman*.

The anniversary meeting of the Missionary Society was fixed for Friday evening, and that of the Superannuated Fund Society was fixed for Monday evening.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. J. Roberts.

FRIDAY MORNING, March 17th.

The morning hour was spent in prayer, pursuant to the report of Committee on President's Report.

The report of Committee on Superannuated Claimants was read. A letter from Dr. A. Webster was read, accounting for his absence from Conference.

Report of the Committee on Boundaries was taken up, and the following items adopted:

1. That the name of Sussex Circuit be changed to Seaford Circuit.
2. That "Black Rock" Circuit be discontinued, and the appointment be attached to "Finksburg Circuit."
3. That Montgomery Avenue Mission be changed to a station, to be called "Salem Station."
4. That the name of Harmony Mission be changed to "Accomac."

On motion, a committee on the Virginia District was appointed, as follows:

E. J. Drinkhouse, S. B. Southerland, James K. Nichols, P. M. Pearson and E. C. Thomas.

On motion of E. J. Drinkhouse—

Resolved, That all churches supplied ministerially from this Conference, outside of the Maryland District, be and they are hereby expected to contribute to all the Conference collections and President's salary, and that the Committee on Finance are instructed to assess them accordingly, but that this does not oblige the President to visit officially such churches.

The report of the Committee on the Bible Cause was received, amended and adopted, as follows:

That we regret that many superintendents have failed to make collections as per resolutions required at the last session of the Annual Conference, and that the collections reported to the committee are smaller in the aggregate than the amounts paid last year to the Agent of the Maryland State Bible Society. The committee beg leave to recommend that the names of Circuits, Stations and Missions contributing be published in the printed minutes, and that the monies contributed this year by the churches in the District, be applied as follows: for Life Directors—D. Evans Reese, D. D., A. Webster, D. D., and Rev. R. S. Norris.

DAVID WILSON, *Chairman*.

Contributions to the Maryland State Bible Society.—Georgetown Station, \$31; Talbot Circuit, \$4.75; Warwick Circuit, \$2.94; Newtown, \$1; Kent, \$12.50; Jefferson, \$10; Susquehanna, \$5.00; Howard, \$7.71; Bel Air, \$3.46; Frederick, \$2.63; Chesapeake, \$1; Snow Hill, \$6.25; Choptank, \$1.25; Starr Church, \$25; Lexington Street, \$7; South Baltimore Station, \$6.35; Centreville Station, \$2.65; Finksburg Circuit, \$2—Total, \$132.49.

On motion, the time of Annual Sermon was changed from 11 o'clock to 10 o'clock, A. M., on the first day of the session.

Adjourned, with prayer, by W. H. Todd.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2½ o'clock.

The religious exercises of the session led by Rev. D. W. Bates.

The following portion of the paper signed by A. Webster, Thomas McCormick and J. K. Nichols, was adopted:

Resolved, That other Annual Conferences are hereby solicited to unite with us, at the Annual Conference next preceding the sitting of the General Conference,

to recommend, in writing, to said General Conference, the following amendments, viz:

Article XI, section 1, strike out the word "three" in line five, and insert the word "four."

Substitute the word "Pastor" for "Superintendent."

SATURDAY, March 18th.

Conference opened with religious services conducted by Rev. A. T. Melvin.

The report of Committee on Superannuated Claimants, as follows, was read and adopted:

J. A. McFaden.....	\$600	Mrs. L. Collins.....	\$200
T. M. Bryan.....	400	" Joseph Scull.....	200
John Morgan.....	200	" W. Roby.....	400
Thomas Lee.....	400	" W. Kesley.....	200
J. Everist.....	200	" W. T. Wright.....	200
John Elderdice.....	550	" F. C. Wright.....	200
Daniel Bowers.....	700	" N. S. Greenaway.....	400
Mrs. T. M. Wilson.....	250	" G. D. Hamilton.....	200
Mrs. R. T. Boyd.....	200	" I. Webster.....	200
Mrs. J. S. Reese.....	200	" J. F. Whiteside.....	400
Mrs. Josiah Varden.....	200	" Christian Eversole.....	600
Mrs. S. A. Rawleigh.....	200		

From the information in the hands of your committee in the case of Mrs. H. B. Dennis, widow of Bro. J. M. Dennis, they find no ground for a claim on the Conference, as Bro. Dennis' relations to the Conference at and for years before his decease, was not such as to entitle him to any claim on the Superannuated Fund, or to authorize the Conference to make such a disposition of any part of the proceeds of said fund.

JOHN ROBERTS, *Chairman*.

The report of the Committee on Superannuated Claimants was adopted as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That the superannuated claimants on the funds of the Conference be and they are hereby required to acquaint the Conference, with the necessary information, in view of the action of the Conference on their respective cases, and that where this is not done, it shall be considered as tending to lessen the apportionment of said claimants.

2. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Conference furnish said claimants with printed blanks containing the following questions, which they will be required to answer, and the answers to which shall be sufficient for the purpose contemplated above:

1. What is your present place of residence and post office address?
2. Do you desire a superannuated relation for the ensuing year?

3. What is the number of your family and ages of your children?
4. In what business are you now engaged, and how much does its product fall short of yielding you a necessary support?

JOHN ROBERTS, *Chairman.*

The Conference decided to hold its next session at East Washington Mission.

Conference suspended further proceedings to hear the fraternal messengers present.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference opened with religious service, conducted by Rev. J. Thompson. The report of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications and Visitations was adopted.

The Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications and Visitations beg leave to report as follows:

Resolved, That we hail with pleasure the presence of Rev. Thomas H. Colhouer and Rev. E. R. McGregor, Fraternal Messengers from the Pittsburg Conference of the Methodist Church, and that we heartily reciprocate their warm expressions of kindly sympathy, Christian love and brotherly fellowship. One in doctrine and discipline, we bid them God-speed in our common work of reclaiming a lost world to Christ. Conscientiously differing in some points of Church polity, which have broken our ecclesiastical unity, we patiently bide the time when in the providence of God we can see eye to eye, and that unity may be restored without the sacrifice of principle or prejudicing the interests of either organization. We extend to them our Christian love, and pray the continuance of the fraternal intercourse now happily inaugurated.

Resolved, That we recognize in Rev. George Nestor and Rev. Oliver Lowther, Fraternal Messengers from the West Virginia Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, brethren beloved, and representatives of our cherished ecclesiastical system. We appreciate the fidelity of that Conference under great trials, and beg these brethren to bear to their people our expression of sympathy and good will. To these brethren, personally, we say, twice welcome to your faces now become familiar. We pray that they may often return to receive our greetings.

Resolved, That the Conference has heard with interest the letter from Rev. A. C. Harris, Fraternal Messenger from the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and regret the circumstances which prevent his presence with us. For the Conference he represents we cherish the warmest fraternity, and feel bound to them by ties of closest fellowship, and shall ever welcome those who may be accredited to us in this relation.

Resolved, That the President is hereby authorized and requested to appoint Fraternal Messengers to the Pittsburg Conference of the Methodist Church, to the West Virginia and North Carolina Conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church.

E. J. DRINKHOUSE, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications and Visitations, made additional reports, which were adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That we cordially welcome our old friend and brother, C. W. But-ton, Esq., Fraternal Messenger from the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and sincerely regret the absence of his colleague, Rev. Josiah Clift. We rejoice with them over the fact that notwithstanding the persistent efforts of revolutionary agitations to destroy the very existence of the Conference District they represent, they have been preserved from the utter disintegration proposed, and having sloughed the disaffected element, are now looking forward to speedy recuperation of their wasted and devastated fields.

