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OF THE

FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION

OF THE

MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

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FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.

PREPARATORY COURSE.

- S. B. SOUTHERLAND.... { *Watson's Institutes.*
Evidences of Christianity.
- J. T. LASSELL..... { *Bullion's Analytical Grammar.*
- L. W. BATES { *Constitution and Discipline M. P. Church.*
Miller on Clerical Habits and Manners.

FIRST YEAR'S CLASS.

- J. T. MURRAY..... { *Watson's Institutes—Doctrines of Christianity.*
Attributes of God.
- J. T. WARD..... { *Mosheim's Church History, 1st to 5th Century.*
- B. F. BENSON. { *Powell on Succession.*

STUDENTS—C. B. Middleton, T. A. King, A. C. Berryman, S. R. Murray,
 J. D. McFaden, T. H. Lewis, and J. W. Trout.

SECOND YEAR'S CLASS.

- D. W. BATES..... { *Watson's Institutes—Doctrines of Christianity.*
Original Sin.
- J. D. KINZER { *Watson's Institutes — Redemption.*
- D. A. SHERMER..... { *Mosheim's Church History, 5th to 12th Century.*
- R. S. NORRIS..... { *Watson's Institutes.—Institutions of Christianity.*

STUDENTS—P. T. Hall, J. M. Sheridan, C. S. Arnett, W. W. White, and
 W. E. Thompson.

THIRD YEAR'S CLASS.

- F. SWENTZEL..... { *Watson's Institutes — Moral Law.*
- E. J. DRINKHOUSE... { *Butler's Analogy.*
- W. S. HAMMOND..... { *Mosheim's Church History, 12th Century to close of*
Volume.
- H. C. CUSHING..... { *Wayland's Moral Science.*

STUDENTS—J. A. Weigand, G. Q. Bacchus, A. J. Walter, H. C. Stern, and
 R. T. Smith.

The Faculty meets Tuesday before Conference, at 3 o'clock P. M., to examine
 Students, and at 7.30 P. M. for business.

W. S. HAMMOND,
Secretary.

L. W. BATES,
President.

MINUTES

OF THE

Maryland Annual Conference.

The forty-eighth session of the MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE convened in the Methodist Protestant Church, in Lynchburg, Va., on Wednesday, March 8th, 1876, at 9 o'clock A. M., and was opened by the President, who read the 125th Psalm, the 4th chapter of 2d Corinthians, announced the 550th Hymn, and offered Prayer.

S. A. Hoblitzell and S. G. Valliant were appointed a Committee on Credentials; after whose report the roll of Ministerial and Lay Members was called, as follows:

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

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| 1. D. E. Reese, D. D., | 17. David Wilson, M. D., |
| 2. J. W. Everist, | 18. T. D. Valiant, |
| 3. J. K. Nichols, D. D., | 19. H. J. Day, |
| 4. J. R. Nichols, — | 20. F. Swentzel, M. D., |
| 5. A. S. Eversole, M. D., | 21. T. M. Bryan, |
| 6. J. M. Elderdice, | 22. Jesse Shreeve, |
| 7. L. W. Bates, D. D., | 23. J. A. McFaden, |
| 8. A. Baker, | 24. J. H. Ellegood, |
| 9. S. B. Southerland, D. D., | 25. E. J. Drinkhouse, M. D., |
| 10. H. P. Jordan, | 26. J. Clay, |
| 11. J. J. Murray, D. D., | 27. Thomas Lee, |
| 12. P. L. Wilson, | 28. J. T. Murray, D. D., |
| 13. D. W. Bates, | 29. W. S. Hammond, |
| 14. R. S. Norris, | 30. H. C. Cushing, |
| 15. W. T. Dumm, | 31. T. A. Moore, |
| 16. D. A. Shermer, M. D., | 32. J. Thompson, |

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| 33. A. D. Dick, | 67. D. L. Greenfield, |
| 34. W. G. Holmes, | 68. C. M. Thompson, |
| 35. C. H. Littleton, | 69. C. O. Melvin, |
| 36. D. F. Ewell, M. D., | 70. W. C. Ames, |
| 37. J. T. Ward, D. D., | 71. W. H. Lane, |
| 38. B. F. Benson, | 72. F. T. Tagg, |
| 39. W. M. Strayer, | 73. J. D. Wilson, |
| 40. C. T. Cochel, | 74. W. J. Floyd, |
| 41. J. E. T. Ewell, M. D., | 75. J. L. Straughn, |
| 42. S. A. Hoblitzell, | 76. W. F. Livingston, |
| 43. J. E. Maloy, | 77. Henry Bruner, |
| 44. J. L. Mills, | 78. J. L. Killgore, D. D., |
| 45. J. W. Charlton, | 79. E. R. McGregor, |
| 46. J. B. Jones, | 80. R. L. Lewis, |
| 47. J. W. Gray, | 81. F. T. Little, |
| 48. A. Webster, D. D., | 82. W. J. Neepier, |
| 49. W. D. Litsinger, | 83. A. A. Harryman, |
| 50. R. S. Rowe, | 84. J. B. Butler, |
| 51. J. D. Kinzer, | 85. J. G. Sullivan, |
| 52. G. D. Edmondston, | 86. S. G. Valliant, |
| 53. S. T. Graham, | 87. W. R. Graham, |
| 54. J. T. Lassell, | 88. A. D. Melvin, |
| 55. S. T. Ferguson, | 89. S. B. Tredway, |
| 56. J. M. Holmes, | 90. T. O. Crouse, |
| 57. J. E. Read, | 91. J. M. Yingling, |
| 58. A. T. Melvin, | 92. G. J. Smith, |
| 59. A. W. Mather, | 93. D. N. Gilbert, |
| 60. H. E. Miskimon, | 94. W. J. D. Lucas, |
| 61. J. E. Darby, | 95. G. F. Farring, |
| 62. W. C. Lipscomb, | 96. F. H. Mullineaux, |
| 63. T. McCormick, | 97. J. A. Weigand, |
| 64. Amon Richards, | 98. R. T. Smith, |
| 65. I. T. Adkins, | 99. T. H. Lewis, |
| 66. W. A. Crouse, | 100. R. W. Berryman. |

PROBATIONERS.

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| 1. H. C. Stern, | 8. C. B. Middleton, |
| 2. P. T. Hall, | 9. J. D. McFaden, |
| 3. G. Q. Bacchus, | 10. S. R. Murray, |
| 4. W. W. White, | 11. T. A. King, |
| 5. C. S. Arnett, | 12. J. W. Trout, |
| 6. A. J. Walter, | 13. A. C. Berryman. |
| 7. J. M. Sheridan, | |

LAY MEMBERS.

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| I. S. Crowther, | M. A. Host, | T. Brodie, |
| B. L. Hobbs, | J. H. Searles, | J. Smith, |
| W. T. Makinson, | J. E. Harrington, | J. E. C. Wright, |
| W. E. Thompson, | W. H. Pennewell, | W. H. Wheatley, |
| E. Saulsbury, | B. W. Truitt, | T. Feagan, |
| J. H. Grafton, | J. Robertson, | J. W. Baker, |
| T. Hendrix, | T. S. Linthicum, | W. Dale, |
| I. Scarf, | B. Milburn, | J. E. Nicholson, |
| R. A. Rudd, | L. A. J. Lamotte, | W. Stevens, |
| E. L. Williams, | J. Day, | G. B. Phillips, |
| C. W. Button, | J. T. Barton, | W. H. Rodney, |
| E. Nicodemus, | C. Freeland, | J. R. Marley, |
| J. Macomer, | W. Pulley, | S. Gaither, |
| R. H. Pennewell, | W. F. Mitchell, | A. J. Fairbanks, |
| P. Wilmer, | A. F. Howard, | T. M. Flint, |
| R. H. Smith, | I. Norris, | R. R. Butler, |
| J. S. Scarborough, | S. S. Tracey, | B. F. H. Caulk, |
| T. P. Walls, | R. B. Varden, | R. H. Powell, |
| W. E. Outcault, | G. Keithly, | G. R. Berryman, |
| S. Vannort, | J. Growden, | W. T. Hosier. |

The Conference proceeded to the examination of official character, when the President read his Annual Report, as follows :

To the Maryland Annual Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, Lynchburg, Va.

BELOVED BRETHREN :

Another year of ministerial labor and anxiety has ended. We come together again to renew our Conference greetings and deliberations, cheered by the thought that we have not toiled in vain. On the fields we have left behind, many sheaves have been gathered, while the end of the harvest is not yet. We would render thanks to God for the honor given us in "winning souls" to Christ. In looking over our augmenting ranks, we are sadly reminded that one is not. Rev. John Roberts has been called to his reward. That meek and gentle presence, and that prematurely bending form, we shall never see again. But the hearts of his brethren will cease to beat when they fail to remember him with feelings of ardent affection. To other hands has been given the duty of presenting a suitable memorial of his ministerial history. Let it suffice to say, he did his life-work well. It was, therefore, with feelings of deepest sorrow we watched his declination to the tomb, and then laid his remains to rest in the midst of a people to whom he had often preached, and who loved him long and well.

At the close of the last session of our Annual Conference, the suit pending in the Alleghany County Circuit Court, for the recovery of our Cumberland Church property, had not been decided. We were soon cheered by the intelligence, that after our protracted waiting, justice and right had triumphed, and that Hon. James A. Pearre, judge, had remanded by decree the church and parsonage to our occupancy. After what we are compelled to characterize as an unseemly delay, the keys were surrendered, and the remnant of our peeled

and scattered flock were once more placed in possession of their property. The executive visit occurring near this time, a formal proposition to arbitrate the question of damages, &c., was tendered. This act, the prompting of a desire to avoid further litigation, was approved by the resident-attorney. As yet no response has been made, and we are forced to the conclusion that our just demands will only be secured by process of law. This we deeply regret. We yet indulge the hope that those who so long occupied our property, and enjoyed its advantages, and who received the rental for the same, appropriating other perishable articles to their own use, will see the justice of our demands, and thus avoid the painful alternative of further litigation.

At my request, Rev. J. W. Gray, a former beloved pastor of the church, accompanied Rev. T. H. Lewis, the appointed Superintendent, to his field of labor. Their reception was all which they could have desired. Old members of the church wept for joy in once more revisiting their own house of worship, always the "House of prayer," but now indeed become a House of praise, in hearing again, from their own appointed minister, the precious words of the Gospel. They could well say, with the devout Psalmist, "When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream." Since then, God has wondrously blessed the labors of his youthful servant; many precious souls have been converted and added to the Church, and by God's blessing it has now a brighter prospect than ever before.

The hope expressed at our last annual session has been realized, viz. that we should soon be in possession of our property at Broadway. The case was pressed with a rapidity not usually accorded to the law, and ten months after the date of our dispossession we recovered the property; this is something unusual, when we consider it as a contested case in a Court of Chancery. The Court in expressing its opinion said, "I have no doubt at all on the merits of this case; it is an unwarrantable attempt to take the property. Rev. Joseph P. Wilson did, without doubt, intend to sever his connection with the Conference on the 3d of December, when he obtained the certificate of the President."

The decision in this case was given after it was thoroughly argued, and the fullest testimony, and every possible question of law raised against us. Many circumstances of an embarrassing character, after obtaining this decision, seemed to imperil its prospects. Despite discouragements, the congregation, aided by the liberality of many friends of the church, have put their obligations, we hope, in a manageable form. Missionary assistance is still needed, and we doubt not the Conference will have a care to the vigorous maintenance of this important church. We may reasonably hope that our denominational perils and trials have only made more apparent the necessity of steadfastness and devotion to our peculiar economy. Cumberland and Broadway will now be names around which will centre many sad retrospections, but whence, also, hope will spring, and incite to truer steadfastness and holier devotion to the dying energies of many a disheartened communion.

The stringency existing in all things secular has necessarily affected our financial interests. Notwithstanding, new churches have been erected on Union, Pocomoke, Concord, Kent Island, Potomac, Peach Bottom, Anne Arundel, Crumpton, and two on Bedford; and at Uniontown and Lynelburg handsome and expensive additions and improvements have been made.

The churches in the District may be reported as generally prosperous. God has graciously revived His work. Many souls have been converted, and others have been quickened by the impulses of a higher Christian life, and in places where our Church existence was nearly blotted out, we have promise of enlarged usefulness and increasing prosperity.

March 31st, 1875.—Rev. G. J. Smith, bearing letters from Onondagua Conference, Methodist Church, being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of West Baltimore Station, was appointed Superintendent of Cambridge Circuit.

