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OF THE  
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		<i>Quackenbos' Rhetoric.</i>
L. W. BATES.....	{	<i>Constitution and Discipline of the M. P. Church.</i>
		<i>Miller on Clerical Habits and Manners.</i>

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J. T. MURRAY.....	{	<i>Watson's Institutes—Doctrines of Christianity.</i>
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J. T. WARD.....	{	<i>Mosheim's Church History, 1st to 5th Century.</i>
J. J. MURRAY.....	{	<i>Elocution.</i>

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E. J. DRINKHOUSE.....	{	<i>Watson's Institutes—Redemption.</i>
D. A. SHERMER.....	{	<i>Mosheim's Church History, 5th to 12th Century.</i>

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H. C. CUSHING.....	{	<i>Wayland's Moral Science.</i>
		<i>Coppee's Logic.</i>
B. F. BENSON.....	{	<i>Powell on Succession.</i>

STUDENTS—W. J. Neepier, J. B. Butler, A. A. Harryman, R. L. Lewis, and J. G. Sullivan.

B. F. BENSON,  
Secretary.

L. W. BATES,  
President.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Maryland Annual Conference.

The forty-sixth session of the MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE convened in the Congress Street Church, Georgetown, D. C., on Wednesday, March 11th, 1874, at 9 o'clock A. M., and was opened by the President with religious exercises.

J. Roberts and J. T. Murray were appointed a Committee on Credentials, after which the roll of Ministerial and Lay Members was called.

Rev. J. B. Walker, Agent of Adrian College, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

The President read his official report, and referred certain documents to the Conference, requesting that action on his official character be deferred until said papers be examined. In compliance with his request, J. T. Ward, H. C. Cushing, and W. S. Hammond, ministers, with R. G. Price and W. B. Usilton, laymen, were appointed a committee to examine and report upon them.

The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. H. C. Cushing.

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.—D. Evans Reese, J. W. Everist, Jas. 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, D. A. Shermer, David Wilson, T. D. Valiant, H. J. Day, F. Swentzel, T. M. Bryan, Jesse Shreeve, J. A. McFaden, J.

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PROBATIONERS.—J. M. Yingling, D. N. Gilbert, W. J. D. Lucas, G. F. Farring, F. H. Mullineaux, Joseph A. Weigand, A. J. Walter, Henry C. Stern, George Q. Bacchus, Robert T. Smith=10.

DELEGATES.—James B. Kenley, Grafton Watkins, W. A. Warrington, Frank Vanderherchen, Richie Fooks, Geo. B. Phillips, Robert G. Price, Sam'l H. Fooks, H. J. C. Webster, C. B. Elzey, Noah Gill, R. B. Ferguson, J. A. Kennedy, W. B. Usilton, F. K. Herr, W. G. Baker, John Coulbourn, S. A. H. Marks, Jr., A. P. Bowen, Wm. Chidester, Edward Saulsbury, Sam'l Vannort, W. H. Hartman, W. H. Ogg, W. H. Wilson, Saml. S. Tracy, Thos. R. Harper, Peter Baile, Chas. W. Payne, John T. Langville, Jesse F. Chesney, John Divers, Wm. Whitney, Henry F. Hooge, J. H. B. Mustard, R. H. Smith, E. H. Friend, C. B. Weldy, T. A. Newman, Thos. H. Wright, Washington Poole, Thos. W. Colison, William Weedon, William T. Joice, R. H. T. Councell, John C. Mooney, Isaac Crowther, Randolph G. Stuhl, W. H. Griffith, A. Donelson, A. J. Fairbank, W. K. Judefind, W. H. J. Richards, Pere Wilmer, T. Shafer, G. W. Cessna, B. F. H. Caulk, S. V. Yantis, Joseph B. Mitchell, W. K. White, W. Slaughter, J. T. Young, W. D. Cropper, Nathan Leonard, G. H. Erdman, S. S. Ewell.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

- UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—F. T. Tagg, T. Shafer, W. H. Wilson.
- FINANCE.—D. E. Reese, J. E. Read, A. T. Melvin, W. T. Joyce, S. S. Tracey.
- OFFICIAL REPORTS.—J. E. T. Ewell, A. D. Dick, W. Weedon.
- STATISTICS.—J. W. Gray.
- PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.—R. S. Rowe.
- COLLECTION FOR MINUTES.—W. R. Graham, C. W. Payne.
- ITINERANCY AND ORDERS (*Conference Committee*).—W. S. Hammond, J. Clay, R. Whinna, P. Wilmer. (*Orders*).—The Faculty of Instruction.
- BOUNDARIES.—B. F. H. Caulk, T. R. Harper, R. G. Price, W. H. Griffith, E. Saulsbury, W. H. Wilson, F. K. Kerr.
- MISSIONS.—D. A. Shermer, J. T. Murray, R. S. Rowe, J. Divers, T. H. Leonard, W. D. Cropper.
- LITERATURE.—D. W. Bates, J. Roberts, E. R. McGregor, S. V. Yantis, E. White, R. D. Iglehart.
- SUPERANNUATED CLAIMANTS.—J. R. Nichols, F. Swentzel, W. T. Dumm, J. T. Langville, G. F. Gibson, W. K. White.
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—D. E. Reese, S. B. Southerland, D. A. Shermer, W. Whitney, P. Wilmer, T. A. Newman.
- SABBATH SCHOOLS.—C. T. Cochel, A. W. Mather, H. E. Miskimon, T. Collison, R. H. Smith, N. Gill.
- TEMPERANCE.—B. F. Benson, J. Shreeve, C. M. Thompson, S. Vannort, W. Poole, J. F. Chesney.
- ECCLESIASTICAL COMMUNICATIONS AND VISITATIONS.—J. J. Murray, E. J. Drinkhouse, W. M. Strayer, J. A. Kennedy, T. A. Newman, R. B. Ferguson.
- BIBLE CAUSE.—R. S. Norris, J. L. Mills, S. T. Graham, J. T. Young, W. Ogg, W. Slaughter.
- PULPIT SERVICES.—T. D. Valiant, E. J. Drinkhouse, J. D. Wilson.
- Conference proceeded to the examination of official character.

When the name of J. L. Killgore was called, a letter from him was read and referred to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

A letter from J. J. Murray was read to the Conference and referred to the President.

Adjourned with benediction by L. W. Bates.

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THURSDAY, *March 12th*, 1874.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. B. Jones.

A paper was received from Salem, Philadelphia, and referred to the following Committee: A. S. Eversole, J. T. Murray, H. P. Jordan, Pere Wilmer, W. B. Usilton.

The Committee to whom was referred certain papers from the President, reported as follows:

The Committee to whom were referred the papers from the First M. P. Church, Washington, D. C., beg leave to report that after a full reading and careful examination of the same, and after conferring, as far as possible, with all the parties interested, they have reached the following conclusions:

1. That in regard to the paper dated Oct. 11th 1873, addressed to Dr. D. E. Reese, as President of the Maryland Annual Conference, they find that a large part of its contents refers to the organization of the North Carolina Avenue Mission, which was effected before the last session of this body, and was duly passed upon during said session. Upon this point, the Committee find no cause of action for the Conference.

The other part of the paper refers to interviews had with the President by certain members of said Church during the session of the Conference of 1873, in which interviews it is alleged that the President made promises in respect to the appointment to North Carolina Avenue Mission which he subsequently disregarded; and further, that the dedication of said Chapel was a violation of the *law* and *usage* of the M. P. Church, in that the whole indebtedness for said Chapel had not been provided for.

Your Committee find that the promise of the President was misunderstood, and that his subsequent action in the appointment of a preacher to that Charge was in strict accordance with his duty as the executive of the Conference, and that there was nothing contrary to the *law* and *usage* of the Church in the dedication of the Chapel.

The second paper is dated Jan. 23d, 1874, and is addressed, as the former, to Dr. D. E. Reese, as President of the Conference. That part of it which relates to the organization of the First M. P. Church, Washington, D. C., though interesting as a matter of history, is entirely irrelevant. The most noticeable feature of the paper is that which refers to the reception of the former paper by the President, and the reference of the same to a council of brethren of his

own selection, by which action the originators of this paper claim to have been aggrieved. In the course adopted by the President, the Committee find nothing inconsistent with the usual custom of the executive in such cases.

The third paper, though it came thus irregularly, has been carefully and impartially considered. We find in this paper no formal charges against the official character of the President; but a request to the Conference to define the "meaning of the last clause of section 1, page 16 of the Constitution," and to explain the rule or law on the dedication of Churches. The Committee refer these requests to the Conference.

The Committee deem the spirit and language of these papers highly objectionable, as reflecting unjustly upon the executive and other members of the Conference, and believe that a large part of the contents of said papers was suggested by a misapprehension of facts, and was considered and passed upon during the heat of excitement. Your Committee recommend that the official character of the President now pass.

J. T. WARD, *Chairman*.

The report was adopted.

Questions arising in the above report were submitted to the following Committee: S. B. Southerland, D. W. Bates, W. S. Hammond, R. G. Price, W. B. Usilton.

The following visiting brethren were introduced to the Conference by E. J. Drinkhouse: Revs. J. J. Poynter and E. J. Wilson, of the West Virginia Conference. Revs. J. H. Hull and E. A. Brindley, of Pittsburg, and Rev. R. H. Wills of North Carolina.

The Conference proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year with the following result: For President—David Wilson. For Standing District Committee—H. F. Zollickoffer, L. W. Bates, R. S. Norris, J. G. Clarke, R. S. Griffith, P. M. Pearson. Committee of Appeals—D. W. Bates, H. C. Cushing, F. Swentzel, W. B. Usilton, J. F. Chesney.

Adjourned with benediction by J. T. Murray.

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FRIDAY, *March 13th*, 1874.

Conference opened with devotional exercises by W. M. Strayer.

Robert S. Rowe was elected Conference Steward.

The Report from Committee on Memorial from the Trustees of W. M. College was received and referred to Committee on Literature.

J. T. Lassell was elected Missionary Steward.

The Treasurer of the Centenary Fund, and Agent of the President's Parsonage, submitted his report as follows: Adopted.

CENTENARY FUND, with H. F. ZOLLIKOFFER, Treasurer:

1873.	CR.	
March 12.	Amount reported to Conference.....	\$91.57
April 7.	Cash from Mrs. Caroline Watkins.....	3.00
		<u>\$94.57</u>
1874.	DR.	
Feb. 16.	To cash paid Broadway Station by order of Conference.....	\$94.57
	H. F. ZOLLIKOFFER, Treasurer.	

PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE, with H. F. ZOLLIKOFFER, Agent:

1873.	CR.	
Oct. 7.	By cash from Rev. Dr. Reese.....	\$150.00
1874.		
Jan. 17.	By cash from Rev. Dr. Reese.....	150.00
		<u>\$300.00</u>
1874.	DR.	
	To amount expended for repairs, ground rent, &c .....	\$165.00
	To balance due agent as reported to last Conference.....	63.50
		<u>\$228.50</u>
March 9.	To balance in agent's hands.....	\$71.50
	H. F. ZOLLIKOFFER, Agent.	