Resolved, That we continue to extend our fostering care and Christian sympathy to this distressed and struggling Conference, and express our approbation of their determination to preserve the organic structure of their District.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the letter of Rev. James L. Kilgore, M. D., Fraternal Messenger from the Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and also regret the absence of his colleague, Rev. J. K. Helmbold. We appreciate their fidelity to the Constitution of the Methodist Protestant Church under circumstances of peculiar trial, and extend to them our prayers for their continued prosperity.

Resolved, That the President is hereby authorized and instructed to appoint Fraternal Messengers to the Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio Conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Resolved, That we have listened with pleasure to the interesting letter of Rev. George R. Barr of the Holston Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, Fraternal Messenger from that body. We rejoice to hear of their prosperity and the hopeful prospect of the permanent establishment of the Conference he represents. We reciprocate all their expressions of confidence, and continue to extend our cordial sympathy and Christian love.

Resolved, That the President of this Conference is hereby authorized and instructed to appoint Fraternal Messengers to the Holston Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

E. J. DRINKHOUSE, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Itineracy was adopted:

For Deacon's Orders.—Charles O. Melvin, Henry C. Hayghe.

For the Itineracy.—Jacob D. Wilson, William J. Neepier, Robert L. Lewis, Aquilla A. Harryman, William J. Floyd.

DANIEL W. BATES, *Chairman.*

By resolution, the Committee on Missions were restricted to the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars in the appropriations for missions the present year.

The consideration of the fourth resolution of the paper offered by Dr. A. Webster, Thomas McCormick and J. K. Nichols, relating to suffrage and eligibility to office, was postponed two years.

MONDAY MORNING, March 20th, 1871.

Conference was opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. R. Semple Rowe.

The Committee on Collection for Publication of Minutes reported "amount collected \$56.99." The report was referred to the Committee on Publication of the Minutes, which was named as follows: J. Thomas Murray.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was adopted as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That this Conference recognizes the vast importance of the temperance cause, which has for its object the destruction of a great evil, one of the prolific sources of poverty and crime, which has deluged the land with bitter fears, crushed hopes and burning sorrows. The church cannot leave this work of reclaiming inebriates to temperance organizations, who are battling with the demon of intemperance, and be innocent in the sight of God.

2. *Resolved*, That we regard it to be our christian duty and also of the membership to discourage, by personal example, the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

3. *Resolved*, That the ministers and preachers of this Conference be and are hereby recommended to preach once or more during the year, at their respective appointments, on this subject—praying that He whom we preach may sanctify and crown our efforts with happy results.

4. *Resolved*, That increased effort be made to increase the efficiency of juvenile temperance societies, and that they be organized in connection with Sabbath Schools, to secure regular attendance and give them permanency.

5. *Resolved*, Your committee would further recommend a Conference Temperance Convention, to be held on the first Thursday at 7½ P. M. of the next session of our Conference—and that the President appoint a committee of five to make requisite arrangements and give due notice of the convention in the Methodist Protestant.

F. SWENTZEL, *Chairman*.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2½ P. M.,

Chestertown, March 20, 1871.

Conference opened with religious services by Rev. A. D. Dick.

The Committee on Literature made a report as follows:

The committee beg leave to submit the following report in relation to Western Maryland College:

At no period in the history of this institution has its condition been so hopeful and satisfactory. Two years ago, when the agent received his first appoint-

ment from this Conference, the institution was comparatively unknown. Since that period the agent has visited a number of the Circuits and Stations of the Conference, and, through his efficient labors, has succeeded in introducing the College to many of the churches of the Maryland District. As a consequence of this, a promising interest has been awakened and the number of students greatly increased. During the present scholastic year, one hundred and thirty-six names have been entered, and one hundred and sixteen students are at this time in actual attendance. The prospects are such as to justify the belief that the number will greatly exceed this during the coming year. The members of the Faculty have discharged their respective duties to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees, and merit the confidence of the church and community. The affairs of the institution have, in the judgment of your committee, been conducted in the most careful and prudent manner. Owing to a rigid economy in its management, and by the help of an annual appropriation from the State, current expenses and the interest upon the debt have been paid.

It will be readily seen, however, that the sphere of its usefulness would be greatly enlarged if the present indebtedness were relieved and an endowment secured. Your committee are of opinion, therefore, that an effort should be made at once to liquidate present indebtedness. The most prosperous colleges of the country depend mainly for their success upon the amount received from their endowment funds, and it is not difficult to understand how comparatively limited must be the influence of an institution which, instead of receiving endowment, is paying an annual interest upon a large part of its capital. We have arrived at that period in the history of our church, when the force of circumstances has definitely settled for us the importance of an institution of learning. And the short history of Western Maryland College, even in its present condition, has demonstrated its usefulness to the church. Already is its Theological Department beginning to send forth laborers to the work, and the children of our church are being educated under influences which will preserve them to the faith of their fathers. Your committee being gratefully conscious of the ability which God has vouchsafed to us, as a church, and trusting for that grace which will enable us, in His fear to meet our responsibilities, in a work of such importance, therefore be it

1. *Resolved*, That the College Agent be continued.

2. *Resolved*, That we do recommend to the Board of Trustees that the Agent be employed in securing donations for the payment of the present College debt.

3. *Resolved*, That we do earnestly request our ministers to use their efforts in furtherance of the Agent's work.

4. *Resolved*, That we commend to the prayerful attention of our entire membership the importance of our College interests, and urgently solicit them to respond with liberality to the Agent's appeal.

5. *Resolved*, That the third Sabbath of July be set apart throughout the Maryland District as a day of prayer for the College, and that collections be taken in all the churches for the benefit of the Theological Department. That at appointments where service is not held on the day named, the provisions of this resolution shall be attended to at the earliest day thereafter.

J. K. NICHOLS, *Chairman*.

A letter from Rev. Lewis F. Cosby, President Virginia Conference M. P. Church, was read.

STATISTICS.

CIRCUITS.										Members.	Probationers.	Ministers.	Preachers.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Colored Members.	Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Value of Church Property.
Frederick	475	25	1	2	7	1	1	1	75	500	700	\$11,000									
Pinksburg	280	18	1	6	1	1	1	5	50	300	900	11,000									
Howard	240	40	2	1	10	1	1	7	61	350	675	13,000									
Jefferson Circuit and Frederick City	170	73	4	4	4	1	1	6	55	295	1513	15,000									
Leipsic	207	11	1	1	4	1	1	4	30	200	600	6,500									
Kent	231	21	1	2	2	1	1	2	30	200	1200	10,300									
Kennedyville	132	6	1	2	4	1	1	4	16	115	570	6,000									
Liberty	294	30	1	4	4	1	1	3	14	200	330	2,000									
Milton	212	15	1	4	4	1	1	7	50	250	1300	30,000									
Pipe Creek	360	35	2	4	4	1	1	12	40	200	4,500	4,500									
Pocomoke	200	12	1	2	2	1	1	8	110	300	4,000	4,500									
Somerset	190	15	1	2	2	1	1	66	419	1000	9,500	9,500									
Stewartstown	406	6	1	3	8	1	1	35	182	500	9,000	9,000									
Susquehanna	145	8	1	1	4	1	1	30	110	850	5,500	5,500									
Sussex	97	21	1	3	3	1	1	26	160	1000	6,000	6,000									
Talbot	211	33	1	4	4	1	1	32	220	1260	16,000	16,000									
Warwick	177	33	1	3	3	1	1	50	200	500	5,000	5,000									
Whaleyville	280	12	1	1	8	1	1	15	91	700	5,000	5,000									
Queen Anne's	164	44	1	3	5	1	1	22	101	549	4,000	4,000									
Snow Hill	91	12	1	5	5	1	1	30	100	250	3,500	3,500									
Union	225								
Alexandria	78	18	1	1	1	1	1	24	100	560	38,000	38,000									
Broadway	218	45	1	1	4	1	1	39	231	784	30,000	30,000									
Choptank	150	40	1	1	4	1	1	40	200	700	8,000	8,000									
East Washington	228	51	1	1	1	1	1	23	238	600	17,000	17,000									

