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## EXPLANATORY.

In publishing the minutes for the fifty-first Session, the Conference has ordered some historical data to be included; hence the unusual size.

What is called the Historical Record, beginning at page 47, is an attempt to put the facts of the past fifty years in figures, and only so much is told as will thus condense.

It is not the most interesting way to write history, doubtless, nor is it by any means the easiest, but it happens to be in the present instance, the most practicable.

What is attempted here is:

1. A Conference Record, giving date and place of each Session; the President elected and the increase in the Conference and in the Church throughout the District for that year. In many cases the last has not been accurately estimated because there was no way to find out, but the figures are correct as far as they go. It is certain the church has, since its organization, received 45,323 members, but it is not certain no more have been received.

2. A Ministerial Record, by which is shown the Conference history of every minister at any time having connection with the Conference. His name is given in full, his first appointment with date, and so on to the close.

3. A Lay Record, or the names of all Delegates to the Conference, with the number of the Session attended attached. These numbers correspond to the first column in the Conference record.

4. A Record of the Churches. This is the converse of the Ministerial Record, giving first the name of the charge and then the names of the supply for each year.

The reader is led into this Sahara of figures, through the pleasant rhetoric of Rev. J. K. Nichols, D. D., formerly Vice President and Professor of Belles Lettres of W. M. College. This sermon deserves a better place and better company, but readers will be accordingly grateful.

Thanks are due Rev. S. B. Southerland, D. D., for his kindness in looking over the sheets before they went to press; and to Revs. Dr. Ward and Drinkhouse for access to valuable information.

T. H. LEWIS.

## MINUTES

OF THE

## FIFTY-FIRST SESSION

OF THE

## Maryland Annual Conference

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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 Fifty-First Session of the Maryland Annual Conference convened in the Methodist Protestant Church at Centreville, Md., Wednesday, March 12th, 1879, at 9 o'clock A. M., and was opened by the President, who read the 12th chapter of Hebrews, announced the 550th hymn and offered prayer.

After the calling of the roll of Ministerial members, David Wilson read the "Dead Roll." When the name of John Edgar Read was reached appropriate remarks were made by J. K. Nichols, S. B. Tredway, J. J. Murray, J. M. Holmes, D. Wilson, B. F. Benson, S. B. South-erland and A. D. Melvin.

Conference took a recess to hear the annual sermon by J. K. Nichols, from Numbers 23:23. and after this postponed the order of the day (election of President) to 4 P. M., and adjourned.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises led by E. R. McGregor. S. A. Hoblitzell and J. L. Straughn were appointed Committee on Credentials. On motion of J. D. Kinzer the Conference resolved to hold morning sessions from 9 to 12:30, and afternoon sessions from 3 to pleasure of Conference. The Committee on Credentials reported and the roll was completed as follows:—

### MEMBERS OF FIFTY-FIRST CONFERENCE.

#### MINISTERIAL.

1. Augustus Webster,	Ord'n'd.	1833	5. J. R. Nichols,	Ord'n'd.	1840
2. J. W. Everest,		1834	6. A. Baker,		1842
3. D. F. Ewell,		1839	7. L. W. Bates,		1842
4. J. K. Nichols,		1839	8. J. M. Elderdice,		1842

	Ord'n'd.		Ord'n'd.
9. S. B. Southerland,	1843	55. A. W. Mather,	1868
10. J. T. Ward,	1843	56. H. E. Miskimmon,	1868
11. P. L. Wilson,	1843	57. W. C. Lipscomb,	
12. R. S. Norris,	1844	58. I. T. Adkins,	1870
13. W. T. Dumm,	1845	59. W. A. Crouse,	1870
14. J. J. Murray,	1845	60. D. L. Greenfield,	1870
15. D. W. Bates,	1846	61. C. M. Thompson,	1870
16. T. M. Bryan,	1846	62. Thomas McCormick,	
17. D. A. Shermer,	1846	63. W. J. Floyd,	1871
18. T. D. Valiant,	1846	64. C. O. Melvin,	1871
19. T. A. Moore,	1847	65. F. T. Tagg,	1871
20. David Wilson,	1847	66. Henry Bruner,	1872
21. F. Swentze <sup>l</sup> ,	1848	67. J. L. Straughn,	1872
22. H. J. Day,	1849	68. J. L. Killgore,	
23. J. A. McFaden,	1849	69. E. R. McGregor,	
24. Jesse Shreeve,	1849	70. J. B. Butler,	1873
25. J. H. Ellegood,	1851	71. A. A. Harryman,	1873
26. Jeremiah Clay,	1852	72. R. L. Lewis,	1873
27. E. J. Drinkhouse,	1852	73. F. T. Little,	1873
28. Thomas Lee,	1852	74. W. J. Neeper,	1873
29. H. C. Cushing,	1853	75. T. O. Crouse,	1874
30. W. S. Hammond,	1853	76. W. R. Graham,	1874
31. C. H. Littleton,	1853	77. A. D. Melvin,	1874
32. J. T. Murray,	1853	78. S. B. Tredway,	1874
33. A. D. Dick,	1856	79. J. M. Yingling,	1875
34. W. G. Holmes,	1856	80. R. W. Berryman,	
35. James Thompson,	1856	81. G. F. Farring,	1876
36. B. F. Benson,	1859	82. D. N. Gilbert,	1876
37. C. T. Cochel,	1860	83. T. H. Lewis,	1876
38. J. E. T. Ewell,	1860	84. W. J. D. Lucas,	1876
39. S. A. Hoblitzell,	1860	85. F. H. Mullineaux,	1876
40. W. M. Strayer,	1860	86. G. J. Smith,	
41. J. E. Maloy,	1861	87. R. T. Smith,	1876
42. J. W. Charlton	1862	88. J. A. Weigand,	1876
43. J. B. Jones,	1862	89. G. Q. Bacchus,	1877
44. J. L. Mills,	1862	90. J. M. Sheridan,	1877
45. J. W. Gray,	1863	91. H. C. Stern,	1877
46. W. F. Livingstone,	1863	92. A. J. Walter,	1877
47. J. D. Kinzer,	1865	93. C. S. Arnett,	1878
48. W. D. Litsinger,	1865	94. A. C. Berryman,	1878
49. R. S. Rowe,	1865	95. Philip T. Hall,	1878
50. S. T. Ferguson,	1866	96. Walter W. White,	1878
51. S. T. Graham,	1866	97. T. A. King,	1879
52. J. T. Lassell,	1866	98. C. B. Middleton,	1879
53. J. M. Holmes,	1867	99. S. R. Murray,	1879
54. A. T. Melvin,	1867	100. J. W. Trout,	1879

## PROBATIONARY.

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. J. D. McFaden, | 6. D. W. Anstine, |
| 2. J. M. Brown,   | 7. F. C. Kline,   |
| 3. S. J. Smith,   | 8. J. L. Leilich, |
| 4. W. T. Valiant, | 9. A. D. Murray.  |
| 5. S. J. Willey.  |                   |

## LAY.

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|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| J. E. Nicholson,  | J. W. Stery,       | A. W. Nicodemus,   |
| A. W. Veitch,     | C. R. Berryman,    | B. Milburn,        |
| Dr. S. S. Ewell,  | H. W. Moore,       | Wm. Pulley,        |
| T. M. Flint,      | Wm. Dale,          | J. S. Crane,       |
| I. C. Baile,      | C. E. Stayton,     | Thos. H. Wright,   |
| Lewis Baile,      | John Smith,        | John Divers,       |
| S. C. Dill,       | W. N. Conoway,     | J. H. McGrath,     |
| T. A. Leonard,    | J. B. Mitchell,    | W. W. Walker,      |
| E. L. Williams,   | R. Vansant,        | W. T. Hammond,     |
| J. T. McCullough, | B. F. H. Caulk,    | J. L. Elderdice,   |
| J. J. Taylor,     | Jesse F. Chesney,  | Thos. Robinson,    |
| E. F. Boyer,      | D. N. Hahn,        | Wm. Hawkins,       |
| W. T. Darby,      | J. S. Scarborough, | W. H. Manly,       |
| J. S. Crowther,   | T. B. Marche,      | Jas. R. Caton,     |
| W. C. Hawkins,    | J. D. Cathell,     | Wm. H. Council,    |
| R. J. Darby,      | T. A. Newman,      | E. A. Hemmelright, |
| C. S. Dale,       | Geo. F. Kindley,   | A. Tabler.         |

The President read his Annual Report and his character was passed.

D. W. Bates was re-elected President for the ensuing year.

The Standing District Committee was elected as follows: J. T. Murray, D. Wilson, W. Dale, C. W. Button, W. B. Usilton, J. W. Thompson.

The Committee on Appeals was elected as follows: L. W. Bates, W. S. Hammond, B. F. Benson, C. W. Button, W. B. Usilton.

The President announced the following

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Bible Cause.*—J. K. Nichols, J. Shreeve, A. D. Melvin, W. Pulley, J. Divers.

*Boundaries.*—W. Dale, W. B. Usilton, W. W. Walker, G. F. Kindley, H. W. Moore, R. J. Walker, W. T. Hammond.

*Finance.*—W. S. Hammond, J. W. Gray, J. M. Holmes, B. F. H. Caulk, T. H. Wright.

*Fraternal Relations.*—D. Wilson, D. L. Greenfield, C. M. Thompson, I. C. Baile, R. Jones.

*Itinerancy and Orders.*—The Faculty of Instruction.

*Literature.*—L. W. Bates, A. T. Melvin, F. T. Tagg, C. W. Button, J. B. Mitchell.

*President's Report.*—J. T. Murray, S. T. Graham, F. T. Little, H. Swope, J. S. Crane.

*Ministerial Supply Outside of the District.*—S. B. Southerland, J. L. Killgore, W. J. Floyd, O. Hammond, W. H. Council.

*Missions.*—R. S. Norris, C. H. Littleton, W. M. Strayer, J. E. Nicholson, A. W. Nicodemus.

*Official Reports.*—R. S. Rowe, J. B. Jones, A. W. Mather, W. Hawkins, J. F. Chesney.

*Pulpit Services.*—J. D. Kinzer, J. A. Weigand, R. T. Smith.

*Sabbath Schools.*—J. T. Ward, C. T. Cochel, W. J. Neepier, J. McCullough, W. T. Joyce.

*Statistics.*—S. T. Ferguson.

*Superannuated Claimants.*—J. J. Murray, F. Swentzel, T. A. Moore, T. A. Newman, B. Milburn.

*Temperance.*—J. R. Nichols, H. E. Miskimmon, H. Bruner, J. W. Story, S. S. Ewell.

*Unfinished Business.*—A. D. Dick, W. G. Holmes, T. L. Miller.

*Western Maryland College.*—T. D. Valiant, E. R. McGregor, S. A. Hoblitzell, H. F. Zollickoffer, G. H. Erdman.

## SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, March 13th, 1879.

Devotional exercises led by G. W. Simpson.

The following officers were elected:—

A. W. Mather.....	Missionary Steward.
R. S. Rowe.....	Conference Steward.
J. E. Maloy.....	Superannuated Fund Steward.
B. F. Benson.....	Conference Secretary.
J. M. Holmes.....	Assistant Secretaries appointed by Secretary.
A. C. Berryman.....	

The President appointed special committees as follows:—

A. D. Melvin.....	College Collection.
W. D. Litsinger.....	Foreign Missionary Collection.
A. T. Melvin.....	Ministerial Educational Collection.

The following letters were received and referred to appropriate committees as follows:—First Church, Pittsburg, and J. L. Mills, Montgomery, Ala., referred to committee on Ministerial Supply outside of the district. From E. R. Washington, S. Carolina, referred to committee on Fraternal Relations. From R. W. Berryman and T. McCormick, referred to President. From J. Clay and Miss Isabel Hart, referred to the committee on Missions.

J. T. Murray delivered a message of greeting from Rev. W. C. Lipscomb, of Georgetown, and J. J. Murray brought affectionate remembrances from William Collier, D. D., of Pittsburg, which were appropriately responded to by the President.

S. B. Southerland announced the serious illness of John Smith, Esq., of Westminster, President of the Board of Trustees of Western Maryland College. He also brought a request from him for the prayers of the Conference. J. J. Murray led in prayer.

L. W. Bates presented a paper calling for a General Convention, which was made the order of the day for Saturday, 11 A. M.

J. T. Ward and J. B. Walker presented reports which were referred to committee on Western Maryland College.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises led by E. S. Rowe.

Standing committees on Foreign Missions and on Ministerial Education, each to consist of three ministers and two laymen, were ordered.

Rule 6th of Conference Manual was stricken out.

Communications from Mrs. John A. Clancy and Rev. C. H. Williams were referred to committee on Foreign Missions.

A paper was received from West Baltimore Station on Conference Entertainment and referred to special committee—C. W. Button, H. F. Zollikoffer, H. Swope.

## THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, March 14th, 1879.

Devotional exercises led by J. Thompson.

The following committees were announced :—

*Foreign Mission*.—J. T. Murray, E. J. Drinkhouse, S. T. Graham, C. W. Button, J. D. Cathell.

*Ministerial Education*.—J. T. Ward, P. L. Wilson, T. H. Lewis, John Divers, G. H. Erdman.

The Faculty of Instruction reported as follows :—

1st. We recommend for the Itinerancy, Arthur D. Murray, John L. Leilich, Daniel W. Anstine.

2nd. To be employed by the President, G. H. McFaden.

3rd. For Orders—S. R. Murray, J. W. Trout, C. B. Middleton, T. A. King, with the understanding in the case of Brother King that he will appear for examination on Church History during or before the next session of the Conference.

The report of committee on Unfinished Business was read and the items referred to the proper committees, viz :—1st and 3rd to committee on Missions, and 2nd to Conference Steward, who reported order complied with.

The committee on Fraternal Relations reported as follows :—

1. That Conference cordially welcomes the presence of Rev. Dr. A. Clark as fraternal messenger from Pittsburg Conference, and Revs. E. O. Ewing and J. F. Cowan of West Va. Conference.

2. That the public reception of all fraternal messengers and communications be made the order of the day, Saturday at 3½ P. M.

3. That the President be requested to reply in suitable terms of sympathy, &c. to the letters of Revs. M. J. Langhorne, Va., and E. R. Washington, S. C., and furnish messengers to represent this Conference at West Va. Conference and Pittsburg Conference.

The report of committee on President's Report was read, and 1st and 2nd items adopted as follows :—

1st. *Sub-Districts*.—The appointment of the Chairman of these Districts for the past year, a Committee to rearrange the Districts and to report upon the other suggestions under this head in the President's Report.

2nd. We commend the Camp Meeting Association of Maryland and District of Columbia to the favor of our people and open the way for the officers of the Association to represent its interests before this body. We also recommend the organization of a permanent Camp Meeting Association for the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Virginia and Delaware.

The 3rd item was referred to committee on Bible Cause, and the 4th and 5th to special committees.

The report of committee on Literature was adopted as follows :—

The committee on Literature having carefully examined the report of the Book Committee and accompanying paper submitted to them, take leave to say that they are satisfied of the correctness of all the statements therein made and and only regret that they are not as favorable in all respects as the committee could wish.

While the aggregate circulation of *The Methodist Protestant* has been slightly increased within the past two years, they note the mortifying fact that within the same period a loss of one hundred and thirty subscribers has been suffered in Maryland, to-wit:—One hundred loss reported at the last Conference, and thirty additional reported at the present session. Your committee would emphasize this fact in the hope that our Ministers and laymen—the former especially—may be induced to arouse themselves and exert their great influence in extending the circulation of the paper, not only for the reason that it needs additional patronage to place it upon a self-supporting basis, but for the additional reason that wherever our paper goes the sphere of our Church influence must be extended. These two considerations should surely incite our friends, but especially our ministers, to put forth their best efforts in this behalf. In this connection and with a view of prompting others to the discharge of their duty, your committee commend the self-sacrificing zeal and abundant labors of the Editor and Book Agent.

Your committee would also earnestly enjoin it upon our ministers and members to recommend to all of the Sabbath Schools under our influence, the Bible School, published by our Concern. This is the first effort that has been made by our Church to meet a long existing want of our denomination in connection with Sabbath Schools, and apart from other considerations, the relative cheapness of this publication should secure for it a large patronage.

Your committee cannot conclude this report without expressing their high appreciation of the favorable business arrangement existing between our Book Concern and W. J. C. Dulany, Esq., which ought to be mutually advantageous; and they think that as we have secured a certain prestige as the result of this arrangement, and have been relieved to a certain extent, from financial re-

responsibilities, we hold that it is the duty of our ministers and people to patronize Brother Dulany in the purchase of Sabbath School and other literature, and we earnestly recommend that this be done.

D. Wilson offered a paper on Conference Entertainment which was referred to a special Committee.

T. H. Lewis offered a paper which he proposed to have published with the minutes, setting forth in chronological order the history of the Ministers, Churches and Conference Meetings of the Maryland Conference for the past fifty years, which was referred to Committee on Literature.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional exercises led by J. L. Straughn.

J. R. Caton presented his appeal from the action of Alexandria Quarterly Conference which was referred to a special Committee

The accounts, in the case of the Norfolk Church were referred to the following auditing Committee: H. F. Zollickoffer, R. H. Gilbert, E. J. Drinkhouse.

The Committee on Boundaries made a partial report which was adopted as follows:

Item 1.—Separate Leipsic appointment from Leipsic Circuit, and make it a Station. The other appointments of Leipsic Circuit to be called Clayton Circuit.

Item 2.—Attach Mt. Carmel to Campbel Circuit and supplied by two ministers.

Item 3.—Divide Snow Hill Circuit, Franklin City, Girdletree Hill, Wattsville and Pittsville, formerly one circuit, to be called Franklin City Circuit; Snow Hill, Nassawongo and Baskettown to constitute Snow Hill Circuit.

Item 4.—Divide Kent Circuit, making of it three Stations, viz:—Chestertown, St. James and Kennedyville.

The following special Committees were announced:

*On Colored Members.*—S. B. Southerland, W. M. Strayer, C. T. Cochel, J. S. Crane, E. L. Williams.

*On Williamsport Church.*—L. W. Bates, J. J. Murray, J. W. Charlton, B. Milburn, J. B. Mitchell.

W. T. Dumm was placed on the superannuated list.

Committee on Ministerial Supply outside of the District reported as follows, which was adopted:—

The committee on Supply outside the District respectfully recommend the request of St. John's, Baltimore, First Church, Pittsburg, Montgomery M. P. Church, Ala. and Heathsville Circuit be granted, provided our home work will not be injured or in any way seriously affected by such compliance.

The hour of day having arrived, letters of fraternal greeting were read from J. G. Westfall, of the Pittsburg Conference, and George Nestor, of the W. Va. Conference, followed by fraternal addresses by Alexander Clark, Editor Methodist Recorder, E. O. Ewing, and J. F. Cowan, of the W. Va. Conference, which were responded to by the President.

Conference took a recess for a meeting of the Home Missionary Society.

#### FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, *March 15th*, 1879.

Devotional exercises led by J. M. Elderdice.

Auditing Committee reported and report adopted as follows:

The undersigned Committee appointed to audit the accounts in connection with Norfolk Mission Church, beg leave to report that they have performed the duty assigned them and find said accounts correct.

H. F. ZOLLICKOFFER,

E. J. DRINKHOUSE.

R. H. GILBERT.

A letter from Francis Brown, Charleston, S. C., was read and referred to the Committee on colored members.

A letter from J. E. T. Ewell was read and part of it referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on J. R. Caton's appeal reported and their report was adopted as follows:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. J. R. Caton, of the Alexandria Church, beg leave to report that in their judgment, the appeal should be sustained, for the reasons therein set forth; it being obvious that



the Quarterly Conference has no such powers as were assumed in the case cited; the members of the Church only, having the right to fix any term of probation—to extend the term, receive or exclude probationers

J. K. NICHOLS,  
S. B. SOUTHERLAND,  
C. W. BUTON.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Board of Ministerial Education report:

That they have examined the plan of this Board and the history of its work and are pleased with both. Although the Board has an invested fund of \$1,400 and the interest of the Allegheny Seminary Fund, which are used to sustain young men preparing for the Ministry in our Church, they find it necessary to ask contributions from the various Conferences.

1. We propose that to co-operate with this Board the Conference require each pastor to solicit contributions for this purpose at each appointment, once a year.

2. We suggest that Pastors and Quarterly Conferences recommend to this Conference to receive the aid of the Board only such young men as by character, health, piety and talents promise useful service to the Church.

The report of the Faculty of Instruction was adopted as follows:

The Faculty of Instruction beg leave to report as follows:—

1. S. J. Smith, J. M. Brown, Wm. T. Valiant and S. J. Willey have been passed to the second year class.

2. J. D. McFaden was passed on the studies of the first year, and Frederick C. Klein passed an approved examination in the first year's studies.

3. A. C. Berryman, who was ordained at our last session and who promised to continue his studies and appear for examination, duly appeared and passed with credit.

4. The following young brethren, desiring aid from the Board of Ministerial Education, appeared before the Faculty and were duly examined and recommended:—Wm. Franklin Roberts, Edwin Alonzo Warfield, Wm. Waters Dumm, John Montgomery Gill and Smallwood Columbus Ohrom. The examination embraced the points recommended by the Board, and was entirely satisfactory.

We recommend that the Board be asked for an appropriation of \$100 from September, 1878, to June, 1879, and \$125 from September, 1879, to June, 1880 for Wm. F. Roberts and John M. Gill. An appropriation of \$100 for each of the following named brethren.—E. A. Warfield, Wm. W. Dumm and S. C. Ohrom from September, 1879, to June, 1880.

We further recommend that Frederick C. Klein be continued in the College, and ask the Board to appropriate \$150 for his benefit for the year beginning September, 1879.

5. J. M. Holmes, W. M. Strayer and S. T. Graham were elected members of the Faculty and were assigned as follows:—Wayland's Moral Science, J. M. Holmes, Watson's Institutes—Moral Law—W. M. Strayer, Mosheim's Church History, 5th to 12th century, S. T. Graham.

The Committee on Superannuated Claimants read their report, which by rule, was laid on the table.

It was ordered that the Financial Statement of the Board of Missions in the case of the Norfolk Church be published in the minutes as follows:

Statement of the Board of Missions of Maryland Annual Conference: The exchange of Church properties contemplated at Norfolk, the last Annual Conference was effected in May, 1878. By it the Board was put in possession of property much more valuable than the old for our purposes and cash to the amount of \$1500. Rev. E. R. M'Gregor was appointed to that charge and the Mission is now on the road to success. The Treasurer's Report is as follows: The Missionary Society in account with Messrs. Burroughs & Bro.

1878.		By cash received in a change of property.....	\$1,500.00
May 14,	To Cash paid, recording deeds.....	\$ 6.40	
" 15,	" " fees, J. J. Burroughs.....	59.90	
" 16,	" " Graham's bill, painting.....	13.00	
" "	" " W. F. Walke, Insurance quotes...	149.66	
" 18,	" " Woods' note.....	100.00	
" 29,	" " Rev. E. R. M'Gregor.....	100.00	
" 31,	" " A. Meade Smith, Ins.....	31.21	
" "	" " Burroughs & Bro. fees.....	100.00	
" "	" " Alterations and repairs on new Church property,		
Items,	Gas fitting, &c.....	40.08	
"	Kalsomining, &c.....	58.00	
"	Glass and sundries.....	5.23	
"	Moving Church Furniture.....	3.50	
"	Work by Powell & Son, &c.....	19.85	
"	Carpenter's bill.....	220.00	
"	Old Gas bill.....	4.50	
"	Carpet for pulpit.....	11.40	
"	Upholstering pulpit sofa, &c.....	8.52	
"	Painter's bill.....	80.00	
"	Work by J. Driver.....	6.40	
"	Church organ (loan).....	40.00	
"	Rent of Masonic Hall.....	35.00	
"	Brackets.....	5.52	
"	Gillet's bill (pinnacles).....	23.75	
"	E. B. Bates, Atty.....	38.00	
"	E. R. M'Gregor.....	338.69	
			\$1,498.61
			\$1,500.00
			1,498.61
March	Balance.....		1.39

The report of Committee on Western Maryland College was adopted as follows:

Report of the committee on Western Maryland College:—

Your committee have received and examined documents relating to the interests of Western Maryland College as follows:—The report of the Board of Trustees; of the President of the College; a tabular statement of the agent of the College; and the report of the Educational Endowment Society, and would respectfully submit a few points. At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held in January last, it was shown that the session of the College just closing had been equal in result to any previous one; that there had been no increase of the College debt; that the income of the institution had been sufficient to defray all its current expenses and pay the interest on the debt; that the aid received from the State is the support of one student from each senatorial district, amounting in the aggregate to \$300 for each student per annum. The Board of Trustees express great satisfaction with the operations of the College Agent, Rev. J. B. Walker, and have arranged with him to continue his agency until the amount of the debt is canceled. The amount of the net indebtedness of the College to date is \$25,000.