J. E. Maloy was elected Steward of Superannuated Fund.

The report of the Special Committee to whom were referred questions of law submitted by the First M. P. Church of Washington, was received and laid on the table for future consideration.

D. A. Shermer was authorized to receive the collections from the Ministers present for the Cumberland suit.

On motion of W. M. Strayer, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That all restrictions upon the payment of missionary funds, appropriated by this Conference, be, and they are hereby repealed.

On motion of J. W. Charlton, the following was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the missionary from Ninth Street be requested to amend his report and eliminate the objectionable features of it.

J. W. Charlton was elected Secretary of Conference.

On motion, the ordination of Elders was ordered to be held on Sabbath morning, in the M. P. Church, Georgetown, and of Deacons at night, in the Ninth Street M. P. Church, Washington.

The following resolution, on motion of Dr. Drinkhouse, was passed:

*Resolved*, That a Committee of five, three ministers and two laymen, be appointed to consider all applications for ministerial supply outside of the Maryland Conference.

D. W. Bates, H. C. Cushing, B. F. Benson, T. A. Newman and J. A. Kennedy were appointed the Committee on the above resolution.

On motion, the business of Conference was suspended for the meeting of the Superannuated Fund Society.

Society met, with E. J. Drinkhouse in the chair. A. W. Mather was appointed to collect the annual dues. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

*Vice-Presidents*—E. J. Drinkhouse, J. T. Murray.

*Secretary*—C. H. Richardson.

*Treasurer*—H. F. Zollickoffer.

*Corresponding Secretary*—A. W. Mather.

*Board of Managers*—L. W. Bates, D. A. Shermer, H. F. Zollickoffer, O. Cox, J. G. Clarke, W. H. Griffith, W. J. C. Dulaney, A. J. Fairbank.

H. C. Cushing offered the following Article:

Any minister of the Maryland Annual Conference having served the Church in the itinerancy for twenty-five years, shall, with the consent of the Conference, if he so desire, have the right to retire from the active work, without detriment to his claims or those of his family on the Superannuated Fund Society, whenever his condition and circumstances, or those of his family, under the present rules of the Conference, would grant a superannuated relation.

On motion of J. W. Charlton, its consideration was postponed for one year.

J. T. Murray offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That L. W. Bates be appointed a Committee to collect all the resolutions of the Conference now in force bearing upon the Superannuated Fund Society, and have them published.

On motion of J. Roberts, a vote of thanks was tendered Mrs.

Mary S. Sweeny, of Georgetown, D. C., for her liberal donation of 486 volumes of "*Rock Farm*" for the benefit of this Society, and the Secretary was directed to notify her of the same.

W. J. Neeper and T. O. Crouse were appointed to dispose of the above volumes by sale among the members of Conference.

On motion of D. W. Bates, the President and Secretary were requested to sign Life-Membership Certificates in blank and leave them in the hands of the Secretary for distribution, who shall keep a correct account of the number given each minister; and all ministers who use Certificates in securing collections, must apply said collections to the Investment Fund only.

Adjourned to meet in anniversary at 7½ P. M.

Reassembled at 7½ P. M.

After religious services B. F. Benson and F. Swentzel delivered the annual addresses, and collections were lifted as follows: 29 life-memberships, \$290.00; basket collection, \$13.73; donation from the heirs of Sister Libbey, in the name of their deceased mother, \$25.00; total, \$328.73.

C. H. RICHARDSON,  
*Secretary.*

SATURDAY, *March 14th*, 1874.

Conference opened with devotional services by J. Roberts.

The report of the Committee on Boundaries was received and adopted item by item, as follows:

1. Queen Anne's Circuit to be divided. Church Hill, Providence, and Crumpton appointments to constitute a Circuit, to be called Crumpton Circuit; and that Ruttsburg and Wye appointments be known as Queen Anne's Circuit; each Circuit to be supplied with a single minister.

2. Baltimore Circuit to be divided, by setting off Eutaw appointment, to be called Eutaw Station, and supplied with a single minister.

3. That Kennedyville be annexed to Kent Circuit, to be called Kent Circuit, and supplied with two ministers.

4. To change the name of Patapsco Mission to that of Ellicott City Mission.

5. The request of Williamsport and Berkeley Mission to be left unsupplied, because of inability to support a minister, referred to the Committee on Missions.

B. F. H. CAULK,  
*Chairman.*

The Committee on Unfinished Business made their report, and the item relative to the division of the District was recommitted.

The report of the Committee on the request of Salem Church, Philadelphia, was received, and made the special order for Tuesday, at 10 A. M.

The report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders was adopted item by item, as follows:

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We recommend for admission into the itinerancy: Jos. A. Weigand, A. J. Walter, Henry C. Stern, George Q. Bacchus and Robert T. Smith.

2. We recommend for Deacon's Orders, Walter R. Graham, A. D. Melvin, S. B. Tredway, Thos. O. Crouse and Joshua Cain.

For Elder's Orders, S. G. Valliant and Jackson Day.

W. S. HAMMOND,  
*Chairman.*

The report of the Special Committee on questions of law referred to this Conference by the First Church, Washington, was taken from the table and passed, as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the request of the First Church, Washington, that the Conference would "define the meaning of the last clause of section 1, page 16 of the Constitution," and to "explain the rule or law on the dedication of Churches," having had those subjects under consideration, beg leave to report as follows:

We define section 1, Article 4 of the Constitution as referring in the first place to "believers," previously not Methodist Protestants; and second, to such "believers" already "united as a religious Society or Church" of some other denomination. This is clear to the Committee, inasmuch as it is required by this section of the law, that such "Society or Church," to be received as a Church, shall "embrace the principles of religious truth" held by the M. P. Church, "adopt" its Constitution, and "conform" to its "Book of Discipline."

In this case, these proceedings are to be followed by a "request to the President of an Annual Conference, or the Superintendent of a Circuit or Station," to be recognized as a M. P. Church, and then the final question of acceding to the request is "subject to the decision of the most adjacent Quarterly Conference."

But this law is inapplicable to the North Carolina Avenue Mission—1, because those who became its members at its organization were already Methodist Protestants—and, 2, because at the time they applied for a Missionary they were not "united together as a religious Society or Church." They had no formal union, no Church existence. In evidence we submit the fact that they were subsequently organized as a Church by the President's appointee.

For the authority of the President to appoint a Missionary to organize the Church, we cite the law on page 65, section 5.

For the authority of the Annual Conference to appoint "Home Missionaries" and to organize Missions in "unoccupied portions of its District," without the consent of either an "adjacent" or remote Quarterly Conference, we cite pages 78 and 79 of Discipline.

2. Explaining the Conference rule on the dedication of Churches. The "rule" is found in the Dedicatory Ritual, page 200, which reads: "If the collection shall be sufficient to relieve the house from debt," &c. The rule, therefore, does not require the *ground* to be paid for as a preliminary to the dedication of the Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. B. SOUTHERLAND,  
*Chairman.*

J. D. Wilson, on behalf of that Church, took an appeal to the next General Conference.

The Committee on Sabbath School Libraries made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee to whom was confided the revision of the circulating libraries in the Sabbath Schools, respectfully report that they have utterly failed to do any such thing. Through the *Methodist Protestant* and by circulators, so early as May 1873, they earnestly requested and urged the co-operation of the Church—and since that time have repeatedly pressed the matter. Relying upon the co-operation of the Church, they had made arrangements with a book house by which all purchasers from the Schools were to be allowed a discount as large as could be given by any house in the country, besides which the Committee would receive 5 per cent. extra on those purchases to be used for general Sabbath School interests in the District at large. The Committee have met with no response from the Churches, and they ask to be discharged.

R. S. NORRIS,  
*Chairman.*

A communication from the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was received and referred to a Committee, as follows: J. T. Murray, J. L. Mills and G. H. Erdman.

The report of the Book Concern was presented, and referred to the Committee on Literature.

On motion of T. D. Valiant,

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three ministers be appointed to confer upon the matter contained in a private letter to himself.

T. D. Valiant, L. W. Bates and E. J. Drinkhouse were appointed said Committee.

On motion of E. J. Drinkhouse, the following resolutions were passed:

*Resolved*, That the ministers of this Conference who shall be appointed to the Charge of Stations, Circuits, or Missions for the coming Conference year, be and they are hereby directed and enjoined to make diligent inquiry and investigation as to the manner in which the Church properties on their several Charges are held by said Charges, and to report the same on or before July 1st, 1874, to a Committee of three to be appointed by the President of the Conference.

*Resolved*, That the Committee so to be appointed, are authorized and directed to employ some competent attorney, learned in the law, to examine and perfect the title of the said Church properties wherever in their discretion it may be necessary, and for such services they shall allow and pay the said attorney such reasonable sums as may be agreed upon between them.

*Resolved*, That the said Committee are authorized to assess the expense of such legal services upon the Charges where such services shall be necessary, in such sums as shall bear a just proportion to the services rendered, and the several ministers in charge are directed to collect the said assessment and pay the same over to the Committee.

Committee—L. W. Bates, S. B. Southerland and H. F. Zollickoffer.

The following paper, from the Faculty of Instruction, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Conference be requested to constitute the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders of the Faculty of Instruction.

*Resolved*, That the present arrangement of holding the meeting for the examination of the young men of the Conference in the afternoon, preparatory to the general meeting of the Faculty of Instruction at night, be continued.

*Resolved*, That any candidate who shall fail to be present at the time of examination, unless unavoidably detained, shall forfeit his examination for that year, and as a consequence not pass to the next year.

*Resolved*, That should any one of the Faculty fail to be present at the examination, the members of his class being present for examination, they, the candidates, shall be allowed to proceed to the next year, as though they had been examined.

L. W. BATES,  
*In behalf of the Faculty of Instruction.*

Adjourned with benediction by J. Roberts.

MONDAY, *March 16th*, 1874.

Conference opened with devotional exercises by J. D. Kinzer.

A letter received from Francis Brown, of Charleston, S. C., was read and referred to the Conference Steward, with instructions to distribute the monies contained therein to the several Funds.

On motion of L. W. Bates, it was

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to ascertain and report the relation of Rev. Francis Brown to this Conference.

L. W. Bates, E. J. Drinkhouse, and Wm. Whitney were appointed said Committee.

- Conference adjourned for the meeting of the Electoral College.

The Electoral College was organized by calling H. F. Zollickoffer to the chair and the election of J. T. Lassell as Secretary, and immediately proceeded to the election of Delegates to the ensuing General Conference, to be held in Lynchburg, Va., May 1st, 1874.

While the ballots were being counted the College took a recess.

During the recess of the Electoral College, Conference resumed its session.

On motion, Rule VI, page 3 of Conference Manual, was amended by adding "or Faculty of Instruction."