June 9th, 1875, in Seaford, Del., Rev. J. E. Nicholson (Dr. A. S. Eversole and Rev. Thomas A. Moore assisting) was ordained to the office of Elder in the Methodist Protestant Church.

Rev. Augustus Watkins being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Frederick Circuit, was appointed Assistant on Jefferson Circuit and Frederick City Mission.

Rev. Thomas H. Lewis, duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Easton Station, was duly appointed Superintendent of Cumberland Mission.

Sept. 13th, 1875.—Rev. J. W. Trout being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Stewartstown Circuit, was appointed Assistant on Liberty Circuit.

Sept. 15th, 1875.—Rev. T. A. King, duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Crumpton, was appointed Superintendent of Prince William Mission.

FRATERNAL MESSENGERS.

The following were appointed Fraternal Messengers, as per resolution of the Annual Conference:

Pittsburgh Conference, Methodist Church — H. C. Cushing, Jno. J. Murray, J. W. Hering.

West Virginia Conference, Methodist Protestant Church — E. J. Drinkhouse, James Elderdice, W. C. Ames, S. V. Yantis.

Pennsylvania Conference, Methodist Protestant Church — W. J. Neepier, J. L. Killgore.

North Carolina Conference, Methodist Protestant Church — T. D. Valiant, S. T. Graham, C. W. Button.

Virginia Conference, Methodist Protestant Church — D. E. Reese, J. K. Nichols, R. B. Ferguson.

Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, South — L. W. Bates, R. S. Norris, L. J. Cox.

The labors of the executive have been unremitting and arduous. More sermons have been preached, and many more miles travelled, this year than last. He cannot but express his gratitude to the "Giver of all" for the health and strength vouchsafed during the year. Praying the Great Head of the Church to guide you in all your deliberations, and bless us at this session with his special presence,

I remain your brother in Christ,

DAVID WILSON,
President.

The above report was referred to a Special Committee, J. T. Murray, Chairman, upon whose recommendation it was adopted, and ordered to be published in the Minutes.

The President's character was passed, and the Conference adjourned to hear the Annual Sermon, which was preached by Rev. J. R. Nichols.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference devotional exercises conducted by J. K. Nichols.

Westminster was selected as the place, and the second Wednesday in March 1877 as the time, for holding the next session of the Conference.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Unfinished Business.—A. S. Eversole, J. M. Elderdice, J. E. Nicholson.

Finance.—R. S. Norris, Jesse Shreeve, J. B. Jones, S. S. Tracy, S. V. Yantis.

Official Character and Official Reports.—J. J. Murray, John R. Nichols, J. M. Holmes, G. B. Phillips, Wm. Stevens.

Statistics.—J. Edgar Read.

Publication of Minutes.—R. S. Rowe.

Collections for Minutes.—A. D. Melvin.

Itinerancy and Orders.—L. W. Bates, S. B. Southerland, J. T. Lassell, of the Faculty of Instruction.

Boundaries.—John Smith, Pere Wilmer, Wm. Ross, J. Macomer, E. Saulsbury, Jackson Day, T. P. Walls.

Missions.—L. W. Bates, F. Swentzel, D. L. Greenfield, Wm. Dale, Wm. H. Wheatley.

Literature.—D. W. Bates, T. D. Valiant, J. W. Charlton, B. Milburn, C. W. Button.

Superannuated Claimants.—J. K. Nichols, D. A. Shermer, C. T. Cochel, Israel Norris, B. F. H. Caulk.

Sabbath Schools.—J. T. Ward, C. H. Littleton, A. D. Dick, Eli Nicodemus, E. L. Williams.

Temperance.—J. L. Killgore, P. L. Wilson, F. T. Little, Israel Scarf, John Robertson.

Ecclesiastical Communications and Visitations.—J. R. Nichols, H. C. Cushing, W. M. Strayer, R. B. Varden, A. J. Fairbanks.

Bible Cause.—E. R. McGregor, C. M. Thompson, W. J. Neeper, R. H. Smith, Thos. Hendricks.

Pulpit Services.—S. T. Graham, W. S. Hammond, J. L. Mills.

Conference proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

For President.—David Wilson.

For Standing District Committee.—S. B. Southerland, D. W. Bates, William Dale, H. F. Zollickoffer, J. W. Hering, George Vickers.

B. F. Benson was elected Secretary, with J. D. Kinzer and F. T. Tagg as his Assistants.

R. S. Rowe was elected Conference Steward; J. E. Maloy, Steward of the Superannuated Fund, and A. W. Mather, Missionary Steward; after which Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, March 9th, 1876.

Conference devotional services conducted by C. H. Littleton.

The Committee on Publication of Minutes asked for instructions.

W. T. Dumm offered a resolution that the Committee be authorized to publish 3000 copies. B. F. H. Caulk offered an amendment reducing the number to 2000. The amendment was lost. The resolution was again amended by the proviso, "if they can be published for \$150.00," and was adopted.

The list of Circuits and Stations was called, for the purpose of bringing business before the Conference. Papers were received from Accomac and Choptank Missions, and referred to the proper Committee.

The Report of Treasurer of College Fund, Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, was received, as follows:

MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

With H. F. ZOLLICKOFFER, Agent

Western Maryland College Account.

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By Cash from	West Baltimore.....		\$1,077 25
"	" Peach Bottom.....		32 00
"	" Deer Creek.....		7 15
"	" Westminster.....		200 25
"	" 9th Street Station, Washington, D. C.....		63 00
"	" Dorchester.....		15 75
"	" All Saints.....		18 00
"	" Somerset.....		54 00
"	" Dorchester.....		5 50
"	" Webster Literary Society, W. Md. College.....		100 00
"	" Irvin.....		100 00
"	" Warwick.....		45 00

By Cash from South Baltimore.....		\$45 00
" " Washington Street.....		49 00
" " Jefferson.....		35 00
" " Bel-Air.....		10 50
		\$1,857 40
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To Cash paid for 5 Shares Liens.....	\$1,117 65	
" for Collecting Check on Westminster.....	25	
" " 1 Share of Liens.....	223 53	
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" " Check and Postage Stamps, &c.....	50	\$1,565 46
		\$ 291 94

H. F. ZOLLICKOFFER,
Agent.

The thanks of the Conference were voted to the Treasurer.

The following Committee was appointed on papers in reference to College interests:

D. W. Bates, R. Scott Norris, E. J. Drinkhouse, R. R. Butler, E. Milburn.

The following By-Laws were adopted:

BY-LAWS.

1. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the Tuesday Commencement week of Western Maryland College, at 12 M., and the place of meeting, the Editorial Office of the "Methodist Protestant," Baltimore.
2. The majority of Directors shall constitute a quorum to do business.
3. No change shall be made in these By-Laws without the approval in person or writing of all the Directors.
4. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President when necessary.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

E. J. DRINKHOUSE, *Sec.*

Papers in reference to President's Parsonage were submitted by L. W. Bates, and referred to Committee on Finance.

The Report of Book Directory was received, and referred to Committee on Literature, without reading.

Conference adjourned for the meeting of the Missionary Society, which Society was organized with S. B. Southerland in the chair.

G. Q. Bacchus was appointed to collect the annual dues.

The election of officers was held with the following result:

President.—S. B. Southerland.

Vice-Presidents.—R. S. Norris, F. Swentzel.

Board of Managers.—E. J. Drinkhouse, R. S. Rowe, D. L. Greenfield, H. P. Jordan, H. F. Zollickoffer, J. G. Clarke, W. J. C. Dulany, James Bond.

Secretary.—S. A. Hoblitzell.

Treasurer.—R. S. Rowe.

The Report of the Treasurer was read and adopted, after which the Society adjourned to meet in Anniversary Exercises, Monday evening.

The Anniversary Meeting was held at the above-mentioned time, when the Annual Addresses were delivered by J. D. Kinzer and W. S. Hammond, after which collections were made, and thirty-seven life-memberships were subscribed. Basket collection and annual dues \$51.30; total \$421.30.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, March 10th, 1876.

Conference devotional services conducted by J. E. Read.

On the call of Standing Committees, the following business was laid on the table:

The Report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, the Report of the Committee on Temperance, Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Letters were received from D. E. Reese and T. M. Bryan, and were referred to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

A letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the Maryland State Tract Society was referred to the Committee on Ecclesiastical Visitations and Communications; also a letter from Pittsburgh.

The Report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders was then taken up, and adopted, as follows:

1. For the Itinerancy, Christopher Burns Middleton, John Duke McFaden, Albert Coleman Berryman, George Jeffries Smith, Stockton Reese Murray, Thomas Allibone King.

2. P. T. Hall, J. M. Sheridan, C. S. Arnett, W. W. White, W. E. Thompson, were passed to the second year.

3. J. A. Weigand, G. Q. Bacchus, H. J. Walter, H. C. Stern, R. T. Smith, were passed to the third year.

4. D. N. Gilbert, W. J. D. Lucas, G. F. Farring, F. H. Mullineaux, Luke Morris, were passed to Elders' Orders. Bro. Morris is an unstationed minister in Newark, N. J., and will be ordained at the convenience of the President.

L. W. BATES, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Ministerial Supply outside the District were appointed, as follows:

S. B. Southerland, W. S. Hammond, D. F. Ewell, J. W. Baker, J. E. Harrington.

C. W. Button offered a paper providing for the call of a Convention, which was made the order of the day for Tuesday at 4 P. M.

On motion, the Conference adjourned for the meeting of the Missionary Society.

The Missionary Society met, J. T. Murray in the chair.

E. J. Drinkhouse offered the following paper, in regard to the Norfolk Church, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the President of the Missionary Society is hereby authorized to sign, on the part of the Society, the deed of transfer of the Norfolk Church property, subject to the conditions embodied in the recommendation of the Committee on Missions of the Maryland Annual Conference herewith recorded.

Recommendation of the Committee on Missions.

We recommend that the deed of transfer of the Norfolk Church property be referred to the Missionary Society, for acceptance by receiving the signature of the President thereof; and that the Society give a mortgage deed to the Virginia Aid Society for one-half its original claim, or \$425.00, on the Norfolk Church property; said mortgage to be forecloseable only in the event of a sale of said property, and in default of a Methodist Protestant Church organization in the city of Norfolk. We also recommend that the Maryland Missionary Society guarantee the payment of the accrued interest on the Virginia Aid Society claim to this date, or \$547.67, at the expiration of three years from the same date, as well as the interest at 6 per cent. for the three years next ensuing on the mortgage deed of \$425.00, or \$76.56 = \$624.17 total; provided it be found that the transfer deed herewith accepted, covering the Norfolk Church property, shall be found to hold good in the event of a sale, under it, by the Maryland Missionary Society.

On motion of P. L. Wilson, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society be authorized to arrange with the counsel in the Cumberland Church suit as necessity may require.

The Society then adjourned.

Conference resumed its session.

The Committee on Appeals was elected, as follows:

J. K. Nichols, S. B. Southerland, L. W. Bates, C. W. Button, W. H. Wheatley.

Conference adjourned for the meeting of the Superannuated Fund Society, which was organized, with E. J. Drinkhouse, Vice-President, in the chair.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

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

Board of Managers.—D. A. Shermer, E. J. Drinkhouse, R. S. Norris, R. S. Rowe, H. F. Zollickoffer, W. H. Griffith, R. B. Varden, E. B. Bates.

Recording Secretary.—W. R. Graham.

Corresponding Secretary.—A. W. Mather.

H. F. Zollickoffer, Treasurer, submitted his annual report, stating the receipts of the year to be \$4,213.65, and the amount for distribution \$4,207.68. The report was adopted, and the thanks of the Society tendered the Treasurer.

Adjourned to meet at 8 P. M., in Anniversary Society. Met pursuant to adjournment at 8 P. M., E. J. Drinkhouse, Vice-President, in the chair.

Anniversary addresses were delivered by the President of the Conference, and F. Swentzel, after which subscriptions for investment were made amounting to \$174.00. Collections were made to the amount of \$65.50, which with \$714.02 from the District at large, added to the amount reported by the Treasurer, aggregated \$4,987.20 for distribution among the claimants on the fund.

Conference resumed its session.

J. K. Nichols, J. T. Murray, R. B. Varden, were appointed a committee to consider the propriety of publishing a small Hymnal for the use of the Church.

A resolution in reference to the recognition of the Diaconate was referred to the following committee:

J. K. Nichols, J. J. Murray, R. S. Norris, B. F. H. Caulk, and R. B. Varden.

On motion of F. T. Tagg:

Resolved, That the delegates from Salisbury, Wicomico, Pocomoke, and Whaleyville, with the ministers from these Circuits, together with the President, and L. W. Bates, be appointed a committee to consider the relations of several appointments on these fields of labor.

