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107	Webster, A.	St. John's,	127 Laurens st., Balto., Md.
108	Weigand, J. A.	Pittsville,	Pittsville, "
109	White, W. W.	Heathsville,	Heathsville, Va.
110	Wilson, David	Chaplain U. S. A.,	Fort Meade, D. T.
111	Wooden, J. F.	Anne Arundel (A.)	Brooklyn, Md.
112	Yingling, J. M.	Fawn Grove,	Fawn Grove, Pa.

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FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.

APRIL 7TH, 1886.

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in its Fifty-eighth session in the Broadway Church, Baltimore, Md., on Wednesday, April 7th, 1886, at 9 A. M.

President J. T. Murray read Psalm c., John xv., hymn 285, and offered prayer.

D. W. Bates was called to the Chair, and the President read his official report, (see Report A), and at the usual question the character of the President was passed.

The roll was then called of ministers and delegates, and the Dead Roll by T. D. Valiant. Committee on Credentials was appointed. (See Special Committees.)

J. L. Mills moved that the memorial services be held this evening in connection with the Lord's Supper. He afterwards amended by naming Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The President suggested a suspension of a portion of Rule XXIX., so as to have the sacrament ordered held immediately after the Conference sermon.

The President then announced the Standing Committees. (See page 6).

F. T. Tagg was excused from the Committee on Sabbath-Schools and G. Q. Bacchus appointed to the Committee.

An Educational Fund Steward was added to the Board of Stewards.

On motion of J. R. Nichols, the name of Charles Rigby was placed on the Dead Roll in its proper place.

Time for daily sessions was fixed as follows, on motion of J. D. Kinzer: Meet at 9 A. M., and take a recess from 12.30 to 2, and adjourn at pleasure.

The bar was fixed at the inside of the third window from the pulpit.

On motion of J. J. Murray, a recess was taken for five minutes, after which the annual sermon was preached by T. H. Lewis from II. Cor. viii. chap. and vii. verse, and the Lord's Supper was administered under direction of L. W. Bates.

Conference resumed after recess. The President made a statement respecting the necessity for better methods in securing collections for general Church interests.

T. H. Lewis, of committee appointed by the President to prepare and recommend a Financial Plan, read a paper which was referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to have the same printed for distribution among the members of the Conference.

J. B. Walker, Cor. Sec. Board of Ministerial Education, J. F. Cowan, Editor of S. S. Literature, and F. T. Tagg, Cor. Sec. Board of Home and Foreign Missions, were introduced to the Conference.

On motion of E. J. Drinkhouse, an order of the day was fixed for 11 A. M. to-morrow, to hear these brethren on the interests they represent.

The order of the day having arrived, being the election of President for the ensuing year, J. E. T. Ewell, J. W. Trout, J. R. Caton and J. C. Thompson were appointed tellers.

On motion, the Secretary called the roll and the members came forward and deposited their ballots. W. S. Hammond, receiving a majority of the votes cast on the third ballot, was declared elected. Appropriate addresses were made by J. T. Murray on his retiring from office, and W. S. Hammond, the newly-elected President, on entering his official duties.

T. H. Lewis read a report as Secretary. (Report B.) The financial statement was on motion referred to the Committee on Finance.

Conference proceeded to the election of Secretary, and W. R. Graham, receiving a majority of the votes cast on the third ballot, was declared elected.

The Secretary selected J. W. Kirk as his assistant.

Bishop A. W. Wayman, of the African M. E. Church, was introduced to the Conference.

On motion, the Secretary was ordered to cast the ballot of Conference for J. W. Trout for Conference Steward, John S. Bowers for Home Missionary Steward, T. O. Crouse, Superannuated Fund Steward, S. R. Murray, Home and Foreign Missionary Steward, and G. Q. Bacchus for Educational Fund Steward.

Conference adjourned with benediction by J. E. Nicholson.
Approved: W. S. Hammond.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY.

APRIL 8TH, 1886.

Conference opened with religious services conducted by R. S. Rowe.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended.