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MISSIONS.										Members.	Probationers.	Ministers.	Preachers.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Colored Members.	Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Value of Church Property.
Ninth St. Washington	107	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	15	80	700	\$38,000									
Newark	200	50	1	1	1	1	1	39	233	700	35,000	35,000									
Potomac	55	36	2	2	2	1	1	18	100	568	3,200	3,200									
Harmony	110	8	1	1	2	1	1	20	115	225	3,200	3,200									
St. Michael's	57	4	3	1	2	1	1	17	50	750	4,000	4,000									
Lower Sussex	91	2	1	1	1	1	1	24	130	400	1,200	1,200									
Salisbury	135	24	1	1	1	1	1	17	110	600	5,000	5,000									
Tyaskin	76	12	2	2	2	1	1	13	85	100	1,200	1,200									
Harper's Ferry	100	2	1	1	1	1	1	25	125	300	10,000	10,000									
Patapsco	193	30	1	1	1	1	1	19	135	430	8,000	8,000									
Salem, Philadelphia	134	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	244	1000	13,000	13,000									
Lewistown	54	6	1	1	1	1	1	30	200	150	2,000	2,000									
Williamsport and Berkeley	150	6	1	1	6	1	1	40	200	800	12,000	12,000									
Kent Island	78	18	1	2	2	1	1	15	75	400	6,800	6,800									
Itinerant Ministers of Conference	81								
Probationers in the Ministry, or Ministerial Probs'rs.	8								
Total 1871	11,435	1156	31	35	189	34	349	177	1841	10,772	35,926	\$677,400	\$677,400								
" 1870	10,919	1181	26	33	182	35	341	170	1786	10,292	35,116	640,336	640,336								
Gain	518	25	5	2	7	1	8	7	55	480	810	\$37,064	\$37,064								
Loss								
Total gain								

J. L. MILLS.

Respectfully submitted,

On motion, Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer and Bro. P. E. Kent were appointed as agents of the President's parsonage.

Adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

CHESTERTOWN, March 21st, 1871.

The morning session was opened with religious services conducted by Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell.

On motion of R. S. Rowe the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Conference has heard with a great deal of pleasure the address of Rev. David L. Greenfield before the Superannuated Fund Society, and that of Bro. George Frame, Esq., before the Home Missionary Society, and respectfully request these brethren to furnish copies of the same to the Methodist Protestant for publication.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

Samuel Clawson to be employed by the President.

James G. Sullivan and John B. Butler to be received into the Itinerancy.

The committee appointed to draft resolutions concerning the late Rev. D. Bowers offered the following paper, which was adopted:

WHEREAS it has pleased the Great Head of the Church, in His wise but inscrutable providence, to remove from among us by death, our dear and much beloved brother, Rev. Daniel Bowers, in the midst of his years and usefulness, therefore,

1. *Be it resolved by this Annual Conference*, That, while we reverently bow in humble submission to the Divine will in this great bereavement, we do nevertheless deeply mourn, and are bowed down with sorrow on account of the death of our brother.

2. *Resolved*, That in his removal from our midst, the Methodist Protestant Church has lost one of her best and most effective ministers, and the Maryland Annual Conference one of the brightest and most beloved of its members.

3. *Resolved*, That as ministerial members of this body, we do recognize in this sad event the solemn admonition of the Master, "Be ye therefore ready also, for at such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh," and that we will take heed thereto.

4. *Resolved*, That we do deeply sympathise with his bereaved family—especially his stricken-hearted widow and his orphan children—and that we will not cease to make mention of them in our prayers before God, that He will comfort and sustain them in this, the hour of their deep distress.

5. *Resolved*, That a copy of the above resolutions be transmitted to sister Bowers by the Secretary of the Conference.

Your committee would further recommend that the Conference as a body be in waiting at the wharf this afternoon, to receive the *remains* of our beloved brother—that then we form in open column, so as that the corpse may be borne through the column from the steamboat, then fall into line, and follow in the mournful *cortege* to the residence of Bro. John T. Dodd, where again the members of the Conference will form into open column, for the corpse to be borne through into the house—then return again to the Conference room.

And we further suggest that Doctors Bates and Murray be appointed to take charge of and superintend the procession.

J. K. NICHOLS, *Chairman*.

The Committee on the President's House reported that they have examined the papers and audited the accounts, and found them correct.

On motion of R. S. Rowe:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the Secretary and his assistants for the very efficient manner in which they have discharged their arduous duties.

On motion of A. W. Mather:

Resolved, That hereafter the expense of furnishing Deacons' and Elders' Credentials be provided for by the Conference Steward out of the contingent fund of the Conference.

On motion of W. M. Strayer:

Resolved That the President be requested to appoint a committee of five—three ministers and two laymen—all of them residents of Baltimore, who shall make arrangements for the organization of a Church Extension Society, and report progress to the next session of this Conference.

The committee named are: Dr. J. J. Murray, Dr. A. Webster, Dr. S. B. Southerland, George Frame and B. H. Richardson.

The revision of a Conference Manual was referred to the following committee: Dr. J. J. Murray, D. W. Bates and E. C. Thomas.

The Conference Steward was authorized to buy a new Conference Record Book.

The following committees were appointed:

Obituary Committee on Rev. Daniel Bowers—S. B. Southerland, D. D., J. J. Murray, D. D., J. T. Murray, D. A. Shermer.

Fraternal Messengers—Pittsburg Conference, Methodist Church: F. Swentzel, D. W. Bates, Jas. Frame. Ohio Conference, Methodist Church: R. Scott Norris, D. A. Shermer, E. C. Thomas. North Carolina Conference, M. P. Church: D. F. Ewell, M. D., T. D. Valiant, Wm. H. Councell. West Virginia Conference, M. P. Church: John Roberts, W. T. Dumm, Amos H. Greenfield. Virginia Conference, M. P. Church: J. J. Murray, D. D., L. W. Bates, D. D., A. Webster, D. D., S. B. Southerland, D. D., Joseph P. Wilson, Hon. George Vickers, Dr. J. W. Hering. Pennsylvania Conference, M. P. Church: David Wilson, M. D., R. S. Rowe, Henry Becker. Holston Conference, M. P. Church: E. J. Drinkhouse, M. D., J. E. Read, George Frame.

The following report of the Committee on Literature was received and adopted:

The committee report that they have examined the report of the "Book Directory" with great satisfaction, and regard it as an eminently lucid exhibit of all our publication interests. They further express their gratification at the continued prosperity of the "Book Concern," and the increase in the list of subscribers to the Methodist Protestant. The committee cannot but express the regret that so many of the members and friends within our own Conference District, and in other portions of the church, do not receive the illuminating weekly visits of our church periodical, and would respectfully urge on all our pastors and members to make increased efforts to extend its circulation, and that we express our appreciation of the faithfulness and ability with which the brethren having charge of it have conducted the Methodist Protestant during the past year.