Conference closed with the doxology and benediction by L. W. Bates.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, *March 11th*, 1876.

Conference devotional services conducted by F. T. Tagg.

The Standing Committees were called, and the following Reports were laid on the table:

Pulpit Services, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Boundaries, Official Reports and Official Character, Bible Cause, Superannuated Claimants.

The Report of Committee on Temperance was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Temperance submit the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, Temperance is inseparably connected with our holy religion, and necessarily constitutes a part of the work of the Christian ministry and Church; and WHEREAS, all ecclesiastical bodies should possess a pure and clearly-defined record as to their recognition and appreciation of its vital interest; and WHEREAS, the dreadful and alarming work of intemperance still goes on, and boldly confronts us in every department of Christian activity and work, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we, the members of the Maryland Annual Conference, re-pledge ourselves to the purpose declared in the action of our last Annual Conference, "to do all in our power to promote the cause of Temperance, as occasion may require and opportunity be afforded, in the several charges which we represent."

2. *Resolved*, That we endorse all Christian efforts that have been or may be made in the different neighborhoods of our Conference District, to overthrow the present license system.

3. *Resolved*, That the Ministers of this Conference be, and they are hereby required to preach at least one special sermon in each congregation during the Conference year on the subject of Temperance as a Christian duty.

Resolved, That we recommend the introduction of the *Temperance Pledge* into our Sunday Schools, and earnestly hope that the subject of Temperance will receive from officers and teachers the appreciation its great importance demands.

Resolved, That Revs. R. S. Norris, B. F. Benson, and W. M. Strayer, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Arrangements for the Conference Temperance Convention, to be held on the second night of our next Annual Conference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. KILLGORE, *Chairman*.

The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to recommend the following:

1. That the Ministers of this Conference be requested so to divide the Word of God as to make the services interesting and profitable to children as well as to adults.

2. That special attention be given to section 12, page 69, of the Discipline, which constitutes the Superintendent a member of all Sunday School Societies and Teachers' Meetings belonging to his charge, and the chairman of the same.

3. That the members and friends of the M. P. Church be earnestly requested to give to the Sabbath Schools the support of their attendance upon the school exercises, and of their pecuniary aid to the utmost extent of ability.

4. That churches sufficiently near to each other hold a day's convention at least once in the year, for the purpose of awakening new interest in the Sabbath School cause.

5. That the editor of *The Methodist Protestant* be requested to continue to devote as much space as possible to matters relating to the Sabbath School work, and to news of its progress in our District and elsewhere.

6. That the Annual S. S. Convention of this Conference be continued, and a programme of exercises be arranged by a committee to be appointed by the President, which committee shall cause said programme to be published in *The Methodist Protestant* four weeks previous to the meeting of Conference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. T. WARD, *Chairman*.

The Report of the Committee on Boundaries was adopted, as follows:

1. That Woodstock and Rees Chapel be made a separate field of labor, to be called Accomac Circuit.

2. That Pittsville, Wattsville and Chingoteague constitute a Mission, to be called Chingoteague Mission.

3. That Quantico Circuit be divided as follows: Tiaskin, Little Neck, Green Hill and Quantico be set off as Quantico Circuit. That Dames Quarter, Hungary Neck, Union and Deal's Island constitute another Circuit, to be known as Dames Quarter Circuit.

4. That Choptank Mission be divided as follows: Thawley Chapel, Oak Grove, and Ridgely be annexed to Caroline Circuit. That Union Grove, Zion, Poplar Neck and Steam Mill be united under the name of Preston Circuit.

5. Set off Henkle and New Hope from Whaleyville Circuit, as a Mission, to be called Henkle and New Hope Mission.

6. Clear Spring and Licking Creek be constituted a Mission, to be called Clear Spring Mission.

JOHN SMITH, *Chairman*.

The Report of the President of Western Maryland College was read, and referred to the Committee on Literature.

Letters from J. T. Lassell and J. E. T. Ewell were received, and with certain other letters, were referred to the appropriate committees.

Certain Papers from Lexington Street Station were referred to a Special Committee, as follows:

S. B. Southerland, D. W. Bates, J. T. Murray, John Smith, and C. W. Button.

The ordination of Elders was announced to take place in the Methodist Protestant Church, Sabbath morning, after the Sermon.

Adjourned with the doxology and benediction by W. S. Hammond.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, *March 13th, 1876.*

Conference devotional exercises conducted by R. L. Lewis.

The Standing Committees were called, and the Reports of the Committees on Unfinished Business and Literature were laid on the table.

The Special Committees were called, and the Reports on Supply outside the Maryland District, and on papers from Lexington Street Station, were laid on the table.

Letters were read from J. D. Wilson and H. P. Jordan.

J. D. Wilson asked for a Supernumerary relation, which request was referred to a special committee, as follows:

T. D. Valiant, D. W. Bates, W. M. Strayer, Wm. Ross, and B. Milbourn.

The request of H. P. Jordan to be left without an appointment for one year, was granted.

The Report of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Visitations and Communications was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications and Visitations report: 1st. We have had a pleasant interview with G. R. Barr, D. D., Fraternal Messenger for the Virginia Conference of the M. P. Church, and Rev. W. H. Phipps, Alternate for the Fraternal Messenger from the Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Church, and recommend that they be invited to address the Conference at 10 A. M. on Monday.

We have received letters from Revs. S. F. Crowther and G. F. Westfall, of the Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Church, regretting their inability to be present, expressing the warmest fraternity, and a desire for closer bonds of union.

We have also received letters from Revs. M. J. Langhorne and J. G. Johnston, of the Virginia Conference, and Rev. O. Lowther, of the West Virginia Conference of the M. P. Church. These letters convey cheering intelligence of revival work in these sister Conferences; breathe a genuine fraternity, and a hearty endorsement of the work of the Commission in preparing a basis for the union of our now severed Church.

Your Committee recommend the appointment of Fraternal Messengers to the Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania Conferences of the M. P. Church, and also to the Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Church.

J. R. NICHOLS, *Chairman.*

Dr. G. R. Barr, Fraternal Messenger from the Virginia Conference of the M. P. Church, and Rev. W. H. Phipps, Fraternal Messenger from the Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Church, then addressed the Conference, conveying the fraternal greetings of their Conferences, and were responded to by the President.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the President be and he is hereby requested to abolish, in the Plan of Appointments, the distinction between Stations, Circuits, and Missions, and also *honorary titles.*

E. J. DRINKHOUSE,
L. W. BATES.

Conference adjourned, to meet at 3.30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference devotional exercises conducted by J. L. Killgore.

Resolutions prepared by the Laymen's Meeting were submitted to the Conference.

On motion of J. J. Murray, they were amended and adopted, as follows:

The following paper, prepared by the Laymen, at a meeting called for the purpose, is commended to the respectful attention of the churches in the Maryland District:

Resolved, That with a view to making Lay delegation a more distinctive and efficient element in our annual sessions, we recommend—

1st. That our churches exercise in all cases, proper discrimination in the selection of their Lay Delegates; and that every member of the church, realiz-

ing and appreciating the dignity and importance of this feature in our ecclesiasticism, should feel bound to respond to the wishes of his church, and make sacrifices, if need be, to serve the same as Lay Delegate, when he is desired so to do.

2d. We recommend that Delegates, when attending Conference, should come at the beginning of Conference, with a purpose to remain during the session of the same, since a contrary course always tends to disorganize the body.

3d. We urge our Lay brethren who are elected to serve as Delegates, to qualify themselves to properly discharge their responsible duties, by studying our book of Discipline, the rules of order, and routine of business, so as to make themselves more useful, as well as more prominent, in the conduct of Conference business.

4th. We also recommend, that the churches in all cases make provision for paying the expenses of their Delegates to Conference, believing that in this way they will remove some of the obstacles often found in the way of securing the attendance of Delegates at our annual sessions.

We also recommend that the Laity of the Church evince more interest in contributing to *The Methodist Protestant* articles of general concern, believing that such contributions, on well chosen themes, might have the effect of awakening a deeper interest among the Laity in the circulation of our Church paper.

R. B. VARDEN, *Chairman*.

The Report of the Committee on Bible Cause was adopted, as follows:—

The Committee on Bible Cause beg leave to submit the following report of moneys received from the Superintendents of the various Stations, Circuits and Missions of the Maryland District of Methodist Protestant Church:

W. Balt., (to Md. St. Bible S.)..\$ 9 20	Whaleyville	cash \$2 75
South Baltimore..... cash 2 25	Warwick	" 2 25
Washington Street	Pocomoke.....	" 1 00
Starr Church	Wicomico.....	" 1 10
Lexington Street	Alexandria.....	" 1 00
Westm'r (to Agt. Md. Bible S).. 10 18	St. Michael's.....	" 3 50
Easton	WilliamSPORT & Berkeley..	" 50
Centreville.....cash 5 39	Potomac.....	" 50
Anne Arundel	Salisbury.....	" 60
Balto, (to Balto. Co. Bible S.).. 5 00	Cambridge	" 1 00
Caroline	Harper's Ferry.....	" 1 20
Cecil	Hampden & W. Ground..	" 50
Chesapeake	Choptank	" 3 00
Concord	Accomac	" 1 10
Dorchester.....	Kent Island.....	" 1 15
Frederick	Peach Bottom	" 4 15
Howard	Jefferson, Fred'k City and	
Liberty.....	Lewistown, (to Frederick	
Stewartstown	County Bible Society)..	" 7 00
Newtown.....	Norfolk, (to Md. St. Bible S)	" 1 40
Pipe Creek	N. Carolina Av., Washin'n.	" 50
Queen Anne	All Saints'	" 1 27
Snow Hill.....	Eutaw.....	" 2 75
Susquehanna.....	Deer Creek	" 71
Talbot	Surrey, Va	" 1 00
Union	First M. P. Church, Wash.	" 2 00
Total cash received		\$111 58
Amounts paid to Bible Societies.....		81 95
		\$193 53

Resolved, By the Committee on Bible Cause, that Bros. J. D. Kinzer and C. McF. Thompson be recommended to the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church as life directors of the Maryland State Bible Society.

To this Report add amount from Easton to make Bro. J. T. Lassell
a Life Director of M. B. S

.....\$ 50 00	
Paid to Society — being amount over	193 53
	\$243 53
Amount cash receipts.....	\$111 58
Amount paid Societies.....	81 95
Amount from Easton	50 00
Amount Total	\$243 53

E. R. MCGREGOR, *Chairman*.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by S. B. Southerland.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, *March 14th*, 1876.

Conference devotional exercises conducted by C. T. Cochel.

Supplemental Report from Faculty of Instruction was received.

Thomas Hamilton Lewis and John Wesley Trout were received into the Itinerancy.

Committee on Collection of Funds for the Publication of Minutes reported \$76.00 in hand, and was directed to pay the same over to Committee on Publication of Minutes.

The following Report of the Conference Steward was received, and recommitted, with instructions to reassess the deficiencies where they exist:

Report of the Conference Steward of receipts and disbursements for Expenses of Delegates to General Conference.

East Baltimore.....\$4 00	Jefferson and Lewistown... ..	\$3 00
South Baltimore..... 2 00	Howard.....	3 50
Georgetown..... 6 00	Caroline.....	2 25
Cumberland..... 50	Cambridge.....	1 40
Westminster..... 4 00	Chesapeake.....	2 00
Easton..... 3 00	Concord.....	2 00
Eutaw..... 1 00	Dorchester.....	3 00
Laurel..... 25	Frederick.....	1 50
Belair..... 2 50	Milton.....	2 00

Pipe Creek.....	\$4 00	Potomac.....	\$ 75
Pocomoke.....	1 67	Crumpton.....	1 00
Somerset.....	2 25	Accomac.....	1 25
Stewartstown.....	2 20	Sussex.....	1 00
Susquehanna.....	2 50	Salisbury.....	1 25
Warwick.....	2 50	Wicomico.....	1 50
Queen Anne's.....	2 00	Harper's Ferry.....	1 50
Snow Hill.....	35	Centreville.....	2 00
Alexandria.....	2 00	Frederick City.....	1 25
Broadway.....	2 25	Peach Bottom.....	1 50
Choptank.....	2 25	North Car. Ave.....	2 00
1st Church, Washington.....	2 50	Hampden.....	1 25
Newark, N. J.....	4 00		
Total.....			\$90 62

Disbursements.