S. C. Ohrum was appointed Conference Postmaster.

Communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From Cor. Sec. Home and Foreign Missions, Potomac, North Carolina Avenue, Middleway, Crumpton, Kennedyville, Sussex, Harper's Ferry, referred to Committee on Missions; from W. B. Hartley, to Committee on Credentials; from Belair, Pipe Creek, Amelia, to Committee on Boundaries; from F. C. Klein, Missionary to Japan, placed on file; from David Wilson, requesting that his name remain as Post Chaplain, U. S. A., request granted.

T. H. Lewis suggested that some change be made in that item of the official blanks for pastor's reports, which combines pastor's salary and rental value of parsonage.

W. M. Strayer moved that the official blanks stand for this year as they are. It was lost.

On motion of J. D. Kinzer, each pastor wrote separately on a slip of paper the name of the charge, the amount of pastor's salary and estimated rental value of parsonage. The Chair appointed as tellers W. J. Neepier and J. R. Caton, who collected the papers, and by order of Conference gave them to the Board of Stewards.

The annual report of the President of Western Maryland College was read and referred to Committee on Education. (See Report C.)

On motion of J. L. Mills, the name of Mrs. C. B. Middleton was referred to Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

Standing District Committee was elected as follows: William Dale, J. W. Hering, W. J. C. Dulany, J. T. Murray, J. D. Kinzer and A. J. Fairbank.

M. L. Jennings, of the Muskingum Conference, of the M. P. Church; L. A. Thirkel, of Bethany Independent Methodist Church; Rev. Mr. Speck, of Baltimore Conference United Brethren; W.

Scott, President of the African Union M. P. Conference; L. T. Widerman and W. M. Ferguson, of the M. E. Church, and Rev. Mr. Whiteman, were introduced to the Conference.

J. B. Walker, Cor. Sec. Board of Ministerial Education, and J. F. Cowan, Editor of S. S. Literature, addressed the Conference in behalf of the interests they represent.

On motion of J. J. Murray, the regular order of business was deferred.

The President stated that he had in his possession a letter from George Nestor, of West Virginia Annual Conference, which he desired to pass through the hands of the Secretary. Referred to Committee on Fraternal Relations.

On motion of T. H. Lewis, the rule for the election of Committee of Appeals was suspended, and the paper containing the proposed Financial Plan of the Maryland District made the order of the day for 10 A. M. to-morrow.

A ballot was then taken for Committee on Appeals, resulting in the election of J. D. Kinzer. On motion, the Secretary was ordered to cast the ballot of the Conference for D. L. Greenfield, J. T. Murray, J. R. Caton, C. W. Button.

E. J. Drinkhouse submitted the annual report of the Maryland Educational Endowment Society. (Report D.)

A resolution was offered by J. T. Murray endorsing the action of the Board in selecting Jarret N. Gilbert to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer. (Resolution 1.)

A paper was presented by E. J. Drinkhouse protesting against the action of the Board of Ministerial Education in entering into an arrangement whereby the Cor. Sec. of the Board should divide his time and attention with any other general interest than that for which he had been employed, contrary to the action of the General Conference of 1884. Adopted. (Resolution 2.)

The hour for recess having arrived, the benediction was pronounced by F. T. Tagg.

Conference proceeded with business at 2 P. M.

A letter was read from J. Clay, requesting that his relation as supernumerary be continued. Request granted.

On motion of J. J. Murray, C. H. Littleton was transferred to the superannuated list, and his case was referred to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

On motion of J. R. Nichols, Conference gave place to the Home Missionary Society.

On resuming business it was ordered that Conference at 3 P. M. to-morrow give place again to the Missionary Society.

F. T. Tagg, Cor. Sec. Board of Missions, addressed the Conference.

The order of the day having arrived, the memorial services were held. Addresses were delivered on J. A. McFaden, by J. D. Kinzer, D. W. Bates and L. W. Bates; on Alfred Baker, by E. R. McGregor, Jesse Shreeve and S. B. Southerland; on C. B. Middleton, by J. L. Mills, J. T. Murray, J. R. Caton, A. D. Melvin and J. L. Killgore.

