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FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.

PREPARATORY COURSE.

- S. B. SOUTHERLAND... { *Watson's Institutes.*
Evidences of Christianity.
- J. T. LASSELL..... { *English Grammar; The Holy Scriptures; New*
Testament; Synopsis of at least Twenty Pages
of Letter Paper.
- J. L. MILLS..... { *Constitution and Discipline of the M. P. Church;*
Miller on Clerical Habits and Manners; "Con-
trast," by L. W. Bates, D. D.

FIRST YEAR'S CLASS.

- F. T. TAGG..... { *Watson's Institutes; Doctrines of Christianity;*
Attributes of God.
- J. T. WARD..... { *Mosheim's Church History—1st to 5th Century; Holy*
Scriptures—from Genesis to Psalms, Synopsis 20pp.
- B. F. BENSON..... { *Homiletics; Theory of Preaching, by Dr. Austin*
Phelps—From 1st to 20th chapter, inclusive.

STUDENTS—Samuel F. Cassen and Jas. H. Daugherty.

SECOND YEAR'S CLASS.

- E. R. MCGREGOR..... { *Watson's Institutes; Doctrines of Christianity;*
Original Sin; Holy Scriptures—Psalms to Close
of Old Testament.
- J. D. KINZER..... { *Watson's Institutes; Redemption.*
Mosheim's Church History—5th to 12th Century.
- R. S. NORRIS..... { *Watson's Institutes; Institutions of Christianity.*
Homiletics—Phelps, from 20th Chapter to close of
Volume.

STUDENT—John M. Gill.

THIRD YEAR'S CLASS.

- W. M. STRAYER..... { *Watson's Institutes; Moral Law.*
- H. C. CUSHING..... { *Butler's Analogy; Powell on Succession.*
- W. S. HAMMOND..... { *Mosheim's Church History, from 12th Century to*
Close of Volume.
- JOHN M. HOLMES..... { *Wayland's Moral Science.*
- B. F. BENSON..... { *Homiletics—Phelps, Review.*

STUDENTS—John S. Bowers, J. W. Balderston, J. M. Duncan.

Students are expected to study with diligence the whole Word of God, and to present a synopsis of not less than twenty pages.

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

Correct answers to two-thirds of the questions asked will be required to pass a candidate, either for the itinerancy or for the first, second, or third year of the course, or for orders. The two-thirds will be marked 70. Answers over two-thirds, but less than 100 (the maximum), will be marked 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, in accordance with the professor's estimate of the proficiency. All questions answered, or all less three, will be marked 100. And all getting 100 will be so reported to the Conference.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President.*

W. S. HAMMOND, *Secretary.*

Roll of the Fifty-Fifth Conference

MINISTERIAL.

Reg.		Rec'd.	Ord'd.	Reg.		Rec'd.	Ord'd.
32	Augustus Webster,	1832	1833	225	F. T. Tagg,	1870	1871
38	J. W. Everist,	1833	1834	226	W. A. Crouse,	1870	1870
57	J. K. Nichols,	1836	1839	228	W. J. Neepler,	1871	1873
61	J. R. Nichols,	1838	1840	229	R. L. Lewis,	1871	1873
68	D. F. Ewell,	1839	1839	230	A. A. Harryman,	1871	1873
76	J. M. Elderdice,	1840	1842	231	W. J. Floyd,	1871	1871
77	L. W. Bates,	1840	1842	232	J. G. Sullivan,	1871	1873
78	J. T. Ward,	1841	1843	233	J. B. Butler,	1871	1873
79	S. B. Southerland,	1841	1843	234	J. L. Killgore,	1872	Tr.
80	Alfred Baker,	1841	1842	235	E. R. McGregor,	1872	Tr.
86	J. J. Murray,	1842	1845	236	A. D. Melvin,	1872	1874
95	W. T. Dumm,	1843	1845	237	F. T. Little,	1872	1873
97	R. S. Norris,	1843	1844	238	S. B. Tredway,	1872	1874
102	D. W. Bates,	1843	1846	239	T. O. Crouse,	1872	1874
111	D. A. Shermer,	1844	1846	240	J. M. Yingling,	1873	1875
121	David Wilson,	1845	1847	241	W. R. Graham,	1873	1875
124	H. J. Day,	1846	1849	243	W. J. D. Lucas,	1873	1876
128	T. D. Valiant,	1846	1846	244	G. F. Farring,	1873	1876
139	J. A. McFaden,	1847	1849	245	F. H. Mullineaux,	1873	1876
132	Jesse Shreeve,	1847	1849	246	J. A. Weigand,	1874	1876
138	J. H. Ellegood,	1850	1851	247	A. J. Walter,	1874	1877
140	E. J. Drinkhouse,	1850	1852	248	H. C. Stern,	1874	1877
141	Jeremiah Clay,	1850	1852	249	G. Q. Bacchus,	1874	1877
142	W. S. Hammond,	1851	1853	250	R. T. Smith,	1874	1876
143	J. T. Murray,	1851	1853	251	P. T. Hall,	1875	1878
147	C. H. Littleton,	1852	1853	252	W. W. White,	1875	1878
149	H. C. Cushing,	1853	1853	253	C. S. Anett,	1875	1878
151	James Thompson,	1853	1856	254	J. M. Sheridan,	1875	1877
155	A. D. Dick,	1854	1856	255	C. B. Middleton,	1876	1879
159	W. G. Holmes,	1855	1856	258	G. J. Smith,	1876	Tr.
163	B. F. Benson,	1857	1859	259	S. R. Murray,	1876	1879
164	W. M. Strayer,	1858	1860	261	T. H. Lewis,	1876	1876
167	J. E. Maloy,	1859	1861	262	J. W. Trout,	1876	1879
168	J. E. T. Ewell,	1859	1860	263	R. W. Berryman,	1876	Tr.
169	S. A. Hoblitzell,	1859	1860	265	S. J. Smith,	1877	1881
170	C. T. Cochel,	1859	1860	266	W. T. Valiant,	1877	1881
173	J. L. Mills,	1860	1862	267	J. M. Brown,	1878	1881
178	J. W. Charlton,	1861	1862	268	A. D. Murray,	1879	1881
180	J. W. Gray,	1861	1863	270	D. W. Anstine,	1879	1882
182	J. B. Jones,	1861	1862	271	F. C. Klein,	1879	1881
184	W. F. Livingston,	1861	1863	272	T. E. Coulbourn,	1880	1883
190	J. D. Kinzer,	1863	1865	273	W. F. Roberts,	1880	1883
192	W. D. Litsinger,	1863	1865	274	J. L. Elderdice,	1880	1883
194	S. T. Ferguson,	1864	1866	275	G. R. McCready,	1880	1883
198	R. S. Rowe,	1865	1865	277	W. H. Stone,	1880	Tr.
200	J. M. Holmes,	1865	1867	278	J. S. Bowers,	1881	
204	A. W. Mather,	1866	1868	279	J. W. Balderston,	1881	1883
206	J. T. Lassell,	1866	1866	280	J. E. Nicholson,	1881	1875
207	H. E. Miskimon,	1866	1868	282	John M. Gill,	1882	
208	C. M. Thompson,	1868	1870	283	J. L. Duncan,	1882	
209	D. L. Greenfield,	1868	1870	284	S. F. Cassen,	1883	
218	J. L. Straughn,	1870	1872	285	J. H. Daugherty,	1883	
224	Henry Bruner,	1870	1872				

LAY.

Accomac.....	A. D. F. Ewell.	Kent Island.....	J. E. C. Wright.
Alexandria.....	J. R. Caton.	Laurel.....	E. L. Wolf.
All Saints.....		Leipsic.....	J. W. Fenimore.
Amelia.....	J. Q. Eccles.	Liberty.....	Henry Swope.
Anne Arundel.....	S. S. Tracy.	Lynchburg.....	C. W. Button.
Baltimore.....	Joshua Cain.	Middlebrook....	
Bedford.....	H. Hardinger.	Middleway.....	Thos. Hommer.
Belair.....	John Divers.	Milton.....	J. H. Fields.
Broadway.....	W. H. Silk.	Newark.....	
Cambridge.....	T. M. Flint.	Ninth-Street....	E. J. Hill.
Campbell.....		N. C. Avenue....	W. B. Marche.
Caroline.....	J. W. Clark.	Pipe Creek.....	N. H. Naille.
Cecil.....	H. W. D. Johnson.	Pittsville.....	M. A. Davis.
Centreville.....	J. W. Thompson.	Pocomoke.....	A. P. Ellis.
Chesapeake.....	David Jones.	Pocomoke City..	H. C. Tull.
Chester.....		Potomac.....	Edwin Ball.
Chestertown....	W. B. Usilton.	Powellville.....	M. H. Carmine.
Chincoteague...		Preston.....	O. C. Blades.
Clayton.....		Quantico.....	James Darby.
Concord.....	J. R. Hamilton.	Queen Anne's...	J. H. Dodd.
Crumpton.....	J. R. Woodall.	Rainsburg.....	
Cumberland.....	H. M. Fuller.	Rowlandville....	R. P. McDowell.
Deer Creek.....	J. H. Barrow.	St. James.....	S. Vannort.
Dorchester.....	S. S. Ewell.	St. Luke's.....	J. G. Heavis.
East Baltimore..	C. T. Gibson.	St. Michael's...	W. M. Poisal.
Easton.....	J. B. Bennett.	Salisbury.....	R. B. Abdel.
Ellicott City...A. S. Weaver.		Seaford.....	Wm. Ellis.
Eutaw.....	G. H. Erdman.	Snow Hill.....	A. P. Bowen.
Fawn Grove....	Daniel Culp.	Somerset.....	John Coulbourn.
Finksburg.....	D. N. Hahn.	South Baltimore.	Walter Crager
First Church...W. B. Heartley.		Southside.....	R. K. Purdum.
Franklin City...B. L. Gordy.		Starr.....	C. A. Benjamin.
Frederick.....	Wm. Boyer.	Stewartstown...J. W. Mullinix.	
Frederick City..		Surry.....	L. W. Berryman.
Georgetown....	W. H. Wheatley.	Susquehanna...J. H. Wilkinson.	
Guilford.....		Sussex.....	W. H. Rodney.
Hampden.....	J. Y. McCauley.	Talbot.....	R. R. Butler.
Harper's Ferry..C. B. Wentzell.		Tyreanna.....	
Harrington.....	Andrew Allen.	Union.....	
Howard.....	R. Vansant,	Warwick.....	B. F. H. Caulk.
	J. T. Clark.	Washington-St..	Edward Gilligan.
Hull-Street....	J. W. Wood.	West Baltimore.	W. J. C. Dulany.
Indian River...		Westminster....	Charles Billingslea
Jackson Grove..		Williamsport...	
Jefferson.....	Eli Nicodemus.	Wilmington....	G. H. Gilbert.
Kennedyville...W. J. Hurlock.			

The following are the unstationed ministers and preachers in the Maryland District:

CHARGES.	MINISTERS.	PREACHERS.
Alexandria.....		Joseph W. Kirk
Baltimore.....	{ Joseph B. Mitchell,	Wm. M. Through.
	Joshua Cain.	
Bedford.....	John Growden.	
Belair.....	A. H. Greenfield.	
Broadway.....		Emory W. Starr.
Caroline.....	John Irvin.	
Cecil.....		Samuel B. Grey.
Centreville.....	Wm. E. Thompson.	
Chesapeake.....		Thomas H. Pinkind.
Clayton.....		Samuel J. Sparks.
Fawn Grove.....		{ Thomas H. Wright,
		{ Thomas M. Cathcart.
Frederick.....	{ J. Day, G. H. Kindley,	
	T. Edwards, G. D.	
	Edmondston.	
Georgetown.....	{ Parker H. Sweet,	
	T. Remick.	
Hampden.....		{ Jacob Baughman,
		{ Isaac Crowther.
Howard.....	Z. M. Waters.	{ Richard Vansant,
Hull-Street.....	J. D. Bradford.	{ J. H. Maynard.
Kent Island.....		{ W. K. White,
		{ J. J. Taylor,
Laurel.....		{ J. E. C. Wright.
Leipsic.....		Edward L. Wolf.
Milton.....		{ John Sipple,
Newark.....		{ James Richardson.
Pocomoke City.....	Wm. Dale.	W. N. Conoway.
Pocomoke.....		{ Daniel Smith,
		{ Walter Baggott.
Quantico.....		{ J. H. McGrath, H. Bell,
Rowlandville.....		{ H. Dye.
Salisbury.....	J. W. Penuel.	F. Robertson.
Seaford.....		Nathan Montgomery.
Snow Hill.....		Robert Ward.
Southside.....		Wm. Quirk.
St. James.....		J. C. Poston.
Talbot.....		Howard Meeks.
Washington-Street.....		J. M. Smith
West Baltimore.....	H. T. Gernhardt.	Edward Gilligan.
Westminster.....		{ Dr. C. Billingslea,
		E. A. Warfield,
		H. L. Elderdice,
		W. W. Dumm,
		H. G. Cowan,
		B. W. Kindley.
Whaleyville.....	R. H. Powell.	J. H. Tilghman.
Wilmington.....		J. B. Grey.

OFFICERS OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH CONFERENCE.

PRESIDENT: J. T. MURRAY.
 SECRETARY: T. H. LEWIS.
 ASSISTANTS: F. T. LITTLE, J. L. ELDERDICE.
 CONFERENCE STEWARD: R. T. SMITH.
 HOME MISSIONARY STEWARD: A. W. MATHER.
 H. AND F. MISSIONARY STEWARD: G. F. FARRING.
 SUPERANNUATED FUND STEWARD: F. T. TAGG.
 STANDING DISTRICT COMMITTEE: W. DALE, J. D. KINZER, W. S. HAMMOND, H. F. ZOLLIKOFFER, J. W. HERING, C. W. BUTTON.
 COMMITTEE OF APPEALS: T. D. VALIANT, S. B. SOUTHERLAND, L. W. BATES, B. F. H. CAULK, C. W. BUTTON.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. Unfinished Business: J. R. Nichols, John Divers, Daniel Culp.
2. Finance: J. T. Murray, W. D. Litsinger, H. E. Miskimon, A. P. Bowen, W. Ellis.
3. Itinerancy and Orders: The Faculty of Instruction.
4. Boundaries: C. W. Button, J. B. Bennett, J. R. Caton, S. S. Tracy, David Jones, J. R. Hamilton, M. A. Davis.
5. Publication of Minutes: The Secretary of Conference.
6. Pulpit Services: J. T. Murray, J. T. Ward, C. T. Cochel.
7. Missions: W. S. Hammond, W. J. Floyd, A. D. Melvin, W. M. Poisal, Samuel Vannort, C. A. Benjamin.
8. Superannuates: D. W. Bates, Jesse Shreeve, J. E. Maloy, Eli Nicodemus, Benedict Milburn, H. C. Tull.
9. Literature: B. F. Benson, J. M. Holmes, W. R. Graham, W. B. Usilton, Andrew Allen, J. W. Creager.
10. Sabbath Schools: J. D. Kinzer, A. T. Melvin, R. L. Lewis, G. H. Gilbert, E. H. Gilligan.
11. Temperance: D. A. Shermer, A. A. Harryman, S. B. Tredway, Edwin Ball, J. T. Clark.
12. Bible Cause: W. M. Strayer, J. B. Jones, J. W. Gray, Wm. B. Heartly, J. W. Wood.
13. Fraternal Relations: E. J. Drinkhouse, C. H. Littleton, J. E. T. Ewell, J. H. Wilkinson, W. Boyer.
14. Official Character: A. W. Mather, R. S. Norris, C. M. Thompson, H. M. Fuller, W. H. Wheatley, Chas. Billingslea.
15. Statistics: S. T. Ferguson.

16. Ministerial Supply Outside of the District: J. L. Mills, E. R. McGregor, F. T. Little, W. H. Silk, A. P. Ellis.
17. Obituaries: For Thomas Lee, S. T. Ferguson; P. L. Wilson, J. K. Nichols; Thomas McCormick, A. Webster, Chairman.
18. Western Maryland College: H. C. Cushing, J. T. Lassell, T. O. Crouse, J. W. Thompson, N. R. Naile.
19. Foreign Missions: J. J. Murray, J. L. Killgore, W. W. White, R. P. McDowell, J. W. Mullinix.
20. Ministerial Education: J. K. Nichols, D. L. Greenfield, S. R. Murray, Charles Billingslea, J. Cain.
21. President's Report: S. B. Southerland, S. A. Hoblitzell, W. J. D. Lucas, Samuel J. Cooper, T. M. Flint.
22. Tract Cause: A. D. Dick, W. J. Neepier, G. Q. Bacchus, Henry Swope, A. D. F. Ewell.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

- Credentials: L. W. Bates, J. D. Kinzer, W. B. Usilton, J. W. Thompson, W. J. C. Dulany.
- Lecture: D. W. Bates, S. B. Tredway, C. Billingslea.
- Indian River: D. A. Shermer, J. E. Nicholson, A. Allen.
- School of Theology: W. S. Hammond, J. L. Killgore, J. T. Lassell, C. W. Button, J. B. Bennett.
- S. T. Graham: J. K. Nichols, D. A. Shermer, E. J. Drinkhouse, J. T. Lassell, F. T. Tagg.
- Bequests: J. D. Kinzer.
- Salary of Principal School of Theology: J. J. Murray, J. W. Charlton, J. L. Mills, Chas. Billingslea, W. B. Usilton.
- S. S. Libraries: R. S. Norris, J. J. Murray, H. C. Cushing, J. D. Kinzer, F. T. Tagg, H. F. Zollickoffer, C. Billingslea, N. T. Meginniss, W. B. Usilton, J. R. Caton.
- Revision of Rules: L. W. Bates, J. J. Murray, W. S. Hammond.
- Frederick City Church: W. G. Baker, J. L. Killgore, W. J. C. Dulany.
- Jefferson B. Society: The Board of Managers H. M. Society.

JOURNAL.**FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.**

MARCH 14th, 1883.