Cash paid D. A. Shermer....	\$ 8 05	Balance due.....	\$3 95
" " E. J. Drinkhouse.....	6 75	" ".....	3 25
" " J. W. Charlton.....	10 05	" ".....	4 95
" " D. W. Bates.....	10 75	" ".....	5 25
" " W. M. Strayer.....	10 75	" ".....	5 25
" " Chas. Billingslea.....	8 05	" ".....	3 95
" " O. H. Hammond.....	8 05	" ".....	3 95
" " Pere Wilmer.....	8 05	" ".....	3 95
" " S. S. Ewell.....	10 05	" ".....	4 95
" " J. W. Thompson.....	10 05	" ".....	4 95
" " Sheet of Paper.....	02		
Totals.....	\$90 62		\$44 40

Assessments and Deficiencies unpaid.

(Superintendents will please collect and forward as soon as possible.)

Washington Street.....	\$2 25	Union.....	\$2 50
Lexington Street.....	2 00	Pocomoke.....	33
Newtown.....	3 25	Seaford.....	1 25
Lynchburg.....	2 00	Talbot.....	1 75
Anne Arundel.....	5 00	Snow Hill.....	1 65
Deer Creek.....	1 25	Whaleyville.....	3 00
Baltimore.....	3 00	Prince William.....	50
Finksburg.....	2 50	St. Michael's.....	1 50
Bedford.....	3 25	Ellicott's City.....	1 25
Laurel.....	2 00	Williamsport and Berkeley.....	1 50
Cecil.....	2 50	Kent Island.....	1 50
Frederick.....	2 00		
Liberty.....	3 50	Balance.....	\$53 73
Leipsic.....	2 50		

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT S. ROWE, Conference Steward.

A paper offered by J. J. Murray in reference to Ministerial Supply was received and adopted, as follows:

Ministerial supply in the Methodist Protestant Church is determined neither by the ministers nor the delegates, but by the Conference. All private arrangements between churches and ministers, in reference to the appointment of the latter, may be overruled by the Conference. The Conference may act by itself or by a committee. Said committee may consist of Ministers and Laymen, or one Minister, the latter usually being the President of the Conference.

When the appointing power is confided to the President, it is his duty to give respectful and earnest consideration to such respectful statements and requests as may be presented by the Ministers and Delegates; but he is under no obligation to accede to the requests made to him, unless, in his judgment, the general welfare will be promoted thereby.

The plan of appointments having been read by the President, and no appeal taken, it is the act of the Conference; and it is the duty of Ministers and churches to respect it as such. Refusal on the part of Ministers to "enter upon and continue in the faithful performance" of their official duties; and refusal on the part of churches to receive the ministers assigned to them, or neglect to meet the pecuniary obligations incurred by their connexion with this Conference, is inconsistent with the fealty due by them to the Methodist Protestant Church.

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

Amend the blanks addressed to Superannuates, as follows:

In the third question, add after the word "children," respectively.

In the fourth question, add after the word "engaged," and what is the amount of your private income from all sources?

Claimants.	Amount.	Claimants.	Amount.
Dr. D. F. Ewell.....	\$550 00	Mrs. F. G. Wright.....	\$200 00
Thomas Lee.....	350 00	" W. Kesley.....	200 00
H. J. Day.....	450 00	" R. T. Boyd.....	250 00
T. M. Bryan.....	250 00	" J. Varden.....	200 00
J. W. Everist.....	200 00	" G. D. Hamilton.....	200 00
Dr. A. S. Eversole.....	200 00	" W. T. Wright.....	200 00
Mrs. C. Eversole.....	600 00	" L. A. Collins.....	200 00
" N. S. Greenaway.....	350 00	" J. S. Reese.....	200 00
" D. Bowers.....	350 00	Rev. J. A. McFaden.....	600 00
" W. Roby.....	250 00	Mrs. J. Roberts.....	500 00
" J. F. Whiteside.....	250 00	Dr. D. E. Reese.....	700 00
" T. M. Wilson.....	200 00		
Total.....			\$8,450 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. K. NICHOLS, Chairman.

The Report of the Committee on the Recognition of Diaconite was adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Conference that all brethren holding Deacon's credentials at the time of the abolition of the order in the Church, are entitled still to discharge the duties of such order, and that their acts should be regarded as valid.

J. K. NICHOLS, Chairman.

The Report of the Committee on Lexington Street Station was submitted, and adopted, as follows:

The Special Committee in the case of Lexington Street Station, beg leave to report, that from official information placed in their possession, they unanimously recommend, as a step indispensable to the future existence of our cause, on a Missionary basis, in that section of our city, that Lexington Street Station be, and is hereby stricken from the list of appointments.

We further recommend that a Mission be established in the Northwestern section of the City of Baltimore.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, Chairman.

The Report of Special Committee on Western Maryland College was adopted, as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred certain papers from the Western Maryland College beg leave to report, as follows :

I. They find a letter from the Treasurer of the College relating to the action of this Conference at its last session, whereby the Conference authorized and restricted its agent, the Treasurer of the Endowment Fund Society, to pay over all moneys that came into his hands through the assessment plan in redemption of liens, and those only until the whole amount of lien indebtedness was cancelled. This plan would answer every purpose, provided the full amount of the assessment could be realized; but with the limited amount paid in, it does not meet the case. For, 1st, there are other claims to the amount of three thousand dollars that must be arranged, or suits, judgments, and costs will be the result.

2. There are none of the holders of the liens pressing their claims but will be satisfied with the payment of the interest. Therefore, the Treasurer requests that the Conference so modify its instructions as to authorize the Treasurer of the Endowment Fund Society to cancel the most pressing claims. Therefore we recommend that the Conference so far accede to the request of the Treasurer of the Western Maryland College, as to authorize the Treasurer of the Endowment Fund Society to cancel the most pressing claims to the amount of liens already cancelled, or until the sum shall amount to thirteen hundred dollars, and all moneys received subsequently on the assessment plan shall be equally divided in liquidation of the remaining liens and floating indebtedness, until three thousand dollars of the floating debt shall have been paid, provided the claims of the floating indebtedness can be transferred to the Endowment Fund Society in a legal manner.

II. They find a report from the President of the College (Dr. Ward), giving an exhibit of the receipts and expenditures of the theological department, as follows :

Expenditures	\$9,088 25
Receipts	7,671 71
Leaving a deficiency of	\$1,416 54

This deficiency your Committee are happy to inform the Conference thirteen of the theological students, now members of this Conference, have generously divided among themselves and assumed the payment thereof in four annual instalments. Your Committee would recommend for the future, that when a student from any of our circuits, stations, or missions desires to enter the theological department of the College as a beneficiary of the fund, that it shall be necessary for him —

1st. To secure a recommendation from his Quarterly Conference to the Faculty of Instruction of this Maryland Annual Conference, which he shall present to the Faculty in due form and person.

2d. If the Faculty, after having examined him, and being satisfied of his fitness, shall give him such a testimonial recommendation to the President of Western Maryland College.

3d. When he shall have closed his connection with the College, the President of said College shall give him such a testimonial as his merits demand, to be presented to the Faculty of Instruction of this Conference as his recommendation into the Conference in the regular work.

4th. The Local Board shall keep an account current with every such student, and at the close of his collegiate course said student shall give his legal obligation for the full amount of moneys received by him, to be refunded by him in case he should cease to be a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church.

5th. That all students are expected to refund 20 per cent. of their expenses in five annual instalments.

We beg leave to further report that we have read with great interest the report of Dr. Ward, the President of the College, and are glad to learn that the College is in such a flourishing condition, and that such attention is paid to the spiritual condition of the wards of the institution. We would recommend the institution to the more extensive patronage of the Church and friends.

DANIEL W. BATES, *Chairman.*

Conference adjourned with the benediction by J. T. Murray.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference devotional exercises conducted by S. A. Hoblitzell.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the paper proposing the Call of a Convention was read, and adopted, as follows :

Call of a Convention.

WHEREAS, the sentiments of the Church, so far as indicated, are overwhelmingly in favor of a General Convention in 1877, and ourselves impressed with the desirableness of a Convention at that time, therefore —

1. *Resolved*, That we, the Maryland Annual Conference, now in session, do hereby recommend the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church to unite unanimously in a call for a General Convention, to meet in the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, on the second Friday in May in the year of our Lord 1877, for the purpose of making such changes in the second, tenth and fourteenth articles of the Constitution of the Methodist Protestant Church as may be deemed by said Convention necessary, together with such alterations in all other articles of the Constitution and Book of Discipline as they may judge proper; and for the further purpose of taking such action as said Convention may decide to be desirable, upon the basis of union agreed on by the "Joint Commission" of the Methodist Protestant and Methodist Churches.

2. *Resolved*, That the several Annual Conferences are hereby urged to elect at their next sessions representatives to said Convention, irrespective of their votes affirmatively or negatively upon the call, as a neglect so to do would deprive them of representation in said Convention, should two-thirds of the Annual Conferences join in the call.

3. *Resolved*, That the Presidents and Secretaries of the respective Annual Conferences are hereby requested to notify the editor of *The Methodist Protestant* as to the character of the vote of their Conference, immediately upon the close of their next session.

4. *Resolved*, That it be made the duty of the President and Secretary of this Conference, to notify each and every Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, of this present action of the Maryland Annual Conference.

[I am requested to state that W. C. Lipscomb voted in the negative.—*R. S. Rove, Com. on Publication.*]

The Committee on Ministerial Supply outside the Maryland District, report as follows :

1. We recommend that Montgomery, Ala., Campbell, Va., Abingdon, Va., Heathsville, Va., and First Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., be supplied, if the necessities of our own work do not render it impracticable

2. WHEREAS, the Virginia Conference, at its last session, took the preliminary step, by giving its consent to the transfer of the Norfolk Church to this Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That Norfolk Church be received.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *Chairman*.

The Report of the Committee on the request of J. D. Wilson was adopted, as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred the request of Rev. J. D. Wilson beg leave to report, as follows :

The law with regard to Supernumeraries requires that no member of the Conference shall be appointed to a supernumerary relation, except when such extra labor shall be required. Page 70.

We therefore recommend Bro. J. D. Wilson be left without an appointment for one year.

T. D. VALIANT, *Chairman*.

The following paper amending the plan of examination of official character, was adopted :

1. *Resolved*, That for the present mode of examination of official character, the following shall be substituted :— There shall be a standing committee, entitled "Committee on Official Character and Official Reports," before whom all charges against official character shall be laid, and to whom all official reports, and the reports of Missionaries, shall be handed. And that all ministers shall report to this committee what relation they wish to sustain.

2. That this committee report only the names of those ministers against whom charges have been preferred, or whose official reports show delinquencies, or those who wish other than effective relation, and the names of those not heard from. And that the characters of all ministers whose names are not reported, shall be considered passed. The committee to report also such items in the reports of Missionaries as will be of interest to the Conference.

3 That in case of any charge against the official character of the President, it shall be handed to the Standing District Committee, and the Chairman of that Committee at the question "Shall his character pass?" shall answer.

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

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That every Superintendent be required to lift at each appointment of his charge, a collection, which shall be known as the Conference Incidental Collection; the object of which shall be to defray Conference expenses, including the publication of the Minutes of the Conference. The Minutes to be furnished to the congregations contributing, at the lowest possible rates.

A. D. MELVIN,
R. S. ROWE.

Conference adjourned, to meet at 8 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference devotional exercises conducted by J. W. Charlton.

S. B. Southerland offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Conference Steward be the Committee on Publication of Minutes.

J. Clay requested by letter, informally communicated to the Conference, to be left without an appointment, or granted a supernumerary relation; and on motion of W. M. Strayer, his request to be left without an appointment was granted.

The Steward of the Superannuated Fund read his Report, which was adopted, as follows :

SUPERANNUATED FUND.—STEWARD'S REPORT.