The President of the College expresses great gratification with the presence of the State students at the College and highly commends their deportment, and says they are a great advantage in every way to the institution. He justly deplores the small number of Theological students, and earnestly anticipates a Theological course of study in the curriculum of the College. The number of

students enrolled from September, 1878, to March, 1879, is 129; of boarders there are 68, coming from 23 counties of Maryland and from the District of Columbia, and from other States. By the tabular statement of the Agent of the College it will be seen that of the \$25,000 proposed to be obtained in obligations, payable when the whole amount is secured, he has obtained \$15,000; besides this he has received promises as good as notes, only contingent on providential circumstances, amounting to \$2,513, and encouragements amounting to \$735, and cash \$174.43. These amounts have been secured at an expenditure of only \$612.59

From the report of the Secretary of the Educational Endowment Society we learn that its treasurer has received during the year the note of the Trustees of the College of \$1,149.92, embracing the amounts collected on the assessment plan for the years 1877-78, also the interest due on liens and notes, amounting to \$531.72 to July 1, 1878. The society passed the following resolutions, which are commended to the notice of the Conference:—"That all money paid this Society on account of the plan of the Board of Trustees of Western Maryland College for the payment of the entire debt of said College, shall be invested in registered 4 per cent. bonds of the United States until the entire amount of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay said debt, shall have been received by this Society in conformity with the plan aforesaid, and that the Treasurer, when necessary, is authorized to secure a vault in the Safe Deposit Company for the safe keeping of our investments. The securities at present held by the Society are—Liens, \$1,664.71; notes, \$3,519.02. Nothing on the assessment plan has been received during the year."

Your committee recommend that the Agent of the College be authorized to collect the amounts of the notes given on the \$25,000 plan by persons who are willing to pay them in anticipation of securing the whole amount, and pay them over to the Educational Endowment Society for investment, as contemplated by their resolution as above cited.

In view of the great success of the Agent of the College in obtaining securities against the College debt, your committee earnestly urge upon the Conference not to slack in enthusiasm in their efforts to push this enterprise to its successful consummation at the time set for it, next June. Also, your committee in behalf of the Conference would commend Rev. J. B. Walker to the co-operative sympathy of all our charges in this work until this work be finished. And, again, we must hold up to the Conference Western Maryland College as a specialty of earnest prayer, love and faith in its success as being an indispensable adjunct to our Methodist Protestant work of promoting religious liberty by educating and christianizing the people by our methods. In order to secure the speedy and final success of the College Agent in his mission, your committee for the Conference hereby appeal to our sister Conferences, especially West Virginia and the Southern Conferences, to second his efforts and authorize him to approach them in any way desirable to secure their co-operation.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was read as follows:

The committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report as follows:—

We recognize, with gratitude to God, the increased interest which has been awakened in the Sabbath School work by means of the attention and diligence of pastors, and the facilities afforded by the establishment of a paper specially devoted to this department of church work.

We recommend: 1. That pastors continue to devote special attention to their Sabbath Schools, and deem practicable special sermons to the young people of their charges and earnestly labor for the conversion of their souls.

2. That the Superintendent, officers and teachers give to the pastors their earnest and active co-operation in the instruction of the children, with a view to their spiritual benefit and that in varying the exercises of the school, regard be had to this end, rather than to that of their mere entertainment.

3. That we recommend that in each Sub-District Conference a Convention of the Sabbath Schools be held at least once a year.

4. That we recommend the use of the Sabbath School papers of our own church in preference to all others, viz: "Bible School," "Morning Guide," "Sunday School," "Child's Recorder," and that the school use the Shorter and Longer Catechism.

5. We recommend the appointment by this Conference of a suitable brother to act as corresponding secretary of Sabbath Schools.

The report was amended by adding to the last item: "and that T. H. Lewis be elected to fill the position, and that he be *ex-officio* Chairman of the Committee on Sabbath Schools," and then adopted.

The order of the day, the Call for a Convention was taken up and discussed.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises led by G. Q. Bacchus.

The Committee on Boundaries made an additional report, which was adopted as follows:

- 1st. Attach Lewistown Mission to Jefferson Circuit.
- 2nd. Divide Severn Mission. Form a Circuit of Ellicott City, White Ground and Simpsonville, to be called Ellicott City Circuit; leaving Severn, Gideon, Mt. Winans, Centralia and All Saints to constitute Severn Mission.

A paper from Susquehanna Circuit was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Collections for Ministerial Education reported as follows:

Report of Contributions to Board of Ministerial Education

A lady friend of St Johns, Balto	\$50.00	North Carolina Av. Washington	6.00
Liberty .....	22.38	1st Church, Washington.....	8.00
Washington Street, Baltimore...	46.62	Newark.....	10.34
Pipe Creek .....	34.56	Cecil .....	4.00
Finksburg .....	16.25	Rolandsville .....	7.00
Westminster .....	21.00	Centreville .....	23.50
Jefferson.....	16.80	Crumpton.....	.46
Frederick Circuit.....	25.95	Leipsic.....	1.00
Susquehanna.....	9.00	St. Michaels.....	2.17
Heathsville .....	17.32	Caroline .....	1.00
Warwick .....	27.10	Preston .....	.31
Howard .....	11.50	Dorchester.....	1.95
Starr Church.....	14.50	Seaford.....	1.00
West Baltimore.....	42.80	Milton .....	3.35
East Baltimore.....	12.10	Laurel .....	.71
Baltimore Circuit.....	8.00	Sussex .....	1.25
Anne Arundel.....	26.30	Whaleyville .....	2.00
Belair.....	39.50	Quantico.....	3.50
Fawn Grove.....	57.78	Somerset.....	21.57
Stewartstown .....	18.00	Pocomoke.....	1.00
Deer Creek.....	18.00	Accomac.....	.70
Kent Island.....	7.62	North West Mission.....	2.50
Chesapeake .....	12.55	Hampden .....	1.00
Kent Circuit.....	79.67	Severn .....	.75
Queen Annes .....	18.41	Alexandria .....	2.81
Eutaw.....	20.00	Campbell .....	1.00
Talbot .....	35.00	Surry .....	1.56
Easton .....	33.20	Middleway .....	.75
Georgetown .....	28.55	Rainsburg .....	1.00
9th Street, Washington.....	15.80	Bedford .....	2.50
Lynchburg .....	42.00	Williamsport & Berkeley.....	1.05
Total.....			\$942.99

A Resolution by J. R. Caton was referred to the following Committee.—J. J. Murray, J. T. Lassell and W. H. Council.

The Committee on Literature made an additional report, which was adopted as follows :

The committee on Literature, to whom was referred the proposition of Rev. T. H. Lewis respecting the publication of the minutes of this Conference for the present year, in a form and with such additions as must tend to make them more than usually interesting to the church and valuable as a his oric record of the Maryland Annual Conference, beg leave to express their hearty approval of the plan, and recommend that he arrange with the Conference Steward, the present committee on Publication of the Minutes, for their publication in the form proposed on the condition that Brother Lewis shall furnish copies of the same to the Steward for distribution to the different Stations, Circuits and Missions, according to the amount contributed by them, respectively, on the basis of sixteen cents per copy, he (Brother Lewis) assuming all risk of publication, it being understood that he will be permitted to sell copies enough to reimburse himself all expenditure in this behalf incurred.

As supplementary to the above we report the following, which we heartily commend for the consideration of the Conference :—

Your committee also take great pleasure in recommending *The Methodist Recorder*, our sister official paper, published at Pittsburg, under the able editorship of Rev. Alexander Clark, D. D. The hope is expressed that it shall share largely in our patronage, thus reciprocating the favor with which our own church organ has been received in the North and West through the generous recommendation of Dr. Clark. Mention must also be made of the Sabbath School Literature he edits: *The Morning Guide*, *The Sunday School* and *The Child's Recorder*. These, with our Bible School, make a complement of little papers which should receive the undivided support of our people.

Our attention has also been called to *The Methodist Protestant Magazine*, published at Adrian, Michigan, and edited by Prof. D. S. Stevens. In its enlarged and greatly improved condition we heartily recommend it to the patronage of the church.

A Letter from G. H. McFaden, President Ala. Conference was referred to Committee on Ministerial Supply outside the District.

The report of Committee on Conference Entertainment was adopted as follows :

The Special Committee to whom was referred the question of paying for the entertainment of our Annual Conference Assemblies in future, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the subject, and reached the conclusion that it would be injudicious to change the time honored custom of the Conference in this regard. The effect, as they believe, of the proposed change, would be, First: To diminish the attendance of Delegates and probably of Ministers, at our annual assemblies. Especially would this be the case as to Ministers and Delegates connected with our feeble Churches, who would thus be subjected to an additional expense that they might be unable or unwilling to bear. Ministers and Delegates from our stronger and more prosperous Churches might reasonably expect to be reimbursed their expenses in this behalf incurred; but it would be otherwise with those less favorably circumstanced. Besides; entertainment devolving daily expense upon Ministers and Delegates, would either impel the Conference to hurry through its business in an unseemly manner, or, have a tendency to lessen the attendance of the Delegates very early in the session.

Second: There is reason to fear these paid entertainments would seriously affect our annual collections for the Superannuated and Missionary cause—per-

haps to the extent of the amount paid by the members of Conference for their entertainment

Third: Under the proposed system it would be impossible to ever hold Conference in our smaller towns, like those of Centreville, Easton and Chestertown, for the reason that the lack of hotel and boarding house accommodation would preclude it; since the better class of people who, being "given to hospitality," usually open their houses for the free entertainment of Conference, would not do so for money. They would feel that they were insulted at the bare intimation of such a proposition.

Fourth: The local churches and communities would lose the benefit of their Christian intercourse between members of Conference and the families among whom they are distributed during the session, and many of the most pleasant social features and attractions of Conference would be lost by the proposed departure from our ancient usage.

Fifth: It would be a reflection upon the Methodist Protestant Church, a publication to the world that her people are no longer willing to provide a few days' entertainment for their representative men, including a faithful and illy-paid ministry, when assembled, at some sacrifice to themselves, to attend to the special and general interests of the Church

Sixth: The solitary example of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in adopting a system so utterly at variance with the custom of our own and other churches in this land, would bespeak a condition of things that our people should blush to own; and your committee therefore earnestly appeal to the honored laymen in this Conference to bring this matter prominently to the attention of their respective churches, and awaken a new interest upon the subject of Conference entertainment, to the end that this Conference may no longer feel embarrassed or humiliated by the thought that it will not be welcomed and cared for by any or all of our local churches able to provide free entertainment.

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

The committee on the Bible Cause beg leave to report the contributions from the various charges of the District as follows:—

Newark .....	\$3.65	Snow Hill.....	---
Chester .....	---	Pocomoke.....	1.00
Cecil .....	2.00	Newtown.....	---
Rolandsville .....	2.40	Chincoteague .....	---
Warwick .....	2.75	Accomac.....	40
Kent.....	2.50	Belair.....	1.80
Chesapeake.....	2.25	Deer Creek.....	1.00
Kent Island.....	73	Susquehana.....	2.35
Queen Anne's.....	2.18	Washington Street, Baltimore...	5.06
Centreville .....	6.76	East Baltimore.....	---
Crumpton.....	87	Starr Church.....	5.00
Leipsic.....	---	South Baltimore.....	1.50
Easton (Mrs. Reese, \$150.00).....	3.50	West Baltimore.....	7.00
St. Michaels.....	1.35	North West Mission.....	25
Talbot.....	3.04	Baltimore Circuit.....	3.00
Caroline.....	2.23	Eutaw.....	4.00
Preston.....	85	Hampden .....	25
Dorchester.....	2.20	Finksburg .....	2.54
Cambridge.....	---	Stewartstown .....	6.40
Seaford.....	3.25	Fawn Grove.....	1.02
Milton.....	5.00	Westminster .....	13.50
Laurel.....	75	Anne Arundel.....	92
Sussex.....	---	Seyern.....	85
Whaleyville.....	1.00	1st Church, Washington, D. C....	1.42
Salisbury.....	1.56	N. Carolina Av. " " .....	1.00
Union.....	1.50	9th street " " .....	---
Quantico.....	75	Georgetown, D. C.....	---
Somerset.....	75	Alexandria, Va.....	1.11

Potomac	40	Williamsport & Berkeley	50
Guilford	50	Harper's Ferry	4.04
Lynchburg	2.40	Middleway	2.75
Campbell	50	Cumberland	1.10
Mt. Carmel	---	Piedmont	---
Surry	1.00	Rainsburg	1.00
Norfolk	35	Bedford	1.50
Pipe Creek	3.00	Concord	1.60
Liberty	7.23	Lewistown	---
Jefferson	1.75	Middlebrook	---
Frederick	1.30	Heathesville	1.50
Frederick City	---	Mrs. Reese's donation	150 00
Howard	3.00		

We recommend the following for Life Directors of the Maryland Bible Society as designated by Mrs. T. A. Reese:—Revs. T. D. Valiant and F. T. Tagg, and W. J. Hopper, Esq.

For the other collections, \$120.92, we recommend F. Swentzel and W. M. Strayer for Life Directors, and J. B. Jones, Life Member. We also recommend that the pastors instead of paying local agents, bring the contributions of their charges to Conference that the Church may have both the credit and benefit of such contributions; and suggest to all Life Members and Life Directors to be careful to draw the Bibles to which they may be respectively entitled for gratuitous distribution, which they will find of great advantage to them in their pastoral work.