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in its fifty-fifth session in the Methodist Protestant Church at Westminster, Md., on Wednesday, March 14th, 1883, at 9 A. M.

The President, Rev. T. D. Valiant, opened Conference by reading II. Corinthians i.-ii.; the 128th hymn and offering prayer.

The roll of ministers was called. The following names were, on motion, transferred to the roll of deceased members: Thomas Lee, died July 16th, 1882; Peter Light Wilson, died January 10th, 1883; Thomas McCormick, died February 20th, 1883.

On motion of S. B. Tredway, L. W. Bates and J. D. Kinzer were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

J. J. Murray was appointed to call the roll of deceased members.

On motion of J. T. Murray, it was decided that the Sacrament be celebrated this evening at 7.30, instead of after the Conference sermon, and that memorial services of those who have deceased the past year be held immediately after the Sacrament.

The Committee on Credentials made a partial report of delegates entitled to membership in this Conference. At the request of the Chairman, the Committee was enlarged by adding W. B. Usilton, J. W. Thompson, W. J. C. Dulany.

On motion of S. B. Southerland, a standing committee on the Tract cause was ordered.

On motion of J. T. Murray, it was resolved to hold one session daily, beginning at 9 A. M. and adjourning at 5 P. M., with a recess from 12 to 2.

On motion of J. R. Nichols, the bar of the house was fixed and T. E. Coulbourn appointed Postmaster of Conference.

At the hour appointed, W. S. Hammond preached the Conference sermon from Acts xviii. 25, after which a recess was taken.

On the reassembling of Conference, the President called S. B. Southerland to the chair, and proceeded to read his report (see Reports, A); his character was passed and the report referred. The Standing Committees were then announced.

Conference proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year.

J. T. Murray was elected President. Ballots were taken for standing District Committee, and the tellers were instructed to retire and count, and Conference adjourned.

EVENING.

The Lord's Supper was administered and memorial services held of Thomas Lee and Peter Light Wilson. Further services were postponed until 3 P. M. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY.

MARCH 15th, 1883.

The President, J. T. Murray, announced the following changes in the Standing Committees: Finance, T. D. Valiant, and Pulpit Services, T. H. Lewis, in place of J. T. Murray.

Communications were presented and referred as follows: from Alexandria, Belair, Ellicott City, Jefferson, Talbot—to Boundaries; from St. John's, Baltimore, Montgomery, Ala.—to Ministerial Supply.

A. W. Mather presented a resolution to change the order in which officers shall be elected, which was adopted (see Resolutions, 1).

T. D. Valiant was, on motion, directed to cast the ballot of the Conference for T. H. Lewis for Secretary. The Secretary named F. T. Little and J. L. Elderdice assistants.

The ballot of the Conference was also cast for R. T. Smith for Conference Steward; A. W. Mather, Home Missionary Steward; G. F. Farring, H. and F. Missionary Steward; F. T. Tagg, Superannuated Fund Steward.

On motion of F. T. Tagg, a resolution was adopted directing the Conference Steward to procure a box to receive the collections (see Resolutions, 2).

The tellers reported the result of the ballot for Standing District Committee (see Officers, page 6).

The Editor of THE METHODIST PROTESTANT submitted the report

of the Book Concern and Periodical, which was referred without reading to the Committee on Literature.

On motion of D. W. Bates, it was resolved to set apart Monday evening for a lecture from Dr. S. B. Southerland, for the benefit of Home Missionaries (see Resolutions, 3), and the committee appointed (see Committees).

An election was ordered for Committee of Appeals, and the tellers allowed to retire and count.

A. T. Melvin announced his wish to withdraw his membership from the Conference, and asked for letter.

The Committee on Credentials made report that because of illegal election Newark was not entitled to representation in this Conference (see Reports, B). Pending discussion of a motion to adopt the report, the hour of recess arrived.

On the reassembling of Conference, the order of business was suspended and communications presented and read from Rev. J. G. Johnson, President Virginia Conference; Rev. O. C. Payne, President Pennsylvania Conference—referred to Fraternal Relations.

On motion of J. J. Murray, the missionary meeting appointed for this evening was ordered for Sunday evening.

The discussion of the report on Newark proceeded. At 3 P. M., the hour for memorial services, it was resolved to postpone said services until to-morrow morning. On motion, Conference granted leave to Luke Morris, claiming to be the delegate from Newark Mission, and J. N. Taylor, claiming to represent the Quarterly Conference of said mission, to address the Conference upon the subject of the report.

At 5 P. M. Conference adjourned, with J. N. Taylor on the floor, to meet at 7.30 this evening.

EVENING.

The tellers in the election for Committee of Appeals reported that there had been no election. The Secretary was directed, without objection, to cast the ballot of Conference for those receiving the highest number of votes, viz: T. D. Valiant, S. B. Southerland, L. W. Bates, B. F. H. Caulk, C. W. Button (see Officers, page 6).

Discussion on the report on Newark proceeded. A call for the yeas and nays was sustained and resulted as follows:

Yeas—J. R. Nichols, D. F. Ewell, L. W. Bates, Ward, Southerland, J. J. Murray, Norris, D. W. Bates, T. D. Valiant, Shreeve, Ellegood, Drinkhouse, Hammond, J. T. Murray, Littleton, Cushing, Dick, Benson, Strayer, Maloy,

J. E. T. Ewell, Hoblitzell, Mills, Charlton, Gray, Jones, Livingston, Kinzer, Rowe, Holmes, Mather, Miskimon, C. M. Thompson, Greenfield, Straughn, Tagg, W. A. Crouse, Neepier, R. L. Lewis, Harryman, Floyd, Sullivan, Killgore, McGregor, Melvin, Little, Tredway, T. O. Crouse, Farring, Mullineaux, Weigand, Walter, Stern, R. T. Smith, White, Arnett, Sheridan, G. J. Smith, S. R. Murray, W. T. Valiant, Eckles, Tracy, Cain, Divers, Thompson, Jones, Usilton, Fuller, Barrow, S. S. Ewell, Gibson, Bennett, Weaver, Erdman, Boyer, Wheatley, McCauley, Wentzell, Allen, Vansant, Nicodemus, Fenimore, Swope, Button, Blades, Dodd, Crager, Benjamin, Mullinix, Berryman, Wilkinson, Butler, Caulk, Gilligan, Billingslea, Gilbert—96.

Nays—Shermer, Cochel, Ferguson, S. T. Graham, Lassell, Bruner, Bacchus, T. H. Lewis, Trout, S. J. Smith, Brown, Anstine, Stone, Nicholson, A. D. F. Ewell, Caton, Johnson, Culp, Wolf, Marche, Abdel—21.

So the report was adopted. Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY.

MARCH 16th, 1883.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported two items for consideration (see Reports, C).

On motion of L. W. Bates, "Maryland District" was added to the list of circuits and stations.

A communication from Newark Mission was referred to Official Character; from Campbell and Southside, to Missions; from Indian River, to special committee (see Committees, page 7); from Montgomery, to Ministerial Supply; from First M. P. Church, Pittsburgh, expressing thanks for supply.

The items of the report on Unfinished Business were next considered. The paper referred to in the first item (see Minutes 1882, p. 22) was unanimously adopted. The Faculty reported as to the second item that they were not ready to report.

The report of the President of W. M. College was referred, without reading, to Committee on W. M. College.

The Principal of the School of Theology submitted his report. It was referred to a special committee. A paper from J. T. Murray and Chas. Billingslea on the same subject was referred to the same committee (see Reports, N). Also a resolution from W. J. C. Dulaney.

Communications were received from David Wilson, C. B. Middleton, W. G. Holmes, J. Clay and Francis Brown.

J. A. Weigand was left without appointment for one year at his own request.

On motion of D. W. Bates, a resolution was adopted conferring extraordinary powers on the President in reference to the work in South Carolina (see Resolutions, 4).

A resolution to set off North East as a mission was referred to Missions.

A communication from Maryland Branch, W. F. M. Society, was referred to Foreign Missions.

The memorial services of Thomas McCormick were further postponed to Sunday afternoon.

J. B. Walker, Corresponding Secretary Board of Ministerial Education, addressed the Conference.

The Committee on Ministerial Supply Outside of the District submitted their report, which was read and adopted (see Reports, D).

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

Resuming business, the Committee on Boundaries submitted their report, which was amended and adopted as herein printed (see Reports, E).

Conference then adjourned.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY.

MARCH 17th, 1883.

The special committee, to whom was referred the communication from Indian River, asked leave to hand the communication to Boundaries, and the request was granted.

A communication from C. H. Williams, Corresponding Secretary Board of Missions, was read and referred to Foreign Missions.

J. M. Yingling asked to retire from the active relation, and was, on motion, referred to Superannuates.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders reported candidates for the itinerancy and for orders, and the report was adopted (see Reports, F).

The Committee on Literature submitted their report, which was amended and adopted as herein printed (see Reports, G).

Conference resumed its session, after recess, in the lecture room.

The Committee on Official Character submitted their report. All the items of the report were stricken out except the recommendations in the case of S. T. Graham and in reference to Bible and Tract collections, which were adopted (see Reports, H). The President appointed the special committee (see Committees, page 7).

J. D. Kinzer announced that Miss Rachel Wilson, of Harford county, Md., deceased, had bequeathed \$1,000 to the Superannuated Fund Society and \$1,000 to the Home Missionary Society of this Conference. On motion, J. D. Kinzer was directed to prepare suitable resolutions.

T. H. Lewis stated that the amount of the College collection, \$471.70, had been paid to him by the chairman of the Committee on W. M. College, in accordance with the resolution of last Conference; but that objections had been raised to such payment, and he desired Conference to direct the collection.

L. W. Bates moved that Conference endorse the action of the chairman of the committee, which was carried without objection.

The ordination service was ordered to take place in the M. P. Church, Sunday morning, after the sermon.

Conference adjourned.

SABBATH.

Augustus Webster preached the morning sermon, after which T. E. Coulbourn, W. F. Roberts, J. L. Elderdice and G. R. McCready were ordained elders by the President, J. T. Murray, assisted by L. W. Bates, J. R. Nichols, S. B. Southerland and T. D. Valiant.

In the afternoon, services were held in memory of Thomas McCormick, conducted by Augustus Webster.

In the evening, the missionary meeting was held, at which addresses were delivered by W. W. White and F. C. Klein.

FIFTH DAY—MONDAY.

MARCH 19th, 1883.

At the request of F. H. Mullineaux, he was changed from superannuate to active.

A resolution was offered by E. J. Drinkhouse, recommending Broadway to the Committee on Missions. It was adopted and referred.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read and adopted (see Reports, I; for collections, Table I., and for assessments, Table II.)

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read and adopted (see Reports, J; for collections, Table I., and for assessments, Table II.)

The report of the Committee on Tract cause was read and adopted (see Reports, K, and for collections, Table I.)

The Committee on Finance read the assessments on the District for President's salary, which were adopted (see Table II.)

The Faculty of Instruction submitted their report, which was adopted (see Reports, L).

The report of the Committee on President's Report was read, recommitted for amendment and finally adopted (see Reports, M).

Conference took a recess for the meeting of the Home Missionary Society, which continued in session to the stated hour of recess.

On the reassembling of Conference, a resolution was offered by A. W. Mather to prescribe the manner in which names should be transferred to the roll of deceased members, which was adopted (see Resolutions, 5).

The committee appointed to draft resolutions in reference to the bequests of Miss Rachel Wilson, late of Harford county, Md., deceased, to the societies of this Conference, reported, and the resolutions were adopted by a rising vote (see Resolutions, 6).

A resolution was offered by J. T. Lassell, respecting official reports, and adopted (see Resolutions, 7).

J. D. Kinzer read a report of monies received for Broadway Church, showing a deficiency still remaining of \$260.

D. W. Bates asked to be retired from the active work of the Conference, after a continuous service of forty-one years, and his request was granted by referring the case to the Committee on Superannuates, of which committee H. C. Cushing was appointed chairman in place of D. W. Bates, at the latter's request.

The committee to whom was referred the Report of the Principal of the School of Theology, made a report, which was adopted, with the exception of the item referring to the salary of the Principal, which was, on motion, referred to a special committee (see Reports, N).

The Committee on Western Maryland College submitted their report, which was adopted (see Reports, O; for collection, Table I.)

The Committee on Bible Cause made a report, which was adopted (see Reports, P, and for collections, Table I.)

It was resolved, on motion, that the next annual session of Conference be held on the second Wednesday in March, 1884.

Washington-Street and Pocomoke City presented, through R. S. Rowe and S. A. Hoblitzell, invitations for the entertainment of the next Conference, and it was decided by ballot to meet at Pocomoke City.

The committee in the case of S. T. Graham presented a majority report, and a minority report signed by J. T. Lassell and D. A. Shermer. They were severally laid on the table, on motion of A. Webster, and, on his motion, amended by J. J. Murray, the character of S. T. Graham was passed (see Resolutions, 8).

Conference adjourned.

SIXTH DAY—TUESDAY.

MARCH 20th, 1883.

The Home Missionary Steward was directed to pay the missionary at Chester according to his time of service.

The Committee on Temperance submitted their report, which was read and adopted (see Reports, Q).

The Committee on Fraternal Relations submitted their report, and asked the Conference to hear Rev. E. R. Washington upon the condition and prospects of the work in South Carolina. The request was granted and the report adopted (see Reports, R).

The Committee on Statistics submitted a report, which was amended and adopted (see Statistics).

On motion, Chester and Middlebrook were stricken from the list, and Portsville added thereto.

A resolution was offered, making it the duty of the President to

report the statistics of charges unsupplied, which was adopted (see Resolutions, 9).

S. T. Graham announced his wish to withdraw his membership from the Conference, and asked for letter.

On motion, the ballot of Conference was cast by F. T. Little for T. H. Lewis as Principal of the School of Theology.

On motion, it was made the duty of the Committee on the Report of the Principal of the School of Theology to present nominations for the Board of Governors for the Theological Seminary.

The Committee on Missions submitted their report, which was read and adopted (see Reports, S, and for Assessments, Table II.)

A. D. Murray was left without appointment at his own request.

A letter from A. H. Bassett, author of a History of the Methodist Protestant Church, was read by J. J. Murray, and a resolution commending the History offered by W. J. C. Dulany, J. J. Murray and E. J. Drinkhouse and adopted (see Resolutions, 10).

The Home Missionary Steward submitted his report of collections and disbursements, which was adopted (see Reports, V, and for collections, Table I.)

The report of the Committee on Superannuates was read and adopted (see Reports, T, and for Assessments, Table II.)

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted their report, which was amended and adopted (see Reports, U).

W. J. C. Dulany offered a resolution, authorizing the President to appoint a committee on revision of the rules, which was adopted (see Resolutions, 11).

Conference adjourned to meet at 7.30 this evening.

7.30 P. M.

The Committee reported the following nominations for Governors of the School of Theology: Ministers—L. W. Bates, E. J. Drinkhouse, J. D. Kinzer, J. T. Murray, S. B. Southerland, J. K. Nichols. Laymen—J. W. Hering, W. J. C. Dulany, Henry Swope, Charles Billingslea.

An election was ordered to select, of those nominated, three ministers and two laymen to constitute the Board, which resulted in the election of L. W. Bates, J. D. Kinzer, J. W. Hering, W. J. C. Dulany; leaving one minister to be selected. The Secretary was ordered to cast the ballot of Conference for the one having the highest number of votes of those not elected, and J. T. Murray was declared elected.

The report of the Superannuated Fund Steward was submitted and adopted (see Reports, W, and for collections, Table I.)

The report of the Home and Foreign Missionary Steward was submitted and adopted (see Reports, X, and for collections, Table I.)

The report of the Conference Steward was submitted and adopted (see Table I.)

J. D. Kinzer offered a resolution of request to the Jefferson Benevolent Association, in reference to the church in Frederick city, which was adopted (see Resolutions, 12).

W. J. C. Dulany offered a resolution to investigate the affairs of the Jefferson Benevolent Association, which was adopted (see Resolutions, 13).

J. D. Kinzer offered a resolution, appointing a committee to rent the church in Frederick city, which was adopted (see Resolutions, 14).

Resolutions of thanks were adopted, as follows: to the citizens of Westminster for entertainment; to Geo. W. Albaugh, Esq., of Westminster, for stationery furnished the Conference; to the Western Maryland Railroad, the Potomac and Chester River Steamboat Companies for commutation of fare, and to the Secretaries, Stewards and Postmaster of the Conference for services rendered (see Resolutions, 15).

On motion, the relation of W. J. Neepier was changed from active to superannuated, and an allowance of \$400 granted.

On motion of F. T. Little, a resolution endorsing the CONFERENCE RECORD was adopted (see Resolutions, 16).

F. C. Klein, appointed by the Board of Missions, our missionary to Japan, addressed the Conference. His remarks were responded to by the chairman, W. S. Hammond; the hymn,

“From Greenland’s icy mountains,”

was sung, and prayer offered by A. Webster.

P. T. Hall was left without appointment at his own request.

The President addressed the Conference and read the Plan of Appointments (see Reports, Y).

R. T. Smith entered his appeal, and the Committee on Appeals retired to consider the appeal. On the return of the committee the Conference, on motion of the President of the Faculty of Instruction, authorized the ordination of J. W. Balderston at the pleasure of the President.

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The President obtained leave to withdraw his plan of appointments, and reported the following changes: Eutaw, R. T. Smith instead of J. W. Balderston; Pittsville, H. C. Stern instead of R. T. Smith; Rowlandville, J. W. Balderston instead of H. C. Stern.

Conference adjourned to meet in Pocomoke city, Wednesday, March 12th, 1884.

THOMAS H. LEWIS,

Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS,
REPORTS,
FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL
TABLES.

RESOLUTIONS.

1.—See page 9.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Resolved, To so change the rules of order that the Secretary be elected immediately after the election of President, and the Conference Stewards immediately after the election of Secretary.

2.—See page 9.

BOX FOR STEWARDS.

Resolved, That a box be constructed, to be procured by the Conference Steward, to receive all the collections of the Conference, and that this box be placed in charge of the Conference Steward.