Charges.			
East Baltimore.....	\$25 00	Howard	\$11 00
West Baltimore, Invest. \$20.	21 60	Kent, Invest. \$100.....	50 00
South Baltimore, Invest. \$10.		Leipsic	7 35
Washington Street.....	19 00	Liberty	10 00
Siarr Church.....	19 50	Milton	4 00
Lexington Street.....	2 75	Pipe Creek.....	13 60
Georgetown.....	89 39	Pocomoke	4 25
Westminster.....	32 50	Somerset.....	23 00
Cumberland.....		Stewartstown	9 00
Laurel, Del.....	3 75	Susquehanna	10 00
Easton, Invest. \$50.....	3 00	Seaford	5 50
First Church, Washington...	5 00	Talbot.....	12 50
Centreville.....	14 65	Union.....	6 00
Lynchburg, Va.....	18 10	Warwick, Invest. \$17*.....	14 43
Norfolk, Va.....	2 10	Queen Anne's.....	7 40
Montgomery, Ala.....		Snow Hill.....	3 34
Abingdon, Va.....		Newtown.....	10 62
Eutaw Station.....	5 75	Whaleyville.....	9 20
First Church, Pittsburgh....		Wicomico.....	1 65
Chatsworth		Deer Creek.....	1 21
Anne Arundel.....	8 73	Heathsville, Va.....	9 50
Belair	26 75	Alexandria.....	7 00
Baltimore.....	9 83	Broadway.....	8 00
Bedford.....	8 00	Choptank.....	4 40
Caroline.....	10 00	Ninth Street, Washington...	10 00
Cambridge.....	5 00	Accomac.....	3 15
Cecil.....	12 00	Potomac.....	3 18
Chesapeake.....	2 61	Newark, N. J.....	16 72
Concord.....	10 00	Prince William.....	
Dorchester, Invest. \$7.....		St. Michael's, Invest. \$20....	12 50
Frederick.....	13 00	Harper's Ferry.....	2 50
Jefferson and Frederick Miss.	11 00	Ellicott City.....	1 52
Finksburg.....	2 17	Surry, Va.....	6 00

*\$7 from J. Judefund.

SUPERANNATED FUND.—STEWARD'S REPORT.—Continued.

Charges.			
Crumpton.....	\$2 32	Salisbury	\$8 00
Kent Island.....	2 08	North Carolina Ave., Wash'n	1 00
Williamsport and Berkeley..	3 50	Hampden and White Ground	3 42
Peach Bottom.....	10 00	All Saints.....	1 50
Sussex.....	2 50		
Total Amount from District for Distribution			\$714 02
In hands of Dr. Zollickoffer for Distribution			4,207 68
Received from Secretary of Society.....			65 50

Total Amount for Distribution..... \$4,987 20

Received from Secretary of Society for investment.....	\$174 00
From District for Investment.....	224 00
Total for investment.....	\$398 00

CLAIMANTS.

Claim.	Paid.	Claim.	Paid.
Mrs. John S. Reese .. \$200	\$118 04	Mrs. C. Eversole... \$450	\$265 60
" L. A. Collins.... 200	118 04	" J. Elderdice ... 700	413 14
" W. T. Wright.. 200	118 04	Rev. A. S. Eversole. 200	118 04
" G. D. Hamilton. 200	118 04	" J. W. Everist .. 200	118 04
" J. Varden 200	118 04	" T. M. Bryan.... 200	118 04
" R. T. Boyd.... 200	118 04	" H. J. Day..... 400	236 08
" William Kesley. 200	118 04	" Thos. Lee..... 400	236 08
" F. G. Wright... 200	118 04	" J. L. Kilgore... 500	295 10
" T. M. Wilson... 200	118 04	" D. F. Ewell.... 600	354 12
" J. F. Whiteside. 250	147 55	" D. E. Reese.... 1200	708 24
" W. Roby..... 250	147 55	" J. A. McFaden . 600	354 12
" D. Bowers ... 350	206 57		
" N. S. Greenaway 350	206 57	Per cent. 59.02	\$8,450 \$4,987 20

J. EARLE MALOY, Steward.

The Report of the Committee on Missions was read by the Chairman, and was laid on the table temporarily.

The Chairman of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made an additional report, which was adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders recommend T. H. Lewis, J. A. Weigand, and R. T. Smith for Elders' Orders, with the understanding that they pledge themselves to continue the prescribed studies, and appear before the Faculty of Instruction for examination.

The Faculty of Instruction reported, through S. B. Southerland, that the vacancy occasioned by the death of Bro. John Roberts had been filled by electing John D. Kinzer to the position.

S. B. Southerland then formally announced the decease of Bro. John Roberts, and made a well-merited contribution to his precious memory. He was followed by David Wilson, President of the Conference, J. J. Murray, C. W. Button, and W. C. Ames, in appropriate and affectionate tributes.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by the President.

SEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, March 15th, 1876.

Conference devotional services conducted by J. E. Maloy.

The Report of the Missionary Steward was received, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF MISSIONARY STEWARD.—March 1876.

CHARGES.	Assessment.	Paid.	Deficiency.	Excess.
Accomac.....	\$32 00	\$32 00		
Alexandria.....	42 00	56 66		*\$14 66
All Saints.....	11 00	6 60	\$4 40	
Anne Arundel.....	132 00	12 00	120 00	
Baltimore.....	63 00	57 00	6 00	
Bedford.....	75 00	10 00	65 00	
Belair.....	137 00	41 00	96 00	
Broadway.....	126 00	126 00		
Cambridge.....		10 00		10 00
Caroline.....	53 00	10 00	43 00	
Cecil.....	63 00	52 36	10 64	
Centreville.....	63 00	64 25		1 25
Chatsworth.....	63 00	63 00		
Chesapeake.....	35 00	8 31	26 69	
Choptank.....	27 00	6 88	20 12	
Concord.....	27 00	27 00		
Crumpton.....	16 00	12 10	3 90	
Deer Creek.....	22 00	27 00		5 00
Dorchester.....	63 00	60 50	2 50	
East Baltimore.....	126 00	126 00		
Easton.....	80 00	83 00		3 00
Ellicott City.....	21 00	15 63	5 37	
Eutaw.....	21 00	19 00	2 00	
Finksburg.....	53 00	9 70	43 30	
Frederick.....	65 00	30 00	35 00	
First M. P. Church, Wash'n, D.C.	80 00	5 00	75 00	
First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa...	105 00	No Coll'n	105 00	
Georgetown, D. C., supports a Mission'y.				
Hampden and White Ground ..	32 00	32 00		
Harper's Ferry.....	27 00	23 00	4 00	
Heathsville, Va.....	27 00	27 00		
Howard.....	80 00	73 15	6 85	
Jefferson and Frederick City...	107 00	45 00	62 00	
Kent.....	252 00	†125 00	127 00	
Kent Island.....	21 00	4 20	16 80	

* This amount was erroneously paid the Steward. It is not an excess, but a deficiency of the preceding year assumed at the last Conference, and should have been paid to the Treasurer.

†\$70.00 raised by Chestertown S. School.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY STEWARD — Continued.

CHARGES.	Assessment.	Paid.	Deficiency.	Excess.
Laurel	\$43 00	\$24 00	\$18 00	
Leipsic	63 00	20 00	43 00	
Lexington St.	80 00	13 00	67 00	
Liberty	63 00	26 00	37 00	
Lynchburg	53 00	53 00		
Milton	21 00	8 00	13 00	
Montgomery, Ala.	53 00	No Coll'n	53 00	
Newark	84 00	39 00	45 00	
Newtown	84 00	72 00	12 00	
Ninth Street, Washington, D. C.	53 00	53 00		
Norfolk, Va.	11 00	13 00		2 00
N. Carolina Ave., Wash'n, D. C.	32 00	32 00		
Peach Bottom	32 00	32 00		
Pipe Creek	105 00	50 00	55 00	
Pocomoke	53 00	19 76	33 24	
Potomac	27 00	27 00		
Prince William	11 00	1 25	9 75	
Queen Anne's	53 00	30 00	23 00	
Seaford	48 00	15 00	33 00	
Salisbury	42 00	18 00	24 00	
Snow Hill	21 00	18 75	2 25	
Somerset	84 00	23 00	61 00	
South Baltimore	32 00	32 00		
Starr Church	158 00	37 50	120 50	
Stewartstown	63 00	20 88	42 12	
St. Michael's	42 00	40 00	2 00	
Surry, Va.	27 00	5 00	22 00	
Susquehanna	75 00	55 20	19 80	
Sussex	32 00	20 75	11 25	
Talbot	32 00	32 00		
Union	53 00	10 00	43 00	
Warwick	84 00	34 60	49 40	
Washington Street	42 00	27 12	14 88	
West Baltimore	263 00	222 50	40 50	
Westminster	120 00	90 82	29 18	
Whaleyville	37 00	25 00	12 00	
Wicomico	21 00	5 35	15 65	
Williamsport and Berkeley	32 00	13 00	19 00	
Totals	\$4,865 00	\$2,559 76	\$1,848 02	\$35 91
Receipts of Anniv'y and Dues		421 30		
		\$2,981 06		

REPORT OF MISSIONARY STEWARD.—Continued.

MISSIONS.	Appropriat'n	Paid.	Deficiency.
Accomac	\$100 00	\$64 38	\$35 62
Alexandria	400 00	257 52	142 48
All Saints	150 00	96 57	53 43
Broadway	1,100 00	708 18	391 82
Ellicott City	300 00	193 14	106 86
Hampden and White Ground	200 00	128 76	71 24
Harper's Ferry	100 00	64 38	35 62
Kent Island	150 00	96 57	53 43
North Carolina Avenue, Washington, D. C.	500 00	321 90	178 10
Potomac	200 00	128 76	71 24
Prince William	50 00	32 19	17 81
Salisbury	150 00	96 57	53 43
St. Michael's	250 00	160 95	89 05
Sussex	200 00	128 76	71 24
Williamsport and Berkeley	200 00	128 76	71 24
President's Deficiencies on Missions	16 00	10 30	5 70
Totals	\$4,066 00	\$2,617 69	\$1,448 31

Received from Treasurer \$792.34; charges, dues, and anniversary \$1,825.52 = \$2,617.86. Per cent. 64.38. Paid \$2,617.69. Balance 17 cents.

EXHIBIT.

Cash from Charges		\$1,028 55
“ “ Dues		50 01
“ “ Anniversary		371 30
“ retained by D. A. Shermer		126 00
“ “ I. T. Adkins		32 00
“ “ J. K. Nichols		41 66
“ “ J. Shreeve		32 00
“ “ J. R. Nichols		32 00
“ “ J. H. Ellegood		20 75
“ “ J. M. Yingling		27 00
“ “ J. E. Maloy		40 00
“ “ T. O. Crouse		23 00
“ “ T. A. King		1 25
“ received by Treasurer		1,155 54
Totals		\$2,981 06
Cash paid last year's deficiency by Treasurer	\$341 15	
“ Book Concern	17 05	
“ Expenses	5 00	
“ Missionaries this year	678 50	
Check to Steward from Treasurer	113 84	1,155 54
Cash retained by Missionaries		375 66
“ from Charges and dues		1,078 56
“ “ Anniversary		371 30
Totals		\$2,981 06

Whole Amount received.....	\$2,981 06
Paid last year's Deficiencies.....	\$341 15
" Expenses and Book Concern.....	22 05
	363 20
Whole Amount for Distribution.....	\$2,617 86
Distributed by Treasurer.....	\$678 50
Retained by Missionaries.....	375 66
Distributed by Steward.....	1,563 53
	\$2,617 69

Balance in hand of the Steward..... 17

A. W. MATHER, *Missionary Steward.*

The President appointed T. D. Valiant, E. J. Drinkhouse, C. W. Button, as the Committee on Interests in the Virginia District.

The Conference Steward made his Report, which was adopted, as follows :

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARD.

CHARGES.	Salary of Superintendent.	Salary of Assistant.	Amount Paid.	Rec'd from other sources.	Deficiency.
East Baltimore.....	\$1,200 00		\$1,200 00		
West Baltimore.....	1,400 00		1,400 00		
South Baltimore.....	1,000 00		1,000 00		
Washington Street.....	900 00		900 00		
Starr Church.....	1,500 00		1,500 00		
Lexington Street.....	464 00		464 00		
Georgetown, D. C.....	1,500 00	\$500 00	2,000 00		
Westminster.....	1,000 00		1,000 00		
Cumberland.....	*150 00		150 00		
Laurel, Del.....	500 00		530 00	\$67 00	
Easton.....	800 00		800 00		
First Church, Washington	1,200 00		700 00		\$500 00
Centreville.....	700 00		700 00		
Lynchburg, Va.....	1,000 00		1,000 00		
Norfolk, Va.....	500 00		500 00		
Montgomery, Ala.....	1,200 00		1,200 00		
Abingdon, Va.....	150 00		150 00		
Eutaw.....	500 00		500 00		
Chatsworth.....	1,350 00		1,350 00		
First Church, Pittsburgh..	No Report				
Anne Arundel.....	700 00	200 00	845 65		54 35
Belair.....	500 00	200 00	576 00		124 00
Baltimore.....	800 00	350 00	1,150 00		
Bedford.....	600 00	200 00	712 00		88 00
Caroline.....	600 00		550 00		50 00
Cambridge.....	300 00		300 00	50 00	
Cecil.....	700 00	200 00	841 32		58 68
Chesapeake.....	530 00		530 00		

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARD — Continued.