The following resolutions were passed:

*Resolved*, That for the present mode of examination of official character the following shall be substituted: There shall be a Standing Committee entitled the "Committee on Official Character and Official Reports," before whom all charges against official character shall be laid, and to whom all official reports shall be handed.

*Resolved*, That this Committee report only upon the names of those ministers against whom charges have been preferred, or whose official reports show delinquencies; and that the characters of all ministers whose names are not reported shall be considered passed.

*Resolved*, That this does not affect the present mode of examining the official character of the President, or change the present Rule requiring the missionaries to read a written report of their work in open Conference.

J. E. READ,  
S. B. SOUTHERLAND.

On motion of J. T. Murray, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That L. W. Bates and S. B. Southerland be appointed a Committee to revise the Conference Manual, and that they make arrangements with the Board of Managers of the Missionary and Superannuated Fund Societies for the publication of the revised Manual before the next session of Conference.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Conference sympathize with our dear brother, Rev. John Elderdice, and his family, in their deep affliction, and that a Committee of three ministers and two laymen be appointed by this Conference to convey the same to them.

DANIEL W. BATES,  
R. SCOTT NORRIS,  
B. F. BENSON.

The report of the Committee on Official Reports was taken from the table. The Superintendent's reports were corrected and the report was adopted.

The partial report of the Committee on Superannuated Claimants was taken from the table and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred the case of Dr. Killgore beg leave to report that his case has been carefully considered, and his very affecting letter read, and finding by reference to the law in the case—page 6, Conference Manual—the Conference can, by vote, place Bro. Killgore upon the Superannuated Fund of this Conference, your Committee recommend that his case be so disposed of.

J. R. NICHOLS,  
*Chairman.*

Adjourned to meet at 3.30 P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened with devotional exercises by R. Whinna.

On motion, Conference proceeded to select the place of holding its next session, when Starr Church, Baltimore, was selected.

The second Wednesday in March, 1875, was fixed as the time of holding the next session of this Conference.

The report of the Committee on Statistics was read and laid on the table for examination.

Conference suspended for the resumption of the business of the Electoral College.

During the recess of the Electoral College Conference resumed business.

The following resolution, offered by T. D. Valiant, was postponed for one year :

*Resolved*, That we hereafter abandon the method of free entertainment at the sessions of Conference, and that the Churches be requested to bear the expenses of their ministers and delegates.

The following resolution, offered by D. A. Shermer, was adopted :

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Conference that item 7, in the Order of Business recommended to the several Quarterly Conferences, page 49 of the Discipline, namely, "Attend to additions and corrections of the register," refers exclusively to the register of the male members in full membership over the age of twenty-one years, as referred to on page 46, section 6, and has no reference to the record of the members provided for on page 67, section 8.

On motion, the Conference resolved itself into the Home Missionary Society, with T. D. Valiant in the chair.

After the appointment of R. L. Lewis and A. D. Melvin to collect the annual dues from the members,

Adjourned to meet at 7½ P. M.

The Society resumed its session at 7½ P. M., with A. S. Eversole in the chair.

Devotional exercises conducted by B. F. Benson.

On motion, the election of officers was held, resulting as follows :

*President*—J. Thomas Murray.

*Vice-Presidents*—H. C. Cushing, J. R. Nichols.

*Board of Managers*—S. B. Southerland, D. A. Shermer, R. S. Rowe, D. E. Reese, H. F. Zollickoffer, J. G. Clarke, C. H. Richardson, F. Etchison.

*Secretary*—D. L. Greenfield.

*Treasurer*—R. S. Rowe.

The report of the Board of Missions in the matter of the Cumberland suit was received, as follows :

*To the Maryland Annual Conference :*

The Board of Missions beg leave respectfully to report, in the matter of the Cumberland suit, the following facts, based upon information recently received from our attorneys :

1. The case has not been brought to trial.
2. The delay has been occasioned by the failure of witnesses who reside outside of Cumberland to appear and testify.
3. The attorneys will be ready to bring the issue to trial as soon as the above testimony can be secured.

In behalf of the Board,

S. B. SOUTHERLAND,  
*President.*

Annual addresses were delivered by C. T. Cochel and R. S. Rowe, after which collections were made and thirty life-memberships subscribed. Basket collection, \$41.84 ; annual dues, \$54.00 ; total, \$395.84.

D. L. GREENFIELD,  
*Secretary.*

TUESDAY, *March 17th*, 1874.

Conference opened with the usual religious exercises.

W. R. Graham, Committee on collection taken for the publication of the Minutes, reported that he had collected \$75.85.

The order of the day for 10 A. M. was taken up, and while under discussion, the Electoral College resumed its business, and balloted for additional representatives to the General Conference.

Conference resumed the consideration of the order of the day, when the following report was adopted :

The Committee upon the request of Salem Church, Philadelphia, report the following :

That Conference regrets the prostrate condition of Salem Church, and being unable to give it permanent relief in the form and to the extent which it represents its condition as demanding, we accede to its request for an honorable withdrawal from its connexion with this Conference.

A. S. EVERSOLE,  
*Chairman.*

Conference gave place to the Electoral College, and after another ballot, resumed its session.

On motion of E. J. Drinkhouse, the following fraternal messengers were introduced and addressed the Conference :

Rev. J. H. Hull, President of the Pittsburg Conference of the Methodist Church ; Revs. E. A. Brindley and J. B. Lucas, fraternal messengers from that body ; Revs. J. J. Poynter and E. J. Wilson, of West Virginia Conference, M. P. Church.

A letter of fraternal greetings was read from Rev. C. F. Harris, of North Carolina, and Rev. R. H. Wills, President of the same District, addressed the Conference.

A letter of fraternal greetings from the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church South, was read, and an address in the same spirit was delivered by Rev. Alpheus Wilson, D. D., of said Conference.

The President of Conference responded to these several addresses.

Conference adjourned, to meet at 7½ P. M., with prayer by Rev. A. Wilson, D. D., of the M. E. Church South.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Religious services conducted by J. T. Ward.

During the recess of the Electoral College, Conference resumed its session.

The item of unfinished business relative to a plan of life assurance,

was taken from the table and referred back to the originator and those interested in the plan.

The report of the Special Committee on a private letter to T. D. Valiant, was received and adopted, as follows :

The Committee appointed to confer on a private letter addressed to T. D. Valiant, beg leave to report :

1. That we are highly gratified at the interest manifested by the writer of the letter (Wm. T. Wright, Esq., of Santos, Brazil) in the welfare of our Church, and gratefully accept of his beneficent contributions for the relief of certain parties named in his letter.

2. We, the Committee, heartily approve of the direction given to the funds thus contributed.

3. *Resolved*, That this Conference tender a vote of thanks to Mr. Wright for his liberal contributions to needy members of this body, and others who are beneficiaries on its funds.

T. D. VALIANT,  
*Chairman.*

The Committee on Unfinished Business made an additional report, as follows :

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report the following :

*Resolved*, That G. W. Bishop be, and he is hereby appointed an agent of the Conference to procure from the Maryland Legislature an act, enabling the Maryland Conference to receive a legacy of \$300 from the estate of Mrs. Horne, and that R. S. Rowe be authorized to receive the said legacy from the executor of the estate on behalf of the Conference.

F. T. TAGG,  
*Chairman.*

Judge Bishop reported the bill above named as having passed both branches of the Legislature, and awaiting the signature of the Governor.

On motion of L. W. Bates, the following resolution was passed :

*Resolved*, That whenever Bro. Rowe shall have received the legacy left to this Conference by Sister Horne, he pay the same over to the Treasurer of the Superannuated Fund Society for investment.

The report of the Special Committee on Applications for Ministerial Supply outside the Maryland District, was received and adopted, as follows :

The Committee on Ministerial Supply outside of the Maryland District recommend, that the following Charges be supplied from this Conference, if in

the judgment of the appointing power, it can be done without serious detriment to the work within our own bounds, viz: Lynchburg, Norfolk and Abingdon Stations, Campbell and Heathsville Circuits, Va., and Montgomery Station, Alabama. Also the First Methodist Church, Pittsburg, Pa.

DANIEL W. BATES,  
*Chairman.*

The report of the Steward of the Superannuated Fund was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF STEWARD OF SUPERANNUATED FUND.

*Stations.*—East Baltimore, \$25.00; West Baltimore, for investment, \$290.60; South Baltimore, \$11.00; Washington Street, \$6.50; Starr Church, \$14.75; Lexington Street, \$3.72; Broadway, 10.00; Georgetown, \$40.00; for investment, \$51.00; Westminster, \$27.50; Cumberland, —; Laurel, Del., \$10.00; Salem, Phila., \$7.00; Easton, for investment, \$100 00; First Church, Washington, \$12.00; Centreville, \$10.29; Lynchburg, Va., \$13.90; Norfolk, Va., \$13 60; Montgomery, Ala., —; First Methodist Church, Pittsburg, Pa. —

*Circuits.*—Anne Arundel, \$11.00; Belair, \$33.35; Baltimore, \$30.50; Bedford, \$8.45; Caroline, \$5.00; Cambridge, —; Cecil, \$24.00; Chesapeake, \$5.00; Concord, \$6.50; Dorchester, \$11.30; Frederick, \$13.00; Finksburg, \$8.55; Howard, \$11.00; Jefferson Circuit and Frederick Mission, \$9.00; Leipsic, \$8 00; Kent, for investment, \$164.00; Kennedyville, \$2.50; Liberty, \$9.00; Milton, \$3.50; Pipe Creek, \$29.33; Pocomoke, \$9.00; Somerseset, \$22 64; Stewartstown, \$11.69; Susquehanna, \$12.10; Seaford, \$21.00; Talbot, \$6.39; Union, \$7.08; Warwick, \$16.00; for investment, \$15.00; Queen Anne's, \$11.00; Snow Hill, \$5.00; Newtown, \$8.10; Whaleyville, \$10.00; Wicomico, \$15 50; Heathsville, Va., \$8.00; Campbell, —.

*Missions.*—Alexandria, \$13.00; Choptank, \$12.55; Ninth Street, Washington, \$10.00; Potomac, \$15.00; Accomac, \$1 80; Newark, N J., \$20.00; St. Michael's, \$10.00; for investment, \$10.00; Sussex, Del., \$3.64; Harper's Ferry, Va., \$5.77; Patapsco, \$4.75; Williamsport and Berkeley, \$10.50; Kent Island, \$4.30; Peach Bottom, \$8.30; Salisbury, \$7.75; North Carolina Avenue, \$2.00; Hampden and White Ground, \$2.93; All Saints, \$4.00; Otter, —.