Judson Swift, Pastor of M. P. Church at Adrian, Mich. was introduced and addressed the Conference.

The Committee on Official Character and Reports, reported.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, March 17th, 1879.

Devotional exercises led by C. H. Littleton.

J. J. Murray being called away from Conference, J. T. Murray was placed in his stead on the Special Committee on J. R. Caton's resolutions.

The Committee on Williamsport Church reported as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Williamsport difficulty, after an examination of the case, have reached the conclusion that it would be well to place the matter in the hands of the President, for him to take counsel and manage the case according to his judgment, and respectfully so report.

L. W. BATES,  
J. T. MURRAY,  
J. W. CHARLTON,  
B. MILBURN,  
J. B. MITCHELL.

The call for a Convention was again discussed and brought to a vote on the first item which was rejected: yeas 38, nays 77.

The Committee on Colored Members reported as follows:

We recommend that this conference appoint a fraternal delegation to the colored conference, of the M. P. Church, to meet next May in Towsontown, to see what can be done in the way of co-operative work for the advancement of said work among the colored population of our district.

Recommended that our ministers be requested to extend to the local M. P. Churches, (colored) all the sympathy and co-operation consistent with the general interests of the church.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND,  
E. L. WILLIAMS,  
W. M. STRAYER,  
S. T. GRAHAM,  
C. T. COCHEL,  
Committee.

Paper from J. Clay was referred to Committee on Boundaries.

Committee on College Collections reported as follows:

COLLEGE COLLECTION.

Charges.	\$	cts.	
Newark			Pocomoke..... 2.00
Cecil	3.00		New-Town..... 3.25
Rowlandsville	4.37		Chincoteague..... .81
Warwick			Accomac.....
Kent			Bel-Air..... 1.00
Chesapeake	.75		Deer-Creek..... 2.80
Kent Island	3.00		Susquehana.....
Queen Anne's	6.59		Washington St.....
Centreville			East Baltimore.....
Crumpton	1.00		South Baltimore.....
Leipsic	2.30		West Baltimore.....
Easton	13.00		North West Mission.....
St. Michaels			Baltimore Circuit..... 5.00
Talbot	5.00		Eutaw..... 18.00
Caroline	4.00		Hampden..... 3.00
Preston	.47		Finksburg.....
Dorchester	1.00		Stewartstown.....
Cambridge			Fawn-Grove..... .65
Seaford			Westminster..... 5.00
Milton	4.00		Anne-Arundel.....
Laurel	.31		Severn.....
Sussex	3.00		First Church Washington..
Whaleyville	3.00		North Carolina Av.....
Salisbury			Ninth St.....
Union			Georgetown..... 11.50
Quantico	2.50		Alexandria..... 1.00
Somerset			Potomac.....
Snow-Hill	1.36		Guilford..... .50
			Lynchburg..... 90.00

Campbell.....	5.00	Harper's Ferry.....	1.00
Mt. Carmel.....		Middleway.....	
Surry.....	2.78	Cumberland.....	
Norfolk.....		Piedmont.....	
Pipe-Creek.....	5.00	Rainsburg.....	1.00
Liberty.....		Bedford.....	2.00
Jefferson.....	1.00	Concord.....	
Frederick.....		Lewistown.....	
Frederick City.....		Middlebrook.....	
Howard.....		Charleston.....	
Williamsport & Berkely... 1.00			
			\$221.94

The name of George W. Simpson was ordered to be published in the minutes as Chaplain in U. S. Army.

The committee on Temperance reported as follows:—

WHEREAS, A universal experience and observation disclose the unspeakable horrors consequent upon intemperance, and that the time has come for every lover of God and humanity to exert himself to the utmost of his ability against this giant evil, and in view of the fearful death-harvest annually gathered by this Demon, we declare ourselves in favor of every plan or means that will rescue the fallen from the filthy coils of this deadly monster, and save the innocent from his dangerous grasp; therefore

*Resolved*, 1st, That the ministers of this Conference use their utmost endeavors to cultivate a public sentiment in favor of temperance, and that they, with our people, co-operate as far as practicable with all temperance work.

2. That in our judgment no man can be a consistent Christian who will indulge in the use or sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

3. That we recognize in a Prohibitory or Local Option Law a strong hope of the temperance cause, and that we will encourage the same.

The assessment for Foreign Missions was referred to committee on Foreign Missions.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises led by J. F. Cowan.

The committee on Boundaries made an additional report which was adopted as follows:—

Set off an appointment in Perry County, Pa., to be called Perry Mission.

The report of committee on Foreign Missions was adopted as follows:

The committee on Foreign Missions recommend the following:—

1. That the assessment for Foreign Missions be twenty-five per cent. of as much as may be assessed as the salary of the President.

2. The formation of Women's Foreign Missionary Societies of the Methodist Protestant Church, according to the Constitution submitted with this report, and that said Constitution be published in the minutes.

3. That all Missionary organizations within the Maryland District which have been co-operating with other Missionary agencies, be earnestly solicited to transfer their interest and influence to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of our own denomination.

4. That a Conference Executive Committee be appointed having general oversight of the auxiliary societies, and to whom the auxiliaries shall make their reports; and that Miss Jane R. Roberts, of East Baltimore, Mrs. Mary J. Zollickoffer, of West Baltimore, Mrs. Mary A. Murray, of Georgetown, Miss Annie R. Yingling, of Westminster, Mrs. Angeline Drinkhouse, of Lexington Street, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Moore, of 9th Street Washington, and Mrs. Sarah Baynes, of Washington Street, Baltimore, be designated as said committee.

5. That we adopt the recommendation of the Board of Missions to the effect following:—That the third Sabbath in May in each year be set apart and observed throughout the whole Church as a "Children's Day," upon which the pastors and Sabbath-school superintendents are earnestly requested to hold special missionary services for the children, in all our Churches and Sabbath-schools, and take a special children's missionary collection in aid of our work. This action is not intended to supersede, or in any way interfere with the organization of "Juvenile Missionary Societies in the Sabbath-schools," as provided for by the rule of Discipline, but rather to supplement and aid such societies.

6. The committee make courteous acknowledgement of the reception of a letter from Isabel Hart, Corresponding Secretary of the Baltimore Branch W. F. M. S. of the M. E. Church and are gratified to hear of the good work accomplished by the society she represents.

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

ART. I.—NAME.—This Association shall be called "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church."

ART. II.—PURPOSE.—The purpose of this society is to unite the women of the Methodist Protestant Church in an effort to send out Missionaries, Bible readers and Teachers to women in heathen lands.

ART. III.—MEMBERSHIP.—The payment of one dollar shall constitute annual membership, and the payment of ten dollars at one time, life membership, and fifty dollars a Life Director.

ART. IV.—OFFICERS.—The officers of this society shall consist of a President, not less than three Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and not less than ten Managers. These shall constitute an Executive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the society, seven of whom shall form a quorum. These officers shall be elected annually at the meeting of the society.

ART. V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.—The President, and in her absence one of the Vice Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the society and of the Executive Committee. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the society and of its Executive Committee, and keep a record of the proceedings. The Corresponding Secretary, under the direction of the Executive Committee, shall conduct the correspondence of the society with foreign missionaries, and with other societies, and its auxiliaries (hereafter mentioned). It shall also be her duty to present to the annual meeting a report of the work of the society during the year. The Treasurer shall receive all contributions, keeping proper books of accounts, and shall make such disposition of the funds as the society may direct, each order being signed by the President and Secretary of the society.

ART. VI.—BOARD OF MISSIONS.—This society shall work in harmony and full sympathy with the Board of Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church, reserving to itself the right, however, to give direction to all its funds.

ART. VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.—Any number of women who shall contribute not less than ten dollars annually may form a branch auxiliary to this society, and be represented in its Board of Managers. Each auxiliary shall adopt its own by-laws.

ART. VIII.—RAISING FUNDS.—The funds of the society shall not be raised by public collections in our churches, but by securing members, life members, and managers, and in such other ways as the society may determine, and which shall not conflict with the regular collections for the Board of Missions.

ART. IX.—ALTERING THE CONSTITUTION.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the society by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

The Committee on Foreign Missionary Collections made his report which was adopted as follows :

Report of Collector of Home and Foreign Missionary Collections :

Warwick.....	\$ 7.59	Susquehana.....	4.00
First Church Washington.....	1.50	Seaford.....	1.10
Anne Arundel.....	4.43	Howard.....	4.00
Heathsville.....	10.00	Finksburg.....	7.20
Harper's Ferry.....	.25	Leipsic.....	5.16
Talbot.....	5.00	Lynchburg.....	13.00
Kent.....	7.75	Starr Church.....	20.00
North Carolina Av.....	.25	Caroline.....	13.56
Accomac.....	1.25	Laurel.....	2.25
Baltimore Circuit.....	3.58	Fawn Grove.....	2.12
Stewartstown.....	6.25	Deer Creek.....	1.90
Milton.....	2.52	Quantico.....	2.00
Williamsport and Berkeley.....	5.07	Preston.....	.24
Chesapeake.....	2.75	Belair.....	8.00
Alexandria.....	5.00	Queen Anne's.....	6.70
Pocomoke.....	2.00	Campbell.....	2.66
Hampden.....	2.00	Dorchester.....	.68
Easton.....	10.00	Lewistown.....	1.00
Cumberland.....	5.00	Pipe Creek.....	4.00
Kent Island.....	5.00	Bedford.....	3.00
Potomac.....	1.00	Georgetown.....	12.61
Liberty.....	8.25	Crumpton.....	.52
Eutaw.....	6.00	Newark.....	6.00
Westminster.....	7.43	Cecil.....	3.00
Somerset.....	3.04	Whaleyville.....	2.30
Surry.....	1.38	Jefferson.....	28.94
Middleway.....	3.00	Rolandsville.....	2.25
Frederick Ct.....	10.25	Susquehana Ct.....	.80
Rainsburg.....	.50	Collected at Conference meeting.....	5.00
West Baltimore.....	14.88		62.64
Total.....			\$369.51
Collected March 17th.....			25.18
			\$394.69

All of which is respectfully submitted,  
W. D. LITSINGER, Collector.

Miss Guthrie, Missionary from Japan, being present by invitation, was introduced to the Conference and addressed the body at length on Missionary work in Japan.

The Home Missionary Steward reported as follows:

MISSIONARY STEWARD'S REPORT.

CHARGES.	Assessment.	Paid.	Deficiency.	Excess.
1 Accomac.....	\$15.00	\$12.21	\$2.89	
2 Alexandria.....	20.00	20.00		
3 Anne Arundel.....	54.00	34.35	19.65	
4 Baltimore.....	40.00	28.60	11.40	
5 Bedford.....	42.00	12.00	30.00	
6 Belair.....	54.00	22.77	31.23	
7 Cambridge.....				
8 Campbell.....	15.00	15.00		
9 Caroline.....	35.00	28.31	6.69	
10 Cecil.....	35.00	15.00	20.00	
11 Centreville.....	42.00	25.00	17.00	
12 Chesapeake.....	21.00	15.00	6.00	
13 Chester.....				
14 Chincoteague.....	5.00	5.00		
15 Concord.....	17.00	20.00		3.00
16 Crumpton.....	10.00	10.00		
17 Cumberland.....	20.00	15.00	5.00	
18 Deer Creek.....	15.00	15.00		
19 Dorchester.....	35.00	32.88	2.12	
20 East Baltimore.....	85.00	57.62	27.38	
21 Easton.....	68.00	53.60	14.40	
22 Eutaw.....	20.00	20.00		
23 Fawn Grove.....	25.00	10.00	15.00	
24 Finksburg.....	35.00	7.00	28.00	
25 1st Church, Washington, D. C.....	45.00	10.00	35.00	
26 1st Church, Pittsburg, Pa.....	55.00	No Report	55.00	
27 Frederick.....	42.00	30.14	11.86	
28 Frederick City.....	15.00	1.80	13.20	
29 Georgetown.....		Supports a	Mis'onary	
30 Guilford.....	5.00	1.34	3.66	
31 Hampden.....	15.00	5.00	10.00	
32 Harper's Ferry.....	10.00	7.75	2.25	
33 Heathsville.....	17.00	20.00		3.00
34 Howard.....	42.00	42.00		
35 Jefferson.....	40.00	30.00	10.00	
36 Kent.....	130.00	85.00	45.00	
37 Kent Island.....	10.00	10.00		
38 Laurel.....	25.00	4.03	20.97	
39 Leipsic.....	35.00	26.14	8.86	
40 Lewistown.....	10.00	3.12	6.88	
41 Liberty.....	42.00	33.18	8.82	
42 Lynchburg.....	42.00	42.00		
43 Middlebrook.....	No Report			
44 Middleway.....	"	"		
45 Milton.....	15.00	15.00		
46 Montgomery, Ala.....	25.00	10.00	15.00	
47 Mt. Carmel Va.....	5.00	No Report	5.00	
48 Newark.....	40.00	21.79	18.21	
49 Newtown.....	50.00	16.00	34.00	
50 Ninth St. Washington, D. C.....	30.00	10.00	20.00	
51 Norfolk.....	10.00	10.00		
52 North west Mission, Balto., Md.....	45.00	8.45	36.55	
53 N. O. Ave. Washington D. C.....	17.00	17.00		
54 Piedmont.....	15.00	No Report	15.00	
55 Pipe Creek.....	55.00	20.00	35.00	