On motion, Conference adjourned.

EVENING.

A meeting was held in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions. Addresses delivered by T. O. Crouse and F. T. Tagg.

Approved: W. S. Hammond.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY.

APRIL 9TH, 1886.

Religious services were conducted by J. M. Brown.

Reports of committees being called for, J. L. Mills, from Committee on Finance, submitted a majority report on the proposed Financial Plan, and J. A. Weigand a minority report.

Communications were received and referred as follows: From Cumberland, Felton, Alexandria, to Committee on Missions; from Cumberland, to Committee on Finance; from Liberty, to Committee on Boundaries.

A paper was read from the Quarterly Conference of Warwick Circuit requesting Conference to meet not later than the second Wednesday in March. On motion, the consideration of the request was deferred until the time for fixing the time and place of the meeting of the next session of Conference.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business was received and adopted. (Report E.)

J. L. Mills, from Committee on Obituaries, presented the obituary of C. B. Middleton, which was referred to Committee on Publication. (See Obituary, No. 3.)

Report of Committee on Credentials was read and recommitted with instructions.

Committee on Itinerancy and Orders submitted a partial report, which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted. (See Report F.)

Those received into the itinerancy were presented at the bar of the Conference by the President of the Faculty and addressed by the President of the Conference.

The order of the day was suspended.

The Committee on Pulpit Services reported the appointments for Sabbath. The report was adopted.

On motion of S. B. Tredway, the name of the delegate elect from Deer Creek was taken from the roll and the name of the alternate inserted.

With the consent of the Conference, the Committee on Pulpit Services made some changes in the appointments for Sabbath.

The order of the day was called for, and the Conference proceeded to the consideration of the reports of the Finance Committee on the proposed Financial Plan for the District.

On T. H. Lewis' motion, the minority report was laid on the table.

On motion, the majority report was taken up by items.

On motion, the preamble to the proposed plan was adopted.

Item 1, relating to President's salary, was taken up for consideration.

D. W. Bates offered, as a substitute for item 1, the following: The Committee on Finance shall assess for President's salary not less than four per cent. of the pastor's salary.

The Conference took a recess until 2 P. M.

Upon reassembling, on motion of D. W. Bates, the paper under consideration was laid on the table to receive the report of Committee on President's Report. The report was adopted. (See Report G.)

The Committee on Credentials submitted its report. Adopted. (See Report H.)

A. Webster, on behalf of St. John's I. M. Church, made application for the loan for another year of J. J. Murray. The application was referred to the President.

The consideration of the substitute for item 1 of the proposed Financial Plan was taken up.

The substitute was declared out of order. The original item was now before the Conference.

On motion, the order of the day was suspended.

F. T. Little moved that item 1 of the report be laid over until the next session of Conference. It was lost.

J. T. Lassell moved to strike out "four" and insert "such," so that the item would read: "The President of the Conference shall be paid by each charge in the District an amount equal to such per cent. of the salary or salaries assessed for pastor's salary as shall make the aggregate not less than \$2,250—the assessment to be reported at each Conference by the Finance Committee and collected by the pastors."

The President declared the motion equivalent to a substitute and not admissible. The original item was then adopted.

The order of the day being a meeting of the Home Missionary Society, Conference took a recess.

On resuming business, W. J. Neepier was excused from further attendance upon the session of Conference.

On motion of J. J. Murray, the Conference decided to close its session to-morrow (Saturday) at 1 o'clock.

The report of the Baltimore Book Directory was read and referred to Committee on Literature. (See Report I.)

A resolution was offered by L. W. Bates that the Conference sermon be printed in the Minutes.

An amendment was made by J. T. Murray that 2,000 copies be printed separate from the Minutes for distribution. Adopted as amended. (See Resolution 3.)