3.—See page 10.

LECTURE.

WHEREAS, Our missionary interest has been to some extent overshadowed; and, whereas, the percentage to pay the missionaries has been very meagre, and consequently their need correspondingly great, and as the Rev. S. B. Southerland, D. D., has kindly consented to deliver a lecture on "Rambles in Europe" for the benefit of the Missionaries of the Maryland Annual Conference; therefore,

Resolved, That next Monday evening, at 7½ o'clock, be set apart to hear said lecture.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to have tickets printed and make arrangements for said lecture.

4.—See page 12.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Resolved, That our work among the colored brethren of South Carolina is so peculiar in its situation and nature as to demand peculiar authority in supervising the work; therefore, this Conference confers full authority upon its President in ordaining men properly recommended, and for any other duties which, in his judgment, the case may demand.

5.—See page 14.

DEAD ROLL.

Resolved, To amend the resolution of March, 1878, (Minutes, p. 31), relating to the Dead Roll, as follows:

Strike out all after the word "Conference," and insert "that such announcement shall be made when the name of the deceased is reached in the calling of the Conference Roll; and that the name shall then (on motion) be transferred to the Dead Roll by the Secretary, in the presence of the Conference; and when the name is reached on the Dead Roll, an order of the day be named for memorial services for the deceased."

Resolved, 2d, That all resolutions conflicting with the above be repealed.

6.—See page 14.

BEQUEST OF MISS WILSON.

WHEREAS, This Conference has received, during the present session, intelligence of the bequests by Miss Rachel Wilson, of Harford county, Md., of one thousand dollars to the Home Missionary Society and one thousand dollars to the Superannuated Fund Society of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church; therefore be it

Resolved, That we express our high appreciation of this generous consideration of these important interests of the Church, by our beloved and honored sister; and are pleased to remember, and make record, of the consistency of this noble act with the well known facts of her intelligent devotion to the Methodist Protestant Church, and the benevolence and bounty of her long and useful Christian life.

Resolved, That this paper be recorded in the Minutes of this Conference, and a copy be sent to the family of our deceased sister.

7.—See page 14.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

Resolved, That it be a standing rule of this Conference that pastors whose official reports are defective in any point be summoned before the committee to explain, and only those cases in which the explanations may be unsatisfactory to the committee shall be reported to Conference.

8.—See page 15. *

CHARACTER OF S. T. GRAHAM.

WHEREAS, The Conference has declared that the action of the Stewards and Monthly Meeting of Newark Mission in requiring a ticket of admission as a condition precedent to voting for officers of the church is illegal, and that the election held in pursuance of said requirement was invalid; whereas, the only charge against the official character of the pastor is that he aided and abetted in the holding of said election, which the Conference has disapproved; therefore,

Resolved, That with this exception of our disapproval of the particular act, Bro. Graham's official character pass.

9.—See page 16.

BLANKS FOR CHARGES UNSUPPLIED.

Resolved, That the President of the Conference shall be furnished with blanks for all charges left unsupplied, and he shall fill out the same and report to the Conference their statistics.

10.—See page 16.

HISTORY OF M. P. CHURCH.

Resolved, That the Maryland Annual Conference heartily endorse the Revised History of the Methodist Protestant Church, by Bro. Bassett, and commend its introduction into the libraries of our ministers and laymen.

11.—See page 16.

RULES OF ORDER.

Resolved, That the President appoint a committee of three ministers to revise the Conference Rules in Manual, to report at the next Annual Conference.

12.—See page 17.

FREDERICK CHURCH.

WHEREAS, The Board of Missions has been embarrassed in reaching a conclusion in regard to the sale of property in Frederick City, because of the uncertainty about the purposes of Jefferson Benevolent Society in reference to their mortgage upon that property; and, whereas, it is important to the general interests of the Church that there should be harmony and good understanding between the Board and the Society; therefore,

Resolved, That Jefferson Benevolent Society be requested to inform the Board as soon as practicable whether they are willing to permit their interest in the Frederick property to be transferred to another part of the city, if the Board deem it best to make a change in the location of our interests there, and that they be requested to abate their interest upon said mortgage.

13.—See page 17.

JEFFERSON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Resolved, That the Missionary Board be, and is hereby appointed, a committee to investigate the Jefferson Benevolent Society's affairs, in so far as the association will permit, and report to the next Annual Conference.

14.—See page 17.

FREDERICK CHURCH.

Resolved, That the Conference appoint W. G. Baker, the Pastor of Jefferson Circuit, and W. J. C. Dulany a committee to rent our church property in Frederick City.

15.—See page 17.

THANKS.

a. WHEREAS, The citizens of Westminster have munificently entertained the members of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church during its present session in this city, therefore

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be, and are hereby, tendered to them for their generous hospitality.

b. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to G. W. Albaugh, Esq., of this city for stationery furnished the Conference.

c. *Resolved*, That we tender our thanks to the Western Maryland Railroad, the Potomac and Chester River Steamboat Companies for commutation of fare, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Presidents of those companies.

d. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference be, and they are hereby, tendered to the Secretaries, Stewards and Postmaster of this Conference, for the very efficient manner in which they have discharged the arduous duties of their office.

16.—See page 17.

CONFERENCE RECORD.

Resolved, That in recognition of the acceptable service rendered by Rev. T. H. Lewis, in the publication of the CONFERENCE RECORD during this session of the Conference, the sympathy and support of the Conference are hereby tendered Bro. Lewis in anticipation of a similar publication next year.

REPORTS.

A.—See page 9.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

*To the Members of the Maryland Annual Conference
of the Methodist Protestant Church:*

DEAR BRETHREN: We close the record of another year, and add a new page to our Conference history. "The grace of our Lord is exceeding abundant in faith and love, which is in Christ Jesus." Some progress has been made both in material and in spiritual growth. Churches and parsonages have been built, many improvements to church property made, old debts cancelled, and many members added to the Church.

Three of our number, who have been connected with this Conference for many years, have been released from the earthly to join the heavenly association. On the 16th of July Bro. Thomas Lee was called to lay down the weapons of his warfare. He died as he had lived, with a steadfast faith in Christ, and a bright hope of a glorious immortality. Bro S. T. Ferguson is chairman of the Obituary Committee.

On the 10th of January Bro. Peter Light Wilson, after a long and painful affliction, was released from the body to be "present with the Lord." Bro. J. K. Nichols is chairman of the Obituary Committee.

February 20, our venerable Bro. Thomas McCormick, after a long life of Christian usefulness, was called home. Bro. A. Webster is chairman of the Obituary Committee.

APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES.

In April, shortly after the rise of Conference, I appointed James Daugherty, who came by a recommendation from the Quarterly Conference of Pocomoke Circuit, to Quantico. The Circuit gladly received him, and his work will speak for his success. In May I appointed by request of the Quarterly Conference of Concord Circuit, W. M. Through as assistant to Bro. Bruner. He was duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Baltimore Circuit. In September I released W. T. Valiant from Ellicott City Mission, for want of support. Unless the Conference deems this Mission of sufficient interest to render it aid it must fail. There was no delegate present last Conference, and I made the appointment without sufficient information. In the same month I released F. C. Klein from Wilmington Mission to enable him to enter upon the work to which he had been called by the Board of Missions. W. T. Valiant was appointed to succeed him. In September E. O. Ewing was released from Chester Mission, as pecuniary embarrassment, growing out of the failure of the Mission to keep up the current expenses or pay their missionary, rendered it impossible to remain. He was by request transferred

to West Virginia Conference. Could I have given him work at the time that would have supported him he would have continued with us. November 8, W. J. Neepier was released from Liberty Circuit on account of throat affection, which disqualified him for his duties. The Circuit made provision for the filling of its pulpits by ministers of this Conference not under the appointing power—Bros. Nichols, Dumm and Lewis. December 20 C. B. Middleton was released from East Baltimore Station, by consent of the congregation, in order that he might remove to Atlanta, Ga., to which Mission he had been appointed by the Board of Missions. The pulpit (of East Baltimore) has been filled by various members of the Conference up to the present time.

The Quarterly Conference of Leipsic Station has licensed from year to year Wm. T. Potter, who resides in Wilmington, Del., and who became a member of Wilmington Mission. After having created disaffection in that charge, he, with others, withdrew without certificates, and started a mission of their own. The missionary at Wilmington notified the pastor of Leipsic to prevent his license from being renewed. The Quarterly Conference, notwithstanding, renewed his license. The next missionary, Bro. Klein, informed me of the fact, and we both protested against the action of the Quarterly Conference. The Quarterly Conference has, nevertheless, continued to renew his license, and our Mission in Wilmington has to suffer all the odium of their course of conduct. I wrote to the present pastor, declaring the act illegal, and called for a cancelling of his license. The only answer I received was a justification of their act. It remains for you to decide whether the President was right in his decision, or the pastor of Leipsic Station. If the law will justify a Quarterly Conference to send out missionaries to work under the authority of the Methodist Protestant Church in opposition to the appointees of this Conference, it is time for other legislation.

I call the attention of the Conference to the 3d Section of the 14th Article of the Constitution, and desire that they will give a more definite interpretation of that part of the section which says: "Or who have ceased to take an interest in the church may be dropped from the record by a vote of the church; provided further, that in stations these changes may be made by the Quarterly Conference." What is necessary to be settled is, can any member who claims membership, and wishes to retain that membership, be expelled without a lawful trial? Pastors and Quarterly Conferences have acted on the presumption that this proviso justifies it.

WILLIAMSPORT PROPERTY.

In August last I visited Hagerstown, and had an interview with the lawyers in reference to the Williamsport property, but no definite arrangements were reached in the settlement of the Embrey claim. No suit is likely to be brought as the claim is illegal, and I have notified the parties that the offer which was made as a compromise simply as a matter of equity, is now withdrawn. No monies have come into my hands from the sale of the Clearspring Church, and no answer has been received from Judge Syester in reference to the matter. I presume it will be paid during the present year. I think it would be advisable for the Conference to appoint a missionary to that point, to survey the ground, reorganize the Quarterly Conference, and ascertain

what are the prospects for success. If there be no prospects for successful operations, the property should be disposed of.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

Dorchester Circuit, one new church, \$1,200; Dorchester Circuit, new parsonage, \$—; Pocomoke City, new church, not completed—cash provided for it, \$4,700; Finksburg, one new church, cost —; Harrington, one church at Harrington, \$1,200; Easton Church, enlarged and improved, cost \$3,000; Pipe Creek, new church, not finished, paid \$3,000; Washington-Street, improvements \$1,000; Newark, N. J., not finished—expended \$1,700; Chesapeake, expended \$100; Quantico parsonage, lot and church improvements, \$750; Potomac Mission, \$300; Snow Hill Mission, \$100; Clayton Circuit, \$250; Westminster, new parsonage, \$4,000; Cambridge, new parsonage, \$—; Somerset, new parsonage, \$1,500; Salisbury, enlarged parsonage, \$600; Wilmington Mission, church improved, cost \$148; Chestertown, on parsonage, \$325; Powellville Church improvement, \$80.

CHURCH DEBTS.

First Church, Washington, paid \$700; Sussex Mission, \$100; Finksburg Circuit, \$—; Caroline, \$300. Total \$29,853.

I have attempted to make out a tabular statement of the amount of monies raised for church improvements, but the meagre reports received will make the statement imperfect.

In conclusion, let me tender you my sincere and hearty thanks for the uniform courtesy and kindness I have received on every hand, and the promptness with which I have been met at the various appointments. I have not been unmindful of the sacredness of the trust you have reposed in my hands, but have endeavored to discharge its obligations in the fear of God, and to the best interest of our denomination.

May your choice of a successor be directed by our Divine Master, and his administration be attended with abundant success.

Your servant in Christ,

T. D. VALIANT.

B.—See page 10.

CREDENTIALS.

Your Committee on Credentials would report in the case of Newark Mission that they have sought fullest information in regard to the annual meeting held February 4th, 1883, for the purpose of electing officers of the church and delegate to this Conference, having had before them both parties to the controversy in that church, and have ascertained the following facts:

1. That, under resolutions of the Board of Stewards, and of the regular Monthly Meeting of the church, the meeting for the election of delegate to this Conference was held with closed doors, and with doorkeepers appointed by the pastor.

2. That no member of the church was admitted to that meeting but such as held a ticket of admission from the pastor.

3. That the pastor publicly announced from the pulpit, in advance of this meeting, that he would issue tickets to those who had the right to vote, and

that no one would be admitted by the doorkeepers but such as presented tickets of admission issued by himself.

In view of these facts, so unusual in their character, and, as we think, clearly in conflict with the letter and spirit of our law, and subversive of fundamental principles of our church government, we report that said meeting was not properly and legally held; and, therefore, Newark Mission is without a delegate to this Conference.

And your committee also report adversely to the request of Quarterly Conference of said church to give their appointee any official relation to the Conference, there being no law to authorize such a proceeding.

And they also report that there are other items in the paper handed to them by the President, over which they have no jurisdiction; one of which should be referred to the Committee on Boundaries and the other to the Committee on Official Character.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C.—See page 11.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Your Committee on Unfinished Business would beg leave to submit the following as their report, viz:

1. Page 121 of the Journal, the Financial paper of Rev. B. F. Benson, referred to this Conference for consideration.

2. On page 126 the Faculty of Instruction are by resolution to define the privileges of probationary members of this Conference of Theological students.

D.—See page 12.

MINISTERIAL SUPPLY OUTSIDE OF THE DISTRICT.

The Committee on Ministerial Supply Outside the District, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. St. John's Independent Methodist Church officially asks this Conference to furnish it a ministerial supply for the ensuing Conference year in the person of Rev. J. J. Murray, D. D. We recommend that the request be granted.

2. Heathsville Circuit, in the person of a messenger and by a letter from the President of the Virginia Conference, asks to be supplied, as formerly, for the ensuing Conference year, and desires Bro. Miskimon to be returned. We recommend that the request be granted.

3. Montgomery Station asks, through its Trustees, as by the following application, accompanied by a petition signed by eighty members: "That, whereas, the Alabama Conference having left the Montgomery Station of the M. P. Church unsupplied with a pastor, and all its ministers are employed for the present Conference year; and, whereas, the Montgomery Station desires to retain the services of our present pastor, S. R. Murray, now, therefore, we, the Trustees of said church (B. S. Bibb, Edmund Harrison and L. M. Gilmer) do hereby ask and petition the Maryland Conference of the M. P. Church to leave our pastor, S. R. Murray, unstationed for the ensuing year, so as to enable us to obtain his services, and at the (our) next

Annual Conference we hope to obtain the restitution upon its minutes the authority to obtain our pastor from such sources as we may desire."

This is a copy of the resolutions signed George W. Noble, Secretary of M. P. Church, Montgomery, Ala.

Your committee recommend that this request be granted.

4. Whereas, R. S. Norris has been elected by the Maryland Tract Society as its Corresponding Secretary and General Agent and desires to be left without appointment, your committee recommend that his request be granted.

E.—See page 12.

BOUNDARIES.

The Committee on Boundaries having carefully considered the various papers referred to them, beg leave to report upon the different items as follows:

1. They recommend that the request of the Quarterly Conference of Finksburg Circuit, asking for a division of that Circuit, in the manner indicated in the resolutions, be granted, as follows: Finksburg, Sandy Mount, Mount Gilead and Providence to constitute Finksburg Circuit, and Deer Park, Zion, Harmony Grove and Brandenburg to be called Deer Park Circuit.

2. They also recommend concurrence in the resolutions of the Quarterly Conference of Caroline Circuit respecting certain divisions of that territory, as therein named: Union, Thawley's, Ames', and Garey's to constitute Caroline Circuit; Bethel to be attached to Harrington; Felton, Mt. Olive, and Cedar Grove to constitute Felton Mission.

3. They further recommend a consolidation of Belair and Deer Creek Circuits, in accordance with the resolutions adopted by the Quarterly Conference of the first named Circuit, to be known as Belair Circuit, to be supplied with a married and single man.

4. They also recommend that the request preferred by the fourth Quarterly Conference of Harrington Mission, held March 4th, 1883, respecting the assignment of Tub Mill appointment to Felton Mission, be concurred in.

5. That Lewistown Mission be restored to the list of appointments.

6. On the paper of W. A. Hamilton, referred to them, they have no recommendation to make.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F.—See page 13.

ITINERANCY AND ORDERS.

The Faculty of instruction, as the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, beg leave to report in part, as follows:

1. We recommend for admission into the Itinerancy, Samuel F. Cassen and James H. Daugherty.

2. To be employed by the President—Charles Howard Day and J. H. Pyle.

3. For Orders—T. E. Coulbourn, W. F. Roberts, J. L. Elderdice, G. R. McCready.

G.—See page 12.

LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Literature have carefully considered the statement of the Editor and Publisher made to your body, as one of the patronizing Conferences of the Baltimore Book Concern, and referred to them, and respectfully report as follows :

1. That the net assets of said Book Concern on the 28th of February, 1883, omitting, as per order of the Board of Publication, the good will of the subscription list of THE METHODIST PROTESTANT and BIBLE SCHOOL, heretofore allowed, amount to \$3,640.11. But the editor holds this good will to be an available asset, and declares his willingness to give for it \$3,000, which makes the actual assets \$6,640.11, thus showing an increase of \$170.33 over last year.

2. That, notwithstanding the fact of new subscribers at the rate of one hundred per month, received since the new volume and new type dress of the periodical, the large number of discontinuances occasioned by the non-payment under the pre-payment plan of the Board of Publication, the circulation is less than last year. This fact shows how important it is that pastors should give special attention to the securing of the renewal of subscriptions.

3. That the failure of the pastors to secure more than one-fourth of the one thousand subscribers virtually pledged by this Conference two years ago, on condition that the price of THE METHODIST PROTESTANT be reduced to \$2 per annum ; and the success of Rev. S. C. Ohrum, whom the Directory employed two months last summer as canvassing agent, strongly suggests the wisdom, if it does not prove the necessity, of a traveling agent in the Maryland District.