The committee make no special recommendation in regard to the prices of our Church Hymn Books and Discipline, inasmuch as they have assurance that the Book Directory will give the subject early and due consideration.

Your committee would further report that they are pleased to receive assurances from the Book Directory that they have in contemplation the employment of a professional editor, thereby infusing into our church periodical greater influence and interest.

They would also state that a plan for the conduct of the church paper and Book Concern has been submitted to their consideration. Upon examination, they find that said plan has been presented to the Book Directory, and has failed to receive their approval. The committee respectfully submit this, in connection with the whole subject, to the consideration of the Conference.

J. K. NICHOLS, *Chairman*.

During the discussion of a special report of the Committee on Literature, the Conference adjourned with the benediction.

The evening session was opened with religious services by Rev. R. Scott Norris.

The plan relating to the Book Concern was referred to a committee of two ministers and five laymen, to report to the next Conference.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend the agent of the church at Salisbury to the liberality of all the churches which he may visit, for the purpose of obtaining aid in building the new church in Salisbury, and also express the hope that those churches which he shall not visit will send contributions to the Rev. J. L. Mills, Missionary, or L. J. Cathell, Chairman of Building Committee.

W. C. Ames received ordination as an Elder, and C. McF. Thompson and F. T. Tagg received ordination as Deacons.

The President then announced the appointments. After which Conference adjourned with prayer by Rev. D. W. Bates.

J. W. CHARLTON, *Secretary*.

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President—REV. D. A. SHERMER.

1st Vice-President—REV. D. F. EWELL, M. D.

2nd Vice-President—REV. H. C. CUSHING.

Secretary—REV. B. F. BENSON.

Treasurer—JOHN G. CLARKE, ESQ.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

REV. DR. J. J. MURRAY,

REV. H. T. GERNHARDT,

REV. J. T. MURRAY,

DR. H. F. ZOLLICKOFFER,

REV. R. SCOTT NORRIS,

MR. JOHN G. CLARKE.

On motion

Resolved, That the new Certificate of Life Membership in this Society be furnished to all persons who have been made Life Members within four years last past, who may claim them; provided, they have not already received the old Certificate. These Certificates to be supplied at the expense of the Missionary Society.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARD.

STATIONS.	Collections.	Salary of Superintendent.	Salary of Assistant.	Amount paid.	From other sources.	Claim.	Paid.
Georgetown.....	\$50 00	\$1500 00	.....	\$1500 00	.....	.....	.....
East Baltimore.....	15 00	1500 00	.....	1500 00	.....	.....	.....
West Baltimore.....	20 92	1600 00	.....	1600 00	.....	.....	.....
South Baltimore.....	2 20	600 00	.....	600 00	\$30 00	.....	.....
Starr Church.....	7 88	1200 00	.....	1200 00	.....	.....	.....
Washington Street.....	6 30	800 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newtown.....	1 40	500 00	.....	500 00	.....	.....	.....
Laurel.....	1 75	600 00	.....	686 00	.....	.....	.....
Salen, Maryland.....	10 00	300 00	.....	300 00	.....	.....	.....
Lexington Street.....	5 26	800 00	.....	800 00	.....	.....	.....
Cumberland.....	3 85	700 00	.....	700 00	30 00	.....	.....
Centreville.....	.....	800 00	.....	.....	.....	No cl'm.	.....
CIRCUITS.							
Anne Arundel.....	8 00	1000 00	\$200 00	1071 00	.....	\$129 00	\$28 38
Belair.....	3 99	850 00	.....	*1000 00	.....	No cl'm.	.....
Baltimore.....	10 50	800 00	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Black Rock.....	1 31	200 00	.....	200 00	.....	.....	.....
Bedford.....	2 35	600 00	.....	585 00	.....	No cl'm.	.....
Clarksville.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caroline.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cambridge.....	1 00	600 00	.....	370 00	.....	No cl'm.	.....
Cecil.....	3 32	460 00	200 00	510 00	.....	150 00	33 00
Chesapeake.....	4 42	500 00	.....	378 50	.....	121 50	26 70
Concord.....	7 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dorchester.....	11 85	700 00	200 00	900 00	.....	.....	.....

* Exclusive of house rent and young Preachers' board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARD

STATIONS.	Collections.	Salary of Superintendent.	Salary of Assistant.	Amount paid.	From other sources.	Claim.	Paid.
Frederick.....	\$8 00	\$610 00	\$200 00	\$500 00	.....	No cl'm.	.....
Finksburg.....	4 00	500 00	.....	442 00	\$50 00	\$358 00	\$78 76
Howard.....	4 80	650 00	200 00	.....	.....	No cl'm.	.....
Jefferson Circuit and F. City.....	10 00	800 00	200 00	.....	.....	No cl'm.	.....
Kent.....	5 00	1100 00	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kennedyville.....	9 00	300 00	.....	650 00	50 00	30 00	6 50
Liberty.....	5 04	730 00	.....	584 90	.....	90 10	19 80
Leipsc.....	5 53	675 00	.....	315 24	.....	134 76	29 60
Milton.....	.....	450 00	.....	850 00	.....	.....	.....
Pipe Creek.....	18 00	850 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pocomoke.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Queen Anne.....	84	200 00	.....	200 00	.....	.....	.....
Snow Hill.....	4 30	500 00	.....	303 65	.....	196 35	43 15
Sussex.....	3 20	600 00	.....	335 50	.....	264 50	58 20
Susquehanna.....	6 00	670 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Somerseset.....	5 60	335 00	.....	835 00	.....	.....	.....
Stewardstown.....	5 00	650 00	200 00	1000 00	.....	No cl'm.	.....
Talbot.....	35 00	800 00	200 00	497 00	.....	78 00	17 16
Union.....	6 43	575 00	.....	700 00	.....	.....	.....
Warwick.....	2 21	700 00	.....	700 00	.....	75 00	16 50
Whaleyville.....	2 00	600 00	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
MISSIONS.							
Alexandria.....	3 00	900 00	.....	400 00	40 00	.....	.....
Broadway.....	5 19	800 00	.....	469 19	55 00	.....	.....
Choptank.....	3 40	400 00	.....	325 00	.....	75 00	16 50

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARD.

MISSIONS.	Collections.	Salary of Superintendent.	Salary of Assistant.	Amount paid.	From other sources.	Claim.	Paid.
East Washington.....	\$8 00	\$1000 00	.....	\$1000 00	.....	.....	.....
Harmony.....	2 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harper's Ferry.....	1 45	600 00	.....	447 00	.....	.....	.....
Kent Island.....	.....	200 00	.....	117 70	\$10 00	.....	.....
Lower Sussex.....	5 21	900 00	.....	900 00	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery Avenue.....	3 00	1150 00	.....	700 00	.....	.....	.....
Ninth Street, Washington.....	15 00	1200 00	.....	1200 00	.....	.....	.....
Newark.....	3 80	250 00	.....	190 00	.....	.....	.....
Potomac.....	.....	600 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Patapsco.....	1 25	700 00	.....	400 00	.....	.....	.....
St. Michael's.....	2 60	655 00	.....	355 00	.....	.....	.....
Salisbury.....	2 00	235 00	.....	235 00	.....	.....	.....
Tyaskin.....	2 00	425 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamsport and Berkeley.....	1 00	425 00	.....	105 00	70 00	\$28 21	\$6 20
Lewistown.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
District.....	380 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	1730 42	380 55
Collection.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22
Claim.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Paid.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Percentage.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

J. CLAY, Conference Steward.

REPORT OF STEWARD OF SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY.