A resolution offered by L. W. Bates, expressing gratification at the re-election of R. S. Norris as Corresponding Secretary of Maryland Tract Society, was adopted. (See Resolution 4.)

A resolution offered by J. T. Murray, relative to the proceeds from Clear Spring Church, was adopted. (See Resolution 5.)

A communication from Virginia Annual Conference was referred to Committee on Fraternal Relations.

A letter from W. G. Holmes was referred to Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

The Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary

submitted its report, and was referred to Committee on Education. (See Report C.)

Report of Committee on Boundaries was considered *seriatim* and adopted. (See Report J.)

Conference adjourned with benediction by J. B. Jones.

Approved: W. S. Hammond.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY.

APRIL 10TH, 1886.

Religious services were conducted by J. L. Straughn.

On motion of J. D. Kinzer, the consideration of the proposed Financial Plan was made the order of the day for 10½ A. M.

On motion of C. S. Arnett, North East was stricken from the list of appointments.

Committee on Fraternal Relations submitted a partial report, recommending the reading of a letter from Geo. Nestor, of West Virginia Conference.

Communication from Baltimore Circuit was referred to Committee on Missions.

E. J. Wilson, fraternal messenger from West Virginia Conference, was introduced.

Report of Committee on Temperance was read, and adopted by a rising vote (see Report K).

A partial report of Faculty was received and adopted (see Report F).

A letter from E. R. Washington was read.

On motion of J. D. Kinzer, the ordination of Elders was appointed for to-morrow (Sabbath), after morning sermon.

T. O. Crouse, Superannuated Fund Steward, desired a committee appointed with whom to consult with reference to S. B. Southerland's claim on the Superannuated Fund. The President appointed a committee of three ministers and two laymen (see Special Committees).

The Financial Plan was considered.

Item 2. On motion, an amendment, striking out "every pastor shall take," and insert "there shall be," was adopted.

Item 2, as amended, adopted.

Item 3. J. T. Murray's amendment, to strike out "fifteen" after "Home and Foreign Missions," and insert "ten;" also to strike out "twelve" and insert "fifteen" after "Home Missionary Society," and to strike out "eight" and insert "ten" after "Superannuated Fund Society," adopted.

Item as amended adopted.

A motion to adopt item 4 was lost.

J. J. Murray's motion, that further consideration of the paper be suspended, was lost.

Items 5 and 6 were, on motion, laid on the table.

A motion to adjourn was lost.

A motion to adopt the proposed Financial Plan as amended was lost.

A resolution was offered by J. L. Mills to fix the time for the next session of Conference (see Resolution 6). Laid over by rule twenty-four hours.

Adjourned with benediction by J. T. Murray.

SABBATH.

The morning sermon was preached by J. T. Murray, after which S. F. Cassen was ordained to the order of Elder.

The evening sermon was preached by H. C. Cushing.

Approved: W. S. Hammond.

FIFTH DAY—MONDAY.

APRIL 12TH, 1886.

Religious services conducted by J. G. Sullivan.

On motion of D. W. Bates, the name of Hull street was stricken from the list of appointments.

A communication from Anne Arundel was referred to Committee on Boundaries.

The requests of J. B. Butler and R. W. Berryman to be continued as supernumeraries were granted.

A letter from E. R. Washington was read and referred to special committee.

Report of Committee on Official Character adopted. (See Report L.)

Report concerning Presidential parsonage was referred to Committee on Finance.

On motion, Cumberland Station was referred to Committee on Missions.

D. W. Bates offered a resolution relative to Williamsport Circuit. Adopted. (See Resolution 7.)

The Steward of Home Missionary Society asked for instruction respecting appropriations to Felton and Harper's Ferry.

W. J. Neepier offered a resolution, which was adopted. (See Resolution 8.)

On motion, the Steward was authorized to pay L. R. Dyott his proportion of one-fourth the sum appropriated to Harper's Ferry.

Daniel Thackery, of the New Jersey Conference, was introduced. A communication from Salisbury was referred to Committee on Missions.