MISSIONARY STEWARD'S REPORT—Continued

CHARGES.	Assessment	Paid.	Deficiency.	Excess.
56. Pocomoke.....	30.00	10.00	20.00	
57. Potomac.....	10.00	5.00	5.00	
58. Preston.....	16.00	2.50	13.50	
59. Quantico.....	20.00	7.50	12.50	
60. Queen Anne.....	35.00	21.08	13.92	
61. Rainsburg.....	10.00	5.00	5.00	
62. Rowlandsville.....	15.00	22.00		7.00
63. Salisbury.....	15.00	4.00	11.00	
64. Seaford.....	20.00	13.50	6.50	
65. Severn.....	20.00	6.97	13.03	
66. Snow Hill.....	20.00	10.03	9.97	
67. Somerset.....	46.00	26.63	19.37	
68. South Baltimore.....	30.00	5.00	25.00	
69. Starr Church.....	105.00	55.00	50.00	
70. Stewardstown.....	38.00	20.50	17.50	
71. St John's.....	50.00	No Report	50.00	
72. St. Michaels.....	28.00	30.00		2.00
73. Surry.....	20.00	4.00	16.00	
74. Susquehanna.....	46.00	27.13	18.87	
75. Sussex.....	12.00	12.25		.25
76. Talbot.....	25.00	18.00	7.00	
77. Union.....	25.00	4.50	20.50	
78. Warwick.....	50.00	48.50	1.50	
79. Washington Street.....	34.00	8.85	25.15	
80. West Baltimore.....	54.00	61.07		7.07
81. Westminster.....	100.00	43.47	56.53	
82. Whaleyville.....	25.00	10.00	15.00	
83. Williamsport and Berkely.....	18.00	2.47	15.23	
	\$2,512.00	1,438.93	\$1,095.39	22.32
Received at Anniversary.....		89.47		
Collection of Dues.....		52.50		
Total amount of Collections.....		\$1,580.90		

MISSIONS.	Appropriations.	Paid.	Deficiency.
Alexandria.....	\$150.00	\$ 66.50	\$ 83.50
Chincoteague.....	100.00	44.34	55.66
Frederick City.....	150.00	39.02	110.98
Harper's Ferry.....	100.00	44.34	55.66
Kent Island.....	100.00	44.34	55.66
N. Carolina Av. Washington...	175.00	77.59	97.41
N. West Mission, ground rent	250.00	110.67	139.33
Severn.....	325.00	144.09	180.91
St. Michaels.....	200.00	89.68	110.32
Sussex.....	50.00	22.17	27.83
Totals.....	\$1,600.00	\$682.74	\$917.26

MISSIONARY STEWARD'S REPORT—Continued

EXHIBIT.

Cash from Charges.....	\$1,438.93
“ “ Anniversary.....	89.47
“ “ Dues.....	52.50
	\$1,580.90
Paid for Check Book for Treasurer.....	\$ 1.50
“ Book Concern for Certificates, &c.....	17.08
“ Steward for money advanced in 1878.....	35.00
“ Missions for 1877.....	844.00
“ “ 1878.....	682.74
“ for Check Stamps.....	.24
	\$1,580.56
Balance in hands of Steward.....	\$ 34

A. W. MATHER, Missionary Steward

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, March 18th, 1879.

Devotional exercises led by F. H. Mullineaux.

The following, offered by W. J. Neepier, was adopted:—

Resolved, That we hereafter conduct our Anniversary exercises of the Missionary and Superannuated Fund Societies in connection with business meetings of said societies, and dispense with addresses and extra collections on said occasions.

The committee to re-arrange the Sub-Districts made their report which was adopted as follows:—

1. That the question of the number of sessions to be held during the year be referred to the several Sub-District Conferences.
2. That unstationed ministers be recognized as members of said Conferences.
3. That No. 4 be Lynchburg, Campbell, Surry and Norfolk, and consolidate the remainder of No. 4 with No. 3 as Sub-District No. 3.

The committee on Missions made their report which was adopted as follows:—

ASSESSMENTS.

East Baltimore.....	\$ 85.00	Laurel.....	25.00
West Baltimore.....	54.00	Easton.....	68.00
South Baltimore.....	30.00	Centreville.....	42.00
Washington St.....	34.00	Anne Arundel.....	54.00
North-Western Mission.....	35.00	Baltimore Circuit.....	40.00
Starr Church.....	105.00	Belair.....	54.00
1st Church, Washington.....	45.00	Bedford.....	42.00
Westminster.....	100.00	Caroline.....	35.00
Cumberland.....	30.00	Cecil.....	35.00

Chesapeake	21 00	Eutaw	30 00
Concord	17.00	Hampden	15.00
Dorchester	35.00	Harper's Ferry	5.00
Frederick Circuit	42 00	Preston	20.00
Finksburg	35 00	Middleway	15.00
Howard	42 00	Sussex	10.00
Leipsic	15.00	Newark	40.00
Chestertown	70 00	Accomac	20.00
Liberty	42.00	Kent Island	15.00
Milton	15.00	Fawn Grove	25.00
Somerset	46.00	Frederick City	.....
Stewardstown	38.00	Lynchburg	42.00
Newtown	40.00	Norfolk	10 00
Pipe Creek	55.00	Heathsville	17.00
Queen Anne's	35.00	Montgomery, Ala.	.....
Snow Hill	15.00	North Carolina Avenue	.....
Seaford	20.00	Crumpton	10 00
Susquehanna	46.00	Deer Creek	15.00
Talbot	35.00	Surry	20.00
Unien	25 00	1st Church, Pittsburg	.....
Pittsville	25.00	St. Johns	50.00
Pocomoke	30.00	Chincoteague	5.00
Warwick	50.00	Campbell	15.00
Quantico	20 00	Dames' Quarter	5.00
Jefferson	40.00	Rowlandsville	15.00
Rainsburg	10.00	Piedmont	15.00
Alexandria	5.00	Franklin City	18.00
9th Street, Washington	30.00	Severn	15.00
St. Michaels	28 00	Perry County Mission	10.00
Williamsport and Berkeley	18 00	St. James	50.00
Potomac	10.00	Kennedyville	10.00
Guilford	5.00	Clayton	20.00
Salisbury	5.00		
Elicott City	18 00		
			\$2,332.00

APPROPRIATIONS.

To provide for deficiency of last year	\$917.26	N. Carolina Ave., No Appro'n	.....
Norfolk	250.00	Chincoteague	100.00
Potomac	50.00	Severn	225.00
Salisbury, No Appropriation	.....	Kent Island, No Appropriation	.....
Alexandria, "	.....	St. Michaels	150.00
Sussex	50.00	Frederick City, No. Appro'n	.....
Harper's Ferry	100.00	Newark No Appropriation	.....
N. West Mis'n for pastor's sal'y	150.00		
			\$1,992.29

RESOLUTIONS.

1st. That the old property of the North West Mission be sold, or surrendered to the Board of Beneficence if they will accept it, on or before the first of July next.

2nd. That the Board of Managers of the Home Missionary Society are hereby authorized to securely invest the building fund, and that we cannot regard the expenditure of said money on the Lexington Street Church, or any other church property now in our possession as a secure investment.

3rd. That the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society are hereby authorized to lease a lot for the New Chapel.

4th. That the large deficiency enforces the recommendation made last year, that every Pastor be required to do his utmost to collect the full amount of this assessment whatever difficulties may arise in his charge.

On motion the fifteen dollars assessed to Middleway was ordered to be paid to Missionary at Norfolk.

The Conference raised by voluntary subscription the sum of \$140.00 for the same purpose and constituted E. J. Drinkhouse, Treasurer, to receive and forward the same.

The committee on Colored Members reported that they had received \$70 from F. Brown, of Charleston, S. C., which they had divided equally between the Superannuated Fund and Home Missionary Societies.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises led by H. Bruner.

A paper from the President was referred to the following committee: J. T. Murray, T. D. Valiant, H. F. Zollickoffer.

The committee on Fraternal Relations reported as follows:—

The Committee on Fraternal Relations, respectfully report:

That they have heard read with great pleasure, the letter of Rev. Josiah Clift, one of the Fraternal Messengers of the Virginia Annual Conference, accredited to this Conference, and respectfully recommend the appointment of Fraternal Messengers from this body to the ensuing session of the Virginia Annual Conference.

DAVID WILSON, Chairman.

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

The committee on Superannuated Claimants beg leave to report as follows:—

For the Conference Superannuated Collection we report the following appropriations upon the disciplinary basis:—

Thomas Lee	\$400.00	Mrs. F. G. Wright	\$200.00
H. J. Day	550.00	" Catharine Roby	200.00
G. A. McFaden	550.00	" Elizabeth Boyd	200.00
J. H. Ellegood	400.00	" C. A. Read	250.00
Mrs. W. C. Ames	400.00	" S. G. Wilson	200.00
" S. G. Valiant	200.00	Thomas M. Bryan	400.00
" G. D. Hamilton	200.00	J. W. Everist	200.00
" John Roberts	300.00	Mrs. A. S. Eversole	200.00
" D. E. Reese	200.00	" A. M. Bowers	350.00
" L. A. Collins	200.00	" M. A. Varden	200.00
" M. A. Eversole	450.00	Dr. D. F. Ewell	500.00
" M. H. Whiteside	200.00	Mrs. Wm. T. Wright	200.00
" Ann Greenaway	250.00	W. T. Dumm	550.00

Your committee further report the following claimants upon the appropriation of the income from the Superannuated Fund Society for the coming year:—



Thomas Lee.....	\$150.00	Mrs. Catharine Roby.....	\$150.00
H. J. Day.....	150.00	“ Elizabeth Boyd.....	125.00
J. A. McFaden.....	300.00	“ C. A. Reed.....	100.00
J. H. Ellegood.....	150.00	“ S. J. Wilson.....	125.00
Mrs. W. C. Ames.....	325.00	Rev. T. M. Bryan.....	150.00
“ S. G. Valiant.....	75.00	“ J. W. Everist.....	100.00
“ G. D. Hamilton.....	150.00	Mrs. A. M. Bowers.....	125.00
“ John Roberts.....	250.00	Dr. D. F. Ewell.....	250.00
“ D. E. Reese.....	250.00	Mrs. Wm. T. Wright.....	125.00
“ L. A. Collins.....	125.00	W. T. Dumm.....	300.00
“ M. A. Eversole.....	250.00	Full amount of appropri-	
“ M. H. Whiteside.....	125.00	ations from income of Su-	
“ Ann Greenaway.....	125.00	perannuated Fund Soci-	
“ F. G. Wright.....	75.00	ety for the coming year..	4,100.00
“ M. A. Varden.....	50.00		

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The following resolution was passed:—

On motion, *Resolved*, That the first paragraph under the head of “1871-1874,” page 44 of Manual, be amended as follows: Strike out all after the word shall, in line 5, and insert the following: Deprive you of any portion in the distribution of said fund, this year.

J. B. Butler and C. O. Melvin were left without appointments for one year at their own request.

The following was adopted on motion of F. T. Tagg:

*Resolved*, That this Conference abolish the College Assessment.

The Faculty of Instruction submitted the following additional report:

Joseph William Kirk—18 years of age—will need aid from the 1st of September, \$100.

The Special Committee on J. R. Caton’s resolution reported as follows:

That they deem it inexpedient to make the general change in respect to the government of Missions, contemplated by said resolutions.

That, in their opinion, the law regulating the election of Stewards, entitles qualified members on Missions if present at the election of the Quarterly Conference to vote.

The last item was referred to the next Conference.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

1st. They have examined the furnished Statements of J. N. Gilbert, the Conference Agent of the Presidential Parsonage with the accompanying vouchers and found them correct.

2nd. They recommend that J. N. Gilbert be tendered the thanks of the Conference for his services, and be continued in the position.