4. That we have, through the faithful and able service of the editors, Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse and Dr. John Scott, weekly religious journals worthy of a place in every Methodist Protestant family, and, assisted by Dr. Augustus Webster and Rev. J. D. Kinzer, a class of Sunday-school lesson-helps which, in price and quality, leaves every Methodist Protestant Sunday-school without excuse in procuring and using any other.

5. That the fact to which our attention is called by the Editor and Publisher, viz: that there is an "evident lack of co-operation on the part of our pastors and our people in general in patronizing our own Book Agent, based, as it seems, upon a misapprehension as to our receiving an equitable interest in such patronage, and upon a rumor that purchases can be made elsewhere at cheaper rates," demands the special attention of the Conference. Your committee has been invited to make the fullest investigation of this matter, being cheerfully tendered every facility for the same, and, as far as they have had opportunity, have done so. And we fully agree with the Publisher in the statement that "we are receiving a full equivalent for the patronage bestowed, and that it cannot be reasonably increased until there is a more thorough concentration of patronage by our people on our own Publishing House." And your committee are further of opinion, after the most careful examination of facts and figures that our limited time would allow, that the

rumor referred to by the Publisher, as above quoted, is without foundation ; and that the cases which may be cited to the contrary are exceptional, and such as may be found in connection with any business house in any branch of trade ; and we commend the passage of the following resolution :

That it is alike the interest and obligation of our pastors and people to bestow their patronage on our Publishing House until it can be shown that, as a rule, and not in exceptional cases only, they are doing so to their own disadvantage.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H.—See page 13.

OFFICIAL CHARACTER.

The Committee on Official Character beg leave to report that objections have been made against the official character of S. T. Graham, and we recommend the reference of these charges to a special committee.

Your committee ask the Conference to state by formal resolution, whether the failure to lift the collection for the Bible cause and Tract cause be a bar to the passage of the official character of the delinquent.

I.—See page 14.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions respectfully submit the following report :

Since the last Conference an increase of interest in Foreign Missions has become very apparent in the Maryland District. In no former year has the amount of money raised for this purpose equalled the sum secured within the last twelve months. Doubtless the missionary intelligence furnished by the periodicals of our Church, and the appeals of our pastors, have contributed to this result. Our zealous sisters, also, have rendered valuable assistance. But to no one agency are we more largely indebted than to the missionary appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. F. C. Klein. By his intelligent and zealous labors Bro. Klein has awakened interest and called forth efforts that must have a happy effect in stimulating our pastors and brethren to greater exertion and increased success.

The Board of Foreign Missions is to be commended for its purpose to place a missionary in Japan at the earliest period practicable, and it is to be congratulated upon having secured the service of one who has the confidence and sympathy of his own brethren with whom he has labored at home, and who, in proportion as he becomes known, will enlist the sympathy and secure the co-operation of the best members of our Church throughout the land. We give him to the whole Church with our cordial commendation and our prayers, that he may be eminently successful in the work to which he has consecrated his life.

Your committee recommend that the emphatic approval of the Conference be given to the expressed determination of the Board of Foreign Missions to send out Bro. Klein not later than August next. They trust that no untoward event will defeat the purpose of the Board, and most earnestly ask that

all the pastors and churches visited by him in the interim receive him cordially, and afford him every facility in furtherance of his object.

Your committee call attention to the fact that the Maryland Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society report an increase of over one hundred per cent. in the amount of money collected during the past year. This fact, as gratifying to us as it is creditable to the women, should encourage them to renew their exertions, and call forth a larger measure of assistance from pastors. We ought to be thankful that our sisters are so much interested in the work, and manifest our appreciation by co-operating with them, and, whenever it may be necessary, by going before and preparing the way for them. It is manifest that when the pastor interests himself the work advances; and if, in some instances, it advances in spite of encouragement withheld or sparingly given, what might be the result if all the pastors themselves were thoroughly informed and interested? While it is a fact to be recorded with thankfulness that there are twelve auxiliaries in the District, it is a fact to be deplored that there are only twelve. Let the number be at least quadrupled the present year.

It is to be hoped that the relations of mutual help existing between the Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Missionary Society will continue as recognized at present until the General Conference shall more specifically define the functions and prerogatives of each, and outline a plan for their future co-operation. The Society has found a valuable, if not, at this stage of its existence, an indispensable agency in the Board; and the Board is so far indebted to the Society that but for the latter we would probably have no missionary to represent the Methodist Protestant Church in heathen lands to-day. We are confident that it is the purpose of the Board to receive and recognize the support of the Society, and equally assured that it is the purpose, and will be the pleasure, of the Society to continue its help. By this arrangement all that either can hope to accomplish at the present is done—the Board, from its inevitable environments, being in a great measure restricted to the peculiar work of the women, and the Society cheerfully enabling the Board to lay the foundation of its own more comprehensive work in Japan.

Your committee is of opinion that the Board has acted wisely in deferring the purchase of property in Japan until the missionary shall have gone out, and from his own observation, reported the facts that are necessary to a judicious determination. In the meantime let collections go on, both by the Board and the Society, in the confidence that when the time for action arrives an arrangement respecting claims and rights in a home or homes will be made to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The work of foreign missions is a work of faith and a labor of love. We need to be more fully imbued with the spirit of the Master to prosecute it more successfully. Let us talk about it, pray over it, disseminate information, and, as the Lord prospers us, gladly contribute our offerings to its support.

J.—See page 14, and for Collections Table I.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Committee on Ministerial Education make the following report and recommendation:

1st. We have received for this fund, and paid over the same to the Agent, Rev. J. B. Walker, \$476.04, which is \$3 in excess of last year's collection, but \$688 less than the Conference assessments.

We find that there are forty candidates for the ministry at Adrian and Western Maryland College, twelve of whom are being aided by the Board.

The Board renews its request for an appropriation from each Annual Conference of at least an average of 10 cents a member, and we recommend that this amount be assessed to the charges, as in last year's Minutes, and that the pastors be urged to instruct their people in the merits and importance of this cause.

K.—See page 14, and for Collections Table I.

TRACT CAUSE.

The object of the Maryland Tract Society being the dissemination of tracts upon the great truths of the Bible, we, therefore, commend this cause to the favorable consideration of our churches.

We recommend Rev. R. Scott Norris, the Corresponding Secretary and General Agent, to the favorable notice of our churches and pastors, in his efforts to secure contributions to this cause.

We recommend that the money in the hands of the committee (\$93.61) be paid to the agent of the Tract Society.

L.—See page 14.

FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.

1. John M. Gill was marked 100 on Watson's Institutes and the same on Church History, and was passed to the second year class. J. H. Maynard was passed to the second year class.

2. J. L. Duncan was passed to the third year. J. S. Bowers was marked 100 on Watson, Church History and the synopsis of the Holy Scriptures, and was passed to the third year. J. H. Balderston was marked 100 by two examiners on History and the same on Homiletics and on synopsis of the Holy Scriptures.

3. Thomas E. Coulbourn and James L. Elderdice were marked 100 by all the examiners before whom they appeared. W. F. Roberts and George R. McCready received 100 on Butler's Analogy and the same on Powell on Succession.

4. J. T. Murray tendered his resignation as a member of the Faculty. It was accepted, and the vacancy was filled by the election of F. T. Tagg.

5. The Chair of Homiletics was given to B. F. Benson, and the study was divided as follows: 1st year, from the 1st to the 20th chapter inclusive. 2d year, from the 20th chapter to close of volume. 3d year, review.

6. We ask the privilege of withdrawing the resolution presented by us in our report of last year, and which was referred back to the Faculty with in-

struction to define the rights and duties of the proposed probationary membership of Theological Students in this body.

7. The following rule of the Faculty was rescinded, viz: "That should any of the Faculty fail to be present, the members of his class being present for examination, the students shall be allowed to proceed to the next year as though they had been examined."

M.—See page 14.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We, your committee, to whom was referred the President's report, having carefully considered the same, beg leave to recommend:

1. That the following, "unless the Conference deems this (Ellicott City) Mission of sufficient interest to render it aid, it must fail," be referred to Committee on Missions.

2. That the suggestion of the President to the effect that it would be advisable to appoint a missionary to Williamsport, be also referred to the Committee on Missions.

3. That the action of the Quarterly Conference of Leipsic Station in renewing the license of Wm. T. Potter, under the circumstances given in the President's report, and which has been confirmed by the best evidence we have been able to obtain, was illegal, as declared by him, and therefore the conduct of that Quarterly Conference in renewing said license, after the protest of the President of the Conference, was improper.

4. That Section 3 of the 14th Article of the Constitution should not be construed as conferring authority upon a church or a Quarterly Conference to deprive a member of membership, when membership is claimed by him or her without an impartial trial.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N.—See page 15.

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

(LETTER from Committee of 1881).

As members of the committee who reported to the last session of Conference the plan for establishing a school of theology at Westminster, we have been deeply interested in watching the progress of the enterprise and looking into its workings and results, and we have had such decided impressions and convictions in regard to it that we respectfully ask the indulgence of Conference in giving expression to them. We venture to do this, thinking you may wish the aid of observation in forming your judgment of the course to be pursued toward it.

First of all, we take the extraordinary progress of the institution as a Providential favor, and in which we hear a voice saying to us, Go forward.

The institution has done good work already; and the work of instruction it has found to do, has more and more impressed the necessity of such a school.

What we theorized about as a necessity has been practically demonstrated to be such. We believe that the Seminary will prove of the greatest con-

ceivable benefit to the Church, and this benefit will soon make itself so manifest that the Church will thereby be moved to give it hearty and adequate support. Apart from the pulpit itself, for which its work is preparatory, there is nothing in the sphere of church enterprise more important, more worthy of support, or which will bear richer fruit.

We consider the plans of the institution wise in conception and practicable in attainment. All that is wanting is appreciation of the institution by the Church, and this, we believe, will be educed by being assured that it is worthy of its countenance and nurture. To this end, with all thoughtfulness, and with fullest confidence, we commend it to the endorsement and support of the Maryland Conference, and through that channel to the Church in general.

J. T. MURRAY, C. BILLINGSLEA.

(REPORT of Committee on Principal's Report).

Your committee, to whom the "Report of the Principal of the Theological School" was referred, report as follows:

That after an examination of the various divisions of said "Report," they recommend:

1. That this Conference heartily indorse the action of the Principal in departing from the line of procedure indicated in section 1, of report on "School of Theology," passed at the last session of this body, and found on page 26 of its printed Minutes, as it was altogether impracticable to establish a Department of Theology in Western Maryland College.

2. That the Course of Study be referred to the Faculty of the Theological School and the Faculty of Instruction of the Conference for such adjustment as may be deemed desirable.

3. We highly approve of the provision made for students, by which they can secure the benefits of the Institution upon such moderate terms.

4. We are much gratified to learn that fifteen students have availed themselves of the advantages of the school, and that the receipts from tuition fees have met the current expenses, the salary of the principal excepted.

5. We desire to express our appreciation of the methods of instruction adopted by the Faculty, and our great gratification at the results which have attended their labors.

6. We suggest the adoption of the following items:

NAME.

We recommend that our Theological School be known as "The Westminster Theological Seminary of the Methodist Protestant Church."

ORGANIZATION.

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church shall, at its present session, appoint three ministers and two laymen, who shall act as a Board of Governors of said Theological Seminary, and whose duty it shall be, in connection with the Principal of said Seminary, and until further authorized by an Act of Incorporation, to superintend all matters relating to the interest of said institution. They shall at the coming session of the Legislature of Maryland secure the passage of an Act of Incorporation, said act to embrace the following points:

1. The three ministers and two laymen, to be appointed by said Maryland Annual Conference at its present session, shall be named as incorporators.

2. The said Act of Incorporation shall also provide that the next session of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, succeeding the passage of the act, shall appoint two ministers and two laymen, and those four persons, so named by the said General Conference, together with the five persons already named by the Maryland Annual Conference as aforesaid, shall constitute and be known in said Act of Incorporation as "The Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary of the Methodist Protestant Church, located at Westminster, Carroll county, Md.

3. That the Board of Governors so constituted shall hold office for the period of four years, or until their successors are elected; they shall elect the President and Faculty of said Seminary, and perform such other duties as are necessary for the efficient management of the institution.

4. That the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church shall, at its session next succeeding the passage of the Act of Incorporation, and every four years thereafter, elect three ministers and two laymen, to fill the vacancies occasioned by the expiration of the term of office of members of the Board of Governors as aforesaid; provided, however, that at least three of those already in the said Board of Governors from the said Maryland Annual Conference, shall be among the number so elected.

5. That the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, shall, at each quadrennial session, elect two ministers and two laymen to fill the vacancies occasioned by the expiration of the term of office of those members of the said Board of Governors elected by said General Conference.

6. That the President of the Board of Governors shall be chosen from among the members of said Board elected by the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and that he, with the remaining members of said Board elected by said Maryland Annual Conference, shall constitute the Local or Executive Board of said Governors, and shall discharge all the duties of the entire Board during the interim of its sessions.

7. That there shall be an annual meeting of the Board of Governors of said Theological Seminary, at which the Local or Executive Board shall make a full report of their proceedings.

8. That the said Board of Governors shall annually report to the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church all matters touching the interests of said Seminary, and they shall also make full reports of the state and condition of the institution to each and every session of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

9. Vacancies occurring in the Board of Governors shall be filled by said Board until the ensuing meeting of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, or of the Maryland Annual Conference as the case may be.

10. That the Conference at its present session elect a Principal for the School of Theology as now constituted, to serve for the ensuing year, or until the organization of the Board of Governors, until the contemplated Act of Incorporation and the election of President of the Theological Seminary by said Board

(REPORT from Committee on the Salary of the Principal).

The Special Committee to which was referred the item from the report of the Committee on School of Theology, relative to the salary of the Principal, respectfully recommend that the College collection ordered by the General Conference be assessed upon the several charges (see Table II.)

We also recommend, in order to render this plan effective, that the pastors and delegates, in response to the call of the roll, obligate themselves personally for the payment of any deficiency in the amounts severally assessed to the charges with which they may be connected the ensuing year.

We further recommend that \$1,200 be appropriated to the payment of the salary and house rent of the Principal of said School, and the remainder, or so much thereof as may be necessary in the judgment of the Board of Governors, to the contingent expenses of the Institution.

We earnestly recommend that these assessments be raised and paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Governors prior to the 1st day of October next.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(RESULT of the call of the roll according to the above.)

Pledged: Ministers—J. R. Nichols (through F. T. Little), J. M. Elderdice, L. W. Bates, J. J. Murray (\$50), T. D. Valiant, Shreeve, Hammond, Littleton, Cushing, Dick, Benson, Strayer, Maloy, Hoblitzell, Cochel, Mills, Charlton, Kinzer, Rowe, J. M. Holmes, Miskimon (\$10), Tagg, R. L. Lewis, Floyd, Killgore, McGregor, Melvin, Little, Tredway, T. O. Crouse, Graham, Lucas, Farring, Walter (\$5), Stern, White, S. R. Murray (\$25), Trout, Coulbourn, J. L. Elderdice, Stone, Bowers, Nicholson, Gill. Delegates—Abdel, Allen, Bennett, Berryman, Billingslea, Butler, Button, Caton, Culp, Dodd, Dulany, Erdman, Flint, Gibson, Gilbert, Gilligan, Henvis, McCauley, Silk, Swope, (J. N. Taylor for Newark), Usilton, Vannort, Wentzell, Wheatley.

①.—See page 15.

WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

The Committee on Western Maryland College beg leave to submit the following report:

1. We congratulate the Conference and the Church at large on the orderly and prosperous condition of the College. There are at present 83 male and 47 female students on the roll, nearly all of whom are now in attendance at the Institution, and we gather from the report of the President that there is, at this time, ample room for the accommodation of all the boarders in the buildings of the College.

2. The present net indebtedness of the College is, or was in January of the present year, \$4,830.55, a part of which we hope can be met from amounts due on the "Walker plan" for liquidating the debt. From the report of the Educational Endowment Society to this Conference we learn that the debt has been lessened \$145.54 by collections on this plan during the past year, and we earnestly recommend the Board of Trustees to press upon those indebted

to the College the duty of meeting promptly their notes and obligations in this direction.

3. As was to have been expected in a new Institution, most of the patronage has come from the State of Maryland, but students have been received from the following States: Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Kansas, Nebraska, New York, Missouri and Ohio.

We deem it important to the College that it should be known throughout the Church as one of our recognized educational agencies, and that it should have the support and patronage of all our Southern and contiguous Conferences.

4. With regard to the endowment proposed by the President in his report, we think it would not be wise to press its immediate consideration upon our people, except in so far as relates to bequests for this purpose. We would, therefore, suggest that bequests to the Board of Trustees or the Educational Endowment Society will prove to be wise and prudent steps in this direction.

5. The collections for the College the present year amount to \$471.70, which sum has, in accordance with resolution of Conference, been paid to Rev. T. H. Lewis for the support of the "Theological School."

6. We further recommend to the friends and patrons of the College everywhere to continue in the good work of assisting the President in his laudable endeavor to pay for the new building erected on the College grounds and now occupied by the majority of the male boarding students.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P.—See page 15.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Committee on Bible Cause submit the following report:

Amount of collections in Conference District.....	\$184 77
Amount paid by Mrs. T. A. Reese.....	150.00
Amount cash paid to Wm. H. Cole, agent M. S. Bible Society.....	127.26

We recommend the following as Life Directors: A. W. Mather, S. J. Smith and D. W. Anstine.

Mrs. T. A. Reese will give direction to the amount contributed by her.

Q.—See page 15.

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee respectfully report that the past success and present outlook of the Temperance cause, both in its moral and legal aspect, affords cause of gratitude for the past, and should impart encouragement for the future. The rapidity with which the counties of Maryland are falling into the prohibitory line, and the waking up of the people in various sections of the land, show that a brighter light is penetrating the hearts and consciences of the people, and that a wholesome sentiment is working its way to the surface, which is very flattering to all who have this cause at heart. Your committee respectfully submit that while the preaching of the gospel is the sovereign remedy for all the vices of our race, and that while we must depend

on moral suasion to turn men from evil to good, yet the use of intoxicating drinks being such a special and wide-spread curse it should be met by special effort. Your committee further believes that the countenance given to the liquor traffic by the law which legalizes it, is that which, more than anything else, keeps a moral in the business and is one of our greatest obstacles, and that prohibitory enactments should therefore be sought after, thus bringing the traffic more completely into disrepute.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. It is unquestionably the duty of Christian people to aid by every means at their command in the furtherance of the temperance cause.