Total Amount from District for Investment.....	\$630.60
“ “ “ “ “ “ Distribution .....	\$ 734 03
In hands of Dr. Zollickoffer for Distribution .....	4,397.12
Received from Secretary of Society.....	65.30
“ “ Colored Church, Charleston, S. C.....	5.00
“ “ Brother J. M. Holmes, Norfolk, Va.....	5.00
<b>Total Amount for Distribution.....</b>	<b>\$5,206.45</b>

*Claimants.*—John Elderdice, claim, \$600; paid, \$443.10. J. A. McFaden, claim, \$600; paid, \$443.10. D. F. Ewell, claim, \$600; paid, \$443.10. Thomas Lee, claim, \$450; paid, \$332.32. H. J. Day, claim, \$400; paid, \$295.40. T. M. Bryan, claim, \$400; paid, \$295.40. J. W. Everist, claim, \$200; paid, \$147.70. Mrs. C. Eversole, claim, \$450; paid, \$332.32. Mrs. N. S. Greenaway, claim, \$350; paid, \$258.47. Mrs. Daniel Bowers, claim, \$350; paid, \$258.47. Mrs. F. G. Wright, claim, \$200; paid, \$147.70. Mrs. J. F. Whiteside, claim, \$300; paid, \$221.55. Mrs. W. Roby, claim, \$250; paid, \$184.64. Mrs. T. M. Wilson, claim, \$250; paid, \$184.64. Mrs. Wm. Kesley, claim, \$200; paid, \$147.70. Mrs. R. T. Boyd, claim, \$200; paid, \$147.70. Mrs. Josiah Varden, claim, \$250;

paid, \$184.64. Mrs. G. D. Hamilton, claim, \$200; paid, \$147.70. Mrs. W. T. Wright, claim, \$200; paid, \$147.70. Mrs. Isaac Webster, claim, \$200; paid, \$147.70. Mrs. L. A. Collins, claim, \$200; paid, \$147.70. Mrs. J. S. Reese, claim, \$200; paid, \$147.70. Total claims, \$7,050. Total paid, \$5,206.45.

Per cent. .7385.

J. EARLE MALOY, *Steward.*

Conference gave place to the Electoral College, when the following result of balloting for Delegates to the ensuing General Conference was announced:

*Ministers.*—L. W. Bates, D. A. Shermer, D. Wilson, S. B. Southerland, D. W. Bates, J. W. Charlton, W. S. Hammond, W. M. Strayer, E. J. Drinkhouse, J. J. Murray, H. F. Zollickoffer.

*Laymen.*—J. W. Hering, W. J. C. Dulany, R. S. Griffith, W. B. Usilton, J. G. Clarke, J. W. Thompson, O. Hammond, A. Donelson, P. Wilmer, T. A. Newman, S. S. Ewell.

*ALTERNATES.—Ministers.*—H. C. Cushing, R. S. Norris, J. T. Murray, J. R. Nichols, T. D. Valiant.

*Laymen.*—G. Spence, J. A. Kennedy, R. G. Price, C. Billingslea, E. G. Waters.

Upon the announcement of this result, the Chairman declared the College dissolved, and Conference resumed its session, and then

Adjourned with benediction by J. R. Nichols.

WEDNESDAY, March 18th, 1874.

Conference opened with devotional services by H. C. Cushing.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was taken up, considered by items, and adopted as follows:

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report that they have had the subject of Sabbath Schools and Sabbath School interests under careful consideration, and report the following resolutions:

*Resolved, 1,* That we request our representatives to the General Conference to propose to that body such change in the law as will secure to the officers and teachers of the Sabbath School the right to vote in the election of Sabbath School Superintendent.

*Resolved, 2,* That we consider the use of the International Series of Uniform Lessons of great importance

*Resolved, 3,* That we recommend that a more earnest and direct effort be made toward the early conversion of the scholars, and to this end we most respectfully suggest that our Schools be careful to procure as teachers converted persons where practicable, and that we continue the monthly Sabbath School prayer-meetings.

*Resolved, 4,* That the Conference appoint a Standing Committee of three ministers and two laymen, to make the necessary arrangements for holding Sunday School Institutes, and that two such meetings be held on the Eastern Shore, and three on the Western Shore of Maryland and the District of Columbia, within the year.

*Resolved, 5,* That we continue our Annual Conference Sabbath School Convention, and request the President of the Conference to appoint a Committee of three persons to arrange the programme of said Convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. T. COCHEL,  
*Chairman.*

The report of the Special Committee on the relation of Rev. Francis Brown was received and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee are of the opinion that Rev. Francis Brown is an unstationed Minister of the Methodist Protestant Church, within the bounds of the Maryland District, and suggest that his name be reported in the minutes as an unstationed Minister and resident Pastor of Charleston Colored Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. W. BATES,  
*Chairman.*

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

East Baltimore, \$50.00; West Baltimore, \$80.00; South Baltimore, \$25.00; Washington Street, \$40.00; Starr Church, \$50.00; Georgetown, \$90.00; Lexington Street, \$40.00; Newtown, \$45.00; Cumberland, \$5.00; Westminster, \$50.00; Easton, \$40.00; Lynchburg, \$20.00; Norfolk, \$10.00; Eutaw, \$10.00; Laurel, \$30.00; Anne Arundel, \$70.00; Bel-Air, \$60.00; Baltimore, \$50.00; Finksburg, \$35.00; Jefferson and Lewiston Miss., \$40.00; Bedford, \$45.00; Howard, \$50.00; Caroline, \$45.00; Cambridge, \$20.00; Cecil, \$40.00; Chesapeake, \$35.00; Concord, \$25.00; Dorchester, \$35.00; Frederick, \$50.00; Liberty, \$60.00; Leipsic, \$35.00; Kent, \$80.00; Union, \$26.00; Milton, \$20.00; Pipe Creek, \$60.00; Pocomoke, \$25.00; Somerset, \$30.00; Stewartstown, \$35.00; Susquehanna, \$35.00; Seaford, \$15.00; Talbot, \$20.00; Warwick, \$45.00; Queen Anne's, \$22.00; Crumpton, \$16.00; Snow Hill, \$25.00; Whaleyville, \$45.00; Alexandria, \$35.00; Broadway, \$45.00; Choptank, \$30.00; First M. P. Church, Washington, \$35.00; Ninth Street, \$35.00; Newark, \$55.00; Potomac, \$15.00; Accomac, \$15.00; St. Michael's, \$20.00; Sussex, \$10.00; Salisbury, \$25.00; Wicomico, \$10.00; Harper's Ferry, \$20.00; Ellicott City, \$15.00; Centreville, \$25.00; Frederick City, \$15.00; Peach Bottom, \$15.00; Williamsport and Berkeley, \$20.00; Kent Island, \$20.00; All Saints, \$10.00; North Carolina Avenue, \$10.00; Hampden, \$15.00; Heathsville, \$5.00; Campbell, (if supplied) \$5.00; Montgomery, \$15.00. Total, \$2,300.00.

D. EVANS REESE,  
*Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on the letter from the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred the paper from the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, beg leave to recommend—

1. That the resolutions passed by the last Conference, found on page 9, be brought before the attention of the various Churches throughout the District as far as practicable.

2. That such Churches as may unite with this Society in the foreign missionary work, will report the amounts through the Superintendent, to be entered on official reports and published with other collections in the Minutes of the Conference.

J. T. MURRAY,  
*Chairman.*

The Committee on the Bible Cause made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee beg leave to report that the total amount of Bible Collections throughout the District amounts to \$248.73, itemized as follows: West Baltimore, \$35.34; Washington Street, \$6.38; Lexington Street, \$2.00; Broadway, \$10.00; Westminster, \$12.50; Laurel, Delaware, \$16.00, paid Delaware Bible Society; Salem, (Philadelphia), \$2.00; Easton, \$11.77; First Church, Washington, \$2.00; Centreville, \$4.24; Anne Arundel, \$1.75; Bel-Air, \$8.95; Baltimore County, \$25.17, paid Baltimore County Bible Society; Caroline, \$2.00; Cecil, \$8.10; Dorchester, \$1.50; Finksburg, \$6.34; Leipsic, \$2.00; Superintendent of Kent, \$1.59; Kennedyville, \$1.00; Pipe Creek, \$12.55; Pocomoke, \$4.40; Somerset, \$7.71; Susquehanna, \$5.16; Seaford, \$12.00, paid Delaware Bible Society; Talbot, \$5.25; Warwick, \$5.00; Newtown, \$2.60; Whaleyville, \$2.00; Wicomico, \$6.50; Potomac, \$1.00; St. Michaels, \$2.50; Harper's Ferry, \$2.20; Patapsco, \$1.50; Williamsport and Berkeley, .25; Peach Bottom, \$2.25; Salisbury, \$3.75; Hampden, \$1.41; Ninth Street, Washington, \$10.07, paid Washington City Bible Society.

Of these monies, \$210.00 have been paid to the Maryland Bible Society, and we recommend that the amount thus paid be applied to making David A. Shermer, Jesse Shreeve, and J. H. Ellegood, Life Directors; Jeremiah Clay and James Thompson, Life Members.

Your Committee would respectfully call the attention of Superintendents to the order of Conference concerning the lifting and reporting of this collection, found in the Minutes of last year, page 13.

Respectfully submitted,

R. SCOTT NORRIS,  
*Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Statistics was received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Superannuated Claimants was considered by items.

On motion, the present business was suspended, and Dr. A. S. Eversole was voted a Superannuated relation.

Conference resumed the consideration of the report, when it was adopted, as follows :

Your Committee, acting upon the best information at their command, having had personal interviews with several brethren, and two of the widow claimants upon the Fund, and received information from two other widows through Brother Hammond, beg leave to make the following report :

That Rev. John Elderdice be allowed \$700.00; Rev. D. F. Ewell, M. D., \$600.00; Rev. Thomas Lee, \$400.00; Rev. H. J. Day, \$400.00; Rev. J. L. Kilgore, \$400.00; Rev. Thos. Bryan, \$200.00; Rev. J. W. Everest, \$200.00; Rev. A. S. Eversole, \$200.00; Mrs. C. Eversole, \$450.00; Mrs. N. S. Greenaway, \$350.00; Mrs. D. Bowers, \$350.00; Mrs. W. Roby, \$250.00; Mrs. J. F. Whiteside, \$300.00; Mrs. T. M. Wilson, \$250.00; Mrs. F. G. Wright, \$200.00; Mrs. Wm. Kesley, \$200.00; Mrs. R. T. Boyd, \$200.00; Mrs. Josiah Varden, \$200.00; Mrs. G. D. Hamilton, \$200.00; Mrs. Wm. T. Wright, \$200.00; Mrs. Isaac Webster, \$200.00; Mrs. L. A. Collins, \$200.00; Mrs. J. S. Reese, \$200.00. Total amount allowed, \$6,850.00.

All of which is respectfully submitted, with the following preamble and resolution :

*Whereas*, The Conference at a previous session resolved to try the system of furnishing suitable blanks to each claimant to be filled up and returned to the Conference with the needed information for this Committee; therefore

*Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary of the Superannuated Fund Society be requested to carry out said arrangement and present his bill to the Treasurer of said Society.

J. R. NICHOLS,  
*Chairman.*

On motion of J. T. Murray, the following resolution was passed :

*Resolved*, That the General Conference be requested to make provision by which Annual Conferences may appoint ministers as Presidents, or Professors, or Agents in educational institutions, and as Editors or Agents of religious periodicals and newspapers, and as Chaplains, without such appointment changing the relation of such ministers to the Annual Conference.