STATIONS.	Amount	MISSIONS.	Amount
East Baltimore.....	\$25 00	Stewartstown.....	\$9 90
West Baltimore.....	84 68	Susquehanna.....	7 50
South Baltimore.....	2 51	Sussex.....	4 00
Washington Street, Baltimore...	7 70	Talbot.....	26 00
*Starr Church.....	76 00	Union.....	6 50
Lexington Street.....	21 00	Warwick.....	26 21
†Georgetown.....	260 65	Whaleyville.....	6 00
Laurel, Del.....	5 25	Queen Anne.....	5 75
Salem.....	13 89	Snow Hill.....	6 40
Newtown.....	5 00		
Centreville.....	19 00	Alexandria.....	5 00
Cumberland.....	8 05	Broadway.....	3 33
		Choptank.....	5 00
		E. Washington.....	10 00
		Ninth Street, Washington.....	10 00
		Newark.....	20 00
		Potomac.....	8 45
		Harmony.....	2 50
		St. Michael's.....	18 55
		Lower Sussex.....	2 25
		Salisbury.....	8 00
		Tyaskin.....	5 00
		Harper's Ferry.....	19 57
		Patapsco.....	6 75
		|| Montgomery Avenue.....	2 03
		Lewistown.....	7 00
		Williamsport and Berkeley....	4 00
		Kent Island.....	.....
		Total amount from District for distribution.....	719 16
		In hands of Dr. Zollickoffer for distribution.....	3382 95
		Received from Sec'y of Soc'y.....	63 29
		Full amount for distribution..	\$4165 40
		Full amount from District for investment, \$270.	.....

* \$60 for investment. † \$210 for investment. ‡ \$2.85 invested by Dr. Zollickoffer.
 || \$6.75 invested by Dr. Zollickoffer.

CLAIMANTS.

	CLAIM.	PAID.
Mrs. T. M. Wilson	\$250	\$138 37
Joseph McFaden	650	359 77
H. J. Day	300	166 05
T. M. Bryan	400	221 42
John Morgan	400	221 42
Thomas Lee	450	249 07
C. Eversole	650	359 77
J. W. Everist	200	110 71
Mrs. R. T. Boyd	200	110 71
Mrs. J. S. Reese	200	110 71
Mrs. J. Varden	200	110 71
Mrs. S. A. Rawleigh	200	110 71
Mrs. L. Collins	200	110 71
Mrs. Joseph Scull	200	110 71
Mrs. W. Roby	400	221 42
Mrs. W. Kesley	200	110 71
Mrs. W. T. Wright	200	110 71
Mrs. F. G. Wright	275	152 21
Mrs. N. S. Greenaway	600	332 10
Mrs. G. D. Hamilton	200	110 71
Mrs. Issac Webster	200	110 71
Mrs. J. F. Whiteside	400	221 42
John Elderdice	550	304 57
	<u>\$7525</u>	<u>\$4165 40</u>

(Per cent., .55 7-20.)

J. EARLE MALOY, *Steward.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

I.—CHANGES OF RELATION AND NEW FIELDS.

That part of Howard Circuit lying north of the Patapsco to be set off as a Mission, to be called Carroll Mission, and be under the superintendence of the Superintendent of Howard Circuit.

Lewistown as a Mission be connected with Jefferson Circuit, without an appropriation.

Centreville Station to be made a Mission.

That part of Stewartstown Circuit embracing Mount Nebo, Olivet and Fawn Town, to be set off as a Mission to be called Peach Bottom Mission.

Broadway be continued a Mission.

Harmony Mission be called Accomac Mission.

White Ground referred to the Conference.

II.—APPROPRIATIONS.

1. Alexandria	\$500	12. Choptank, no appropriation..	
2. Ninth Street, Washington ...	300	13. Tyaskin, no appropriation..	\$200
3. Broadway	500	14. Lower Sussex	
4. St. Michael's	250	15. Newark, no appropriation..	
5. Williamsport and Berkeley..	100	16. Accomac, no appropriation..	
6. Potomac	200	17. East Washington, no appr'on	
7. Salisbury	300	18. Kent Island	
8. Patapsco	200	19. Carroll, no appropriation..	
9. Frederick City	200	20. Peach Bottom	100
10. Centreville	200	21. To pay deficiencies	670
11. Harper's Ferry	100		

III.—ASSESSMENTS.

STATIONS.		MISSIONS.	
East Baltimore	\$100	Queen Anne's	\$ 70
West Baltimore	200	Snow Hill	20
South Baltimore	30	Whaleyville	40
Lexington Street	100	Seaford	20
Starr Church	100	Susquehanna	60
Washington Street	40	Talbot	100
Georgetown, D. C.	200	Union	40
Salem, Philadelphia	60	Warwick	60
Laurel, Del.	40	Pocomoke	40
Salem, Md.	30		
Cumberland	30		
Newtown	30		
Westminster	75		
CIRCUITS.			
Anne Arundel and Severn	120	Alexandria	60
Baltimore	60	Ninth Street, Washington	100
Belair	130	Broadway	25
Bedford	60	St. Michael's	30
Clarksville	30	Williamsport and Berkeley	15
Caroline	30	Potomac	30
Cambridge	40	Salisbury	30
Cecil	30	Patapsco	50
Chesapeake	20	Frederick City	60
Concord	50	Centreville	25
Dorchester	60	Harper's Ferry	20
Frederick	60	Choptank	10
Finksburg	50	Tyaskin	20
Howard	60	Lower Sussex	100
Jefferson Ct. and Lewistown Mis.	70	Newark	20
Leipsic	60	Accomac	60
Kent	190	East Washington	20
Kennedyville	30	Kent Island	10
Milton	20	Carroll	20
Somerset	60	Peach Bottom	30
Stewartstown	70	Lynchburg	10
Pipe Creek	75	Norfolk	30
		Montgomery, Ala.	30
		Heathsville, Va.	30
			<u>\$3695</u>

J. T. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

D. E. REESE, D. D. *President.*

STATIONS.

East Baltimore—J. T. Murray.
 West Baltimore—J. J. Murray, D. D.,
 T. McCormick, Sup. Assistant.
 South Baltimore—J. E. T. Ewell,
 M. D.
 Washington Street—D. A. Shermer.
 Starr Church—R. S. Norris.
 Lexington Street—J. E. Read, A. Rich-
 ards, H. P. Jordan, Sup., assistants.
 Lynchburg, Va.—D. L. Greenfield,
 Georgetown, D. C.—L. W. Bates. D.
 D., W. C. Lipscomb, Sup. assistant.
 Laurel, Del.—J. W. Charlton.
 Montgomery, Ala.—J. D. Kinzer.
 Salem, Md.—Otho O'B. Strayer.
 Norfolk—C. McF. Thompson.
 Newtown—J. E. Maloy.
 Cumberland—Henry Nice.
 Westminster—W. S. Hammond.
 Salem, Philadelphia—R. S. Rowe.