3d. They herewith recommend that the President’s salary be assessed upon the District as follows:

<i>President's Salary.</i>		<i>President's Salary.</i>	
East Baltimore.....	\$ 45.00	Guilford.....	10.00
West Baltimore.....	40 00	Stewartstown.....	30.00
South Baltimore.....	25 00	Susquehanna.....	35.00
Washington Street.....	30 00	Talbot.....	25 00
Starr Church.....	50 00	Queen Anne's.....	25 00
Georgetown.....	80.00	Crumpton.....	15.00
North-West Mission.....	15.00	Whaleyville.....	40.00
Newtown.....	40.00	Alexandria.....	25.00
Westminster.....	50 00	1st Church, Washington.....	35 00
Easton.....	40 00	9th Street, Washington.....	35 00
Norfolk, Va.....	15 00	Potomac.....	15.00
Laurel, Del.....	30 00	St. Michaels.....	20 00
Deer Creek.....	15 00	Sussex.....	10 00
Baltimore Circuit.....	40 00	Salisbury.....	15.00
Chestertown.....	35 00	Frederick City Mission.....	10.00
Bedford.....	30 00	St. John's.....	50 00
Rainsburg.....	20 00	Surry.....	10.00
Howard.....	50 00	Seaford.....	20.00
Caroline.....	60 00	Warwick.....	45.00
Cambridge.....	15 00	Snow Hill.....	15.00
Concord.....	30.00	Newark.....	45 00
Dorchester.....	35.00	Accommac.....	15.00
Frederick.....	50 00	Harper's Ferry.....	10.00
Liberty.....	50 00	Centreville.....	30 00
Milton.....	20 00	Fawn Grove.....	30 00
Union.....	25.00	Kent Island.....	20.00
Pipe Creek.....	40.00	Heathsville.....	20 00
Pocomoke.....	25 00	Chincoteague.....	5.00
Somerset.....	30 00	Quantico.....	20.00
Cumberland.....	25 00	Preston.....	15.00
Lynchburg.....	45.00	Middleway.....	15 00
Eutaw.....	20 00	Williamsport and Berkeley.....	10 00
Hampton.....	15 00	St. James.....	35.00
Anne Arundel.....	45.00	Kennedyville.....	10 00
Belair.....	40 00	Clayton.....	20 00
Pinksburg.....	40.00	Franklin City.....	20.00
Jefferson.....	40.00	Elicott City.....	10.00
Cecil.....	30.00	Piedmont.....	15 00
Cheapeake.....	20.00	Montgomery, Ala.....	15.00
Leipsic.....	20.00	N. Carolina Ave. Mission.....	10 00
Middlebrook.....	15.00	Campbell.....	13.00
Severn.....	10 00		
Rowlandsville.....	15.00		\$2 278.00

Of this amount (\$2,278) the President is required to pay \$278 on the ground rent and other expenses of the Presidential parsonage.

The second Wednesday in March, 1880 was selected as the time for holding the next session of this Conference.

The following Resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That if no invitation for the entertainment of the 52nd Maryland Annual Conference be received by the President on or before the 1st day of November, proximo, he shall, in conjunction with the Standing District Committee, appoint a place and notify the District thereof, through the METHODIST PROTESTANT, that the respective Quarterly Conferences may make provision for the entertainment of their own ministers and representatives.

Conference adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Devotional exercises led by W. J. Neepier.

On motion of C. W. Button, Mount Carmel was stricken from the list of appointments.

The committee on Statistics reported as follows:—



REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—Continued.

CHARGES.	Members.	Prothoners.	Colored Members.	Members Received.	Members Deceased.	Members Withdrawn.	Members Removed.	Members Discontinued.	Increase of Members.	Decrease of Members.	Ministers Unstationed.	Preachers.
Harper's Ferry	16	011	099	36	21	2	2	8	22	65	1	1
Seyvern	170	11	11	28	1	8	8	10	22	87	1	1
Rowlandsville	226	6	4	34	2	1	1	2	2	81	1	1
Surry, Va.	44	91	48	6	2	1	1	2	6	26	1	1
Crumpton	68	104	47	12	1	2	1	2	69	81	1	1
Williamsport	104	2	2	4	4	7	1	1	69	69	1	1
Fawn Grove	51	6	1	81	1	1	1	1	7	7	1	1
Sussex	91	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	1
Salisbury	99	1	1	8	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	1
Chincoteague	95	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Berkeley	76	1	1	8	2	2	2	2	4	4	1	1
Campbell	76	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mt. Carmel	98	1	1	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	1	1
Rainsburg	98	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Heathsville	98	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Middleway	98	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
St. John's, S. C.	56	11	11	28	1	2	2	8	92	92	1	1
	56	11	11	28	1	2	2	8	92	92	1	1
	56	11	11	28	1	2	2	8	92	92	1	1

Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.

John Light.  
E. M. Cathcart.  
J. P. Penuel.  
S. Lee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS—Continued.

CHARGES.	Members.	Our Morning Guide taken.	Bible School taken.	Other S. S. Papers taken.	Volumes in Library.	Conversions.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Officers.	Number of Sab. Schools.	Amount of Church Debts.	Value of Ch. Property.	Church Periodicals.	Number of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.
Alexandria	18	100	100	100	408	18	150	19	5	1	\$	\$12,000	13	1	1
East Baltimore	600	75	120	40	600	17	175	20	5	1	25,000	25	25	1	1
West Baltimore	250	75	120	40	450	11	128	16	4	1	21,000	27	10	1	1
South Baltimore	500	30	100	30	250	11	100	15	4	1	11,000	10	10	1	1
Centreville	500	60	30	60	500	10	220	11	3	1	10,000	7	7	1	1
Cumberland	100	70	70	60	100	8	80	30	7	1	4,800	11	11	1	1
Eutaw	8	200	200	20	700	8	350	38	4	2	40,000	22	22	2	2
Georgetown	4	80	80	1	280	4	168	16	5	1	6,000	7	7	1	1
Laurel	4	100	100	1	200	4	90	15	5	1	13,000	35	35	1	1
North Carolina Avenue	4	55	140	55	340	1	100	18	5	1	10,000	4	4	1	1
Lynchburg	42	160	160	1	500	4	310	27	9	1	14,000	4	4	1	1
North-West Mission	4	40	40	1	830	4	148	22	7	1	10,000	13	13	1	1
Newark	18	89	150	89	400	6	178	19	5	1	35,000	18	18	1	1
Ninth St.	22	75	100	75	250	22	222	23	7	1	43,000	13	13	1	1
Starr Church	14	100	100	100	350	14	153	17	6	1	10,000	6	6	1	1
First Church, Washington	14	100	100	100	400	14	135	17	7	1	16,000	42	42	1	1
Washington Street	14	100	100	100	400	14	150	20	8	1	18,400	25	25	1	1
Westminster	14	100	100	100	400	14	150	20	8	1	15,000	25	25	1	1
Anne Arundel	14	100	100	100	400	14	150	20	8	1	4,000	3	3	1	1
Boston	14	100	100	100	400	14	150	20	8	1	8,000	4	4	1	1
Norfolk	14	100	100	100	400	14	150	20	8	1	8,000	4	4	1	1
Hampton	14	100	100	100	400	14	150	20	8	1	8,000	4	4	1	1
Accomac	14	100	100	100	400	14	150	20	8	1	9,000	13	13	1	1
Belair	14	100	100	100	400	14	150	20	8	1	9,000	13	13	1	1
Baltimore	14	100	100	100	400	14	150	20	8	1	9,000	13	13	1	1
Bedford	14	100	100	100	400	14	150	20	8	1	12,200	37	37	1	1
Caroline	14	100	100	100	400	14	150	20	8	1	11,400	11	11	1	1
Cambridge	14	100	100	100	400	14	150	20	8	1	7,000	11	11	1	1
Cecil	14	100	100	100	400	14	150	20	8	1	11,400	11	11	1	1
Chesapeake	14	100	100	100	400	14	150	20	8	1	7,000	11	11	1	1
Concord	4	15	60	14	100	4	302	30	8	1	160,000	11	11	1	1



The Conference Steward made his report as follows :

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARD.

CHARGES.	President's Salary.	Conference Incidental Collection.	Salary of Pastor.	Salary of Assistant.	Amount Paid.	Received from other Sources.	Deficit.
Accomac.....	%15.00	%.65	%450.00	.....	% 450.00	.....	.....
Alexandria.....	25.00	1.00	550.00	.....	550.00	%150.00	.....
Anne Arundel.....	50.00	.87	700.00	.....	700.00	.....	.....
Baltimore Circuit.....	40.00	2.20	800.00	%200.00	757.01	.....	242.99
Bedford.....	30.00	1.25	400.00	.....	340.00	.....	60.00
Belair.....	23.75	1.70	700.00	.....	625.00	.....	75.00
Cambridge.....	No Report.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Campbell, Va.....	15.00	2.00	240.00	.....	215.00	4.03	25.00
Caroline.....	60.00	1.77	600.00	200.00	700.00	.....	100.00
Cecil.....	25.00	1.20	700.00	.....	520.00	.....	180.00
Centreville.....	30.00	3.06	700.00	.....	700.00	.....	.....
Chesapeake.....	20.00	2.50	530.00	.....	468.00	.....	62.00
Chester, Pa.....	No Report.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chincoteague.....	5.00	.36	224.00	.....	98.00	.....	126.00
Concord.....	25.00	1.12	475.00	.....	475.00	.....	.....
Crumpton.....	15.00	.25	325.00	.....	325.00	.....	.....
Cumberland.....	25.00	1.00	500.00	.....	500.00	.....	.....
Deer Creek.....	15.00	1.00	400.00	.....	400.00	.....	.....
Dorchester.....	25.00	1.55	600.00	200.00	665.00	.....	135.00
East Baltimore.....	50.00	1.00	1,200.00	.....	1,200.00	.....	.....
Easton.....	40.00	5.00	800.00	.....	800.00	.....	.....
Eutaw.....	15.00	3.25	475.00	.....	475.00	.....	.....
Fawn Grove.....	30.00	2.00	650.00	.....	620.50	.....	29.50
Finksburg.....	40.00	1.00	550.00	200.00	650.00	.....	100.00
First Ch. Wash'n. D. C.	35.00	2.00	800.00	.....	800.00	.....	.....
First Ch. Pittsburgh, Pa	.....	No Report.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Frederick.....	39.84	4.00	800.00	200.00	681.77	.....	118.23
Frederick City.....	No Report.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgetown, D. C.....	80.00	5.50	1,500.00	500.00	2,000.00	.....	.....
Guilford.....	10.00	.50	300.00	.....	230.00	.....	70.00
Hampden.....	15.00	1.65	500.00	.....	400.00	.....	100.00
Harper's Ferry.....	10.00	.30	300.00	.....	200.00	.....	100.00
Heathsville, Va.....	20.00	1.50	550.00	.....	416.92	.....	133.08
Howard.....	46.57	5.00	600.00	200.00	782.00	.....	18.00
Jefferson.....	20.50	1.00	600.00	.....	595.40	.....	4.60
Kent.....	70.00	3.00	800.00	200.00	1,000.00	.....	.....
Kent Island.....	20.00	1.05	400.00	.....	400.00	175.00	.....
Laurel.....	30.00	.87	500.00	.....	416.85	70.00	83.15
Leipsic.....	35.00	1.50	500.00	.....	475.00	.....	25.00
Lewistown.....	13.56	1.00	80.00	.....	80.00	.....	.....
Liberty.....	50.00	3.35	525.00	.....	450.00	.....	75.00
Lynchburg, Va.....	45.00	2.15	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....
Middlebrook.....	No Report.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middleway.....	15.50	.45	300.00	.....	277.00	40.00	23.00
Milton.....	20.00	1.00	500.00	.....	455.00	.....	45.00
Montgomery, Ala.....	No Report.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Carmel, Va.....	No Report.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newark, N.J.....	35.00	2.00	1,200.00	.....	1,200.00	.....	.....
Newtown.....	45.00	1.50	700.00	.....	490.52	.....	209.48
Ninth St. Washington..	35.00	1.00	900.00	.....	900.00	.....	.....
Norfolk.....	10.00	.60	No Rep.	.....	125.00	488.00	.....
N. W. Mission.....	13.50	.50	500.00	.....	500.00	.....	.....
N. C. Avenue, Wash'n..	15.00	.58	225.00	.....	225.00	.....	17.00
Piedmont.....	No Report.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pipe Creek.....	40.00	2.00	650.00	.....	604.00	.....	46.00
Pocomoke.....	20.00	.50	375.00	.....	350.00	.....	25.00
Potomac.....	15.00	.70	275.00	.....	164.00	.....	111.00
Preston.....	20.00	1.31	375.00	.....	375.00	.....	.....
Quantico.....	25.00	1.00	340.00	.....	300.00	.....	40.00
Queen Anne's.....	25.00	1.72	300.00	.....	300.00	.....	.....
Rainsburg.....	20.00	.50	200.00	.....	160.00	.....	40.00
Rowlandsville.....	15.00	1.00	400.00	.....	400.00	.....	.....
Salisbury.....	15.00	1.73	400.00	.....	333.44	25.00	66.56
Seaford.....	20.00	1.00	550.00	.....	500.00	.....	50.00

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARD Continued.