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

Your Committee would report as follows :

1. That we rejoice with "exceeding great joy" in the general awakening on the subject of Temperance, and especially in the vigorous and determined efforts now making to incorporate public sentiment against the liquor traffic into the laws of the land, and we recommend our ministry and laity to support these measures with becoming energy and boldness.

2. That we memorialize the General Conference, through our representatives, to give us such ecclesiastical legislation as will protect our Churches from the reproach brought upon them through those members who engage in the traffic of intoxicating liquors, or who use them as a beverage, or sign applications for liquor license.

3. That F. Swentzel, D. A. Shermer, and R. S. Rowe, be the Committee of Arrangements for the Conference Temperance Convention, to be held on Thursday, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  P. M., of our next Annual Session.

B. F. BENSON,  
*Chairman.*

A letter of fraternal greeting from Rev. A. E. Kline, of the Pennsylvania Conference, M. P. Church, was read.

The report of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications was adopted, as follows :

*Resolved*, That there be appointed fraternal messengers from this body, to convey to the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, our sincere pleasure at the presence and fraternal greetings of their messenger, Rev. R. H. Wills, President of that Conference. Recognizing in the body he represents the strongest pillar of our ecclesiastical strength South of the Potomac, we earnestly regret that they should differ from us in our expression of opinion touching certain organic changes in our Church Law, and we cherish the hope that they will as charitably construe our advanced movement as we do their reluctance to depart from a strict construction of the original compact of the associate Churches of our common Zion. Our heart beats warmly toward them, and we cannot but believe that we will soon see "eye to eye," as to our future, as we have in all the past.

*Resolved*, That there be appointed fraternal messengers to the West Virginia Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and that we welcome their representatives to this body, Revs. J. J. Poynter and E. J. Wilson. To these brethren also as members of an equally large and influential Conference, we commend the same fraternal sentiments.

*Resolved*, That fraternal messengers be appointed to convey to the Pittsburg Conference of the Methodist Church, our high appreciation of their continued fraternal greetings, and that we welcome here their representatives, Rev. J. H. Hull, President of the Conference, and his colleagues, Rev. E. A. Brindley and Rev. J. B. Lucas. We are glad to believe that mutual crinations for the dissolution of the ecclesiastical bonds in which we were formerly held as a Methodist Protestant Church are rapidly passing away, and cherish the hope that the unity in Christ which now exists between us may speedily ultimate in a reunion of our separated organizations.

Your Committee take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a communication from the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church South, in reply to one addressed them by the fraternal messengers appointed by this Conference at our last Annual Session. That communication having been read in your hearing, we need do nothing more than to express to the bearer, Rev. Alpheus Wilson, D. D., our high appreciation of the fraternal sentiments it contains, and to assure him of our gratification at having him in our midst, and of hearing from his own lips a warm reciprocation of our personal regard for him and the Church he represents. We are sure a brighter day is dawning for Christian unity among all God's people. Exclusive and pretentious features of doctrine and polity are being eliminated from the visible Church organizations, and we hail every approach by other forms of Methodism to the fundamental principle of our own ecclesiastical structure as defined by the Saviour himself, "one is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren."

*Resolved*, That two fraternal messengers be appointed to the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church South, to perpetuate this interchange of Christian amenities.

Your Committee have also received fraternal communications from Rev. C. F. Harris, messenger from North Carolina, and Rev. A. E. Kline, messenger from the Pennsylvania Conference, M. P. Church, and reciprocating their Christian kindness, regret that they could not be personally present with us.

*Resolved*, That a fraternal messenger be appointed to the Pennsylvania Conference of the M. P. Church, to convey to them our sympathy and brotherly love.

RESOLUTIONS OF WILMINGTON CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH, MARCH, 1873.

*Union of Methodist Bodies.*

*Whereas*, The times favor the unity of Methodism, and an era of good feeling has come among the members of our great Methodist family; therefore

*Resolved*, 1. That we will foster by every possible means, the best understanding and closest relationship between the various Churches of our beloved Methodism.

*Resolved*, 2. That we hail the day, as full of promise, which shall bring the different Methodist bodies together in the great work of salvation.

*Resolved*, 3. That as a Conference, it would be a great pleasure to exchange Christian greetings with our bretheren of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Methodist Protestant Church, whose lines of labor and service for Christ, are in close proximity to our own, and we hold ourselves ready for such greetings whenever we shall have an intimation of welcome from these Churches.

*Resolved*, That having received a copy of the above resolutions from the Wilmington Conference, M. E. Church, upon the union of Methodist bodies, we do hereby invite such interchange, and promise co-operation.

E. J. DRINKHOUSE,  
*Acting Chairman.*

The report of the Conference Steward was received and adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we reaffirm the resolutions adopted at the last session of this Annual Conference, proposing to change the VIIIth and XIIth Articles of the Constitution as referred to by resolutions on pages 7 and 8 of the Minutes of the last Conference, and on page 10, relating to change of the word Superintendent for Pastor.

The following resolution was passed:

*Resolved*, That our Delegates to the ensuing General Conference be and they are hereby requested to use their influence to have stricken from the Discipline, section 5, on page 76.

P. L. Wilson was granted a Supernumerary relation, at his own request.

On motion, Conference adjourned, with benediction by L.W. Bates.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference opened with devotional exercises by W. M. Strayer.

The report of the Committee on Literature was received and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Item I.—Your Committee report, that they have examined the statement presented by the Book Directory, of the condition of that department, accompanied by a tabular exhibit from which it appears that there have been sold for cash, books to the amount of \$511.12, and on ledger account \$2,487.09. The amount received for the *Methodist Protestant* is \$5,156.74; for advertising in the *Protestant* \$882.70. During that period the expenses have been: In connection with the business of the office, \$367.72; salary of agent, \$1550; rent of office, \$150; for printing, \$2,717.75; for paper for the *Protestant*, \$2,439.70; binding books, \$518.60; merchandise for same, \$1,016.74; commission on the *Methodist Protestant*, to agents, \$66.88.

The attention of the Conference is called to the difference between the cash sales of books which amounts to \$511.12 and books sold on credit, which amounts to \$2,489.09; (showing an outstanding credit March 1, 1874, of nearly \$2,000.00.) The assets of the concern are estimated at \$6,313.05; the liabilities at \$2,456.52; showing a net capital or present worth of \$3,856.53.

It is worthy of notice that the losses have, in part, arisen from the general revision of the book accounts, and are the result of the accumulation of several years, now for the first time reported entire; and in part from amounts due in papers to subscribers, which have never before been estimated in liability account. Adding these dues as usual to the assets, increases them to \$5,503 83.

The whole number of subscribers to the *Methodist Protestant* is 2,834. There has been a marked falling off in the number of these subscribers. 500 being lost in the Maryland District alone during the year.

Your attention is called to the following facts: The *Methodist Protestant* has yielded profits during the fiscal year to the amount of \$429.39, to pay the salary of the agent, amounting to \$1550, leaving \$1,120.61 to be provided for from the profits of the book department. The profits on sales of books, estimated at 33½ per cent. on the whole amount sold, are \$998.07, leaving a balance of \$124.14 yet to be provided for. The facts on the whole as gathered from the "statement" of the Directory, show an unusual decline in the profits of the book concern.

Your Committee would recommend the appointment of a Committee who shall prepare some plan to be presented to the *General Conference*, to be held next May, to recuperate the book concern and to make more efficient the editorial department of the Church paper.

Your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Methodist Protestant Church is under special obligations to the editors of the *Methodist Protestant* for their gratuitous services and the able manner in which they have conducted and edited the paper, during the past year, and that they have our hearty thanks for the same, and our endorsement of their editorial course.

Item II.—Your Committee have received a memorial to the Conference from the Western Maryland College, which sets forth, that young men are received into the theological department of the College, on the recommendation only of parties especially interested in them, without sufficient guaranty for their support, subjecting the College to losses, which amount at this date to more than \$1,300, and are continually increasing. Furthermore, this circumstance jeopardizes the beneficence of the Church, as there is no sufficient assurance given that they are proper persons to receive that beneficence. Hence, your Committee would recommend what may be known as an educational board which shall be empowered to examine all applicants for the beneficence bestowed by the Church on this department of the College, determine their fitness and worthiness for the same, and perform such other duties as may grow out of their relation to this department. To this end they recommend the following plan:

1. That a board be, and the same is hereby constituted, consisting of seven; four of whom shall be ministers and three laymen, members of the M. P. Church, to be located in the city of Baltimore, and to be called "The Board of Theological Education of the Maryland Annual Conference, M. P. Church." It shall be organized by the appointment of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and shall keep an accurate minute of all its proceedings, and report to this Conference at its annual sessions.

2. All applications for admission to the Theological Department of the Western Maryland College, under the beneficent provisions of the Church, must be made through this Board, and the Conference will not regard itself, or the Church as in any way bound for the tuition and expenses of any who may be otherwise admitted.

3. The Board shall be governed, in allowances of help to necessitous cases, to the absolute requirements of such; it being regarded as every way best for students to do their utmost for their own support.

4. When deserving applicants present themselves, the amount of aid required shall be ascertained, and the means of securing such aid provided before the applicant shall be received.

5. The Board shall require of the beneficiaries in all cases a recommendation from the Quarterly Conference to which they belong, and a pledge to refund, at as early a day as possible, the amount so advanced, that they may be relieved from the feeling that their education is a gift of charity, and that these beneficent provisions may continue to be expanded and increasingly effective, and also require of them to give a pledge not to use tobacco.

6. The Board shall examine every applicant on gifts, graces and acquirements, and admit no applicant who is unfit for the sacred office, by reason of moral obliquity or mental imbecility.

7. All funds from individuals or Churches intended for the benefit of theological students of the College shall be remitted to the Treasurer of this Board and be disbursed by its order.

Your Committee have been informed by the President of the College faculty, that the Trustees of the College have devised a plan to raise \$20,000 to remove its present indebtedness.

By an act of the Legislature, they are empowered to issue certificates of indebtedness for that purpose.

These certificates are to be in amount each \$50, bearing interest for five years, with coupons attached. The debt will thus be distributed among 400 persons instead of being held by two individuals, thereby interesting this larger number in the College and forestalling the inevitable foreclosure of mortgages, in case of financial embarrassment or death of the larger creditors.

Your Committee commend the plan, and recommend the appointment, as usual, of an agent of the College.

For information of the Conference your Committee would state that the Western Maryland College has never been in a more flourishing condition than at the present time. The whole number of students enrolled for the year is 131. Number in attendance at the present date 111, 65 of whom are boarding in the College. The standing of the students has never been of a higher grade than during the present year.

Your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution:

*Resolved.* That the hearty thanks of this Conference be tendered to the Agent of the College, Rev. P. L. Wilson, for his indefatigable and untiring labors in that position, to which the success of the College is in a large measure due.