CHARGES.	Salary of Superintendent.	Salary of Assistant.	Amount Paid.	Rec'd from other sources.	Deficiency.
Concord.....	\$475 00		\$475 00		
Dorchester.....	700 00	\$200 00	796 79		\$103 21
Frederick.....	690 00		690 00		
Finksburg.....	500 00		334 09		165 91
Howard.....	600 00	200 00	780 00		20 00
Jefferson, Frederick City } and Lewistown..... }	800 00	65 00	776 30		88 70
Kent.....	800 00	200 00	1,000 00		
Leipscic.....	500 00		314 27		185 73
Liberty.....	No Report.	100 00	56 00	\$50 00	44 00
Milton.....	500 00		475 00		25 00
Newtown.....	800 00		800 00		
Pipe Creek.....	800 00		774 00		26 00
Pocomoke.....	341 00		341 00		
Queen Anhe's.....	300 00		300 00	50 00	
Somerset.....	900 00		840 00		60 00
Stewartstown.....	650 00		577 89		72 11
Susquehanna.....	700 00		600 00		100 00
Seaford.....	500 00		500 00		
Snow Hill.....	600 00		600 00		
Talbot.....	600 00		600 00		
Union.....	600 00		600 00		
Warwick.....	700 00		700 00		
Whaleyville.....	640 00	50 00	640 00		50 00
Wicomico.....	350 00		334 00		16 00
Deer Creek.....	400 00		400 00		
Heathsville, Va.....	400 00		400 00		
Alexandria.....	300 00		300 00	†400 00	
Broadway.....	300 00		300 00	†900 00	
Choptank.....	625 00		409 74		215 26
Ninth Street, Washington	1,000 00		1,000 00		
Accomac.....	400 00	200 00	536 75	†100 00	63 25
Potomac.....	300 00		260 90	†200 00	39 10
Newark, N. J.....	1,400 00		1,400 00		
Prince William.....	*100 00		51 00	†50 00	49 00
St. Michael's.....	350 00		350 00	†250 00	
Harper's Ferry.....	400 00		400 00	†100 00	
Ellicott City.....	400 00		300 26	†300 00	99 74
Surry, Va.....	400 00		375 00	60 00	25 00
Crumpton.....	200 00		200 00		
Kent Island.....	350 00		325 00	†150 00	25 00
Williamsport and Berkeley	260 00		240 00	†200 00	20 00
Peach Bottom.....	650 00		620 00		30 00
Sussex.....	300 00		232 00	†200 00	68 00
Salisbury.....	450 00		450 00	†150 00	
N. C. Ave., Washington..	400 00		135 00	†500 00	265 00
Hampden and White Gr'd	600 00		356 68	†200 00	223 32
All Saints.....	200 00		200 00	†150 00	

* For six months.

† Missionary appropriation.

In my hands as reported to last Conference ..	\$15 00
Collection at Conference Church.....	10 83
	\$25 83

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By cash paid W. J. C. Dulany, for 8 Ordination Bibles.....	\$9 60
1½ doz. Elder's Credentials	4 50
Expressage	90
Cash paid J. F. Chesney, for printing 1,000 Official Reports.....	3 50
	\$18 50

Balance in hands of Conference Steward.....	\$7 33
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ROBERT S. ROWE, Conference Steward.

J. L. Killgore was transferred from the Superannuated to the active ranks.

G. D. Edmondson was left without an appointment, at his own request.

The following resolutions were adopted :

1. Resolved, That the Standing Rule requiring the reading of the "Dead Roll" immediately after the Conference sermon, be so changed as to have it read immediately after the calling of the roll, the first morning of the Conference Session,

2. Resolved, That immediately after the reading of the Dead Roll, an order of the day be made, if a name, (or names,) has been added during the year, to allow appropriate remarks in memory of the deceased.

A. T. MELVIN.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference, that it is the duty of every Pastor to take up all the prescribed collections.

R. S. NORRIS,
D. A. SHERMER.

Resolved, That hereafter we, the Ministers of this Conference, will use our best endeavors to collect and transmit our Missionary assessments, to the Treasurer, in quarterly instalments, at least.

D. A. SHERMER,
J. K. NICHOLS.

The Report of the Committee on Missions was adopted as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Appropriations.

Chincoteague.....	\$50 00
All Saints	100 00
Williamsport and Berkeley	200 00
Potomac	100 00
N. Carolina Avenue.....	350 00
Kent Island	100 00
St. Michael's	75 00
Hampden and White Ground.....	150 00
Sussex	100 00
Prince William	50 00
Ellicott City.....	300 00
Alexandria	275 00

Harper's Ferry.....	100 00
Northwestern Mission.....	*400 00
Broadway	†500 00
Preston.....	100 00

Cumberland Suit	\$2,950 00
Deficiencies of last year	125 00
	1,450 00

\$4,525 00

Assessments.

East Baltimore.....	\$130 00	Whaleyville	\$40 00
West Baltimore.....	100 00	Warwick	99 00
South Baltimore.....	50 00	Pocomoke	60 00
Washington Street	60 00	Quantico	30 00
Broadway	100 00	Alexandria.....	40 00
Northwestern Mission	80 00	Ninth Street	60 00
Starr	160 00	St. Michael's	50 00
Geo'town (supports a Mission)	50 00	Williamsport and Berkeley..	30 00
First M. P. Church, Wash... ..	80 00	Potomac	20 00
Westminster	140 00	Prince William	10 00
Laurel	40 00	Salisbury	30 00
Easton	100 00	Ellicott City	20 00
Centreville	60 00	Harper's Ferry.....	20 00
Anne Arundel.....	100 00	Preston.....	30 00
Baltimore	70 00	Sussex	30 00
Belair	100 00	Newark	90 00
Bedford	80 00	Accomac	20 00
Caroline.....	60 00	Kent Island	20 00
Cecil	70 00	Peach Bottom.....	40 00
Chesapeake.....	40 00	Frederick City.....	30 00
Concord	30 00	Lynchburg	60 00
Dorchester	60 00	Norfolk, Va	20 00
Frederick	70 00	Heathsville, Va.....	30 00
Finksburg	60 00	Montgomery, Ala.....	50 00
Howard	80 00	Hampden and White Ground	40 00
Jefferson.....	80 00	N. Carolina Av. Mission	30 00
Leipsic	60 00	All Saints.....	10 00
Kent	250 00	Eutaw	20 00
Liberty	70 00	Crumpton	20 00
Milton	30 00	Deer Creek	30 00
Somerset	80 00	Surry, Va.....	30 00
Stewartstown.....	70 00	First Church, Pittsburgh....	100 00
Newtown	80 00	Chatsworth	60 00
Pipe Creek.....	100 00	Chincoteague	20 00
Queen Anne's.....	50 00	Clarksburg Mission.. ..	10 00
Snow Hill.....	30 00	Mt. Carmel.....	10 00
Seaford	40 00	Dame's Quarter Circuit.....	10 00
Susquehanna.....	80 00		
Talbot.....	40 00		
Union	50 00		
			\$4,390 00

2. We recommend that the plan for liquidating the Broadway debt, so successfully inaugurated by the present pastor, be approved by the Conference.

* \$100.00 of this amount to be paid the Missionary out of the first collections of unpaid assumptions and subscriptions of Conference of 1875.

† \$50.00 of this amount to be paid the Missionary out of what remains from the collections of the unpaid assumptions and subscriptions of Conference of 1875, after paying \$100.00 to the Northwestern Mission.

The Superintendents be instructed to give him access to the churches of the District, for the purpose of perfecting the plan.

3. We recommend, as the fixed policy of the Conference, that no more missions be created requiring an appropriation, until the present aggregate of appropriations shall be reduced to \$2,500, including pending deficiencies, thus making possible a corresponding reduction in the assessments of the District.

The Committee further recommend:

1. That Ninth Street, Washington, be made a Station.
2. That Tyreanna Chapel, Va., be made a Mission without appropriation, to be called Mt. Carmel.
3. That this Conference renew its vote of endorsement of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, and commend its work to the liberality and co-operation of our churches.
4. We recommend that a Mission be created in the northwestern section of the City of Baltimore, Md., to be called the Northwestern Mission.
5. We recommend that Salisbury Mission be made a Station.

6. To the Quarterly Conference of _____

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your attention is respectfully invited to the law of the Methodist Protestant Church, under which you have received a minister from this Conference, as follows:.....

Under this provision of the Discipline, there has been assessed to your Station the following:—For President's salary, \$—; Home Missions, \$—. It is expected also that a collection will be taken up in your Station for the relief of Superannuates, and the widows and orphans of ministers that have died in the work. You will perceive by the law quoted above, that the Conference is required to demand of you co-operation in our various benevolent and religious operations. To which we add, that the necessities of the Conference require this appeal to your Christian liberality. Hoping a favorable response, we remain yours in the bonds of the Gospel.

Signed by order, and in behalf of the Maryland Annual Conference.

Secretary.

President.

Signed in behalf of the Committee,

E. J. DRINKHOUSE, *Chairman.*

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made a supplemental Report, recommending that J. B. Mitchell and J. Cain, Unstationed Deacons on Baltimore Circuit, be elected to Elder's Orders. Adopted.

A paper was received from R. S. Norris in reference to the assessment of College debt upon the new fields of labor, and after amendment, was referred to Committee on Finance, with instructions to make assessment.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby given to Messrs. D. B. Payne & Son, Booksellers and Stationers, of this city, who kindly furnished the Conference with the stationery necessary for its session.
R. SCOTT NORRIS,
J. SHREEVE.

Resolved, That the Preachers of this Conference make extra effort to secure at least ten new subscribers each to *The Methodist Protestant*, by the 1st of October ensuing.
P. LIGHT WILSON,
D. W. BATES.

The Report of Committee on Statistics was adopted, as follows:

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.
Alexandria	130	2	..	2	1	1	..	1	22	101	170	\$12,000	Jefferson Tacey, W. N. Herbert.
East Baltimore	200	33	1	1	..	1	26	185	500	28,000	S. Reese Murray.
West Baltimore	188	1	1	1	..	1	19	163	500	30,000	G. W. Simpson, H. T. Gernhardt.
South Baltimore	149	18	1	1	..	1	34	200	900	21,000	W. E. Thompson.
Broadway	59	31	1	1	1	1	..	1	20	167	253	30,000	P. H. Sweet.
Centre ville	100	7	1	1	..	1	14	104	350	10,000	A. A. Richards.
Cumberland	66	64	1	1	..	1	18	125	250	10,000	Josiah Clift.
Eutaw	74	1	1	..	1	10	90	200	3,300	Oliver Cox.
Georgetown	313	13	1	..	2	1	..	45	356	1,150	1,000	40,000	Luke Morris.
Laurel	142	8	..	..	1	1	..	16	100	200	7,000	..
Lexington Street	126	..	..	1	1	1	..	16	150	400	15,000	..
Lynchburg	160	11	1	..	1	1	..	15	130	150	14,000	..	
N. C. Avenue	62	18	1	..	1	1	..	15	113	210	12,300	..	
Newark	172	7	1	..	1	1	..	38	224	500	40,000	..	
Ninth Street	127	3	..	..	1	1	..	18	130	1,000	38,000	..
Siarr Church	189	4	..	..	1	1	..	30	219	450	43,000	..
First Church Washington	104	..	..	..	1	1	..	25	100	400	17,000	..
Washington Street	208	6	1	..	1	1	..	22	236	350	16,000	E. Gilligan.	
Westminister	203	8	..	..	1	1	..	21	181	334	18,400	Dr. C. Billingslea.
Accomac	280	..	..	..	9	1	..	30	200	400	5,000	..
Anne Arundel	266	1	..	..	9	1	..	30	200	500	10,000	..
All Saints	15	..	..	..	1	1	..	55	300	3,700	3,700	J. Growden.
Bedford	180	16	1	..	1	1	..	12	150	700	13,500	A. H. Greenfield.	
Belair	133	2	1	..	3	1	..	35	175	..	7,640	J. B. Mitchell, J. Cain.	
Baltimore	275	10	2	..	4	1	..	25	323	1,300	9,000	H. Meeks, T. M. Pinkind.	
Chesapeake	71	11	..	2	4	1	..	39	110	100	7,000	..	