2. We recommend to all Sabbath School workers to combine in their course of instructions Scripture lessons on temperance.

3. We regard the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and Maryland State Temperance Alliance as well timed agencies, and worthy of our co-operation.

R.—See page 15.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations beg leave to report:

That we are gratified to receive the fraternal greetings of the President of the Virginia Conference, Rev. John G. Johnson, M. D., and reciprocate his expressions of Christian esteem. Our contiguous Conference territory and the disasters of our sister District in the past by false brethren and other causes have challenged our sympathies. His request for continued fostering care and ministerial help we are sure will be heeded by this Conference, and we bid him and his coadjutors "God speed" in their arduous labors to recuperate and extend our denominational interests in Virginia.

We also acknowledge the receipt of a friendly letter from the President of the Pennsylvania Conference, Rev. O. C. Payne, M. D., and a fraternal messenger to this Conference. The territory represented by him is also contiguous to our own, and has been subject to disintegration and dissension. One of the oldest of the Conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church, we are encouraged to hear of the bright prospect that seems to open under his energetic administration, for an effective manning of this work in which we have both a considerable amount of Church property and faithful members. We assure our brother and his Conference that we are interested witnesses of their laudable struggle, not only to preserve their autonomy but to reoccupy forsaken ground. They have our prayers.

We would also recognize the presence among us of Rev. E. R. Washington, associate pastor of our honored brother, Rev. F. Brown, of our South Carolina colored churches. The zeal and sacrifice manifested in taking so long and expensive a trip, as well as the encouraging reports of his labors and that of his faithful and loyal coadjutors, command our unqualified respect, and we express to him and them our Christian regard and promise of assistance in every way possible towards the thorough establishment of our denominational cause among the colored people of South Carolina.

Respectfully submitted.

S.—See page 16, and for Assessments, Table II.)

MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions beg leave to report as follows :

1. We recommend that the request from South Side to set off Bethel Church as a Mission be not granted.
2. We recommend that an anniversary be held during the session of each Conference, and that the President appoint speakers.
3. Inasmuch as Broadway Church property belongs to the Home Missionary Society of this Conference, we recommend that the relation of Broadway be that of a Mission.
4. We recommend that Williamsport, Ellicott City, Lewistown, North East, N. C. Avenue, Frederick City and Indian River be continued in the relation of Missions, without appropriations, and that Newark be made a Station and Tyreanna be attached to South Side.
5. We recommend the following appropriations: Alexandria, \$100; Potomac, \$150; Harper's Ferry, \$100; Wilmington, \$200; Salisbury, \$100; Fulton, \$150; Hull-Street, \$100; Snow Hill, \$200; Crumpton, \$50; Sussex, \$150; Middleway, \$100; Amelia, \$100, and Broadway, \$200.

T.—See page 16, and for Assessments, Table II.

SUPERANNUATES.

James Thompson, \$400; J. K. Nichols, \$350; J. A. McFaden, \$400; W. G. Holmes, \$300; D. F. Ewell, \$300; J. W. Everist, \$100; J. H. Ellegood, \$400; W. T. Dumm, \$400; H. J. Day, \$300; J. M. Yingling, \$400; D. W. Bates, \$350; W. J. Neepier, \$400; Mrs. F. G. Wright, \$170; Mrs. M. H. Whiteside, \$150; Mrs. S. J. Wilson, \$200; Mrs. S. G. Valiant, \$100; Mrs. J. Roberts, \$400; Mrs. D. E. Reese, \$200; Mrs. J. E. Read, \$100; Mrs. Thomas Lee, \$200; Mrs. G. D. Hamilton, \$200; Mrs. N. S. Greenaway, \$200; Mrs. D. N. Gilbert, \$300; Mrs. C. Eversole, \$250; Mrs. L. A. Collins, \$100; Mrs. T. M. Bryan, \$200; Mrs. I. T. Adkins, \$200; Mrs. W. C. Ames, \$400; Mrs. D. Bowers, \$250.

We further recommend for adoption by the Conference the anniversary of the Superannuated Fund Society and the President appoint speakers.

U.—See page 16.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools report the following paper, and respectfully recommend that pastors be requested to read it to their congregations, and devote one service, at some favorable hour, to a more elaborate and forcible presentation of the points suggested therein :

Recognizing the importance of childhood in its relation to church membership, and active work in the kingdom of God, and believing that the most powerful factors in the development of character, and equipment for happy and useful life, are in the religious instruction, the social relations and the moral atmosphere of the children, we are convinced that in the structure of society to-day there is a clearly defined field—a providential indication—for earnest Sabbath-school work, and imperative demand upon the churches, if

we would subserve the highest interests of the cause of Christ, to put into the Sunday-school and organize with greatest care the best working forces the church possesses.

The church of the future is in the Sabbath-schools of to-day; and whether that church of the future shall be large in numbers, strong in its knowledge of the word of God, disciplined for most effective work against the forces of infidelity and worldliness, and spiritually powerful, depends upon the teachers who are in our schools to-day. We would emphasize the importance of having our best members—the most spiritual and devout—as active workers in this department.

It is a sad and humiliating fact, stamping as failures our methods and instrumentalities, that many, very many, children pass from the Infant Class, through all the grades of the school, and leave the Bible Class unconverted, and go out to a life of worldliness and indifference to religion. We believe the cause of this sorrowful lack of spiritual fruit lies chiefly in defective work in the classes. This ought not so to be. In this day if such persons are not brought to Christ in childhood and youth, there is but little hope of their being gathered into the church in later years.

We would call the attention of pastors and superintendents to the importance of memorizing Scripture by the children, which, we fear, is not done generally in our schools. There is great danger that with the multiplication of helps and conveniences of Sunday-school work, by which everything needed to understand the lesson is brought before the eye of the scholar and the teacher, there will be very superficial work done. We would have the children, in addition to what the teacher may be able to impart to them, storing up the precious Word of God for the time of trial and conflict which will inevitably come.

We are gratified to know that our Sunday-school literature, as published in Baltimore and Pittsburgh, is generally used in the schools in the District, and hope that all our schools will patronize our Book Agency and Sunday-school literature, and thereby guarantee a steady improvement in the quality of our publications.

We earnestly recommend the use of our Church Catechism in all our schools, believing its use in connection with the present preparation of the lesson in common use, is essential to thorough and permanently beneficial instruction.

We call attention to the importance of great care in the selection of libraries that, in our attempt to furnish the children with books suited to their age, we give them only such as shall be helpful in training for a virtuous and useful life. And therefore recommend the appointment of a committee of ten members, composed of ministers and laymen, whose duty it shall be to read and commend such books as are supposed to be suitable for Sunday-school libraries. And we request the agent in Baltimore to send to such committee new books of this class, for perusal, and that the agent keep an accessible record of such books as are read and approved by members of the committee.

We recommend that the Secretary be requested to call the attention of the members of the Conference, through THE PROTESTANT, to this report and the rule laid upon them to read it.

V.—See page 16, and for collections, Table I.
HOME MISSIONARY STEWARD.

	PAYMENTS.		
	Appropriated.	Paid.	Deficient.
Deficiency of 1882.....	\$1,003.98	\$1,003.98	
Alexandria.....	100.00	40.00	\$60.00
Amelia.....	100.00	40.00	60.00
Chester.....	50.00	20.00	30.00
Crumpton.....	50.00	20.00	30.00
Harper's Ferry.....	100.00	40.00	60.00
Harrington.....	150.00	60.00	90.00
Hull-Street.....	100.00	40.00	60.00
Middleway.....	100.00	40.00	60.00
Potomac.....	100.00	40.00	60.00
Salisbury.....	100.00	40.00	60.00
Snow Hill.....	200.00	80.00	120.00
Sussex.....	150.00	60.00	90.00
Wilmington.....	250.00	102.40	147.60
Total.....	\$2,553.98	\$1,626.38	\$927.60

EXHIBIT.
COLLECTIONS:

From District, 1883.....	\$1,515.69
Dues at Conference, 1883.....	82.95
Lecture by Dr. Southerland at Conference, 1883.....	30.50
From Starr \$26, St. John's \$10, Rainsburg \$10.20 (received last year too late for report).....	46.20

DISBURSEMENTS:

Deficiencies of 1882.....	\$1,003.98
Missionaries of 1882.....	622.40
President, deficiency on Chester.....	10.00
Dr. Drinkhouse, for Certificates.....	12.89
Missionary papers.....	16.91
Expenses of Treasurer.....	9.17
Total.....	\$1,675.34

W.—See page 17, and for Collections, Table I.
SUPERANNUATED FUND STEWARD.

RECEIPTS.

From Treasurer.....	\$3,894.04
Collections for 1883.....	922.60
Dues at Conference.....	72.75

DISBURSEMENTS:

	Claim.	Paid.
Thomas Lee.....	\$400.00	\$259.19
H. J. Day.....	300.00	194.37
W. T. Dumm.....	300.00	194.37
J. W. Everist.....	100.00	64.79
J. H. Ellegood.....	400.00	259.19
D. F. Ewell.....	250.00	161.97
J. A. McFaden.....	450.00	291.58
J. K. Nichols.....	200.00	129.58
James Thompson.....	450.00	291.58
W. G. Holmes.....	300.00	194.37
F. H. Mullineaux.....	400.00	259.19

DISBURSEMENTS—CONTINUED.

Mrs. W. C. Ames.....	400.00	259.19
" I. T. Adkins.....	200.00	129.58
" D. Bowers.....	250.00	161.97
" T. M. Bryan.....	200.00	129.58
" R. T. Boyd.....	200.00	129.58
" L. A. Collins.....	100.00	64.79
" C. Eversole.....	300.00	194.37
" D. N. Gilbert.....	300.00	194.37
" N. S. Greenaway.....	250.00	161.97
" G. D. Hamilton.....	200.00	129.58
" J. E. Read.....	100.00	64.79
" John Roberts.....	400.00	259.19
" D. E. Reese.....	200.00	129.58
" S. G. Valiant.....	100.00	64.79
" T. M. Wilson.....	200.00	129.58
" W. T. Wright.....	100.00	64.79
" F. G. Wright.....	150.00	97.18
" J. F. Whiteside.....	150.00	97.18
Cor. Secretary.....		2.00
Steward.....		2.57
Investment.....		122.07
Total.....	\$4,889.39	\$4,889.39

X.—See page 17, and for Collections, Table I.

EXHIBIT HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Collections for the year.....	\$830.84
Paid to Treasurer for Foreign Missions only.....	\$420.42
" " " equal distribution.....	410.42
Total.....	\$830.84

In addition the following amounts have been raised in the District during the year and reported to the Conference:

For Home in Japan.....	\$1,102.00
For Woman's Foreign Foreign Missionary Society.....	450.92
Total.....	\$1,552.92
Add collections as above.....	830.84
Total.....	\$2,383.74

Y.—See page 17.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

PRESIDENT.....	J. T. MURRAY.....	8 Parkin St., Baltimore, Md.
Accomac.....	A. J. Walter.....	Lee Mont, Va
Alexandria.....	S. B. Tredway.....	Alexandria, Va.
All Saints.....	Unsupplied.	
Amelia.....	H. G. Cowan.....	Mannboro', Va.
Anne Arundel.....	{ W. J. Floyd.....	Brooklyn, Md.
	{ One to be supplied.	
Baltimore.....	J. R. Nichols.....	Towson, Md.
Bedford.....	W. W. White.....	Cumberland Valley, Pa.
Belair.....	{ T. D. Valiant.....	Belair, Md.
	{ W. T. Valiant.....	
Broadway.....	T. E. Coulbourn.....	414 E. Monument St., Balt., Md.

Cambridge.....	J. S. Bowers.....	Cambridge, Md.
Campbell.....	H. W. Leslie.....	Lynchburg, Va.
Caroline.....	G. Q. Bacchus.....	Burrsville, Md.
Cecil.....	D. A. Shermer.....	Bayview, Md.
Centreville.....	L. W. Bates.....	Centreville, Md.
Chesapeake.....	T. O. Crouse.....	Edesville, Md.
Chestertown.....	W. M. Strayer.....	Chestertown, Md.
Chincoteague.....	Unsupplied.	
Clayton.....	W. J. D. Lucas.....	Kenton, Del.
Concord.....	S. T. Ferguson.....	Roxbury, Pa.
Crumpton.....	{ J. G. Sullivan..... } { J. B. Butler, sup. assist. }	Crumpton, Md.
Cumberland.....	A. A. Harryman.....	Cumberland, Md.
Deer Park.....	G. R. McCready.....	Bird Hill, Md.
Dorchester.....	J. M. Sheridan.....	Vienna, Md.
East Baltimore.....	W. S. Hammond.....	316 E. Preston St., Balto., Md.
Easton.....	F. T. Little.....	Easton, Md.
Ellicott City.....	Unsupplied.	[Balto., Md.]
Eutaw.....	R. T. Smith.....	1st Toll Gate, "Harford Road,"
Fawn Grove.....	J. W. Charlton.....	Fawn Grove, Pa.
Felton.....	J. E. Nicholson.....	Seaford, Del.
Finksburg.....	W. D. Litsinger.....	Finksburg, Md. [ton, D.C.]
First Church.....	J. W. Gray.....	5th St. E. & Va. Ave., Washing-
Franklin City.....	G. J. Smith.....	Franklin City, Va.
Frederick.....	{ B. F. Benson..... } { S. F. Cassen..... } { A. Baker, sup. assist. }	New Market, Md.
Frederick City.....	Unsupplied.	
Georgetown.....	{ F. T. Tagg..... } { One to be supplied. }	Georgetown, D. C.
Hampden.....	A. D. Melvin.....	Woodberry, Md.
Harper's Ferry.....	J. M. Gill.....	Harper's Ferry, W. Va.
Harrington.....	C. S. Arnett.....	Harrington, Del.
Howard.....	{ J. W. Trout..... } { C. H. Day..... }	Lisbon, Md.
Hull-Street.....	W. H. Stone.....	128 Johnson St., Balto., Md.
Indian River.....	Unsupplied.	
Jackson Grove.....	Unsupplied.	
Jefferson.....	{ J. L. Killgore..... }	Frederick City, Md.
Lewistown Miss.....	To be supplied.	
Kennedyville.....	J. M. Brown.....	Kent Island, Md.
Laurel.....	J. B. Jones.....	Laurel, Del.
Leipsic.....	W. J. D. Lucas.....	Kenton, Del.
Liberty.....	Jesse Shreeve.....	Libertytown, Md.
Lynchburg.....	S. B. Southerland.....	Lynchburg, Va.
Middleway.....	H. Bruner.....	Middleway, W. Va.
Milton.....	A. D. Dick.....	Milton, Del.
Newark.....	J. M. Holmes.....	97 Walnut St., Newark, N. J.
Ninth-Street.....	J. L. Mills.....	1536 Columbia St. N.W., Wash-
North East.....	D. A. Shermer.....	Bayview, Md. [ington, D.C.]
N. C. Avenue.....	W. J. Neeper.....	S. E., Wash-
Pipe Creek.....	C. T. Cochel.....	Uniontown, Md. [ington, D.C.]
Pittsville.....	H. C. Stern.....	Pittsville, Md.
Pocomoke.....	J. L. Elderdice.....	Princess Anne, Md.
Pocomoke City.....	S. A. Hoblitzell.....	Pocomoke City, Md.
Portsville.....	Unsupplied.	
Potomac.....	W. F. Livingston.....	Georgetown, D. C.
Powellville.....	D. W. Anstine.....	Powellville, Md.
Preston.....	W. A. Crouse.....	Preston, Md.
Quantico.....	J. H. Daugherty.....	Eden, Md.

Queen Anne's.....	R. L. Lewis.....	Ruthsburg, Md.
Rainsburg.....	Unsupplied.	
Rowlandville.....	J. W. Balderston.....	Rowlandville, Md.
St. James'.....	A. W. Mather.....	Hanesville, Md.
St. Luke's.....	W. R. Graham.....	1312 Butler St., Philad'a, Pa.
St. Michael's.....	S. J. Smith.....	St Michael's, Md.
Salisbury.....	F. H. Mullineaux.....	Salisbury, Md.
Seaford.....	J. L. Duncan.....	Seaford, Del.
Snow Hill.....	W. F. Roberts.....	Snow Hill, Md.
Somerset.....	J. L. Straughn.....	Crisfield, Md.
South Baltimore.....	J. E. T. Ewell.....	400 Light St., Balto., Md.
South Side.....	Unsupplied.	
Starr.....	C. H. Littleton.....	57 S. Poppleton St., Balto., Md.
Stewartstown.....	E. R. McGregor.....	Stewartstown, Pa.
Surry.....	{ Unsupplied; R. W. Ber- } { ryman, supernum. }	Jones' Wharf, Va.
Susquehanna.....	H. C. Cushing.....	Level, Md.
Sussex.....	J. M. Elderdice.....	Laurel, Del.
Talbot.....	J. E. Maloy.....	Oxford, Md.
Union.....	C. M. Thompson.....	Russum, Md.
Warwick.....	J. T. Lassell.....	Warwick, Md.
Washington-St.....	R. S. Rowe.....	12 N. Washington St., Balt., Md.
West Baltimore.....	D. L. Greenfield.....	206 N. Gilmor St., Balto., Md.
Westminster.....	J. D. Kinzer.....	Westminster, Md.
Williamsport.....	Unsupplied.	
Wilmington.....	G. F. Farring.....	522 E. 7th St., Wilmington, Del.
Berkley.....	E. R. Washington.....	Trial, S. C.
Charleston.....	Francis Brown.....	Charleston, S. C.