Your Committee in order to make the Board of Theological Education efficient, recommend the following plan to raise an Endowment Fund for the Theological Department of the Western Maryland College of (\$30,000) thirty thousand dollars.

The Board shall solicit promissory notes of the amount of fifty dollars each, payable with interest, in five annual instalments.

The first instalment shall be thirteen dollars; the second twelve dollars and forty cents; the third eleven dollars and eighty cents; the fourth eleven dollars and twenty cents; the last ten dollars and sixty cents; provided, however, that any subscriber shall have the privilege of meeting the object of this plan, by a single cash contribution of fifty dollars. The principal, as it is paid, shall be safely invested as a Permanent Fund and the interest both on the note and fund, shall be available to meet the expenses of the beneficiaries.

Besides this plan the Board shall, after its incorporation, have the power to solicit donations, legacies and other means for the purposes contemplated by its formation.

Your Committee further recommend that every Superintendent within the Conference District, be constituted an agent of the Board, and charged with the duty of securing as many subscribers to this fund, on the above plan, as he can.

D. W. BATES,  
*Chairman.*

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

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Newark, N. J., Mission, relation unchanged. Choptank continued without an appropriation. Peach Bottom continued without an appropriation. Recommend All Saints to the fostering care of Howard Circuit. Report adversely to the application from Concord Circuit. Report adversely to

the application from Chesapeake Circuit. Ninth Street, Washington, continued without an appropriation.

*Appropriations.*—Harper's Ferry, \$150.00; Accomac (if supplied with Assistant), \$200 00; Potomac, \$300.00, Hampden, \$400.00; Salisbury, \$250.00; Alexandria, \$400.00; Kent Island, \$300.00; St. Michael's, \$300.00; Sussex, \$200.00; North Carolina Avenue, Washington, \$600.00; Ellicott City, \$500.00; Williamsport and Berkeley (if supplied with Minister), \$100.00; to meet deficiency of last year, \$380.00; total, \$4,080.00.

The Committee would call attention to the following recommendations of last year: 1. "That Superintendents of the various Charges organize Juvenile Missionary Societies auxiliary to the Conference Society, and that they use the Juvenile Missionary Certificates as a means of obtaining increased contributions."

2. "That the Ministers of the Committee on Missions for the ensuing year be appointed at this session of the Conference."

The Committee are of the opinion that the growing tendency among our established Churches to look to the Missionary fund for aid, is prejudicial to our efforts to raise money for Missionary purposes, and to the extension of our Church work in new missionary fields; and that this policy of the Churches ought to be discouraged. We are also of the opinion that the Missions receiving annual appropriations ought, when practicable, to advise with the Missionary Society as to the propriety of the erection of new buildings, and the improvement of Church property.

X The Committee recommend the restoration to the various charges, of deeds, etc., in the hands of the Treasurer, as security for last year's appropriations.

*Assessments.*—Broadway, \$120; Centreville, \$60; East Baltimore, \$120; West Baltimore, \$250; South Baltimore, \$30; Lexington Street, \$100; Starr Church, \$150; Washington Street, \$40; First Church, Washington, \$75; Georgetown, D. C., \$50; Laurel, Del., \$40; Westminster, \$100; Easton, \$75; Anne Arundel, \$125; Baltimore, \$60; Bel Air, \$130; Bedford, \$75; Caroline, \$50; Cecil, \$50; Chesapeake, \$20; Concord, \$25; Dorchester, \$60; Frederick, \$60; Finksburg, \$50; Howard, \$80; Jefferson, \$75; Leipsic, \$60; Kent, \$240; Liberty, \$60; Milton, \$20; Somerset, \$80; Stewartstown, \$70; Newtown, \$80; Pipe Creek, \$125; Queen Anne's, \$50; Snow Hill, \$20; Seaford, \$45; Susquehanna, \$80; Talbot, \$30; Union, \$50; Whaleyville, \$35; Warwick, \$80; Pocomoke, \$50; Wicomico, \$20; Alexandria, \$65; Ninth Street, Washington, \$60; St. Michael's \$50; Williamsport and Berkeley, \$10; Potomac, \$30; Salisbury, \$50; Ellicott City, \$30; Harper's Ferry, \$25; Choptank, \$25; Sussex, \$30; Newark, N. J., \$100; Accomac, \$30; Kent Island, \$25; Peach Bottom, \$25; Frederick City, \$30; Lynchburg, Va., \$60; Norfolk, Va., \$10; Heathsville, Va., \$25; Montgomery, Ala., \$50; Hampden, \$25; N. C. Avenue, Washington, \$20; All Saints, \$10; Eutaw, \$15; Crumpton, \$15; Total Assessments, \$4,080.

D. A. SHERMER,  
Chairman.

The Steward of the Missionary Fund submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF MISSIONARY STEWARD.—March 18th, 1874.

CHARGES.	Assessment.	Paid.	Deficiency.	Excess.
<b>STATIONS.</b>				
Broadway.....	\$100 00	\$100 00	.....	.....
East Baltimore..	110 00	110 00	.....	.....
West Baltimore..	225 00	205 00	\$20 00	.....
South Baltimore..	30 00	30 00	.....	.....
Washington Street.....	40 00	10 39	29 61	.....
Starr Church.....	100 00	154 00	.....	\$54 00
Lexington Street.....	100 00	57 50	42 50	.....
Lynchburg, Virginia.....	40 00	40 00	.....	.....
Georgetown, D. C.....	225 00	230 00	.....	5 00
Laurel, Delaware.....	40 00	40 00	.....	.....
Montgomery, Alabama.....	50 00	.....	50 00	.....
Norfolk, Virginia.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....
Westminster.....	80 00	80 75	.....	75
Salem, Philadelphia.....	60 00	70 00	.....	10 00
First M. P. Church, Washington.	60 00	60 00	.....	.....
Centreville.....	50 00	60 00	.....	10 00
Easton.....	50 00	70 00	.....	.....
<b>CIRCUITS.</b>				
Anne Arundel.....	120 00	50 00	70 00	.....
Bel-Air.....	130 00	100 25	29 75	.....
Baltimore.....	60 00	60 00	.....	.....
Bedford.....	60 00	9 05	50 95	.....
Caroline.....	40 00	33 30	6 70	.....
Cecil.....	50 00	45 90	4 10	.....
Chesapeake.....	15 00	10 00	5 00	.....
Concord.....	20 00	30 75	.....	10 75
Dorchester.....	55 00	55 00	.....	.....
Frederick.....	60 00	10 45	49 55	.....
Finksburg.....	50 00	29 25	20 75	.....
Howard.....	80 00	50 00	30 00	.....
Heathsville.....	20 00	20 05	.....	05
Jefferson Circuit and Frederick City Mission.....	100 00	85 00	15 00	.....
Kent.....	190 00	176 38	13 62	.....
Kennedyville.....	30 00	5 00	25 00	.....
Liberty.....	60 00	20 00	40 00	.....
Leipsic.....	60 00	21 00	39 00	.....
Milton.....	20 00	8 00	12 00	.....
Pipe Creek.....	120 00	56 73	63 27	.....
Pocomoke.....	40 00	41 00	.....	1 00
Somerset.....	80 00	30 00	50 00	.....
Stewartstown.....	70 00	37 75	32 25	.....
Susquehanna.....	80 00	80 00	.....	.....

REPORT OF MISSIONARY STEWARD—Continued.

CHARGES.	Assessment.	Paid.	Deficiency.	Excess.
<b>STATIONS.</b>				
Seaford.....	\$ 40 00	\$ 22 00	\$ 18 00	.....
Talbot.....	30 00	12 92	17 08	.....
Union.....	50 00	7 31	42 69	.....
Warwick.....	75 00	75 05	.....	\$ 05
Queen Anne's.....	50 00	32 00	18 00	.....
Snow Hill.....	20 00	10 00	10 00	.....
Newtown.....	75 00	75 00	.....	.....
Whaleyville.....	30 00	18 25	11 75	.....
Wicomico.....	20 00	17 00	3 00	.....
<b>MISSIONS.</b>				
Alexandria.....	60 00	42 50	17 50	.....
Choptank.....	20 00	8 75	11 25	.....
Ninth Street, Washington.....	60 00	60 00	.....	.....
Newark, New Jersey.....	100 00	63 20	36 80	.....
Potomac.....	30 00	30 00	.....	.....
Accomac.....	20 00	16 50	3 50	.....
St. Michael's.....	40 00	40 00	.....	.....
Sussex.....	25 00	23 00	2 00	.....
Salisbury.....	40 00	40 00	.....	.....
Harper's Ferry.....	25 00	5 75	19 25	.....
Patapsco.....	30 00	12 00	18 00	.....
Williamsport and Berkeley.....	10 00	1 50	8 50	.....
Kent Island.....	20 00	26 68	.....	6 68
Peach Bottom.....	20 00	20 00	.....	.....
Hampden.....	10 00	4 55	5 49	.....
North Carolina Avenue.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....
All Saints.....	10 00	9 50	50	.....
Total.....	\$3,920 00	\$3,075 96	\$769 43	\$91 60
Receipts of Anniversary & Fees.....	.....	201 16	.....	.....
Receipts from Colored Church in Charleston, S. C.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....
Amount received.....	.....	\$3,279 12	.....	.....
Appropriations.....	.....	.....	3,660 50	.....
Deficiency.....	.....	.....	\$381 38	.....

REPORT OF MISSIONARY STEWARD—Continued.

MISSIONS.	Apportionment.	Paid.
Ninth Street, Washington.....	\$200 00	\$178 62
Potomac.....	250 00	223 27
Sussex.....	300 00	267 93
St. Michael's.....	300 00	267 93
Patapsco.....	400 00	357 24
Salisbury.....	250 00	223 27
Harper's Ferry.....	150 00	133 96
Williamsport and Berkeley.....	100 00	89 31
Hampden.....	400 00	357 24
North Carolina Avenue.....	200 00	178 62
Alexandria.....	300 00	267 93
Kent Island.....	300 00	267 93
Broadway.....	500 00	446 55
President's Deficiency.....	10 50	9 37
	\$3,660 50	\$3,269 17

EXHIBIT.

Cash received by Steward from Superintendents.....	\$1,606 77
“ “ “ Miss. Ann. and Fees.....	201 16
“ “ “ Charleston Church.....	2 00
“ “ “ Treasurer.....	106 82
Cash in hand.....	\$1,916 75
Total amount due Missionaries.....	\$2,308 00
Cash in hand.....	\$1,916 75
Retained by Missionaries.....	232 50
Paid by Treasurer.....	1,120 00
Appropriations.....	\$3,660 50

Div., 89 31-100 per cent.

JAMES T. LASSELL,

Steward.