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.
Cambridge	50	25	..	..	2	1	..	1	50	130	100	3,000	J. M. Jordan, N. Montgomery.
Cecil	380	25	..	2	7	1	..	7	73	447	1,150	17,800	J. M. Jordan, N. Montgomery.
Concord	170	21	..	..	4	1	..	2	20	108	100	6,000	J. M. Jordan, N. Montgomery.
Choptank	169	41	..	..	3	..	..	4	30	200	950	6,500	J. M. Jordan, N. Montgomery.
Caroline	325	16	1	..	4	1	..	5	50	300	1,000	9,500	J. Irvin.
Crumpton	56	13	1	..	2	1	..	2	10	100	510	4,000	W. D. Sudler.
Dorchester	250	25	..	..	7	1	..	2	20	200	400	10,000	Thomas Edwards.
Deer Creek	100	9	..	..	2	..	..	12	12	110	200	3,000	{ Jackson Day, J. F. Kindley, Columbus Pardam.
Ellicott City	74	4	1	..	1	..	..	1	11	125	160	2,500	H. L. Shipley.
Frederick	536	38	2	1	7	1	..	6	35	500	1,350	13,400	{ Jacob Baughman, I. S. Crow- ther, J. Crabson.
Finksburg	338	..	..	1	8	..	..	7	62	420	1,800	16,000	J. E. Rice.
Hampden and White Ground.	169	38	..	3	2	..	..	2	30	183	510	13,160	W. K. White.
Harper's Ferry	150	15	1	..	2	1	..	1	19	114	1,400	6,000	W. H. Todd.
Howard	348	22	1	..	8	1	..	8	55	374	700	12,500	Wm. Dale, J. H. McGrath.
Jefferson & Frederick Miss.	212	23	1	..	5	1	..	4	44	300	1,200	20,000	H. Ball.
Kent	275	30	..	..	3	1	1	3	60	400	300	17,500	
Kent Island	135	8	..	1	2	..	..	3	25	110	150	7,500	
Liberty	210	21	1	..	4	1	..	3	27	220	..	9,000	
Leipsic	120	15	..	..	4	..	..	4	25	180	600	5,000	
Milton	170	15	..	..	3	..	..	2	23	190	500	3,200	
Newtown	175	3	..	..	2	1	..	2	27	120	400	6,000	
Pocomoke	148	14	1	1	4	..	..	4	25	89	425	4,500	
Potomac	87	5	..	1	2	1	..	2	20	90	800	3,000	
Pipe Creek	250	6	..	..	3	1	..	4	50	375	1,200	14,000	

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.
Prince William	37	9	..	..	*	..	..	1	5	30	..	7,750	T. H. Cathcart.
Penck Bottom	280	4	1	1	4	1	..	4	32	200	350	3,000	James Holdskom.
Queen Anne's	135	4	..	..	2	..	..	2	18	113	260	4,000	J. W. Peniel.
Snow Hill	160	36	1	1	5	1	..	3	20	100	350	8,700	Wm. Poisal, J. Robinson.
Salisbury	127	7	1	..	2	1	..	2	12	110	400	4,100	J. A. Nicholson.
St. Michael's	86	..	1	..	2	1	..	2	10	50	700	4,500	Dr. S. Robinson.
Seaford	97	57	1	..	3	1	..	2	18	141	175	8,700	J. W. Trout.
Somerset	250	..	..	1	2	..	..	4	25	125	300	2,500	A. C. Berryman.
Sussex	90	10	..	..	2	..	..	4	32	231	870	9,500	
Stewartstown	209	70	1	1	3	1	..	3	35	190	600	2,000	
Susquehanna	150	12	..	..	3	1	..	2	30	70	325	250	
Surry	157	11	..	1	2	2	..	3	31	125	1,000	7,500	F. Robertson.
Talbot	134	9	..	..	5	1	..	3	32	150	300	9,200	R. H. Powell, J. H. Tilghman.
Union	250	..	..	..	2	1	..	5	81	64	300	6,000	John Light.
Warwick	166	4	..	..	4	1	..	1	5	200	165	7,500	T. J. Slaughter.
Wicomico	179	4	1	1	5	1	..	4	30	200	425	10,000	Francis Brown, Resident Pastor.
Whaleyville	250	60	1	1	7	1	..	5	45	200	600	15,000	
Williamsport and Berkeley	70	39	1	..	6	..	..	3	27	265	425	15,000	
Easton	90	42	1	..	1	1	280	1	25	169	625	..	
Charleston	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	11,806	1,089	22	31	200	45	282	187	1,865	12,325	36,567	\$797,850	

* No Report

† Last year's Report.

J. E. READ,
Com. on Statistics.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the post-office address of every Minister in this Conference be annexed to the name of each Minister in the printed Minutes of the Conference, and that every Minister be required to notify the Committee on Publication within ten days.

F. T. TAGG,
J. E. READ.

Committee on Supply outside of our District made an additional Report, which was adopted, as follows :

The Committee on Ministerial Supply outside of the Maryland District recommend that Chatsworth Independent Methodist Church be supplied, if consistent with the necessities of our own work.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *Chairman.*

Conference adjourned to meet at 3.30 P. M. Benediction by F. Swentzel.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference devotional exercises by R. S. Rowe.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that Superannuated Claimants should attend upon worship in our own churches, patronizing our own Sunday Schools, and render all the assistance in their power to our Ministers in the active work.

J. K. NICHOLS,
D. W. BATES.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be, and are hereby cordially tendered to the various families of the city of Lynchburg, who have so hospitably entertained its members, and that we will carry with us to our homes the most delightful recollections of our brief sojourn with them.

Resolved, 2. That we also tender our thanks to the Secretaries and Stewards of Conference for the faithful and efficient discharge of their arduous duties.

Also to the Virginia Midland, Baltimore and Ohio, Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore, Pennsylvania Central, and Western Maryland Rail Roads, and the Maryland, Dodson's, and Eastern Shore Line of Steamers, for their liberal reduction of fares to members of this body.

S. A. HOBLITZELL,
J. W. GRAY.

In accordance with the suggestion of the Committee on Interests of the Virginia District, Conference proceeded to raise money for the relief of M. J. Langhorne, President of Virginia District. \$155.00 were received in cash and subscriptions.

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

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report :
1st. That the President's salary be distributed through the District as follows : (See tabular statement.)

2d. That they have carefully examined the furnished statement of Dr. Zollickoffer, the Conference agent of the Presidential Parsonage, with the accompanying vouchers, and find them correct.

3d. They recommend that Dr. Zollickoffer be tendered the thanks of this Conference for his generous services, and be continued the agent for the coming year.

4th. They herewith present the College assessments for the coming year. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

R. SCOTT NORRIS, *Chairman.*

President's Salary.		College Assessment.	President's Salary.		College Assessment.
East Baltimore.....	\$50 00	\$90 00	Seaford.....	\$15 00	\$27 00
West Baltimore.....	50 00	p'd in full	Talbot.....	25 00	45 00
South Baltimore.....	30 00	45 00	Warwick.....	35 00	63 00
Washington Street...	30 00	54 00	Queen Anne's.....	25 00	45 00
Starr Church.....	50 00	108 00	Crumpton.....	15 00	27 00
Georgetown, D. C....	80 00	144 00	Snow Hill.....	25 00	45 00
Northwest Balto....	25 00	72 00	Whaleyville.....	30 00	54 00
Newtown.....	45 00	81 00	Alexandria.....	25 00	45 00
Cumberland.....	10 00	9 00	Broadway.....	30 00	54 00
Westminster.....	50 00	90 00	First Church, Wash..	35 00	63 00
Easton.....	40 00	72 00	Newark.....	50 00	90 00
Lynchburg, Va.....	30 00	45 00	9th St. Washington..	35 00	63 00
Norfolk, Va.....	15 00	27 00	Potomac.....	15 00	18 00
Eutaw Station.....	10 00	18 00	Prince William.....	5 00	9 00
Laurel, Del.....	30 00	54 00	Accomac.....	12 00	22 00
Anne Arundel.....	60 00	126 00	St. Michael's.....	20 00	36 00
Belair.....	35 00	63 00	Sussex.....	10 00	18 00
Deer Creek.....	15 00	45 00	Salisbury.....	18 00	32 00
Baltimore.....	40 00	72 00	Harper's Ferry.....	20 00	36 00
Finksburg.....	35 00	63 00	Ellicott City.....	15 00	27 00
Jefferson & Lewistown	40 00	72 00	Centreville.....	25 00	p'd in full
Bedford.....	50 00	81 00	Frederick City.....	10 00	27 00
Howard.....	50 00	90 00	Peach Bottom.....	25 00	36 00
Caroline.....	60 00	81 00	Williams't & Berkeley	15 00	27 00
Cambridge.....	20 00	36 00	Kent Island.....	20 00	36 00
Cecil.....	35 00	63 00	All Saints.....	10 00	27 00
Chesapeake.....	25 00	45 00	N. Caro. Av., Wash..	15 00	27 00
Concord.....	30 00	45 00	Hampden.....	15 00	27 00
Dorchester.....	35 00	72 00	Heathsville, Va.....	15 00	
Frederick.....	50 00	90 00	Montgomery, Ala....	15 00	
Liberty.....	50 00	90 00	Pittsburgh.....	45 00	
Leipsic.....	35 00	63 00	Chatsworth.....	30 00	
Kent.....	75 00	144 00	Abingdon, Va.....	10 00	
Union.....	25 00	45 00	Surry.....	10 00	
Milton.....	20 00	36 00	Chincoteague.....	8 00	14 00
Pipe Creek.....	40 00	72 00	Quantico.....	15 00	27 00
Pocomoke.....	25 00	45 00	Preston.....	15 00	27 00
Somerset.....	30 00	54 00	Dame's Quarter.....	10 00	18 00
Stewartstown.....	30 00	54 00	Henkle & New Hope.	10 00	18 00
Susquehanna.....	35 00	63 00	Clear Spring.....	5 00	9 00
				\$2,273 00	\$3,909 00
			Mt. Carmel, Va..	5 00	
					\$2,278 00

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Conference be directed to send a written communication to Mr. Broadus, General Agent of Virginia Midland R. R. Co., expressing the thanks of this Conference for the special terms and facilities of travel furnished by the Company to this body.

D. L. GREENFIELD.

Resolved, That there be a standing committee known as the Committee on Western Maryland College.

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

Resolved, That officers and Board of Managers of the Maryland Annual Conference Educational Endowment Fund Society be re-elected for the ensuing year.

DANIEL W. BATES,
E. J. DRINKHOUSE.

Conference adjourned to meet at 8 P. M. Benediction by S. B. Southerland.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference religious services conducted by J. L. Killgore.

The Report of the Committee on the Division of Parsonage Property of Belair Circuit was adopted, as follows :

Resolved, 1. That whereas, under the deed of trust for the Belair parsonage, the property belongs to the Circuit, containing the town of Belair. Yet inasmuch as the division of the Circuit was mutual between the old and the new Circuits, your committee recommend that Belair Circuit pay to Deer Creek Circuit two-sevenths (2-7) of the value of the old parsonage, and two-sevenths (2-7) of the amount paid by the Circuit at large for the out-buildings. Value of the old parsonage, \$2,500.00. Paid for out-buildings, \$500.00. \$2,500.00 + \$500.00 = \$3,000.00 - 5-7 = \$857.14 2-7, or 2-7 of the whole amount.

Resolved, 2. That legal interest be paid, by Belair Circuit to Deer Creek Circuit, on the above amount until the principal be paid.

Resolved, 3. That it is the judgment of your committee, upon examining the deed of the Belair parsonage, that there is no power conferred upon the trustees to alienate the property from the purposes and uses therein named; therefore, selling the property would endanger the loss of it to the whole Church.