LOANED.

Heathsville, Va.—	H. E. Miskimon, Heathsville, Va.
St. John's—	J. J. Murray, 35 N. Liberty St., Baltimore, Md; A. Webster, Pastor Emeritus, 160 McCulloh St., Baltimore, Md.
Atlanta, Ga.—	C. B. Middleton, 389 Whitehall St., Atlanta, Ga.
Post Chaplain U. S. Army—	D. Wilson, Fort Meade, D. T.
Editor of THE METHODIST PROTESTANT—	E. J. Drinkhouse, P O. Box 735, Baltimore, Md.
President Western Maryland College—	J. T. Ward, Westminster, Md.
Principal of School of Theology—	T. H. Lewis, Westminster, Md.
Corresponding Secretary Maryland Tract Society—	R. S. Norris, 70 West Fayette St., Baltimore, Md.
Missionary to Japan—	F. C. Klein, 116 Barre St., Balto., Md.
Superannuated—	J. W. Everist, D. W. Bates, D. F. Ewell, W. T. Dumm, H. J. Day, J. A. McFaden, J. H. Ellegood, James Thompson, J. K. Nichols, W. G. Holmes, J. M. Yingling, W. J. Neeper.
Without appointments at their own request—	P. T. Hall, J. A. Weigand, A. D. Murray. Without appointment—S. R. Murray.
Supernumerary—	J. Clay.

SUB-DISTRICTS.

"Each Annual Conference shall divide its territory into Sub-Districts, and provide for the holding of one or more district meetings in each sub-district every year, to be composed of all the ministers, preachers, exhorters, and Sunday-school superintendents, and one or more to be elected by the Quarterly Conference from each pastoral charge.

"Each Annual Conference shall designate the chairman of its respective districts

annually, who shall announce the time and place of meeting, and preside over the same. The district meeting shall seek by mutual counsel and co-operation to promote all the local and general interests of the Church, and shall provide for the efficient employment of unstationed ministers, preachers and exhorters, by arranging as far as practicable a plan of work for each.

"Annual and Quarterly Conferences shall take such measures as may be necessary to secure the attendance of their members on the sessions of the district meetings.

"Each district meeting shall elect a Secretary, who shall keep a proper record of all proceedings in a book or journal provided for the purpose." Discipline, p. 78.

No. 1—T. D. Valiant, Chairman. Newark, St. Luke's, Wilmington, Cecil, Rowlandsville, Warwick, Leipsic, Clayton, Belair, Susquehanna.

No. 2—L. W. Bates, Chairman. Centreville, Chesapeake, Chestertown, Crumpton, Kennedyville, Kent Island, Queen Anne's, St. James.

No. 3—F. T. Little, Chairman. Cambridge, Caroline, Dorchester, Easton, Felton, Harrington, Preston, St. Michael's, Seaford, Talbot.

No. 4—J. B. Jones, Chairman. Accomac, Chincoteague, Franklin City, Indian River, Laurel, Milton, Pittsville, Pocomoke, Pocomoke City, Portsville, Powellville, Quantico, Salisbury, Snow Hill, Somerset, Sussex, Union.

No. 5—W. S. Hammond, Chairman. Baltimore, Broadway, East Baltimore, Ellicott City, Eutaw, Fawn Grove, Hampden, Hull-Street, South Baltimore, Starr, Stewartstown, Washington-Street, West Baltimore.

No. 6—J. L. Mills, Chairman. Alexandria, All Saints, Anne Arundel, First Church, Georgetown, Guilford, Jackson Grove, North Carolina Avenue, Ninth-Street, Potomac.

No. 7—J. D. Kinzer, Chairman. Bedford, Concord, Cumberland, Deer Park, Finksburg, Frederick, Frederick City, Harper's Ferry, Howard, Jefferson, Liberty, Middleway, Pipe Creek, Rainsburg, Westminster, Williamsport.

No. 8—S. B. Southerland, Chairman. Amelia, Campbell, Lynchburg, South Side, Surry.

No. 9—Francis Brown, Chairman. Berkley, Charleston.

OBITUARY.

REV. THOMAS LEE

Was born June 17, 1821, in Manchester, England. He gave his heart to the Saviour in the 13th year of his age, and joined the Methodist New Connection. Immediately after his conversion he became interested in the salvation of others and the prosperity of the church, and was so earnest and successful as to attract the attention of the leading men in the denomination; so much so, they, without his solicitation, licensed him a local preacher, then scarcely fifteen years of age. At Bolton, Rochdale, Haywood, Bury and other large and flourishing towns, he preached to intelligent congregations, and was surprisingly popular, not only as a preacher, but as a temperance advocate. His services were in constant demand in that particular direction. Being decidedly a lover of books, though his education was rather limited, he read much, and thereby became conversant with the best theological authors. He was also a student in the governmental history of nations, and as ours was a government of the *elective franchise*, he determined to make America his future home. Accordingly, in 1848, he crossed the Atlantic and settled in Harper's Ferry, Va., at which place he and his estimable Christian lady connected themselves with the Methodist Protestant Church, under the pastorate of Rev. David Wilson. Here, as in England, the church sought his services, and commissioned him to go and preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. In 1850 he was sent as a supply to Accomac, by Rev. Wm Collier, then President of the Conference. The following year he was received into the Maryland Annual Conference, and reappointed to Accomac. His labors there were fruitful, and to this day his name is a love-word in many homes in that section of our work. In 1852 he was appointed to Salem, and served that charge faithfully for one year. His next appointment was Alleghany, now a part of the Bedford charge; and here, as an evidence of his popularity, it is not unfrequent we meet with young men bearing his name. Reading, Caroline, Bedford, and Susquehanna were his subsequent appointments. In all these charges his ministrations were a blessing and benefit to the people.

In the spring of 1868, owing to a general break down in health, he was compelled to retire from active work in the ministry, and from that time to the day of his death he was in every sense of the word a superannuate. As a Christian and preacher, Bro. Lee's worth was only known by a few of our ministers. He was mild and retiring in disposition; his piety was uniform in manifestation and experience. As a preacher he was blessed with an analytical and logical mind.

We have before us several letters from his most intimate friends. An ex-President of the Conference writes of him: "Bro. Lee was a good man; wherever he preached he left behind him the savor of a spotless reputation. None ever doubted his piety, and the more intimately he was known, the more was it apparent that he believed what he said, and practiced what he preached. Affable and cordial he made friends rapidly wherever he preached. He never obtruded his advice; but none could be more frank and candid when his counsel was asked, or when as a minister he felt it was his duty to speak. He was in his preaching a messenger of mercy and peace. He seldom denounced the 'terrors of the law.' He loved the gentle and tender themes, and seldom preached without tears; nor did he weep alone, for his congregations often wept with him."

An honored and distinguished layman writes of him: "I knew him when he first came to America. He was really one of the 'excellent of the earth'; modest, humble, child-like in his demeanor, yet firm and decided in his convictions and principles. He was a man to be loved by those who knew him well (as I did), and to be esteemed by all who observed his walk among men. I regarded him a good, sensible preacher in the start, and am sure he improved and made good use of his talents."

Since Bro. Lee's superannuation he has been living in Rainsburg, Pa., where he was loved and esteemed by a large community. When we saw him last, it was evident he was nearing his heavenly home. For years he had been troubled with chronic throat affection, and finally pulmonary consumption set in, resulting in death July 16, 1882. His closing hours on earth were grand and peaceful. The funeral was one of the largest ever known in "Friends' Cove." S. T. Ferguson, pastor of Bedford Methodist Protestant Church, conducted the services, assisted by several ministers of other denominations, after which all that was mortal of Thomas Lee were interred in the cemetery adjoining the church, watched of angels until the resurrection of the just.

REV. PETER LIGHT WILSON

Departed this life at his home, in Johnsville, Frederick county, Md., January 10, 1883, in the 61st year of his age. Brother Wilson was the only son of Rev. Robert Wilson, and was born in Berkeley county, (now West) Virginia. October 20, 1822. He was educated in Williamsport, Washington county, Md., where the most of his early life was spent. He was converted when a boy of about fourteen years of age at a camp-meeting held on the land of his uncle, Peter Light (after whom he was named), just across from Williamsport, on the Virginia side of the Potomac. The circumstances leading to his conversion were those of a personal appeal from his honored father. Taking his son out on a walk for the purpose, he said, with a faltering voice, as he walked along, "Peter, my son, do you see these locks," taking hold of his gray hair. "Do you see these locks whitening for the grave! I have tried to train you in the fear of God," he continued, "but I cannot stay with you much longer. I have done for you what I could, and now you must take the responsibility into your own hands." Under this touching appeal the son's heart was melted, and then and there he resolved to seek the Lord. This he did soon after, as above stated, and connected himself with the Methodist Protestant Church in Williamsport. He seems to have contemplated mercantile life at first, and for a time was engaged as a clerk with one of the merchants of the town, but becoming impressed that it was his duty to preach the Gospel he gave up business life and entered upon a course of preparation for the active work of the ministry. In order to this, he, with other young men, entered Windsor Theological Institute under the care of Rev. Francis Waters, D. D., where he remained for some time, enjoying the benefits of the instruction and moulding influences of the institution. In the spring of 1842 he was received into the Maryland Annual Conference, and was assigned to Pipe Creek Circuit, with Rev. Dr. J. S. Reese as superintendent. He was everywhere well received, and his labors were highly appreciated, and during the year he made so much character in his holy calling that at the following Conference he was appointed to the highly responsible charge of Cumberland Station, just then set off from the adjoining circuit to be organized and henceforth to be administered as an independent field of labor. He proved to be the right man in the right place. Under his pastorate the church was established upon her new foundations, and many added unto the Lord of such as should be saved. He was re-appointed the following spring, and another year of prosperity crowned his labors in the Gospel. But these abundant labors began to tell upon his feeble constitution, and it was sought at the following Conference to lighten his toil, which was done by making him second assistant on Pipe Creek Circuit with Drs. William Collier and J. K. Nichols. After two years of absence he was welcomed back to this, his old field of labor, by the whole

circuit. Relieved of the care and anxiety of a superintendency, of course, his labors were lighter here, but his excessive toil for the two preceding years had done their work. He was rarely, if ever, entirely well afterward. He always complained of his heart more or less, and that delicate organ never ceased its complaining till it ceased to beat. His character now as a faithful and efficient worker in the Conference was becoming well established, and he was called for by the churches all over the District, and wherever he went he was successful—never failing to improve his work, and always left it in a state of prosperity. From this time on his charges, in order, were Frederick, West Baltimore, Bethlehem, Philadelphia, Cumberland again, Frederick again, Ninth Street, Washington, D. C.; Jefferson, Ninth-Street, Washington, D. C., again; Pipe Creek for the third time; Broadway, Baltimore. At the close of his labors on this charge he was admonished from his failing health to desist from the labors and care of the active ministry, and so dropped out of the regular work. But one so full of zeal and enthusiasm could not consent to be idle. Western Maryland College was just then struggling into existence, and he accepted an agency for that institution. In all, he was six years college agent, during which active service he did much to start the college upon that career of prosperity and usefulness which has marked it all through the fifteen years of its successful operation. For the last several years of his life he held a supernumerary relation on Liberty Circuit, and rendered such service as he was able to do, but was more or less employed in secular business—mostly farming. But this was evidently the result of necessity rather than of choice. He loved the work of the ministry. That was his element, his life. Almost at any time during these years, had his health permitted, gladly would he have given up his secular engagements for the privilege of resuming his life work in preaching the Gospel and advancing the kingdom of Christ in the world. But the end of all has come and he has entered into his rest. Several months before his death he began perceptibly to fail. His disease was pronounced by his physicians to be bronchial in its character, complicated by heart affection: and I suppose all was done that medical skill and attention could do to alleviate his condition. But as for cure, it could hardly have been expected. He, himself, entertained but little hope, at any time, that he could get well. In the prostrate condition of his nervous system, he was a great sufferer, both in body and mind. He wasted away to a mere skeleton, and gradually sunk down into a state of almost *second-childhood*, mentally as well as physically, for the last three weeks of his life hardly knowing the members of his own family. Under these circumstances, of course, he gave but little expression to his religious feelings and sentiments. Occasionally, however, they would crop out. Just before he took to his bed he said to the writer, with much emotion: "I know in whom I have believed. I have tried to be on the safe side. I am ready! I am ready!" At another time, after his confinement to his bed, he said to Bro. Dumm: "I will say, and I wish all these ladies to hear it (referring to ladies in the room, including Sister Wilson). 'I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.'" And when he was already within the gathering shadows of the dark valley, and his tongue being partially paralyzed, he was asked by the writer what he should say to his brethren of the Conference. Shall I tell them you passed over safely and triumphantly? He assented by an inclination of the head, and then raising his hand aloft, as if in triumph, he exclaimed, "Hal—! hal—! hal—!" but his poor stiffening tongue could not finish the exultant note. It was clear, however, to those who heard it, that the victory had come; and that, though but half-articulate, the triumph was complete. On the 11th we bore him away to Central Church, where the funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Ward, assisted by Revs. W. T. Dumm, Jesse Shreeve and J. K. Nichols; after which we laid him down to rest near by, where rest those veterans of the Conference, Revs. Samuel L. Raleigh and Nicholas Dorsey, to await with them the resurrection of the just, when those who sleep in Jesus, God will bring with Him. His wife and four children survive him; also an only sister. May they all meet him in heaven. Amen!

' There when we meet with holy joy,
No fears of parting come;
But never-ending ages still,
Shall find us all at home !'

REV. THOMAS McCORMICK.

To the first of the three grand patriarchs it was said, "Thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age." And such was the case with the patriarch of our Maryland Conference, whose body was laid peacefully in its last earthly resting place, February 22, last: for on the 20th of that month, having been slightly indisposed for a few days, as he sat upon a sofa, sipping a little nourishment, he breathed his last, in the 92d year of his gentle, kind, and useful pilgrimage. It is fitting that we record our love and respect for him in the Minutes of our Conference, at which it was in his heart to be present. He left his blessing with us, but was summoned to a seat in the great assembly of the saints in light.

He was born in Loudon county, Va., January 5, 1792. His father, James McCormick, being a Friend, his early training was in the society of that denomination, for which he retained to the last, great respect and affection; making it a point to be present at their exercises at their annual meetings, and on other occasions. His mother, Ann McCormick, died when he was but five years old, and his father finding it necessary to cease housekeeping, he went to live with his uncle, Thomas Moore, in the neighborhood of Sandy Spring, Montgomery county, Md.; where he remained with him on his farm, until the year 1806, when he went to Baltimore, to learn the carpenter's trade, and on his birthday, January 5, 1808, he was apprenticed to "Thomas Kenny, house carpenter, to learn his Art, Trade and Mystery, and after the Manner of an Apprentice to serve the said Thomas Kenny," &c. His Indenture, executed in a printed form, with the signatures, Clerk's endorsement, &c., he preserved during life, and it is an interesting specimen of the paper, printing, and legal mannerism of that day. He was much attached to Mr. Kenny, and some years before his own decease, in the specific arrangement for his funeral, appointed one of Mr. K's descendants to be one of his pall bearers.

During his apprenticeship, he had opportunities of hearing Methodist preachers; and in September, 1811, at a Camp Meeting in Baltimore county, he was happily converted, and the 4th of the following October united with the M. E. Church, at the parsonage of the Light Street meeting house; Rev. John Pitts in charge, with Rev. Joseph Frye assistant; and was placed in the class met by George Baxley.

In 1814 he removed to the Union Cotton Factory, near Ellicott's Mills: was appointed Class Leader, and received license to exhort, from Rev. Henry Smith.

February 4, 1816, he returned to Baltimore, and was put in charge of a female class of some fifteen or twenty members, which was enlarged, divided, subdivided, until the aggregate was 150. October 15, 1817, was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Baltimore City Station, Rev. Stephen G. Roszel, P. E. April 21, 1822, was ordained Deacon, by Bishop Wm. McKendree. While a member of this church, so highly was he esteemed that he was chosen to be one of the pall bearers of Bishop Asbury, and was the last survivor of the number.

Among some memoranda written by him a few years before his death, was found the following: "Was one of the original subscribers to the WESLEYAN REPOSITORY, edited by Wm. S. Stockton, of Philadelphia; was one of the first members of the Union Society, and, 1828, with ten other ministers, and twenty-two laymen, was expelled from the M. E. Church, for advocating lay representation in said Church." But his love for Methodism, and the Church in which he was converted, ever continued, he rejoicing in her prosperity,

visiting the classes, public worship, and homes of his M. E. friends, of whom one was appointed by him to act as one of his pall-bearers.

April 5, 1829, he was ordained Elder in the Associated Methodist Church (now M. P. C.) by Rev. Nicholas Sneathen, President of the Maryland Annual Conference.

Failing health caused his removal to a farm near Brookeville, Montgomery county, Md., where he remained fifteen years, and then removed to Alexandria, Va., where some sixteen years of his quiet, earnest, useful life were spent in the service of Christ and his Church, principally in connection with Sabbath-school work, as his health did not allow him to continue his labor in the pulpit.

The severe affliction of his excellent wife induced his removal to Howard county in 1861, where he continued until her lamented decease, and then returned to Baltimore, to spend the remnant of his long life. Indeed, in looking over his papers, it is solemnly interesting to see the signatures of so many who signed the deeds of indenture, license, ordination, &c., and who all preceded him to eternity. What a multitude of those whom he loved and labored with, awaited him in the skies! And now he is with them! And together are they led by their Lord to the fountain of life eternal!

Bro. McCormick was a good man. He was gentle, kind, true; of large sympathy, and greatly endeared himself to all who knew him. He was voted an honorary membership in the Maryland Conference from pure affection and warm admiration of his excellent Christian character, and his absence is sincerely lamented, for his presence anywhere was sunshine. He has left us a bright example.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

The Committee on Publication of Minutes submits herewith his report of receipts and expenditures for the minutes of the session of 1882.