A partial report of Faculty was adopted. (See Report F.)

Partial report of Committee on Boundaries was considered.

Item 1 was recommitted.

Item 2, referred to Committee on Missions.

A resolution of J. L. Mills adopted. (See Resolution 6.)

Report of Committee on Superannuated Claimants was read. (See Report M.)

On motion of L. W. Bates, the name of S. B. Southerland was referred to Committee on Superannuates.

A communication from Mt. Pleasant was, on motion, divided into two items.

Item 1, changing name to Mt. Tabor; adopted.

Item 2, relating to missionary appropriation, was amended so that the Home Missionary assessment on Georgetown should be paid into general fund.

Conference gave place to Superannuated Fund Society.

Upon reassembling, the Committee on Education submitted its report, which, after amendment, was adopted. (See Report C.)

Report on Sabbath observance was read and adopted. (See Report N.)

Communication from Snow Hill, referred to Committee on Missions.

On F. T. Tagg's motion, the Superannuated Fund Society suspended its anniversary.

Committee on Boundaries submitted a report which, after amendment, was adopted. (See Report J.)

J. H. Linthicum introduced a resolution, which was adopted. (See Resolution 6.)

J. T. Murray offered a resolution, and it was adopted. (See Resolution 9.)

Adjourned with benediction by D. A. Shermer.

Approved: W. S. Hammond.

SIXTH DAY—TUESDAY.

APRIL 13TH, 1886.

Religious exercises conducted by W. H. Stone.

A communication from Talbot was referred to Committee on Missions.

Report of Committee on Sabbath-Schools was read and adopted. (Report O.)

J. J. Murray presented a paper proposing a Financial Plan for the District, which was referred to the next Annual Conference. (Resolution 10.)

Chairman of Committee on Finance was instructed to assess for H. and F. Missions \$2,600.

E. J. Wilson, fraternal messenger, West Virginia Conference, addressed the Conference.

Report of Committee on Superannuated Claimants was adopted after amendment. (Report M.)

Report of Steward of Superannuated Fund was adopted. (Report P.)

Report of Committee on Fraternal Relations was adopted. (Report Q.)

A supplemental report of Committee on Education was adopted. (Report C.)

Report of Committee on Statistics was adopted. (See Tables.)

Report of committee to whom was referred the letter of E. R. Washington was adopted, after an amendment appointing J. T. Murray to receive contributions. (Report R.)

Committee on H. and F. Missions reported. Adopted. (Report S.)
The Conference Steward asked for permission to make his report as indicated by the official blanks.

J. W. Charlton's resolution, that the Steward report the rental value of parsonage and amount of salary separately, was declared out of order.

H. C. Cushing appealed from the decision of the Chair. The Chair was sustained.

L. W. Bates offered a resolution, which was adopted. (Resolution 11.)

W. M. Strayer's resolution, that three-fourths of the money, now in hand, collected for H. and F. Missions be paid to Foreign Mission work, was not entertained.

The report of Committee on Literature was read and adopted. (Report I.)

F. T. Tagg's resolution, endorsing the Year Book, was adopted. (Resolution 12.)

Resolution fixing the place for the next session of Conference adopted. (Resolution 6.)

On motion of J. W. Charlton, the Conference rescinded its action of last year requiring the items of pastor's salary and rental value of parsonage to be aggregated. (Resolution 13.)

J. R. Caton's resolution was adopted. (Resolution 14.)

C. W. Button's resolution was adopted. (Resolution 15.)

J. W. Charlton and W. J. Neeper were appointed to assist the Conference Steward.

Recess was taken until 2 o'clock.

Reassembled, on motion, J. J. Murray took the Chair.

The report of Committee on Finance was considered by items. Items 1 and 2 were adopted. Item 3 was, on motion of F. T. Tagg, amended so as to read that the amounts collected by the Sunday-schools be added to what is raised by the pastors for Home and Foreign Missions. Item 4 was adopted. The item containing the assessments for 1886 was read. The motion to lay on the table, for purpose of examination, was lost. The motion to strike out "6" and leave blank, with respect to Seaford, in the column for Seminary Debt, was lost. J. L. Mills moved to amend by authorizing the Committee on Publication of Minutes to assess only those charges which have not paid; an amendment to the amendment was offered by inserting the word "paid," instead of the amount.