CHARGES.	President's Salary.	Conference Incidental Collection.	Salary of Pastor.	Salary of Assistant.	Amount Paid.	Received from other Sources.	Deficit.
Severn.....	7.70	.92	450.00	.....	270.01	40.00	179.99
Snow Hill.....	22.25	.25	500.00	255.00	476.00	25.00	279.00
Somerset.....	30.00	1.08	750.00	.....	642.00	.....	108.00
South Baltimore.....	15.00	.50	800.00	.....	550.00	.....	250.00
Starr.....	50.00	2.75	1,200.00	.....	1,200.00	.....	.....
Stewartstown.....	20.26	3.10	575.00	.....	400.00	.....	175.00
St. Johns Ind. M. P. Ch.	20.00	No Report.	.....	.....	400.00	.....	.....
St. Michaels.....	10.00	1.45	400.00	.....	400.00	50.00	.....
Surry, Va.....	35.00	.59	337.00	.....	266.51	.....	60.49
Susquehanna.....	35.00	2.25	700.00	.....	700.00	.....	.....
Sussex.....	10.00	1.25	310.00	.....	200.00	.....	110.00
Talbot.....	25.00	2.00	600.00	.....	600.00	.....	.....
Union.....	25.00	3.00	500.00	.....	400.00	.....	100.00
Warwick.....	45.00	3.00	700.00	.....	680.00	.....	40.00
Washington St.....	20.00	2.27	800.00	.....	579.44	.....	220.56
West Baltimore.....	50.00	2.50	700.00	.....	700.00	140.00	.....
Westminster.....	50.00	2.00	900.00	.....	900.00	.....	.....
Whaleyville.....	34.25	.50	500.00	200.00	459.35	.....	141.65
Williamsport & Berkley	7.50	1.00	No Rep.	.....	300.00	.....	.....
Aggregates.....	\$2053.18	\$ 119.20	\$41,236.00	\$1,355.00	\$39,523.72	\$1,224.03	\$4,183.28

EXHIBIT.

Cash left in my hands at last Conference for publication of the Minutes, Conference expenses.....							\$124.52
By Cash paid for publishing 1,500 copies.....						\$108.00	
“ “ “ packing, postage and expressage.....						11.22	
“ “ “ 3 Satchels for Stewards.....						3.00	122.22
Balance.....							\$2.30
Amount of this year's Collection's.....							119.20
CR.							\$121.50
By cash paid J. F. Chesney for printing Blanks.....						\$6.50	
“ “ Dr. Drinkhouse, expressage.....						1.50	
“ “ Secretary (postage, papers, &c ).....						1.40	9.40
Balance in hand for publication, postage and expressage of the Minutes, and for expenses of this Conference Session.....							\$112.00

Respectfully Submitted.

ROBERT S. ROWE, Conference Steward.

The call for a Convention was taken up and laid on the table.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That Pastors or Delegates be required to hand on Thursday to the committee on Official Character and Official Reports, with their reports, all of the collections prescribed by this Conference, each in a sealed envelope, upon which shall be marked the amount, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor and the name of the charge.

The following resolution was adopted :—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are tendered the authorities of

the several railroad and steamboat companies for the liberal commutation in fare to the members of this Conference.

The following was adopted by a rising vote:—

*Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this Conference be tendered to the citizens of Centreville and vicinity for their munificent hospitality in furnishing entertainment for this body, and for making our sojourn among them an event in the history of the Conference that will long and gratefully be remembered by its members.

The Steward of the Superannuated Fund reported as follows:—

#### SUPERANNUATED FUND STEWARD'S REPORT.

Newark, N. J.....	\$20.33	Severn.....	\$ 5.53
Chester, Pa.....	8.00	First Church, Washington.....	10.00
Cecil.....	8.00	North Carolina Avenue.....	1.50
Rowlandsville.....	3.25	Ninth Street, Washington.....	7.02
Warwick, For invest. \$20.....	6.80	Georgetown, For invest. \$27.....	28.36
Kent, For invest. \$60.....	11.00	Alexandria.....	3.69
Chesapeake.....	4.06	Potomac.....	2.00
Kent Island.....	10.29	Guilford.....	1.10
Queen Anne's.....	4.07	Lynchburg, Va.....	43.50
Centreville.....	1.89	Campbell Va.....	5.00
Crumpton.....	4.88	Mt. Carmel.....	.....
Leipsic.....	62.00	Surry.....	2.14
Easton.....	8.00	Norfolk.....	1.50
St. Michaels, For invest. \$10.....	9.51	Pipe Creek.....	10.00
Talbot.....	1.58	Liberty, For invest. \$20.....	.....
Caroline.....	3.88	Jefferson, For invest. \$10.....	2.00
Preston.....	.....	Frederick.....	6.92
Dorchester.....	.....	Frederick City.....	.....
Cambridge.....	.....	Howard, For invest. \$10.....	8.00
Seaford, Invest. \$7.....	.....	Williamsport and Berkeley.....	2.00
Milton.....	4.50	Harper's Ferry.....	60
Laurel, Del.....	2.74	Middleway.....	2.30
Sussex.....	3.75	Cumberland.....	4.50
Whaleyville.....	5.00	Piedmont.....	.....
Salisbury.....	1.66	Rainsburg.....	1.00
Union.....	5.00	Bedford.....	4.50
Quantico.....	3.00	Concord.....	10.00
Somerset.....	7.96	Lewistown.....	3.13
Snow Hill.....	2.50	Middlebrook.....	.....
Pocomoke.....	2.00	Charleston, S. C.....	.....
Newtown.....	6.63	St. John's, Berkeley Co.....	.....
Chincoteague.....	1.60	Heathsville.....	10.00
Accommac, For invest. \$10.....	20.00	Montgomery, Ala.,.....	10.00
Belair.....	5.00	Total am't from Dist. for distrib. \$567.46	
Deer Creek.....	5.15	Received from Sec of Society... 50.00	
Susquehanna, semi-cente'l, \$5.29.	11.66		
Washington Street.....	20.00		
East Baltimore.....	2.50		
South Baltimore.....	30.85		
West Baltimore.....	26.00		
Starr Church.....	1.00		
North-West Mission.....	8.00		
Baltimore Circuit.....	12.00		
Eutaw, semi-cente'l invest. \$4.10.	3.00		
Hampden.....	5.75		
Finksburg.....	5.80		
Stewartstown.....	7.00		
Fawn Grove.....	7.60		
Westminster (\$6.60).....	5.98		
Anne Arundel.....			

#### SUPERANNUATED FUND CLAIMANTS.

ON THE DISCIPLINARY BASIS.

	Claim.	Paid.		Claim.	Paid.
Mrs. S. G. Valiant.....	\$200	\$17.10	J. A. McFaden.....	\$550	\$47.09
" J. F. Whiteside.....	250	21.38	Mrs. Catharine Roby.....	200	17.10
H. J. Day.....	500	42.76	" S. J. Wilson.....	200	17.10
Mrs. R. T. Boyd.....	200	17.10	" C Eversole.....	450	38.49
" John Roberts.....	300	25.66	" Margaret Varden.....	200	17.10
" G. D. Hamilton.....	200	17.10	" Julia A. Collins.....	200	17.10
" D. Bowers.....	350	29.96	" W. C. Ames.....	350	29.96
" D. E. Reese.....	200	17.10	Dr. D. F. Ewell.....	550	47.09
" F. G. Wright.....	200	17.10	Mrs. W. T. Wright.....	200	17.10
" Ann Greenaway.....	300	25.66	" A. S. Eversole.....	200	17.10
Thomas Lee.....	400	34.21	T. M. Bryan.....	400	34.21
J. W. Everist.....	200	17.10	J. H. Ellegood.....	400	34.21

#### CLAIMANTS UPON THE INCOME

OF THE SOCIETY.

	Claim.	Paid.		Claim.	Paid.
Mrs. S. G. Valiant.....	\$100	\$ 85.17	J. A. McFaden.....	\$300	\$255.51
" J. F. Whiteside.....	125	106.46	Mrs. Catharine Roby.....	150	127.75
H. J. Day.....	150	127.75	" S. J. Wilson.....	125	106.46
Mrs. R. T. Boyd.....	125	106.46	" C. Eversole.....	300	255.51
" John Roberts.....	230	195.89	" Margaret Varden.....	50	42.58
" G. D. Hamilton.....	150	127.75	" Julia A. Collins.....	125	106.46
" D. Bowers.....	125	106.46	" W. C. Ames.....	475	319.46
" D. E. Reese.....	200	170.37	D. F. Ewell.....	250	212.92
" F. G. Wright.....	125	106.46	Mrs. W. T. Wright.....	125	106.46
" Ann Greenaway.....	150	127.75	" A. S. Eversole.....	50	42.58
Thomas Lee.....	150	127.75	T. M. Bryan.....	150	127.75
J. W. Everist.....	100	85.17	T. H. Ellegood.....	150	127.75

The following resolution was adopted:—

*Resolved*, That we heartily approve and endorse the action of our brethren of Baltimore, Washington, Georgetown, and contiguous Stations and Circuits, in the organization of a permanent Camp Meeting Association for the purpose of purchasing a grove and establishing a camp ground to be known by our denominational name, and we earnestly recommend the enterprise to our brethren.

Voluntary subscriptions were received from members of the Conference to the amount of \$152 for Frederick City Mission, and W. S. Hammond appointed Treasurer.

The following was adopted:—

*Resolved*, That the general interests of our Church, viz:—The Board of Ministerial Education, the Foreign Missionary Board and our Colleges, demand a great increase of Christian zeal and effort in the education of our people in this direction and in the securing of larger collections.

The following was adopted:—

*Resolved*, That this Conference recognize the enterprise of W. W. Busted, Esq., publisher of the *Daily Protestant*, for the very creditable sheet that he has published during the sittings of the Conference, and for the full and correct reports of the proceedings.

The following was adopted :—

*Resolved*, That the Conference Steward be authorized to purchase a suitable trunk or satchel for the use of the Secretary of the Conference.

Frederick C. Kline, being recommended by the Faculty of Instruction, was received into the itinerancy.

The following was adopted :—

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference be and they are hereby tendered to the Secretary and his assistants for the very efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties, as also to the Conference, Missionary and Superannuated Fund Stewards.

The following report was adopted :—

The committee on the petition of Wm. F. Pentz, recommend the appointment of John G. Clarke, W. J. C. Dulany and J. N. Gilbert to consider the matter to which it refers, and report to the next Annual Conference

The President then read the following :—

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

President—D. W. BATES.

SUB-DISTRICT No. 1—T. D. Valiant, Chairman. <i>Post-Office.</i>	
Newark—S. T. Graham.....	97 Walnut St. Newark, N. J.
Cecil—C. T. Cochel.....	Bay View, Md.
Rowlandsville—H. Bruner.....	Rowlandsville, Md.
Warwick—R. S. Rowe.....	Warwick, “
Chestertown—S. A. Hoblitzell.....	Chestertown, “
St. James—F. T. Little.....	Hanesville, “
Kennedyville—J. A. Weigand.....	Kennedyville, “
Chesapeake—C. M. Thompson.....	Edesville, “
Kent Island—R. T. Smith.....	Stevensville, “
Queen Anne’s—J. M. Brown.....	Centreville, “
Centreville—D. L. Greenfield.....	Centreville, “
Crumpton—W. W. White.....	Crumpton, “
Leipsic—G. J. Smith.....	Leipsic, Del.
Clayton—J. M. Yingling.....	Smyrna, Del.
Easton—F. T. Tagg.....	Easton, Md.
St. Michael’s—T. D. Valiant.....	St. Michael’s, Md.
Talbot—A. D. Melvin.....	Oxford, Md.

Sub-District, No. 2—W. M. Strayer, Chairman.

Caroline—A. D. Dick, J. D. McFaden.....	Burrsville, Md.
Preston—W. J. D. Lucas.....	Preston, Md.
Dorchester—W. J. Neepier, D. W. Anstine.....	East New Market, Md.
Cambridge—To be supplied.	
Seaford—H. E. Miskimmon.....	Seaford, Del.
T. A. Moore, Supernumerary Assistant.	
Milton—A. A. Harryman.....	Milton, Del.

Laurel—J. L. Straughn.....	Laurel Del.
Sussex—W. A. Crouse.....	Laurel, Del.
Whaleyville—A. T. Melvin.....	Whaleyville, Md.
Salisbury—J. M. Sheridan.....	Salisbury, “
Union—W. G. Holmes.....	Barren Creek Springs, Md.
Quantico—D. N. Gilbert.....	Quantico, Md.
Somerset—J. M. Holmes.....	Marion, “
Snow Hill—W. M. Strayer.....	Snow Hill “
Franklin City—C. S. Arnett.....	
Pocomoke—G. Q. Bacchus.....	Newtown, Md.
Newton—J. E. T. Ewell.....	Newtown, “
Chincoteague—J. T. Adkins.....	Horntown, Va.
Accomac—F. H. Mullineaux.....	Onancock, Va.