RECEIPTS:	
From Conference Steward.....	\$128.94
" Advertisements.....	20.00
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	\$148.94
EXPENDITURES:	
For Printing.....	\$95.25
" Paper.....	37.85
" Binding.....	6.00
" Postage.....	12.60
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	\$151.70
Balance Due.....	\$2.76
Covered by sales.....	2.76

1,500 copies were published and distributed according to the instructions of Conference. Vouchers are appended to this report.

THOS. H. LEWIS,
Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT, I.
COLLECTIONS FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1883.

CHARGES.	Bible.	College.	Conference.	Ministerial Education.	Superann'd F. Society.	Tract.	Home and F. Missions.
Accomac.....		\$2.00	\$0.55	\$2.00	\$4.50		\$10.50
Alexandria.....	\$2.00	12.00	1.21	10.00	7.00	\$0.25	12.00
All Saints.....							3.00
Amelia.....			50				8.00
Anne Arundel.....	1.57	10.00	2.36	7.00	15.00		2.61
Baltimore.....	7.30	2.50	1.60	5.00	2.50	45	5.00
Bedford.....	1.12	3.10	1.00	3.00	9.00	75	15.58
Belair.....	1.10	10.85	2.06	5.83	10.00	1.00	13.00
Broadway.....	2.00	5.00	1.00	5.00	6.00		4.75
Cambridge.....	50	1.50	50	2.00	2.00	50	10.00
Campbell.....							35.00
Caroline.....	2.00	5.00	2.00	8.00	8.00	2.00	11.10
Cecil.....	3.00	20.00	1.00	20.00	20.00	1.55	10.73
Centreville.....	5.00	5.00	1.00	5.00	20.00	3.00	36.00
Chesapeake.....	2.10	1.60	1.80	1.80	14.00	1.52	
Chester.....							25.00
Chestertown.....	5.00	20.00	5.00	25.00	66.00	3.00	4.50
Chincoteague.....							7.95
Clayton.....	95	2.53	1.21	2.46	2.73	40	3.30
Concord.....	2.60	4.03	1.27	4.00	13.72	78	6.00
Crumpton.....	1.00	1.50	75	2.50	4.25	1.10	2.05
Cumberland.....	2.00	8.00	2.00	3.00	5.00	50	9.25
Deer Creek.....	27	2.00	1.00	5.00	2.50		10.00
Dorchester.....	2.00	8.25	2.25	9.25	12.75	2.00	34.57
East Baltimore.....	50	2.50	50	10.00	5.00	50	
Easton.....	2.50	17.00	3.00	17.00	24.00	2.00	8.00
Ellicott City.....							10.00
Eutaw.....	4.00	5.00	75	9.00	10.00		5.00
Fawn Grove.....	3.00	7.00	1.00	10.00	12.00	2.00	1.33
Finksburg.....	1.00	6.00	2.00	6.00	14.00	1.00	4.00
First Ch., Wash.....	1.50	5.50	1.30	5.25	8.00		8.00
Franklin City.....	1.25	5.00	1.00	5.00	3.00	75	4.00
Frederick.....	2.10	4.94	2.25	6.05	8.50		26.00
Frederick City.....							10.00
Georgetown.....		5.40	2.25	11.25	17.50	2.73	5.00
Guilford.....							1.33
Hampden.....	4.03	10.00	2.00	3.00	5.00	1.00	4.00
Harper's Ferry.....	28	82	25	66	65	18	11.15
Harrington.....	3.00	5.00	2.50	10.00	8.00	50	1.64
Heathsville.....							
Howard.....	5.00	15.00	4.50	10.00	28.00		
Hull-Street.....	1.65	1.19	1.72	1.55	2.00		
Indian River.....							
Jackson Grove.....							
Jefferson.....	5.50	10.65	3.00	10.00	23.00		10.00
Kennedyville.....	2.00	2.00	1.00	3.56	2.75		10.00
Kent Island.....	2.38	3.55	2.00	7.60	6.60	1.26	6.55
Laurel.....	3.87	75	1.55	2.50	7.13		6.15
Leipsic.....	80		67		2.00		1.56
Liberty.....	2.23	3.80	5.18	4.25	6.88		7.11
Lynchburg.....	15.00	25.00	2.50	20.00	25.00		29.00

FINANCIAL REPORT, I.
COLLECTIONS FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1883.

Home Missions.	President's Salary.	Pastor's Salary.	Assistant Pastor's Salary.	Amount Pastor's Salary Paid.	Total amount of Assessments.	Total amount Paid.
\$10.50	\$15.00	\$400.00		\$350.00	\$564.00	\$395.05
25.00	20.00	500.00		500.00	613.46	589.46
					10.00	
	10.00	200.00		200.00	237.50	213.50
25.00	30.00	750.00	\$300.00	1,050.00	1,205.93	1,148.93
5.50	40.00	600.00	200.00	613.26	993.35	680.72
16.00	35.00	540.00		540.00	698.87	613.97
20.34	30.50	700.00		408.10	890.16	664.20
5.00	15.00	500.00		569.00	569.00	460.10
3.00	18.00	500.00		525.00	579.50	557.75
7.65	2.50	200.00		61.17	252.00	110.00
15.00	50.00	600.00	250.00	800.00	1,103.00	902.00
45.00	40.00	600.00		650.00	785.55	845.73
42.04	40.00	700.00		700.00	889.00	963.99
21.20	25.00	500.00		469.00	608.42	548.76
70.00	40.00	800.00		800.00	1,012.00	1,070.00
					23.00	
4.00	20.00	425.00		425.00	541.56	463.78
15.00	25.00	460.00	101.27	536.84	673.92	617.19
4.50	15.00	225.00		225.00	290.75	258.80
21.00	25.00	500.00		500.00	626.50	572.50
15.07	15.00	450.00		425.00	529.27	467.89
19.25	18.00	535.00		567.00	659.25	660.00
22.50	40.00	1,000.00		*750.00	1,194.50	841.50
71.77	40.00	800.00		800.00	1,006.50	1,011.84
					56.00	
14.60	20.00	500.00		500.00	675.00	571.35
12.00	30.00	700.00		700.00	874.00	787.00
18.00	40.00	575.00	175.00	750.00	949.00	843.00
12.00	25.00	800.00		800.00	939.80	866.55
10.00	15.00	435.00		440.00	525.00	495.00
26.00	50.00	600.00	200.00	691.67	1,092.35	817.46
	70.00	1,200.00	450.00	1,650.00	1,861.98	1,769.13
16.00	20.00	600.00		600.00	716.03	666.03
9.00	10.00	100.00		100.00	155.75	123.15
12.50	15.00	125.00		125.00	199.50	185.50
45.00	45.00	650.00	200.00	850.00	1,088.50	1,026.65
2.50	10.00	300.00		300.00	351.37	322.25
50.00	40.00	700.00		700.00	873.50	907.15
5.00	15.00	200.00		200.00	285.00	251.25
12.30	20.00	483.33		507.09	577.08	569.33
5.00	25.00	600.00		681.00	718.47	732.95
4.00	10.00	300.00		240.00	362.47	259.03
27.00	40.00	500.00		†320.30	693.41	408.84
42.00	52.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,248.50	1,210.50

FINANCIAL REPORT, I.

COLLECTIONS FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1883—CONTINUED.

CHARGES.	Bible.	College.	Conference.	Ministerial Education.	Superannu'd F. Society.	Tract.	Home and F. Missions.
Middlebrook							
Middleway	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.75	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$1.00	\$4.00
Milton	75	50	60	1.00	5.44		10.00
Montgomery					14.00		
Newark	5.00	5.53	2.00	4.00	10.50		5.41
Ninth-Street	1.08	11.18	2.25	2.75	7.38	65	17.25
N. C. Avenue							
Pipe Creek	2.00	2.00	3.00	5.00	15.00	1.00	9.00
Pittsville	2 64	3.94	1.53	6.53	6.42		3.49
Pocomoke	3 00	3.50	1 25	1.75	5.00	2.50	4.00
Pocomoke City	3 00	10 00	5.25	10.00	20.00	2.00	8.00
Potomac	1.00	5.00	75	4.00	3.00	50	12.50
Powellville	3.00	5.50	1.00	3 50	17.65	1.15	8.12
Preston	1.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	5.00
Quantico	50	3.00	1.00	50	5.00	50	8.40
Queen Anne's	1.00	10.00	1.50	12.00	13.35	1.00	14.00
Rainsburg							
Rowlandville	1 50	5.00	3.00	9 00	5.00	1.00	10.00
St. James	2.00	5.00	1.00	6.70	65.00		40.00
St. Luke's	1.65	13.90	1.70	14.25	7.60		5.70
St. Michael's	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	6.70	50	3.25
Salisbury	1.35	2.00	2 55	2.00	4.00	1.00	13.00
Seaford	1.00	2.25	1.00	2.25	7.60	53	6.10
Snow Hill		2.50	33	1.27	4.11		4.00
Somerset	2.00	6.00	2.00	6.00	12.00	5.00	12.00
South Baltimore	4.00	4.00	2 00	9.00	8.00	10.00	8.00
Southside							
Starr	5 00	20.00	4.00	12.50	30.00	2.00	15.00
Stewartstown	2 00	3.25	2.00	8.16	9.00	1.15	11.00
Surry			1.00		4.00		3.00
Susquehanna	1.00	3.00	3.00	10.00	15.00	1.40	10.00
Sussex	2.00	3.00	1.50	5.00	5.00	1.00	5.00
Talbot	1.50	5.00	1.50	4.00	10.00	1.50	5.00
Union	1.00	3.00	2.50	3.10	15.00		15.00
Warwick	50	50	1.45	1.40	2.00		1.00
Washington-St	1.50	3.50	1.21	2.11	10.00	1.00	15.75
West Baltimore	21 33	21.93	3.00	24.30	67.07	20.82	81.71
Westminster	7.75	24.18	5.00	13.14	22.00	2.80	28.18
Williamsport							
Wilmington	75	1.58	1.25	1.08	1.44	21	8.10
Berkeley, S. C.	2.00	2.00	3.50	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.50
Charleston, S. C.		15.00					
Total	\$181.50	\$471.70	\$138.54	\$476.04	\$902.60	\$92.33	\$830.84

*For nine months.

†For two-thirds of the year.

‡The figures in this table represent the sums raised by public collections.

By reference to the exhibit on page 41 an important supplement will be seen.

FINANCIAL REPORT, I.

COLLECTIONS FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1883—CONTINUED.

Home Missions.	President's Salary.	Pastor's Salary.	Assistant Pastor's Salary.	Amount Pastor's Salary Paid.	Total amount of Assessments.	Total amount Paid.
\$15.00	\$15.00	\$300.00		\$275.00	\$372.75	\$322.75
5.94	20.00	500.00		500.00	626.35	544.23
7.72	60.00	1,800.00		1,800.00	2,099.00	1,950.16
8.00	15.25	800.00		800.00	946.98	865.79
10.00	40.00	650.00		650.00	884.00	737.00
19.56	20.00	400.00		400.00	512.17	464.11
7.00	25.00	350.00		350.25	486.75	403.00
36.00	40.00	700.00		700.00	894.25	834.25
10.00	10.00	300.00		300.00	351.75	346.75
11.60	20.00	350.00		335.36	458.15	406.88
5.00	9.00	375.00		375.00	464.00	408.00
2.00	20.00	300.00		325.00	393.50	365.90
40.00	25.00	450.00		450.00	581.50	567.85
4.00					64.00	4.00
18.00	15.00	400.00		400.00	503.50	491.50
60.00	40.00	650.00		650.00	826.00	869.70
4.30	20.00	800.00		800.00	906.35	874.60
2.00	20.00	400.00		400.00	489.50	436.45
9.00	15.00	400.00		439.05	478.50	488.95
18.83	20.50	500.00		500.00	615.53	560.06
10.00	10.00	350.00		325.00	426.33	357.21
22.00	35.00	775.00		775.00	982.00	872.00
6.00	25.00	600.00		600.00	737.00	676.00
95.00	50.00	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,514.00	1,433.50
30.00	30.00	700.00		700.00	865.15	826.56
10.00	10.00	300.00		300.00	381.00	328.00
45.00	35.00	600.00		600.00	762.40	723.40
12.50	10.00	300.00		250.00	362.00	295.00
16.00	30.00	600.00		600.00	764.50	674.50
10.00	25.00	500.00		500.00	653.50	574.60
5.00	45.00	700.00		703.00	909.85	759.85
30.00	37.75	600.00		655.00	725.71	793.58
55.01	55.00	1,260.00		1,200.00	1,480.15	1,590.17
52.01	50.00	900.00		909.00	1,162.55	1,196.56
5.00	10.00	100.00		100.00	144.21	129.41
1.00	10.00	182.00		182.00	233.50	209.60
10.00	10.00	356.91		356.91	401.91	392.41
\$1,515.69	\$2,068.50	\$43,042.94	\$1,876.27	\$43,803.94	\$57,782.76	\$53,216.36

FINANCIAL REPORT, II.
ASSESSMENTS FOR YEAR BEGINNING MARCH, 1883.

CHARGES.	Bible.	College.	Conference.	Ministerial Education.	Superannuated Fund.	Tract.	Home and Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	President's Salary.
Accomac.....	Col.	\$11.00	Col.	\$20.00	\$6.00	Col.	\$13.00	\$25.00	\$15.00
Alexandria.....	Col.	15.00	Col.	14.00	10.00	Col.	17.00	25.00	20.00
Amelia.....	Col.	7.00	Col.	6.00	5.00	Col.	10.00	10.00	10.00
Anne Arundel..	Col.	22.00	Col.	23.00	15.00	Col.	26.00	40.00	30.00
Baltimore.....	Col.	25.00	Col.	21.00	15.00	Col.	35.00	35.00	35.00
Bedford.....	Col.	25.00	Col.	14.00	15.00	Col.	30.00	45.00	35.00
Belair.....	Col.	35.00	Col.	26.00	25.00	Col.	35.00	75.00	50.00
Broadway.....	Col.	11.00	Col.	10.00	10.00	Col.	13.00	20.00	15.00
Cambridge.....	Col.	15.00	Col.	10.00	8.00	Col.	16.00	25.00	20.00
Campbell.....	Col.	7.00	Col.	15.00	.....	Col.	10.00	15.00	10.00
Caroline.....	Col.	25.00	Col.	41.00	15.00	Col.	45.00	30.00	35.00
Cecil.....	Col.	28.00	Col.	23.00	15.00	Col.	35.00	45.00	40.00
Centreville....	Col.	30.00	Col.	11.00	20.00	Col.	35.00	45.00	40.00
Chesapeake....	Col.	18.00	Col.	9.00	15.00	Col.	22.00	25.00	25.00
Chestertown...ol.	Col.	30.00	Col.	17.00	50.00	Col.	35.00	70.00	40.00
Chincoteague...Col.	.....	.....	Col.	5.00	.....	Col.	5.00	.....	.....
Clayton.....	Col.	14.00	Col.	12.00	8.00	Col.	18.00	30.00	20.00
Concord.....	Col.	20.00	Col.	16.00	13.00	Col.	22.00	25.00	30.00
Crumpton.....	Col.	11.00	Col.	6.00	6.00	Col.	13.00	15.00	15.00
Cumberland....	Col.	18.00	Col.	18.00	10.00	Col.	22.00	30.00	25.00
Deer Park.....	Col.	10.00	Col.	10.00	8.00	Col.	10.00	.....	15.00
Dorchester....	Col.	18.00	Col.	15.00	12.00	Col.	16.00	25.00	25.00
East Baltimore.	Col.	30.00	Col.	15.00	20.00	Col.	35.00	60.00	40.00
Easton.....	Col.	30.00	Col.	17.00	20.00	Col.	35.00	70.00	40.00
Ellicott City...Col.	7.00	Col.	7.00	5.00	.....	Col.	10.00	.....	10.00
Eutaw.....	Col.	14.00	Col.	8.00	10.00	Col.	18.00	25.00	20.00
Fawn Grove....	Col.	20.00	Col.	30.00	15.00	Col.	26.00	40.00	30.00
Felton.....	Col.	10.00	Col.	.....	5.00	Col.	.....	.....	15.00
Finksburg....	Col.	18.00	Col.	20.00	10.00	Col.	35.00	30.00	25.00
First Ch., Wash.	Col.	18.00	Col.	14.00	10.00	Col.	22.00	45.00	25.00
Franklin City..	Col.	14.00	Col.	18.00	6.00	Col.	13.00	15.00	20.00
Frederick.....	Col.	35.00	Col.	42.00	25.00	Col.	45.00	60.00	50.00
Georgetown....	Col.	45.00	Col.	27.00	40.00	Col.	60.00	.....	60.00
Guilford.....	Col.	.....	Col.	.....	.....	Col.	.....	.....	.....
Hampden.....	Col.	18.00	Col.	32.00	10.00	Col.	18.00	35.00	25.00
Harper's Ferry.	Col.	7.00	Col.	5.00	3.00	Col.	10.00	10.00	10.00
Harrington....	Col.	14.00	Col.	11.00	15.00	Col.	13.00	25.00	20.00
Heathsville....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00	Col.	13.00	.....	.....
Howard.....	Col.	32.00	Col.	35.00	20.00	Col.	40.00	45.00	45.00
Hull-Street....	Col.	7.00	Col.	5.00	5.00	Col.	10.00	10.00	10.00
Jefferson.....	Col.	30.00	Col.	12.00	20.00	Col.	35.00	50.00	40.00
Kennedyville..	Col.	10.00	Col.	8.00	6.00	Col.	13.00	20.00	15.00
Kent Island....ol.	14.00	Col.	9.00	15.00	.....	Col.	18.00	20.00	20.00
Laurel.....	Col.	18.00	Col.	10.00	15.00	Col.	22.00	35.00	25.00
Leipsic.....	Col.	7.00	Col.	8.00	5.00	Col.	10.00	20.00	10.00
Liberty.....	Col.	30.00	Col.	18.00	20.00	Col.	35.00	45.00	40.00
Lynchburg....	Col.	35.00	Col.	17.00	30.00	Col.	50.00	50.00	50.00
Middlebrook...Col.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middleway....	Col.	10.00	Col.	10.00	6.00	Col.	13.00	15.00	15.00

FINANCIAL REPORT, II.—CONTINUED.
ASSESSMENTS FOR YEAR BEGINNING MARCH, 1883.