CIRCUITS.
 Anne Arundel and Severn—J. W.
 Gray; one to be supplied.
 Belair—J. Roberts, J. L. Straughn.
 Baltimore—D. W. Bates, J. B. Butler.
 Bedford—G. D. Edmonston; one to
 be supplied.
 Clarksville—J. E. Darby.
 Caroline—W. H. Lane.
 Cambridge—S. Clawson.
 Cecil—A. S. Eversole, M. D., J. G.
 Sullivan.
 Chesapeake—W. M. Strayer.
 Concord—W. A. Crouse.
 Dorchester—S. T. Graham, R. L.
 Lewis.
 Frederick—W. T. Dumm, A. Baker,
 Sup. Assistant.
 Finksburg—J. H. Ellegood; one to be
 supplied.
 Howard—J. Thompson; one to be
 supplied.
 Heathesville—I. T. Adkins.
 Jefferson Circuit and Lewistown Mis-
 sion—J. K. Nichols, D. D., H. Bru-
 ner.
 Leipsic—A. D. Dick.
 Kent—H. C. Cushing, S. G. Valliant.

Kennedyville—H. C. Hayghe.
 Liberty—F. Swentzel, M. D.
 Milton—A. T. Melvin.
 Pipe Creek—J. R. Nichols.
 Pocomoke—[One to be supplied.]
 Somerset—C. H. Littleton.
 Stewartstown—R. Whinna, Aquilla A.
 Harryman.
 Suquehanna—Jesse Shreeve.
 Seaford—J. M. Elderdice, T. A. Moore,
 Sup.
 Talbot—D. F. Ewell, M. D., W. J.
 Neepier.
 Union—C. T. Cochel.
 Warwick—S. A. Hoblitzell.
 Whaleyville—J. B. Jones; one to be
 supplied.
 Queen Anne's F. T. Tagg.
 Snow Hill—J. T. Lassell.

MISSIONS.
 Alexandria—B. F. Benson
 Broadway—S. B. Southerland, D. D.
 Choptank—W. G. Holmes.
 Centreville—T. D. Valiant.
 East Washington—Joseph P. Wilson.
 Ninth St. Washington—E. J. Drink-
 house, M. D.
 Newark, N. J.—David Wilson, M. D.
 Potomac—W. C. Ames.
 Harmony—S. T. Ferguson.
 St. Michael's—J. M. Holmes, W. M.
 Poisal, Sup. Assistant.
 Sussex—W. D. Litsinger.
 Salisbury—J. L. Mills.
 Tyaskin—C. O. Melvin.
 Harper's Ferry—H. E. Miskimon.
 Patapsco—W. J. Floyd.
 Williamsport and Berkeley—[One to
 be supplied.
 Kent Island—A. W. Mather.
 Frederick City Mission—Jacob D. Wil-
 son.
 Peach Bottom—To be supplied.
 White Ground—J. Clay.
 Carroll—To be supplied.
 J. T. Ward, Sup. at Westminster and
 President of Western Maryland
 College.

Left without an appointment, A. Webster, D. D.
 Superannuated, J. W. Everist, John Elderdice, John Morgan, T. M. Bryan, J.
 A. McFaden, Thomas Lee, H. J. Day.
 Agent for Western Maryland College, P. L. Wilson.
 Died during Conference, Daniel Bowers.

LIST OF UNSTATIONED MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.

STATIONS.	MINISTERS.	LICENTIATES.
East Baltimore.....	H. T. Gernhardt.....	
West Baltimore.....	H. F. Zollickoffer.....	Washington Johnson.
South Baltimore.....		
Starr Church.....	W. F. Livingston.....	
Washington Street.....	G. W. Simpson.....	
Georgetown.....	P. H. Sweet.....	Charles Billingslea.
Westminster.....		
Salem, Philadelphia.....		
CIRCUITS.		
Belair.....	A. H. Greenfield.....	
Bedford.....	John Growden.....	{ Joseph B. Mitchell. J. Baughman. S. B. Foster. J. Cain.
Baltimore.....		J. Collinson.
Clarksville.....	H. Linthicum.....	
Caroline.....	J. Irvin.....	
Cecil.....	Gabriel Moore.....	Howard Meeks. Jacob King.
Chesapeake.....		{ C. F. Purdum. G. F. Kindley.
Concord.....	Jackson Day.....	
Frederick.....	Jacob Holmes.....	
Finksburg.....	{ Z. M. Waters..... J. F. Richards.....	R. Vansant. John Sipple.
Howard.....		
Leipsic.....	W. H. Todd.....	J. H. McGrath.
Liberty.....	William Dale.....	{ S. H. Robertson, M. D. Smith Lankford. William Derrick. W. J. Sudler, M. D. Jacob E. Nicholson.
Pocomoke.....		
Somerset.....		Jesse C. Starr.
Stewartstown.....	Thomas Cathcart.....	
Queen Anne's.....		
Seaford.....		
Whaleyville.....	R. H. Powell.....	
Pipe Creek.....		
MISSIONS.		
Newark.....	Luke Morris.....	Daniel Smith.
East Washington.....	T. G. Clayton.....	
Ninth Street, Washgt'n.....	{ Oliver Cox..... N. Lemen.....	
Williamsport and Berkeley.....	John Light.....	E. H. Friend. George C. Carothers.
Harper's Ferry.....		C. W. Dennis.
Salisbury.....	J. W. Penuel.....	P. W. Bowden. Joseph Smith.
Accomac.....		{ Hampton Dye. Horatio Ball. Thomas Edwards. J. A. Robinson.
Choptank.....		
Potomac.....		
Patapsco.....		
St. Michael's.....	W. M. Poisal.....	

MISSIONARY STEWARDS' REPORT.