The President addressed the Conference, and proceeded to read his plan of appointments, as follows :

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

	<i>Post Office.</i>
President—DAVID WILSON,	8 Parkin Street, Balto.
East Baltimore—D. L. Greenfield	90 E. Fayette St., Balto.
	T. McCormick, Supernumerary.
West Baltimore—J. M. Holmes	41 S. Green St., Balto.
South Baltimore—L. W. Bates	400 Light St., Balto.
Starr Church—S. B. Southerland	57 S. Poppleton St., Balto.
Broadway—D. A. Shermer	414 E. Monument St., Balto.
Washington St.—R. S. Norris	12 N. Washington St., Balto.
Northwestern Mission—R. S. Rowe	548 Lexington St., Balto.
	A. Richards, Supernumerary.
Ninth Street, Washington—W. S. Hammond ..	517 9th St. N.W. Wash. D.C.
First Church, Washington—W. J. Floyd	cor. 5th St. E. & Va. Av. Wash.
N. C. Avenue, Washington—J. Shreeve	803 N. C. Av. S. E. Wash.
Georgetown—J. T. Murray, P. T. Hall	Georgetown, D. C.
	W. C. Lipscomb, Supernumerary.
Westminster—H. C. Cushing	Westminster, Md.
Cumberland—T. H. Lewis	Cumberland, Md.
Laurel, Del.—S. G. Valliant	Laurel, Del.
Easton—J. T. Lassell	Easton, Md.
Centreville—J. D. Kinzer	Centreville, Md.
Lynchburg, Va.—S. T. Graham	Lynchburg, Va.
Norfolk, Va.—J. A. Weigand	Norfolk, Va.
Montgomery, Ala.—J. L. Mills	Montgomery, Ala.
Abingdon, Va.—C. B. Middleton	Abingdon, Va.
Eutaw Station—A. D. Melvin	Lauraville, Md.
First Meth. Church, Pittsburgh—J. J. Murray ..	19 Stockton Av., Alleghany, Pa.
Chatsworth—F. Swentzel	4 Edmondson Av., Balto.
Accomac—F. H. Mullineaux	Onancock, Va.
Anne Arundel—A. D. Dick, J. D. McFaden	Brooklyn, Md.
Belair—W. M. Strayer, G. Q. Bacchus	Belair, Md.
Baltimore—J. W. Gray, S. R. Murray	Towsontown, Md.
Bedford—J. M. Elderdice, G. F. Farring	Cumberland Valley, Pa.
Caroline—J. L. Straughn, A. C. Berryman	Burrsville, Md.
Cambridge—G. J. Smith	Tobacco Stick, Md.
Cecil—J. Thompson, A. J. Walter	Bay View, Md.
Chesapeake—C. M. Thompson	Edesville, Md.
Concord—W. F. Livingston	Roxbury, Pa.
Dorchester—W. H. Lane, H. C. Stern	East New Market, Md.
Frederick—C. T. Cochel, T. A. King	New Market, Md.
	A. Baker, Supernumerary.
Jefferson, Frederick City and Lewistown—	Frederick, Md.
	C. H. Littleton, C. S. Arnett
Finksburg—S. T. Ferguson, J. B. Butler	Finksburg, Md.
Howard—W. T. Dumm, J. M. Sheridan	Lisbon, Md.
Kent—J. B. Jones, J. W. Trout	Chestertown, Md.
Kent Island—J. L. Killgore	Stevensville, Md.
Leipsic—W. A. Crouse	Leipsic, Md.
Liberty—J. R. Nichols	Liberty, Md.
Milton—H. Bruner	Milton, Del.
Pipe Creek—J. W. Charlton	Uniontown, Md.
Preston—To be supplied	
Pocomoke—D. N. Gilbert	Princess Anne, Md.
Somerset—J. E. T. Ewell	Marion, Md.
Stewartstown—A. W. Mather	Stewartstown, Pa.
Seaford—S. B. Tredway	Seaford, Del.
	T. A. Moore, Supernumerary.
Susquehanna—S. A. Hoblitzell	Hopewell X Roads, Md.

Talbot—J. E. Read	Oxford, Md.
Union—W. G. Holmes	Barren Creek Springs, Md.
Quantico—W. J. D. Lucas	Quantico, Md.
Warwick—D. W. Bates	Warwick, Md.
Queen Anne's—F. T. Little	Centreville, Md.
Snow Hill—W. R. Graham	Snow Hill, Md.
Dame's Quarter—J. G. Sullivan ..	Dame's Quarter, Md.
Newtown—B. F. Benson	Newtown, Md.
Whaleyville—W. C. Ames	Whaleyville, Md.
Deer Creek—A. A. Harryman	Hickory, Md.
Heathsville, Va.—R. L. Lewis	Burgess Store, Va.
Alexandria—J. K. Nichols	Alexandria, Va.
Potomac—J. M. Yingling	Georgetown, D. C.
Newark, N. J.—T. D. Valiant	97 Walnut St., Newark, N. J.
Prince William—To be Supplied	
St. Michael's—J. E. Maloy	St. Michael's, Md.
Harper's Ferry—T. O. Crouse	Harper's Ferry, West Va.
Ellicott City—H. E. Miskimmon	Ellicott City, Md.
Surry, Va.—C. O. Melvin, R. W. Berryman ..	Surry C. H., Va.
Crumpton—A. T. Melvin	Crumpton, Md.
Williamsport and Berkeley—W. J. Neepier ..	Williamsport, Md.
Peach Bottom—W. D. Litsinger	Fawn Grove, Pa.
Sussex—J. H. Ellegood	Lowe's X Roads, Del.
Salisbury—F. T. Tagg	Salisbury, Md.
Hampden and White Ground—E. R. McGregor.	Woodberry, Md.
All Saints—R. T. Smith	338 Saratoga St., Balto., Md.
Hinkle and New Hope—To be Supplied	
Chingoteague—I. T. Adkins	Horntown, Va.
Clear Spring—To be Supplied	
Campbell, Va.—To be Supplied	
Mount Carmel—W. W. White	Lynchburg, Va.
Editor <i>Methodist Protestant</i> —E. J. Drinkhouse.	332 W. Balto St., Balto.
President W. M. College—J. T. Ward	Westminster, Md.
College Agent—P. L. Wilson	Johnsville, Md.
Conference Missionary—A. Webster	201 Franklin St., Balto., Md.

Superannuated—D. F. Ewell, Church Creek, Md.; D. E. Reese, St. Michael's, Md.; Thomas Lee, Rainsburg, Pa.; H. J. Day, 22 Camden Street, Baltimore; T. M. Bryan, St. Michael's, Md.; J. W. Everist, St. Michael's, Md.; A. S. Eversole, Seaford, Del.; J. A. McFaden, Harper's Ferry, W. Va.

Left without appointments at their own requests—H. P. Jordan, 632 Lexington Street, Baltimore; J. Clay, Duncannon, Pa.; J. D. Wilson, E. Washington, D. C.; G. D. Edmonston, New Market, Md.

J. A. Weigand and T. H. Lewis were then ordained Elders.

After which, Conference adjourned with prayer by J. J. Murray, and benediction by S. B. Southerland.

R. S. ROWE,
Committee on Publication.

B. F. BENSON,
Secretary.

Obituary.

REV. JOHN ROBERTS.

REV. JOHN ROBERTS was born of Scotch-Irish parentage, May 3, 1818. In early boyhood he attended the Sabbath School and sat under the ministry of Rev. Dr. J. M. Duncan, of the Associate Reformed Church, in Fayette Street, Baltimore, Md. He had the highest admiration for Dr. Duncan, from whom he received many abiding impressions, and acknowledged himself his debtor while he lived. While yet a youth he changed his church attendance to St. John's, Liberty St., where he was awakened and brought to Christ. He afterward joined West Baltimore Station, from whence, in April, 1843, he joined the Itinerancy of the Maryland Conference.

In 1851 he married the daughter of J. B. Matthews, Esq., of Howard County, Md. This estimable lady, the companion of his itinerant toils, still lives to cherish his memory, and guide the steps of her two sons and two daughters.

Bro. Roberts was never in full, robust health, and for several years thoughts of superannuation troubled his mind. In Sept., 1875, he visited Baltimore on business, but was immediately attacked with what proved to be his death sickness, inflammation of the brain, at the residence of Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer; where, in spite of medical skill, and the constant attentions of Mrs. Roberts, and the intimate friends with whom he sojourned, he passed to his rest on the 20th of the same month. On the 22d his remains were taken to the depot, the pastors of the city acting as pall-bearers, and conveyed to Oak Grove Cemetery, Howard County, Md., where they were deposited, to await the resurrection power of the Lord of life and immortality. Rev. Dr. David Wilson, the President of the Conference, preached his funeral in Union Chapel, and was assisted in the services by Rev. W. T. Dumm, the pastor of that church. His death was calm and peaceful. He frequently referred to his approaching dissolution, and gave satisfactory evidence of a full preparation. To the President he said, "There is a land of rest. I must gather up my feet and depart."

As a man, Bro. Roberts' disposition was so mild and retiring as at times to amount to timidity; but when his courage was aroused, he was an opponent that required both skill and knowledge to compete with. His mind was analytical and logical; he was select in his reading, and usually mastered what he read; could use it to good effect, and yet he was what is called an original thinker.

As a Christian, his piety was uniform in its experience and manifestations; and in his intercourse with his people he was always the pious minister whose influence tended to godliness.

As a preacher he was decided in his positions, clear in his statements, and strong in his discussions; and his prepared sermons always commanded the admiration of the best intellects in his congregations. His Conference sermon won great applause, and has been pronounced "a model of fervid eloquence, and a clear and manly style." His ability as a preacher and his excellence as a Christian pastor may be inferred by his commanding so many of the better class of appointments during his ministry.

The Quarterly Conference of Liberty Circuit passed resolutions of respect to his memory, and the trustees of Western Maryland College have appointed a committee to prepare for them a proper notice of respect to his memory; but said report will not be made until too late for this obituary. We, however, insert the eulogy pronounced before the Liberty Quarterly Conference, by D. V. Hammond, Esq., one of the undersigned committee.

"*Bro. Chairman* :—This is the first meeting of the Quarterly Conference since the death of our beloved pastor. We are gratified, Sir, to have you with us as our presiding officer; but under existing circumstances, sadness and gloom pervade every heart present. We remember, Sir, that at the last session of this body Bro. Roberts was in his accustomed place. He occupied the position you now hold. This morning he is not here. We miss him. We hear not the familiar tones of his voice. We see not the congenial smile playing upon his open, manly countenance, and we feel not the cordial grasp of his friendly hand. We realize, sadly realize, that our pastor is no more.

"I cannot permit this occasion to pass without attempting, however feeble the effort, to pay a tribute to the memory of a departed friend and brother. Having known him for a longer period of time than any one present, having been honored with his acquaintance and friendship for thirty-seven years, it seems meet that I should assume the discharge of this melancholy duty. We were companions in our youth; for about five years in almost daily social intercourse, being members of the same church (St. John's), attached to the same Sabbath School, and members of the same debating society, where his power as a close, concise, logical reasoner was first brought to notice, contending as he did successfully in debate with such men as Rev. E. Y. Reese, Rev. S. K. Cox, Prof. R. H. Ball, E. O. Hinkley, Esq., and other gentlemen since distinguished whose names I cannot at this moment remember—in after years my frequent guest, and twice my pastor. I know not how to pay a more deserved tribute to his memory than in the "words of truth and soberness" to state, that during all these long years of unreserved confidential intercourse, in youth, maturity, and age, I have never known John Roberts to utter a sentence or do an act that should cause the blush of shame to mantle the cheek of the purest Christian. A truer friend, a purer man, a more uniformly consistent Christian I have never known.

"It is unnecessary for me to speak of his ability and faithfulness as a minister and pastor. His praises are sounded in all the region round about, both by saint and sinner, Protestant and Catholic. While he was so highly appreciated by the community in which he lived, himself he appreciated not. How frequently have I heard him deprecate his supposed inability to move the people; and yet, even outside the pulpit, by his genial manners and truly circumspect Christian deportment he was continually exerting an influence for good, even over those who seldom or never entered the sanctuary, the potency of which he little dreamed.

"But, my friends, while we are here in the sanctuary where he has so often broken to us the bread of life, deploring our loss, cherishing his memory, and calling to mind his many virtues, the body (the mortal part) of our pastor lies sweetly sleeping in the churchyard in an adjoining County, where loving hands have laid him; while the immortal part (the spirit) is now, no doubt, reaping the reward of a well-spent life, and is enjoying the rich fruition of eternal blessedness.

"The pastor, the husband, the father, is gone. He is beyond the reach of our aid—he needs it not; but while the pastor, the husband, the father, is gone, the church of his choice, for which he labored to the end—the wife of his bosom, and the little ones of his household—all the cherished objects of his affection remain.

"Let us substantially honor his memory by emulating his example as a Christian, extending to his loved ones our sympathy and protection, and cheerfully ministering to their temporal necessities, as he, the husband and father, so freely and faithfully ministered to our spiritual necessities."

L. W. BATES,
H. F. ZOLLICKOFFER,
E. J. DRINKHOUSE,
GEORGE VICKERS,
D. V. HAMMOND,

Committee.