CHARGES.	Bible.	College.	Conference.	Ministerial Education.	Superannuated Fund.	Tract.	Home and Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	President's Salary.
Milton.....	Col.	\$14.00	Col.	\$20.00	\$6.00	Col.	\$18.00	\$25.00	\$20.00
Newark.....	Col.	45.00	Col.	40.00	30.00	Col.	52.00	70.00	60.00
Ninth-Street....	Col.	25.00	Col.	15.00	15.00	Col.	30.00	30.00	35.00
N. Carolina Ave.	Col.	.....	Col.	.....	.....	Col.	.....	.....	.....
Pipe Creek.....	Col.	30.00	Col.	29.00	20.00	Col.	35.00	65.00	40.00
Pittsville.....	Col.	18.00	Col.	20.00	10.00	Col.	18.00	20.00	25.00
Pocomoke.....	Col.	18.00	Col.	20.00	5.00	Col.	22.00	30.00	25.00
Pocomoke City.	Col.	30.00	Col.	22.00	20.00	Col.	35.00	45.00	40.00
Potomac.....	Col.	7.00	Col.	6.00	5.00	Col.	10.00	.....	10.00
Powellville....	Col.	14.00	Col.	20.00	15.00	Col.	18.00	15.00	20.00
Preston.....	Col.	10.00	Col.	15.00	5.00	Col.	13.00	20.00	15.00
Quantico.....	Col.	14.00	Col.	12.00	5.00	Col.	18.00	20.00	20.00
Queen Anne's...Col.	18.00	Col.	14.00	15.00	.....	Col.	22.00	40.00	25.00
Rainsburg.....	Col.	10.00	Col.	5.00	8.00	Col.	13.00	18.00	15.00
Rowlandville...Col.	10.00	Col.	22.00	8.00	.....	Col.	13.00	20.00	15.00
St. James.....	Col.	30.00	Col.	9.00	50.00	Col.	35.00	70.00	40.00
St. Luke's.....	Col.	18.00	Col.	15.00	10.00	Col.	18.00	30.00	25.00
St. Michael's...Col.	14.00	Col.	8.00	10.00	.....	Col.	18.00	25.00	20.00
Salisbury.....	Col.	10.00	Col.	12.00	6.00	Col.	13.00	15.00	15.00
Seaford.....	Col.	18.00	Col.	14.00	12.00	Col.	22.00	25.00	25.00
Snow Hill.....	Col.	7.00	Col.	13.00	5.00	Col.	10.00	25.00	10.00
Somerset.....	Col.	25.00	Col.	35.00	15.00	Col.	30.00	50.00	35.00
South Baltimore	Col.	18.00	Col.	13.00	12.00	Col.	22.00	35.00	25.00
Southside.....	Col.	4.00	Col.	8.00	.....	Col.	5.00	.....	5.00
Starr.....	Col.	35.00	Col.	29.00	30.00	Col.	45.00	125.00	50.00
Stewartstown...Col.	20.00	Col.	27.00	15.00	.....	Col.	26.00	35.00	30.00
Surry.....	Col.	10.00	Col.	15.00	5.00	Col.	10.00	25.00	15.00
Susquehanna...Col.	25.00	Col.	15.00	18.00	.....	Col.	30.00	45.00	35.00
Sussex.....	Col.	7.00	Col.	10.00	5.00	Col.	10.00	15.00	10.00
Talbot.....	Col.	20.00	Col.	22.00	15.00	Col.	26.00	45.00	30.00
Tyreanna.....	Col.	.....	Col.	.....	.....	Col.	.....	.....	.....
Union.....	Col.	18.00	Col.	30.00	15.00	Col.	22.00	30.00	25.00
Warwick.....	Col.	30.00	Col.	20.00	20.00	Col.	40.00	60.00	40.00
Washington-St..	Col.	20.00	Col.	16.00	20.00	Col.	22.00	35.00	30.00
West Baltimore	Col.	35.00	Col.	21.00	25.00	Col.	50.00	60.00	50.00
Westminster....	Col.	35.00	Col.	21.00	25.00	Col.	45.00	85.00	50.00
Williamsport...Col.	.....	Col.	.....	.....	.....	Col.	.....	.....	.....
Wilmington....	Col.	7.00	Col.	6.00	5.00	Col.	10.00	5.00	10.00
Berkeley, S. C..	Col.	5.00	Col.	10.00	8.00	Col.	10.00	.....	10.00
Charleston, S. C.	Col.	5.00	Col.	10.00	8.00	Col.	10.00	.....	10.00

STATISTICS.

CHARGES.	Members.	Probationers.	Received.	Deceased.	Withdrawn.	Removed.	Discontinued.	Increase.	Decrease.	Parsonages.	Churches.
Accomac.....	209								14		2
Alexandria.....	146	9	8				37		29	1	1
All Saints.....	43										1
Amelia.....	54		2	2				1			1
Anne Arundel.....	225	2	6	4	1			1		1	6
Baltimore.....	215	13	22	4	3	9	61		55	1	4
Bedford.....	140		10				6	4		1	5
Belair.....	145			1	5		20		26	1	5
Broadway.....	92	1	10	1			14		5	1	1
Cambridge.....	100	12	30	2		2		32		1	3
Campbell.....	152	5						5			4
Caroline.....	410		100	2	4	5		89		1	8
Cecil.....	227	25	18	2		6	4	27		1	5
Centreville.....	110	10	13	5			13		4	1	1
Chesapeake.....	88	1						1		1	2
Chestertown.....	166	14	17	2		6	3	6		1	1
Chincoteague.....	50										1
Clayton.....	116	20	5	2		32	12		43		3
Concord.....	160	1	26	2				25		1	5
Crumpton.....	57	1	1	1		2	5		6		2
Cumberland.....	182	13	51	2	3	2	9	31		1	1
Deer Creek.....	120		17	1			1	16		1	3
Dorchester.....	182	18	46	2	1	45	79		100	1	4
East Baltimore.....	155	17	2	3	2	4					1
Easton.....	177	1	16		2			14		1	1
Ellicott City.....	72										1
Eutaw.....	80	2	2			4	1	2		1	1
Fawn Grove.....	296	33		3	5	1	10			1	4
Finksburg.....	373	65	78					78			7
First Church.....	142	4	12	7	3		12		20	1	1
Franklin City.....	175	6	15				2	15		1	4
Frederick.....	420	9	36	11	1	8	127		111	1	8
Frederick City.....	15										1
Georgetown.....	274	12		5		1			23	1	2
Hampden.....	324	72	244	1	7		22	217			1
Harper's Ferry.....	47			2	3		45		50	1	1
Harrington.....	114	2	24			1	3	20			2
Howard.....	350	3	17	5	2	13	3		12	1	8
Hull-Street.....	34	11	22	1	3	3	23		27		1
Jefferson.....	116		25	3	2	3	2	15		1	4
Kennedyville.....	78	1	7	3	2			2			1
Kent Island.....	85	2	1	3		1			9	1	2
Laurel.....	95	10	6	2		3	10		7		2
Leipsic.....	75	12	12	3		2		7			1
Liberty.....	178	6		2	2	2			4	1	4
Lynchburg.....	170	4	5	4		2	47		63		1
Middleway.....	103	25	19	1	2	1	5	10			1
Milton.....	218	5	15	7		12	70		72	1	3
Newark.....	420	32	62	6	20			21			1
Ninth-Street.....	127		3			1	6		7	1	1
N. C. Avenue.....	30			1		8	10		18		1

STATISTICS.

Church Periodicals.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Church Debts.	Number of Sunday Schools.	Officers.	Teachers.	Scholars.	M. P. Papers Taken.	Other S. S. Papers Taken.	Volumes in Library.	Conversions.
50	\$4,000.00		1	5	15	148	40	50	700	...
15	8,000.00		1	7	13	145	89	17	300	...
	3,000.00									...
8	1,200.00		1	8	8	80	45			2
10	14,000.00	\$100.00	4	14	35	250	75	115	200	2
7	1,400.00	600.00	6	21	37	281	75	150	375	13
12	7,000.00		5	21	25	200	50	50	450	2
14	8,000.00		3	14	15	160	150			...
5	20,000.00	10,000.00	1	6	11	180	90		200	1
	6,000.00		1	4	11	50	55			3
	2,175.00		5	13	12	123		25	464	...
27	13,000.00		3	31	66	450	160		800	12
113	11,200.00		5	13	40	437	50		1,500	25
	10,000.00		1	3	12	112	100	50	200	5
14	7,000.00		2	24	24	130	100		255	...
35	7,000.00		1	6	26	200	175		600	1
	500.00									...
12	4,250.00	225.00	3	13	18	172	30	35	470	1
20	8,075.00		3	20	27	200	120	50	200	...
15	2,500.00	280.00	2	5	10	125	80		200	...
12	10,000.00		1	8	24	217	175		200	8
5	4,000.00	600.00	2	10	14	150	60		244	...
4	5,500.00	200.00	4	17	28	200	158		225	22
20	22,000.00		1	8	21	138	210		484	3
35	18,000.00	1,000.00	1	4	18	160	125	25	800	...
	1,000.00									...
87	5,260.00	1,500.00	1	5	9	75	75	12		1
10	5,000.00		5	25	35	465	103		698	20
10	11,000.00		8	40	48	525	236		1,200	38
10	10,000.00	105.00	1	7	15	162	125		516	5
10	3,600.00	300.00	1	6	7	125	50	27		4
30	14,000.00		8	33	64	496	135		1,123	14
	3,000.00									...
40	40,000.00	100.00	2	17	20	300	300		700	11
11	9,200.00	700.00	1	8	28	333	300			105
4	6,000.00	150.00	1	4	9	40	50		150	...
15	2,900.00		3	11	18	192	195		80	...
50	11,900.00		6	22	40	464	160		800	5
8	1,150.00		1	4	9	90	104		200	4
26	11,500.00	800.00	2	10	29	209	140		400	7
18	3,000.00		1	6	14	90	115		400	4
12	3,100.00		2	4	8	60	120		200	...
	6,000.00		1	7	14	107	75		265	6
4	3,000.00		1	6	7	112	100		100	10
20	9,000.00		3	18	44	275	135		1,225	...
17	15,000.00		1	5	14	140	125		400	1
8	12,000.00		1	5	12	94	70		240	10
6	4,800.00	150.00	3	9	15	165	91		221	3
	35,000.00	3,000.00	1	9	30	350	200	100	700	10
25	35,000.00	7,750.00	1	8	22	130	170		560	...
	3,000.00	400.00	1	5	8	60	130		200	...

STATISTICS—CONTINUED.

CHARGES.	Members.	Probationers	Received.	Deceased.	Withdrawn.	Removed.	Discontinued.	Increase.	Decrease.	Parsonages	Churches.
Pipe Creek	288	2	2	3	3	3	8	50	1	1	4
Pittsville	245	17	66	1	3	4	8	50	1	1	4
Pocomoke	213	18	10	1	2	4	7	7	1	1	4
Pocomoke City	207	3	5	1	3	3	6	6	1	1	2
Portsville	30	5	5	1	5	5	5	5	1	1	1
Potomac	67	2	3	1	7	7	5	5	1	1	2
Powellville	199	9	2	14	3	3	3	3	1	1	4
Preston	174	25	1	22	3	3	1	3	1	1	3
Quantico	129	40	9	2	7	7	5	5	1	1	5
Queen Anne's	140	26	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Rainsburg	41	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2
Rowlandville	124	1	2	1	3	88	92	92	1	1	3
St. James'	97	13	1	13	13	13	1	13	1	1	2
St. Luke's	142	3	12	2	3	7	7	7	1	1	1
St. Michael's	60	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2
Salisbury	120	30	22	1	2	13	8	8	1	1	2
Seaford	136	9	12	2	3	15	1	1	1	1	3
Snow Hill	101	7	1	1	31	31	31	31	1	1	3
Somerset	350	5	2	2	40	39	1	1	1	1	3
South Baltimore	139	12	36	4	5	26	9	9	1	1	1
Southside	81	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2
Starr	236	5	11	7	6	40	39	39	1	1	1
Stewartstown	262	12	7	1	5	9	9	9	1	1	5
Surry	150	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Susquehanna	141	1	1	5	5	6	6	6	1	1	3
Sussex	70	12	3	4	21	22	22	22	1	1	3
Talbot	230	14	1	2	11	11	11	11	1	1	3
Union	320	12	14	2	14	14	14	14	1	1	5
Warwick	200	2	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	3
Washington-Street	161	52	84	2	4	7	14	59	1	1	1
West Baltimore	183	13	10	6	4	24	24	24	1	1	1
Westminster	200	8	3	3	4	2	2	2	1	1	1
Williamsport	75	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	4
Wilmington	46	12	21	2	5	17	5	5	1	1	1
Total	13,490	759	1,422	172	113	274	969	821	953	53½	223½
Report of 1882	14,000	604	1,185	203	138	213	525	696	539	49	220½
Gain	155	237	237	61	444	125	414	3½	3		
Loss	510	31	25	25							
Itinerants	105										
Colored.											
Berkeley, S. C.	656	176	31	22	5	5	5	5	4		4
Charleston, S. C.	228	20	23	7	2	23	23	23	2		2
Total	884	196	54	29	7	28	28	28	6		6

STATISTICS—CONTINUED.

Church Periodicals	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Church Debts.	Number of Sun-day Schools.	Officers.	Teachers.	Scholars.	M. P. Papers Taken.	Other S. S. Papers Taken	Volumes in Library.	Conversions.
34	\$16,000.00	\$200.00	4	20	46	300	160	1,500	2	
16	4,000.00	3	5	19	151	50	334	10		
12	4,000.00	2	7	15	105	27	50	8		
31	8,000.00	2	10	21	190	160	380	3		
5	1,000.00	1	4	6	29	100	100			
5	3,800.00	2	8	14	150	100	300			
12	2,350.00	3	9	14	156	45	100	12		
7	6,000.00	3,400.00	3	15	23	170	170			
23	5,000.00	90.00	2	5	6	235	100	200		
35	4,000.00	50.00	2	10	15	130	150	300	1	
5	2,500.00		3	9	87	30	200			
6	6,000.00		3	12	20	250	125	500	1	
25	8,000.00		2	11	20	105	100	50	150	
13	8,000.00	4,000.00	1	12	23	318	310	130		
13	4,000.00		1	4	4	30	30	100		
15	7,500.00	20.00	1	5	10	65	116	250	6	
16	9,180.00	180.00	3	9	18	140	68	200	2	
	2,800.00		3	3	14	60			3	
	6,000.00	1,000.00	3	9	21	225	275	225		
5	21,000.00		1	5	14	149	172	5	7	
	2,000.00									
21	43,000.00		1	5	32	295	280	100	475	3
17	9,100.00	150.00	5	23	40	290	305	1,020	2	
20	3,000.00	500.00	2	10	10	75	12			
20	10,000.00	50.00	3	10	25	180	50	900		
17	3,500.00	100.00	4	8	20	145	40	100	10	
30	5,000.00		3	20	23	245	140	300	14	
	5,000.00		5	15	38	350	10	260	6	
	9,000.00		3	6	30	200		600		
15	17,000.00		1	7	14	255	182	50	300	45
39	14,200.00		1	6	22	270	250	500	3	
	22,000.00		1	8	20	163	150	300	2	
	4,000.00									
8	3,000.00	1,624.86	1	5	7	98	45	311	11	
1,304	\$759,440.00	\$38,324.86	190	838	1,645	14,928	9,286	1,079	30,560	507
1,150	728,070.00	35,562.25	197	825	1,730	15,239	9,061	1,413	30,890	456
154	\$31,390.00	\$2,762.61	7	13	89	311	225	334	330	51
4	\$900.00		8	12	20	300		300	4	
	2,150.00	\$3,500.00	2	2	7	124	80	45	4	
4	\$3,050.00	\$3,500.00	10	14	27	424	80	345	8	

MINUTES OF THE SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY OF THE
MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

WESTMINSTER, MD., March 17th, 1883.

Society met, with Vice-President F. T. Tagg in the chair.

Report of Treasurer received and adopted.

On motion, officers were elected as follows: 1st Vice President, F. T. Tagg; 2d Vice President, S. B. Tredway; Secretary, W. R. Graham; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather; Board of Managers—E. J. Drinkhouse, C. H. Littleton, R. S. Rowe, J. D. Kinzer, H. F. Zollickoffer, J. G. Clarke, C. T. Gibson, C. A. Benjamin.

On motion, Society adjourned after appointing J. L. Straughn to collect the annual dues.

W. R. GRAHAM,
Secretary.

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Home Missionary Society of the Maryland Annual Conference met at Westminster Church, March 19, at 10.45 A. M., J. L. Mills, 1st Vice President, in the chair.

On motion, A. D. Murray was elected Secretary *pro tem*.

The following officers were then elected: President, W. M. Strayer; 1st Vice President, F. T. Tagg; 2d Vice President, J. L. Mills.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was referred to an auditing committee consisting of S. R. Murray and J. E. Nicholson.

The election of officers was continued, as follows: Treasurer, A. W. Mather; Secretary, A. D. Murray; Board of Managers—The Pastors of West Baltimore, Starr, East Baltimore and Washington-Street, H. F. Zollickoffer, G. H. Erdman, Jno. T. McCauley, W. J. C. Dulany.

W. H. Stone was appointed to collect the annual dues.

The report of the Board of Managers with respect to the sale of the Frederick City Church property was presented by R. S. Rowe, and, on motion, it was "resolved that it is inexpedient to sell the church property in Frederick."

The report of the auditing committee, approving the Treasurer's report, was adopted.

On motion of W. J. C. Dulany, it was "resolved that the Board of Managers be delegated with full power to act on all matters pertaining to the Missionary Society in the interim of the Society."

The Society then adjourned.

A. D. MURRAY,
Secretary.