Receipts of Collections for Suit for Cumberland Church, in the hands of R. S. Rowe, Treasurer.—West Baltimore, \$100.00; East Baltimore, \$10 95; South Baltimore, \$5.25; Lexington Street, \$2 50; Georgetown, \$20.00; Centreville, \$6.50; First M. P. Church, Washington, \$7.25; Lynchburg, \$4.25; Baltimore Circuit, \$5.00; Bedford, \$6.55; Cecil, \$2.90; Dorchester, \$3.00; Finksburg, \$7.25; Kennedyville, \$1.20; Leipsic, \$7 25; Jefferson, \$1.50; Newtown, \$9 50; Pipe Creek, \$15.75; Pocomoke, \$5.25; Somerset, \$6.69; Seaford, \$3.00; Susquehanna, \$7.25; Stewartstown, \$2.00; ————— \$5.00; Warwick, \$6.50;

Church Intelligence.

MARYLAND DISTRICT.

REV. DAVID WILSON, M. D., PRESIDENT.

Whaleyville, \$5.00; Accomac, \$3.00; Choptank, \$5.45; Harper's Ferry, \$4.25; Hampden, \$3.00; Kent Island, \$4.00; Ninth Street, Washington, \$7.25; Patapsco, \$3.00; Potomac, \$1.06; Salisbury, \$5.25; Williamsport and Berkeley, \$2.00; total, \$295.55.

The following Charges have failed to report collections; Superintendents of them will please comply with the order of last Conference, and as soon as they lift this collection forward the amount to the Treasurer: Washington Street, \$8.50; Starr Church, \$10.50; Laurel, \$6.50; Westminster, \$10.50; Norfolk, \$2.00; Anne Arundel, \$12.50; Bel-Air, \$12.50; Howard, \$12.50; Caroline, \$10.50; Cambridge, \$4.25; Chesapeake, \$7.25; Concord, \$5.25; Frederick, \$11.50; Liberty, \$12.50; Kent, \$14.75; Union, \$5.25; Milton, \$4.25; Talbot, \$4.25; Queen Anne's, \$7.25; Snow Hill, \$5.25; Alexandria, \$7.25; Broadway, \$9.50; Newark, \$11.50; St. Michael's, \$4.25; Sussex, \$2.00; Wicomico, \$2.00; Frederick Mission, \$4.25; Peach Bottom, \$3.00; Heathsville, \$2.00; Montgomery, \$3.00; Easton, \$8.50.

The following resolution was passed:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the various Railroad and Steamboat Companies who have so generously consented to return free over their several routes those members who paid full fare in coming to Conference.

The following resolution was passed by a unanimous and rising vote:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference be, and are hereby tendered to the various families of this city and of Washington who have so kindly and hospitably entertained its members.

The following were appointed the Committee on the Book Concern, recommended by the Committee on Literature:

John Roberts, E. R. McGregor, P. L. Wilson, J. W. Charlton, J. W. Hering, W. B. Usilton, John Mason.

The following resolution was passed:

*Resolved*, That we duly appreciate the services of J. W. Charlton, Secretary of the Conference, and his assistants, J. D. Kinzer and F. T. Tagg, and hereby tender them our thanks for those services.

S. G. Valiant was granted a Supernumerary relation at his own request.

The President announced the following Committee on Missions:

D. A. Shermer, R. S. Rowe, J. P. Wilson.

On motion of L. W. Bates and R. S. Norris, it was

*Resolved*, That W. J. Neeper and A. A. Harryman be ordained Elders in view of their appointments, provided they pursue the usual course of studies.

The President announced the following

### PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

DAVID WILSON, M. D. . . . . *President*.

*Stations*.—East Baltimore, D. E. Reese, D. D., T. McCormick, Sup.; West Baltimore, L. W. Bates, D. D., A. Richards, Sup.; South Baltimore, R. S. Rowe, H. P. Jordan, Sup.; Washington Street, D. A. Shermer, M. D.; Starr Church, S. B. Southerland, D. D.; Lexington Street, F. Swentzel, M. D.; Broadway, Joseph P. Wilson; Georgetown, D. C., T. D. Valiant, J. A. Weigand; Westminster, H. C. Cushing; Cumberland, to be supplied; Laurel, Del., J. L. Mills; Easton, B. F. Benson; First Church, Washington, J. D. Wilson; Centreville, S. T. Graham; Lynchburg, Va., (loan) D. L. Greenfield; Abington, Va., (loan) to be supplied; Norfolk, Va., (loan) F. T. Tagg; Montgomery, Ala., (loan) J. B. Jones; First Methodist Church, Pittsburg, Pa., (loan) J. J. Murray, D. D.; Eutaw Station, A. D. Melvin.

*Circuits*.—Anne Arundel, J. W. Gray, J. B. Butler; Bel-Air, W. M. Strayer, R. T. Smith; Baltimore, J. R. Nichols, A. J. Walter; Bedford, J. Thompson, F. H. Mullineaux; Caroline, W. G. Holmes; Cambridge, J. Clay; Cecil, W. T. Dumm, D. N. Gilbert; Chesapeake, W. D. Litsinger; Concord, W. F. Livingston; Dorchester, J. M. Holmes, G. F. Farring; Frederick, C. T. Cochel, W. J. D. Lucas; Jefferson, Frederick City, and Lewistown, C. H. Littleton, T. O. Crouse; Finksburg, A. D. Dick, S. B. Tredway; Howard, Geo. D. Edmonston, H. C. Stern, A. Baker, Sup.; Leipsic, J. M. Elderdice; Kent, R. S. Norris, W. R. Graham; Liberty, J. Roberts, P. L. Wilson, Sup.; Milton, C. M. Thompson, T. A. Moore, Sup.; Pipe Creek, J. W. Charlton; Pocomoke, R. L. Lewis; Somerset, A. T. Melvin; Stewartstown, A. W. Mather, G. Q. Bacchus; Susquehanna, S. A. Hoblitzell; Seaford, J. A. McFaden; Talbot, J. Edgar Read; Union, S. T. Ferguson; Warwick; D. W. Bates; Queen Anne's, F. T. Little; Crumpton, A. A. Harryman; Snow Hill, W. J. Neeper; Newtown, J. T. Lassell; Whaleyville, W. C. Ames, J. G. Sullivan; Wicomico, J. L. Straghan; Heathsville, Va., (loan) C. O. Melvin; Campbell, Va., (loan) to be supplied.

*Missions*.—Alexandria, E. R. McGregor; Choptank, W. A. Crouse; Ninth Street, Washington, E. J. Drinkhouse, M. D.; Potomac, J. M. Yingling, W. C. Lipscomb, Sup.; Accomac, I. T. Adkins, (one to be supplied); Newark, N. J., J. T. Murray, D. D., St. Michael's, J. E. Maloy; Sussex, J. H. Ellegood; Harper's Ferry, H. E. Miskimon; Ellicott City, J. E. T. Ewell, M. D.; Williamsport and Berkeley, to be supplied; Kent Island, Henry Bruner; Peach Bottom, W. J. Floyd; Salisbury, John D. Kinzer; North Carolina Avenue, Washington, Jesse Shreeve; Hampden and White Ground, W. H. Lane; All Saints, to be supplied; Left without an appointment, at his own request, Samuel G. Valiant.

*Superannuated*.—John Elderdice, D. F. Fwell, M. D., Thos. Lee, H. J. Day, T. M. Bryan, J. W. Everist, J. L. Killgore, D. D., A. S. Eversole, M. D.

*President of Western Maryland College*.—J. T. Ward, D. D.

*Vice-Principal of Western Maryland College*.—J. K. Nichols, D. D.

*College Agent*.—W. S. Hammond.

*Conference Missionary*.—A. Webster, D. D.

Adjourned with prayer by L. W. Bates.

J. W. CHARLTON,  
*Secretary*.

ROBERT S. ROWE,  
*Committee on Publication*.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARD.

CHARGES.	Collections.	Salary of Superintendent.	Salary of Assistant.	Amount Paid.	Rec'd from other sources.	Deficiency.	Paid.
East Baltimore.....	\$6 20	\$1,500 00	.....	\$1,500 00	.....	.....	.....
West Baltimore.....	44 70	1,600 00	.....	1,600 00	.....	.....	.....
South Baltimore.....	1 56	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	.....	\$114 00	\$27 40
Washington Street.....	7 81	900 00	.....	786 00	.....	.....	.....
Starr Church.....	12 78	1,500 00	.....	1,500 00	.....	.....	.....
Lexington Street.....	2 00	1,300 00	.....	1,300 00	.....	.....	.....
Broadway.....	10 00	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	*\$500 00	.....	.....
Georgetown, D. C.....	19 00	1,650 00	.....	1,650 00	.....	.....	.....
Westminster.....	11 50	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	.....	.....	.....
Cumberland.....	No Report.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Laurel, Delaware.....	5 00	750 00	.....	750 00	.....	.....	.....
Salem, Philadelphia.....	No Report.	890 00	.....	890 00	.....	.....	.....
Easton.....	14 00	800 00	.....	800 00	.....	.....	.....
First M. P. Church, Washington.....	12 00	1,200 00	.....	1,200 00	.....	.....	.....
Centreville.....	4 43	700 00	.....	700 00	.....	.....	.....
Lynchburg, Virginia.....	5 00	775 00	.....	775 00	.....	.....	.....
Norfolk, Virginia.....	1 00	450 00	.....	463 00	350 00	.....	.....
Montgomery, Alabama.....	No Report	1,200 00	.....	1,200 00	.....	.....	.....
First Methodist Church, Pittsburg.....	6 00	800 00	\$200 00	1,000 00	.....	.....	.....
Anne Arundel.....	7 50	750 00	200 00	647 50	.....	\$302 50	72 60
Bel-Air.....	10 20	850 00	200 00	1,050 00	.....	.....	.....
Baltimore.....	3 95	600 00	200 00	800 00	.....	.....	.....
Bedford.....	6 00	600 00	.....	521 00	.....	79 00	19 00
Caroline.....	No Report.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cambridge.....	13 30	700 00	200 00	851 50	.....	48 50	11 65
Cecil.....	1 50	600 00	.....	600 00	.....	.....	.....
Chesapeake.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Concord.....	\$3 50	\$475 00	.....	\$475 00	.....	\$ 67 30	\$ 16 15
Dorchester.....	4 20	700 00	\$200 00	832 70	.....	100 00	24 00
Frederick.....	2 58	600 00	200 00	700 00	.....	.....	.....
Finksburg.....	8 27	575 00	175 00	750 00	.....	.....	.....
Howard.....	7 85	600 00	200 00	800 00	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson, Frederick City and Lewistown.....	8 00	900 00	200 00	924 32	150 00	145 68	35 00
Leipsic.....	4 50	500 00	.....	350 00	.....	150 00	36 00
Kent.....	8 24	1,000 00	200 00	1,200 00	.....	.....	.....
Kennedyville.....	1 45	250 00	.....	200 00	.....	50 00	12 00
Liberty.....	2 00	700 00	.....	700 00	.....	.....	.....
Milton.....	2 75	500 00	.....	414 00	.....	86 00	20 65
Pipe Creek.....	13 26	800 00	.....	800 00	.....	.....	.....
Pocomoke.....	3 00	250 00	.....	255 00	.....	.....	.....
Somerset.....	6 30	800 00	.....	801 00	.....	.....	.....
Stewartstown.....	5 93	700 00	200 00	849 97	.....	50 03	12 00
Susquehanna.....	1 25	700 00	.....	700 00	.....	.....	.....
Seaford.....	5 55	600 00	.....	500 00	.....	.....	.....
Talbot.....	4 07	650 00	.....	600 00	.....	.....	.....
Union.....	5 00	700 00	.....	604 31	.....	45 69	11 00
Warwick.....	1 35	250 00	.....	300 00	.....	.....	.....
Queen Anne's.....	2 15	800 00	.....	300 00	.....	.....	.....
Snow Hill.....	5 00	600 00	.....	800 00	.....	.....	.....
Newtown.....	9 72	350 00	200 00	600 00	.....	200 00	48 00
Whaleyville.....	1 95	400 00	.....	350 00	.....	.....	.....
Wicomico.....	No Report	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Heathsville, Virginia.....	2 50	350 00	.....	400 00	.....	.....	.....
Campbell.....	2 21	350 00	.....	328 00	300 00	.....	.....
Alexandria.....	No Report.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Accomac.....	3 00	500 00	.....	475 00	.....	25 00	6 00
All Saints.....	2 20	425 00	.....	351 80	150 00	73 20	.....
Choptank.....	3 75	300 00	.....	236 00	400 00	64 00	.....
Harper's Ferry.....	3 05	400 00	.....	400 00	.....	.....	.....
Hampden and White Ground.....	3 34	950 00	.....	950 00	200 00	.....	.....
Kent Island.....	1 50	1,400 00	100 00	1,00 00	.....	.....	.....
Ninth Street, Washington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Carolina Avenue.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newark, N. J.....	10 00	1,400 00	.....	1,400 00	.....	.....	.....