Sub-District, No. 3—S. B. Southerland, Chairman.

Belair—F. Swentzell.....	Belair, Md.
Deer Creek—W. F. Livingstone.....	Hickory, “
Susquehanna—J. T. Lassell.....	Hopewell X Roads, Md.
East Baltimore—J. B. Jones.....	90 E. Fayette st.
West Baltimore—J. D. Kinzer.....	41 S. Greene St.
T. McCormick, Supernumerary Assistant.	
Washington St.—W. J. Floyd.....	12 N. Washington st.
South Baltimore—R. S. Norris.....	400 Light st.
Starr—W. S. Hammond.....	57 S. Poppleton st.
North-West Mission—S. Reese Murray.....	
Baltimore Ct—B. F. Benson, W. T. Valiant.....	Towsontown, Md.
Eutaw—A. D. Murray.....	Lauraville, “
Hampden—C. B. Middleton.....	Woodberry, “
Finksburg—J. W. Charlton, S. J. Willey.....	Finksburg, “
Stewartstown—J. L. Killgore.....	Stewartstown, Pa.
Fawn Grove—W. D. Litsinger.....	Fawn Grove, Pa.
Westminster—S. B. Southerland.....	Westminster, Md.
Anne Arundel—D. A. Shermer.....	Brooklyn, “
Severn—J. R. Nichols.....	Odenton, “
First Church, Washington—J. W. Gray.....	Cor. 5th st. E. & Va. Av.
North Carolina Avenue—J. W. Trout.....	803 N. C. Avenue.
Ninth Street—D. Wilson.....	517 9th st., N. W. Wash.
Georgetown—J. T. Murray, T. A. King.....	Georgetown, D. C.
W. C. Lipscomb, Supernumerary Assistant.	
Alexandria—W. R. Graham.....	Alexandria, Va.
Potomac—H. C. Stern.....	Georgetown, D. C.
Guilford—A. J. Walter.....	Great Falls, Va.

Sub-District, No. 4, L. W. Bates, Chairman.

Lynchburg—L. W. Bates.....	Lynchburg, Va.
Campbell—A. C. Berryman, F. C. Kline.....	Campbell, C. H. Va.
Surry—J. G. Sullivan.....	Surry C. H., Va.
R. W. Berryman, Supernumerary Assistant.	
Norfolk—E. R. McGregor.....	Norfolk, Va.

Sub-District, No. 5, J. K. Nichols, Chairman.

Pipe Creek—C. H. Littleton.....Uniontown, Md.  
 Liberty—J. K. Nichols.....Libertytown, "  
     P. L. Wilson, Supernumerary Assistant.  
 Jefferson—J. E. Maloy.....Frederick City, Md.  
     A. Baker, Supernumerary Assistant.  
 Frederick—Jesse Shreeve, G. H. McFaden...New Market, Md.  
 Frederick City—  
 Howard—A. W. Mather, S. J. Smith.....Lisbon, Md.  
 Williamsport—J. M. Elderdice.....Williamsport, "  
 Harper's Ferry—P. T. Hall.....Harper's Ferry, W. Va.  
 Middleway—T. O. Crouse.....Middleway, W. Va.  
 Cumberland—S. B. Tredway.....Cumberland, Md.  
 Piedmont—To be supplied.  
 Rainsburg—J. L. Leilich.....Rainsburg, Pa.  
 Bedford—S. T. Ferguson.....Cumberland Valley, Pa.  
 Concord—James Thompson.....Roxbury, Pa.  
 Ellicott City—G. F. Farring.....Ellicott City, Md.  
 Middlebrook—To be supplied.

Sub-District No. 6, Francis Brown, Chairman.

Charleston—Francis Brown.....Charleston, S. C.  
 Berkeley—E. A. Washington.

LOANED.

St. John's, Baltimore—A. Webster, T. H. Lewis.  
 1st Church Pittsburgh—J. J. Murray.  
 Montgomery, Ala—J. L. Mills.  
 Heathsville, Va.—R. L. Lewis.  
 Editor METHODIST PROTESTANT, E. J. Drinkhouse.  
 President Western Maryland College, J. T. Ward.  
 Vice President Western Maryland College, H. C. Cushing.  
 Chaplain U. S. A.—George W. Simpson.  
 Superannated—J. W. Everist, T. M. Bryan, H. J. Day, D. F. Ewell, W.  
     T. Dumm, Thomas Lee, J. A. Mc. Faden, J. H. Ellegood.  
 Left without appointments at their own request—J. Clay, C. O. Melvin,  
 J. B. Butler.

Conference adjourned.

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Home Missionary Society of the Maryland Annual Conference,  
 met in the Centreville M. P. Church, Friday Afternoon, March 14, 1879.  
 R. S. Rowe, First Vice President in the Chair.

J. M. Holmes, Treasurer, presented a report of moneys received and  
 disbursed during the year, and the report was adopted.

It was ordered that the Steward of the Missionary fund be requested  
 to refund to A. W. Mather the sum of \$35.00 advanced by him on de-  
 ficiencies of last year.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

President :—R. S. Norris.

Vice Presidents :—R. S. Rowe, J. M. Elderdice.

Board of Managers :—E. J. Drinkhouse, L. W. Bates, W. S. Ham-  
 mond, J. W. Cole, J. G. Clarke, H. F. Zollickoffer, W. J. C. Dulany,  
 William Pulley.

Secretary :—S. A. Hoblitzell.

Treasurer :—J. M. Holmes.

J. B. Butler was authorized to collect the annual dues and reported  
 the sum of \$52.00 collected.

The expenses of certificates, &c., were ordered paid to the amount of  
 \$17.08.

The sum of \$16.00 was refunded to E. R. McGregor out of the  
 money left from the Norfolk Church Property, he having paid the In-  
 surance on said property

E. J. Drinkhouse, reported the exchange of Church property in Nor-  
 folk, and his report was handed over to the Board of Managers.

The Society adjourned.

FRIDAY EVENING, 8, P. M.

The Home Missionary Society met with R. S. Rowe in the Chair.

Treasurer Holmes submitted a report of the financial affairs of Nor-  
 folk, Broadway and Lexington Street Churches, which was referred to  
 appropriate Committees.

The Chair appointed the following auditing Committee :—D. L.  
 Greenfield, T. D. Valiant, J. R. Caton.

The Anniversary exercises were then held : W. R. Graham and T. D.  
 Valiant delivering addresses and eight persons being made life mem-  
 bers of the Society.

S. A. HOBLITZELL, Secretary.

The Society adjourned.



## MINUTES OF SUPERANUATED FUND SOCIETY.

Society met with Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse, Vice President, in the Chair.

On motion the society proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, viz:—

First Vice-President, J. D. Kinzer; Second Vice President, W. M. Strayer; Recording Secretary, W. R. Graham; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather; Board of Managers, E. J. Drinkhouse, W. S. Hammond, R. S. Norris, J. D. Kinzer, H. F. Zollickoffer, W. H. Griffith, J. W. Cole, E. B. Bates.

Treasurer's report was then read and received as follows:—

Receipts from Investment Fund.....	\$1,387.67
Disbursements from Investment Fund.....	1,346.42
Balance in Treasury for investment.....	\$ 41.25
To the Credit of Distribution Account.....	\$3,317.50
“ Debit “ “ .....	12.90
Balance in Treasury for Distribution.....	\$3,304.60

On motion thanks were tendered Dr. Zollickoffer for services as Treasurer.

G. F. Farring was appointed to collect the annual dues.

Report of committee appointed last Conference to memorialize the Legislature, was received and committee continued.

The Corresponding Secretary reported a bill for stationery, &c., which was ordered to be paid. On motion adjourned.

W. R. GRAHAM, *Secretary.*

## OBITUARY.

## REV. JOHN EDGAR READ.

JOHN EDGAR READ, son of John G. and Mary A. Read, was born August 25th, 1846, near Lauraville, Baltimore county, Md. He passed his boyhood amidst the church and social surroundings of that simple country-side, and the wholesome influence of a Christian home. Under the preaching of Dr. A. Eversole, he was converted to God, February 9th, 1861, connecting himself with Eutaw Methodist Protestant Church. He was licensed to preach November—, 1864, (being then but eighteen years of age) by the Quarterly Conference of Baltimore Circuit, and served that circuit as junior preacher for the remainder of the year. At the Conference of March, 1865, seated at Easton, Md., he was admitted into the itinerancy, and appointed as associate of Rev. H. C. Cushing, to Queen Anne's. He subsequently travelled Bel-Air, Jefferson and Talbot Circuits as assistant pastor; took charge of Lexington Street Station, Baltimore, in '69; returned to Talbot Circuit as assistant to Rev. B. F. Benson in '72; on the partition of that field held the pastorate of the Oxford side for the four years following; and then of Easton Station in '77 and '78, where he laid down his labor with his life. He was passed to deacon's orders at the Conference of '67, but not being twenty-one years of age his ordination took place the following August in Buckeystown, Md., and in '69 he received his elder's credentials. He was married to C. Alverta, daughter of the late E. C. Thomas, Esq., of Baltimore, March 4th, 1873.

His life was only the simple, uneventful life of a Methodist itinerant. A refined, sensitive, expressive face, and his spirit as it uttered itself in the daily commonplaces of life as friend, pastor and preacher—these revealed him. He was not, nor could he ever have been, a great man. His mind was strong and active, and had the capacity of original suggestion and continued growth; in his opinions he was independent, candid, decided, and he was not deficient in courage, but he was contemplative rather than energetic; feminine qualities were in excess—sensitivity, amiability, gentleness, a languor and softness of tone and manner—qualities that gave him an irresistible grasp upon the affections of those who knew him, but deprived him of both the taste and power for large public influence, the positions and work that win and wear the titles of greatness. And beside he was destitute of ambition, again and again turning away from proffers of lucrative positions, choosing rather the retirement and simplicity of his country pastorates. It was, however, due to this very composition of nature that his character was haloed with its crowning beauty—his unsullied piety. Popular as he was for his social qualities, and as admired for his talents, it was for his simple, unconscious holiness that EDGAR READ was most known and respected by his fellowmen. He was given to introspection; pained and morbidly sensitive heart-searching for the weaknesses and evils of his nature; the laying open of his heart to God's spirit in long, tearful, passionate prayer—a habit that was never relaxed to the end, and that accounted, at once, for the east of habitual sadness upon his countenance

in its repose, and for an occasional lightness of spirits that was like the playfulness of a child. Few of those who were disposed to grieve over what seemed frivolity at such times, knew that it was reaction from the strain of hours of spiritual agony, or could appreciate the unspoiled childlikeness of a man who could find occasion for mirth in things so simple and innocent. To a degree beyond most men he had the enlightened understanding that looked far into the tranquil mysteries of religious truth, a heart strangely steeped in the purity and sympathy of Christ, a passionate desire for the salvation of souls, and a life, in public and private, blameless and unrebukable in the sight of men.

As a preacher, his abilities were of an unusual order. He brought to his pulpit a poetic temperament, a marvelous flow of language, freshness in sermon construction and expression of thought, and great fertility in the invention of figure and illustration. His discourses were sweetness and light. They dwelt rarely upon doctrine, constantly upon the deepest experiences of the Christian soul, and to use his own fond phrasing, "the humanities of the word of God." If, when his thoughts were bound, his gesticulation was angular and ungraceful, and his language involved and obscure, when the noble heart waxed warm, and the sinewy mind snapped its fetters, all this passed away, unsuspected tones deepened the musical, pathetic voice; the dark, sad face glowed radiant as a seraph's "thoughts that breathed and words that burned," truths that started into shape and were as "living creatures having wings and feet," poured from his lips with impetuous fervor. "It was philosophy as luminous with love as the evening cloud is glorious with the rays of the setting sun." His success was not that which was manifest in revivals or crowded congregations. It was the still work whose abundant fruits shall be seen in the judgment day. His was the ministry of a sower of deathless seed. His name shall be a love-word, and the fragrance of his piety shall linger in every home that was ever blessed by his presence," and "being dead he yet speaketh" in every pulpit he ever occupied; and over hundreds of souls his memory shall brood as the reproach of all short-comings, and as inspiration to all that is exalted in Christian life. "His works do follow him."

The sudden and untimely death of this rare man of God took place after a few weeks of nervous prostration, in Oxford, Md., on Sabbath morning, July 28th, 1878. The closing scene was glorified by triumphs that mortal words can never describe. Dissolution itself was stayed for hours by the unearthly exaltation of his departing spirit. The funeral ceremony was performed in Starr Church, Baltimore, in the presence of a great multitude. Subsequently a memorial service was held in his church in Easton, Rev. J. M. Holmes officiating, and a mural tablet, commemorative of the love of his latest congregation, was erected beside his pulpit. His remains sleep in their last repose amid the shades of Loudon Park, watched of angels until the "chief Shepherd shall appear."

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A. D. MELVIN,	A. W. NICODEMUS.