CHARGES.	Ministers.	Assessment.	Paid.	Deficiency.	Excess.
STATIONS.					
East Baltimore.....	J. T. Murray....	\$100	\$113 20	.....	\$13 20
West Baltimore.....	J. J. Murray....	180	212 62	.....	32 62
South Baltimore.....	Jas. Thompson..	30	1 25	\$28 75	.....
Washington Street ..	Jesse Shreeve... 40	9 00	31 00	.....	.....
Starr Church.....	R. Scott Norris.. 100	100 00	.....	.....	.....
Lexington Street.....	J. E. Read..... 100	120 00	.....	20 00	.....
Georgetown.....	L. W. Bates*... 180	302 20	.....	122 20	.....
Laurel, Delaware.....	W. M. Strayer... 50	50 00	.....	.....	.....
Salem.....	O. O'B. Strayer.. 30	27 00	3 00	.....	.....
Newtown.....	J. E. Maloy..... 20	20 00	.....	.....	.....
Centreville.....	T. D. Valiant... 60	37 00	23 00	.....	.....
Cumberland.....	Henry Nice..... 30	17 00	13 00	.....	.....
Total am't from Stations .....	.....	\$920	\$1009 27	\$98 75	\$188 02
CIRCUITS.					
A. Arundel and Severn.	J. W. Charlton.. 120	71 50	48 50	.....	.....
Belair.....	D. A. Shermer... 150	92 60	57 40	.....	.....
Baltimore.....	D. W. Bates..... 50	35 86	14 14	.....	.....
Bedford.....	G. D. Edmonston 60	45 00	15 00	.....	.....
Black Rock.....	A. W. Mather... 20	20 00	.....	.....	.....
Clarksville.....	J. E. Darby.... 30	20 00	10 00	.....	.....
Caroline.....	S. Clawson..... 40	.....	40 00	.....	.....
Cambridge.....	W. H. Lane..... 30	11 00	19 00	.....	.....
Cecil.....	A. S. Eversole... 40	15 00	25 00	.....	.....
Chesapeake.....	J. W. Gray..... 30	15 30	14 70	.....	.....
Concord.....	W. A. Crouse... 20	5 95	14 05	.....	.....
Dorchester.....	S. T. Graham... 30	95 00	.....	65 00	.....
Frederick.....	W. T. Dumm... 60	32 03	27 97	.....	.....
Finksburg.....	J. H. Ellegood... 30	47 00	.....	17 00	.....
Howard.....	John Roberts... 60	17 00	43 00	.....	.....
Jefferson & Fred'k Mis'n	J. K. Nichols... 40	67 00	.....	27 00	.....
Leipsic.....	A. D. Dick..... 60	35 95	24 05	.....	.....
Kent.....	H. C. Cushing... 180	154 50	25 50	.....	.....
Kennedyville.....	H. E. Miskimon.. 30	3 00	27 00	.....	.....
Liberty.....	F. Swentzel... 80	30 00	50 00	.....	.....
Milton.....	A. T. Melvin... 20	3 20	16 80	.....	.....
Pipe Creek.....	David Wilson... 150	95 30	54 70	.....	.....
Somerset.....	C. H. Littleton.. 60	30 00	30 00	.....	.....
Stewartstown.....	R. Whinna..... 90	39 35	50 65	.....	.....
Susquehanna.....	C. T. Cochel... 60	35 58	24 42	.....	.....
Sussex.....	J. M. Elderdice.. 20	10 00	10 00	.....	.....
Talbot.....	D. E. Reese..... 100	41 00	59 00	.....	.....
Union.....	S. A. Hoblitzell. 40	33 10	6 90	.....	.....
Warwick.....	D. F. Ewell†... 60	60 00	.....	.....	.....
Whaleyville.....	J. B. Jones..... 40	16 00	24 00	.....	.....
Queen Anne's.....	F. T. Tagg..... 70	30 00	40 00	.....	.....
Snow Hill.....	J. T. Lassell... 20	6 77	13 23	.....	.....
		\$1930	\$1213 99	\$825 01	\$109 00

*Sabbath School paid.....\$80 00.

†Rehobeth Sunday School paid.....\$52 52.

MISSIONARY STEWARD'S REPORT.

CHARGES.	Ministers.	Assessment.	Paid.	Deficiency.	Excess.
MISSIONS.					
Alexandria.....	B. F. Benson*... 100	\$60	\$60 00	.....	.....
Broadway.....	J. R. Nichols... 100	29 02	.....	\$70 98	.....
Choptank.....	W. G. Holmes... 20	13 00	7 00	.....	.....
East Washington.....	J. P. Wilson... 40	40 00	.....	.....	.....
Ninth Street.....	E. J. Drinkhouse. 70	70 00	.....	.....	.....
Newark, N. J.....	W. S. Hammond 100	100 00	.....	.....	.....
Potomac.....	W. C. Ames..... 20	.....	20 00	.....	.....
Harmony.....	J. E. T. Ewell... 20	2 50	17 50	.....	.....
St. Michael's.....	J. M. Holmes... 30	25 00	5 00	.....	.....
Lower Sussex.....	I. T. Adkins... 20	8 75	11 25	.....	.....
Salisbury.....	J. L. Mills..... 30	30 00	.....	.....	.....
Tyaskin.....	C. O. Melvin... 30	20 00	10 00	.....	.....
Harper's Ferry.....	M. E. Hysore... 30	20 00	10 09	.....	.....
Patapsco.....	W. J. Floyd... 30	12 75	17 25	.....	.....
Montgomery Av., Phila.	R. S. Rowe..... 100	100 00	.....	.....	.....
Lewistown.....	J. Clay..... 20	2 87	17 13	.....	.....
Williamsport & Berkeley	J. C. Stewart... 30	20 00	10 00	.....	.....
Kent Island.....	W. D. Litsinger.. ..	6 20	.....	.....	\$6 20
Total from Missions .....	.....	\$750	\$560 09	\$196 11	\$6 20
Total in the District.....	.....	\$3600	\$2783 35	\$1119 87	\$303 22

*Sunday School paid.....\$20 00.

Percentage.....78 cents.

Total in the District.....	\$2783 35
Anniversary fees.....	60 51
From Rev. O. Lowther, West Virginia.....	10 00
Mrs. A. Scull, N. J.....	3 00
W. G. Brown.....	5 00
Anniversary collections.....	400 74
Total of collections.....	\$3262 60
Paid deficiencies of last year.....	\$284.15
Appropriated for Missionary Certificates.....	50.00
Amount for distribution.....	\$2928 45

DISTRIBUTION.

MISSIONS.	Amount ap- propriated.	Amount paid.	Deficiency.
Broadway.....	\$400 00	\$312 14	\$87 86
Montgomery Avenue, Philadelphia.....	650 00	507 23	142 77
Alexandria, Virginia.....	500 00	390 18	109 82
Ninth Street, Washington.....	450 00	351 16	98 84
Patapsco.....	300 00	234 10	65 90
Harper's Ferry.....	200 00	156 07	43 93
Salisbury.....	300 00	234 10	65 90
St. Michael's.....	300 00	234 10	65 90
Williamsport and Berkeley.....	100 00	78 03	21 97
Potomac.....	100 00	78 03	21 97
Lewistown.....	100 00	78 03	21 97
Kent Island.....	200 00	156 07	43 93
Lower Sussex.....	100 00	78 03	21 97
President's deficiencies.....	53 00	41 36	11 64
	\$3753 00	\$2928 57	\$824 37

Respectfully submitted,
B. F. BENSON, *Steward.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—PRESIDENT'S SALARY.

East Baltimore.....	\$50	Stewartstown.....	\$30
West Baltimore.....	80	Susquehanna.....	35
South Baltimore.....	25	Seaford.....	15
Washington Street.....	30	Talbot.....	65
Starr Church.....	50	Warwick.....	45
Lexington Street.....	40	Queen Anne.....	35
Georgetown.....	85	Snow Hill.....	25
Laurel.....	30	Whaleyville.....	45
Salem, Md.....	20	Alexandria.....	35
Salem, Philadelphia.....	20	Broadway.....	45
Newtown.....	25	Choptank.....	30
Cumberland.....	25	East Washington.....	35
Westminster.....	35	Ninth Street.....	40
Lynchburg.....	15	Newark.....	55
Norfolk.....	15	Potomac.....	15
Anne Arundel and Severn.....	70	Accomac.....	15
Belair.....	60	St. Michael's.....	25
Baltimore.....	50	Sussex.....	10
Bedford.....	45	Salisbury.....	25
Clarksville.....	30	Tyaskin.....	10
Caroline.....	45	Harper's Ferry.....	20
Cambridge.....	20	Patapsco.....	15
Cecil.....	40	Frederick.....	20
Chesapeake.....	35	Carroll.....	10
Concord.....	25	White Ground.....	5
Dorchester.....	35	Peach Bottom.....	15
Frederick.....	55	Centreville.....	30
Finksburg.....	30	Williamsport and Berkeley.....	20
Howard.....	40	Kent Island.....	20
Jefferson and Lewistown.....	40	Heathsville.....	10
Liberty.....	60	Montgomery.....	15
Leipsic.....	35		
Kent.....	70		\$2350
Kennedyville.....	25	Rent of Parsonage.....	\$225
Union.....	25	To pay Agent.....	50
Milton.....	20		\$275
Pipe Creek.....	60		
Pocomoke.....	25		\$2075
Somerset.....	30		

Recommend that the rent be paid the Agent, save \$25, which amount the President may retain in his hands to meet the incidental expenses of the house.