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARD—Continued.

CHARGES.	Collections.	Salary of Superintendent.	Salary of Assistant.	Amount Paid.	Rec'd from other sources.	Deficiency.	Paid.
Oter.	No Report						
Patapsco.....	\$1 30	\$600 00		\$560 00	400 00	\$40 00	
Peach Bottom.....	2 40	600 00		600 00	150 00		
Potomac.....	1 83	350 00		227 00	250 & 150	123 00	
St. Michael's.....	5 27	350 00		350 00	300 00		
Sussex.....	2 20	300 00		265 00	300 00	35 00	
Salisbury.....	1 65	450 00		450 00	250 00		
Williamsport and Berkeley.....	1 00	400 00		300 00	100 00	100 00	
Charleston, S. C., (Colored) Church.....	2 00						
Contribution from Phebean Society.....	32 00						
President's deficiency as follows: Bedford, \$15.25; Jefferson, Frederick City and Lewistown, \$16; Frederick, \$9; Liberty, \$11; Pipe Creek, \$11; Kennedyville, \$9; Chesapeake, \$17.44.....						88 69	\$21 30
Paid Rev. L. W. Bates, D. D., Chairman of the Committee, expense of trial of Rev. H. Nice. " J. W. Charlton, Secretary of Conference, bill of Stationery and notifying Conferences.....							22 06
Totals.....	\$413 11					\$1,574 39	13 00

\* Appropriated to Broadway by last Conference.

† From Pipe Creek Benevolent Society.

‡ Missionary Appropriation.

§ Bro. Roberts has received from Bel-Air \$64.00 since Conference, and returned to me \$15.00.

Per Centage, 24 cents.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT S. ROWE,  
Conference Steward.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

CHARGES.	Members.	Probationers.	Ministers.	Preachers.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Colored Members.	Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Value of Church Property.	Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.
<b>STATIONS.</b>													
East Baltimore.....	235	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	150	275	\$28,000	H. F. Zollickoffer, M. D.
West Baltimore.....	202	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	163	412	30,000	
South Baltimore.....	126	69	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	200	750	21,000	
Washington Street.....	160	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	200	390	16,000	
Starr Church.....	213	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	250	477	43,000	W. B. Hawkins.
Lexington Street.....	178	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	24	248	400	15,000	P. H. Sweet, T. Remick.
Georgetown.....	307	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	35	271	754	40,000	{ W. W. White, C. Arnette, Dr. Billingslea.
Laurel.....	100	53	3	1	1	1	1	1	14	147	180	8,000	{ C. H. Owens, C. Hera.
Westminster.....	182	12	2	1	1	1	1	1	27	176	565	18,000	{ Dr. G. W. Simpson, G. T. Collins, Sr., H. T. Gernhardt, G. T. Collins, Jr.
Salem, Philadelphia.....	150	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	200	500	13,060	{ T. G. Clayton.
Easton.....	120	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	180	500	15,000	{ J. B. Mitchel, Joseph Cain.
Centreville.....	79	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	75	350	9,150	{ A. H. Greenfield.
Broadway.....	185	81	3	1	1	1	1	1	48	300	375	30,000	{ John Growden.
First M. P. Church, Wash.....	228	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	54	350	500	17,000	{ James Irwin.
Cumberland.....	50	45	1	3	7	1	1	6	12	35	46	12,000	{ Howard Meeks, M. Pinkind.
<b>CIRCUITS.</b>													{ G. Moore, Dr. A. M. Jordan, N. Montgomery.
Anne Arundel.....	209	72	1	1	6	1	1	3	22	186	600	12,000	
Baltimore.....	304	73	1	1	5	1	1	8 1/2	99	561	2,014	13,500	
Bel-Air.....	258	10	1	1	7	1	1	7	35	269	500	17,000	
Bedford.....	158	41	1	1	6	1	1	5	40	150	500	13,000	
Caroline.....	210	4	1	1	4	1	1	4	42	150	700	9,500	
Cambridge.....	58	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	12	35	46	3,000	
Chesapeake.....	71	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	12	35	46	7,000	
Cecil.....	350	45	1	3	7	1	1	6	50	416	1,315	17,600	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—Continued.

CHARGES.	Members.	Probationers.	Ministers.	Preachers.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Colored Members.	Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Value of Church Property.	Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.	
													Church	Preachers.
Concord .....	190	8	1	2	2	1	1	6	47	220	425	2,600	C. Straughn.	
Dorchester .....	400	23	1	6	7	1	1	7	100	600	1,300	10,000	J. Day, G. F. Kenley.	
Frederick .....	510	1	1	2	7	1	1	8	89	442	1,817	16,000	G. Richards, R. Vansant.	
Finksburg .....	283	40	1	1	10	1	1	6	42	210	677	12,500		
Howard .....	295	10	1	1	5	1	1	4	72	319	1,200	20,000		
Jefferson and Fred'k City ..	215	22	1	1	4	1	1	3	24	180	500	4,800		
Leipsic .....	130	35	1	2	4	1	1	2	46	237	995	10,000		
Liberty .....	185	12	1	2	2	1	1	1	16	99	486	2,500		
Kennedyville .....	116	4	1	4	4	1	1	3	40	200	1,125	9,200	W. H. Todd.	
Liberty .....	206	5	1	3	3	1	1	3	15	100	300	3,000		
Milton .....	160	10	1	3	3	1	1	3	42	190	1,240	13,500	Wm. Dale, J. H. McGrath.	
Pipe Creek .....	240	8	1	3	3	1	1	3	26	110	400	4,500	{ S. H. Robertson, M. D., Smith	
Pocomoke .....	206	5	1	5	5	1	1	3	26	110	400	4,500	Lankford.	
Somerseset .....	238	13	2	2	2	1	1	2	24	173	425	4,200	Thomas Cathcart.	
Stewartstown .....	331	3	1	4	4	1	1	6	60	350	1,200	9,800	J. E. Nicholson.	
Susquehanna .....	186	7	1	3	3	1	1	3	35	190	660	9,500		
Seaford .....	103	5	1	3	3	1	1	2	23	142	175	8,700		
Talbot .....	120	20	1	3	3	1	1	2	24	85	200	9,500		
Union .....	240	21	1	5	5	1	1	5	30	400	1,000	5,200		
Warwick .....	243	12	1	3	3	1	1	2	15	70	500	8,000	Dr. Sudler.	
Queen Anne's .....	161	16	1	4	4	1	1	4	35	150	856	7,500	James Holykorn.	
Snow Hill .....	110	14	1	5	5	1	1	3	15	50	240	4,000		
Newtown .....	166	32	1	2	2	1	1	2	32	146	744	6,000	R. H. Powell.	
Whaleyville .....	200	30	1	7	7	1	1	6	46	200	800	7,000	F. Robertson.	
Wicomico .....	140	12	1	4	4	1	1	5	50	175	150	5,000		
MISSIONS.														
Alexandria .....	169	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	27	117	350	12,000	J. Tracy, W. N. Herbert.	
Choptank .....	148	4	1	3	3	1	1	4	48	180	900	6,500		

Ninth Street, Washington...	124	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	103	850	\$38,000	N. Lemon.	
Potomac .....	80	3	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	1	1	2 1/2	25	85	800	4,000	H. Ball, H. Dye.	
Accomac .....	196	15	1	4	4	1	1	3	18	200	200	2,500	Parker Bowdin.	
Newark .....	180	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	275	800	40,000	Luke Morris, Daniel Smith.	
St. Michael's .....	63	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	10	50	700	4,000	W. M. Poisal, J. A. Robinson, M.D.	
Sussex .....	88	7	1	2	2	1	1	4	25	150	400	4,000		
Harper's Ferry .....	121	4	1	2	2	1	1	1	24	113	1,309	6,000	Thomas Edwards.	
Patapsco .....	78	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	75	180	3,500	John Light.	
Williamsport and Berkeley ..	89	1	1	4	4	1	1	2	24	100	525	9,000	W. K. White.	
Kent Island .....	74	30	1	2	2	1	1	2	12	70	460	7,500		
Peach Bottom .....	192	10	1	3	3	1	1	3	25	150	400	7,750		
Salisbury .....	130	21	1	2	2	1	1	2	14	100	400	8,700	J. W. Penuel, W. Dennis.	
North Carolina Ave. Miss... Hampden & White Ground..	36 105	7 113	1 3	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	16 19	85 228	444	6,000 11,760	{ J. Baughman, J. Crowther, J. Crabster.	
All Saints .....	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	228	444	3,000	Francis Brown, resident Pastor.	
Charleston, S. C. ....	100	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Ministerial Members .....	273	1,188	26	35	193 1/2	41	273	173	1,880	11,590	37,896	\$768,660		
Colored Members .....	11,824	989	25	38	176 1/2	38	282	169 1/2	1,805	11,099	37,881	\$747,650		
Sum total March 1874.....														
White Memb's, March 1873.....														
Ministerial Members, March 1873.....														
Col'd Members, March 1873.....														
Sum total .....	10,992													
Gain .....	832	189	1	17	3	9	4 1/2	75	491	15		\$21,010		
Loss .....														

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. GRAY,  
Committee.

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