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OBITUARIES.

REV. CHRISTIAN EVERSOLE departed this life in the city of Baltimore after a long and distressing affliction, December 12th, 1870, in the fifty-first year of his age.

The subject of this notice was born in Berkeley county, West Virginia, on the 6th of May, 1820. His father being a respectable farmer, he was reared to manhood under all the influences and industrial habits of his father's vocation, and had very limited educational privileges. At an early period, after the origin of the Methodist Protestant Church in his native county, during a gracious revival, at a place called at present Beddington, he was converted, and united with the Methodist Protestant Church at that place. Very soon after his conversion, though quite young, he developed such spiritual gifts that his leader and classmates were impressed that the Great Head of the Church intended him for a Minister of the Gospel. "Knowing him intimately as I did, said one of the committee, I here give it as my opinion, that if Bro. EVERSOLE could have had the advantage of Literary and Theological training for a year or two, soon after he united with the church, he would have made a minister of no ordinary talent and usefulness." Although he felt impressed that it was his duty to preach Christ crucified early in his religious life, yet from some unaccountable cause, more than ten years of the very best portion of his life to prepare for ministerial usefulness was suffered to pass away before he received from his quarterly conference the requisite recommendation to enable him to gain admission into this Conference. He joined the Conference in the spring of 1852, and served the church faithfully in various charges for fourteen years. About the close of his sixth year, he was married to Miss Maria Summers, daughter of John Summers, Esq., of Alexandria, Va. His last charge in the active work was Williamsport and Berkeley Mission, where, as the result of arduous labours at protracted meetings, he was taken with typhoid fever. For a time his life was despaired of; but he finally recovered, leaving his general health so much impaired, that he was compelled to take a superannuated relation, at the Conference of 1866. This relation he retained until his death. In the winter of 1869, he had a severe and protracted spell of pneumonia, which still further impaired his physical strength. His nervous system was seriously affected, and a train of afflictions followed of a most painful and distressing character. He was placed under a skilful and experienced physician, in the city of Baltimore, on the 4th of August last, but his health was so seriously impaired, that but little could be done for

him; he gradually grew worse, until, on the 12th of December, he fell asleep in Jesus. In the language of one who knew him long and intimately, Bro. EVERSOLE was an exemplary christian from the time he united with the church until the day of his death. Shortly before he started to Baltimore, he bade his oldest sister farewell, and said, "I hope to meet you in heaven." A few weeks ago that sister passed away and joined her brother in the heavenly home. His itinerant career was one of more than ordinary sacrifice, trial and anxiety. As a preacher, he was energetic, earnest and stirring. His sermons were plain, sensible and profitable. He often labored beyond his strength. He was modest and unpretending, and in the judgment of some of his brethren, placed too low an estimate upon his own abilities. His body was laid to rest in the burying ground, adjacent to the Methodist Protestant Church in Little Georgetown, in his native county. Rev. J. C. Stewart preached the funeral sermon from *Rev. xi, 7*. Our brother leaves to mourn their sad loss, an affectionate wife, five children, two brothers, one sister, and other relatives and many friends. But their loss is his eternal gain. May the Lord grant them all a happy reunion in Heaven.

J. R. NICHOLS,
P. L. WILSON,
J. C. STEWART,
Committee.

REV. LUTHER J. COX.

In all civilized ages it has ever been the custom to commemorate, in some form, the services and virtues of those who have given renown to the nation or conferred benefits upon humanity. It is a goodly custom and worthy of perpetuation. The triumphal arch, or the stately column which attract the gaze of the passer by, serve to bring to remembrance the noble dead, and perchance to excite in the breast of the living a desire to imitate the heroism or other virtues of the departed worthies. These monuments show also to the world that noble deeds are appreciated and suitably commemorated by those in whose behalf they have been performed. We have no lofty monument, or costly arch, to erect over the remains, or consecrate to the memory of the subject of this sketch. But we doubt not his memory is enshrined in the heart of many a christian who will live to love and praise him, when all the proud monuments that now glitter in the sunshine of earth, shall have crumbled into dust, and they, and those whom they were erected to honor, shall alike be forgotten.

LUTHER J. COX was born in Queen Anne's Co., Md., December 27, 1791; was "born again" and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church when about sixteen years of age; was licensed to preach the Gospel about the year 1818 or 19, and labored faithfully as a local preacher as long as he remained in that church, and then, as an unstationed minister in the Methodist Protestant Church, until the annual Confer-

ence which set in Georgetown, D. C., in the year 1869, when he was received into that Conference as a supernumerary assistant, in which capacity he continued until called to his reward in Heaven, on the 26th day of July, 1870.

Brother Cox was one of that noble band (nearly all of whom have now departed) who first unfolded the banner of "MUTUAL RIGHTS," and struggled to secure to the people (the private members) a participation in the privileges of church government. For his devotion to this Apostolic doctrine and practice, he was rudely thrust out of the Methodist Episcopal Church of which, for many years, he had been an active and useful member. He, with other noble men, who had in like manner been made the victims of that ecclesiastical system which then ruled the Methodist Episcopal Church, met together, and with others of like liberal sentiments, organized and set into operation the more scriptural, and therefore more christian like polity of the Methodist Protestant Church. From the organization of this new community up to his death, Brother Cox was an earnest and devoted friend of the church which he had helped to form, and was ever found amongst its staunch working men. As years advanced, he seemed to grow more and more zealous in his labors, and more and more to feel the importance of his work. At the village of Hampden, where he had resided for the last twelve years of his life, his efforts were as disinterested as they were untiring to get up a suitable building for the poor people of that region to worship in. Mainly through his exertions, that object was accomplished, and a large stately building now stands in that village as a monument of his zeal and usefulness. The memory of Brother Cox, and his affectionate labors with this people, will doubtless long be treasured in their hearts, and we trust will be the means of inciting many among them to imitate his self-denial and heroic sacrifices for the good of the church and the benefit of his fellow man. He departed this life peacefully and happily. Surrounded by his devoted wife and children, and other friends, without a fear or a doubt of his future welfare, he sat up in his bed, and addressing words of love and kindness to them each; and urging them all to seek and serve the same God in whom he had trusted, and whom he now realized as true and faithful in all His promises; this disciple of a loving Saviour, folded his garments about him and softly and sweetly passed to the spirit land. "May we die the death of the righteous, and may our last end be like his."

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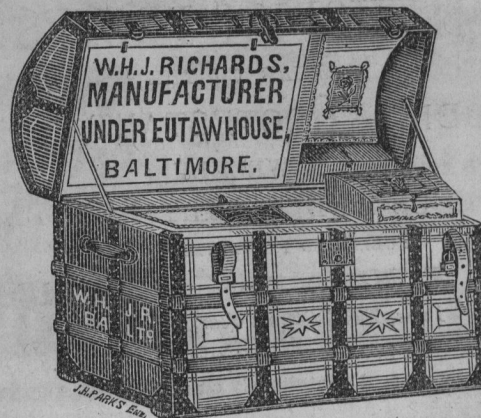
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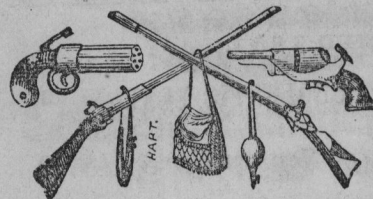
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