These amendments were, on motion, laid on the table, and the item of assessments was adopted. Report as a whole adopted. (Report T., and Table of Assessments.)

Conference decided to hold a night session to meet at 8 o'clock.

The report of Home Missionary Steward was read and adopted. (Report U.)

The report of Committee on Benevolent Agencies was adopted. (Report V.)

The report of Committee on Home Missions was considered by items. The preamble was, on motion, stricken out. Items 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 were adopted as reported. Item 4 was amended by increasing the appropriation to \$250. Items 5 and 6, by adding \$50 to each. Items 7 and 8, by increasing appropriations to \$200 each. Item 14 amended by making Talbot a mission, with an appropriation of \$100. Amendments were also adopted appropriating \$100 each to Sussex and Amelia. Report as amended adopted. (Report W.)

A resolution offered by L. W. Bates was adopted. (Resolution 16.)

The Faculty of Instruction submitted a report which, on being read, was withdrawn by consent of the Conference.

Conference adjourned with benediction by A. D. Melvin.

EVENING.

Conference was called to order by H. C. Cushing.

The Faculty of Instruction resubmitted its report, which was adopted. (Report F.)

B. F. Jester, S. C. Ohrum and J. W. Norris pledged themselves, if ordained, to complete the course of study.

A resolution introduced by E. J. Drinkhouse was adopted. (Resolution 17.)

A resolution pledging the Conference to dispose of three hundred copies of the Biography of Nicholas Snethen was lost.

On motion, the report of Committee on Home Missions was reconsidered.

J. J. Murray moved that \$100 be appropriated to Mount Tabor. Adopted. (Report W.)

A letter was read from P. T. Hall, requesting that his present relation be continued. Request granted.

A communication from Heathsville was referred to the President.

Resolutions of thanks adopted. (Resolution 18.)

Report of the Board of Stewards was submitted and adopted.
(See Table of Collections.)

T. H. Lewis' resolution of greeting to F. C. Klein was adopted.
(Resolution 19.)

On motion of J. T. Murray, the report of Committee on Home Missions was reconsidered.

The item appropriating \$150 to Salisbury was stricken out. The request of Hallsboro' to be made a mission was granted, with an appropriation of \$100.

On motion, the Conference decided that ordination services would be held to-morrow night at 8 o'clock in the Broadway Church; W. M. Strayer to preach the ordination sermon.

A resolution offered by J. D. Kinzer was adopted. (Resolution 20.)

D. W. Bates' resolution relating to superannuates was adopted.
(Resolution 21.)

On motion of D. A. Shermer, it was ordered that the Conference Manual be printed in the Minutes.

W. M. Strayer moved that Cumberland Station be made a mission with an appropriation of \$100. Amended by increasing to \$150. Adopted as amended.

The President read the Plan of Appointments (see Report X.), and at 10.20 P. M. Conference adjourned to meet in Easton, Md., the first Wednesday in April, 1887.

W. R. GRAHAM,
Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1.—See page 12.

J. N. GILBERT.

Resolved, That this Conference endorse the action of the Educational Endowment Society, in selecting J. N. Gilbert to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer.

2.—See page 12.

PROTEST AGAINST AN ACTION OF BOARD MIN. EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, The General Convention of 1884, after full debate, did, by a decided vote, determine that the Board of Ministerial Education should not enter into any arrangement whereby the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. B. Walker, should divide his time and attention with any other general interest of the Church, for reasons then presented and deemed imperative; and, whereas, said Board of Ministerial Education did subsequently enter into such an arrangement whereby said Secretary was employed as traveling agent for both the Board and Adrian College, in contravention of the action of the General Convention; therefore be it

Resolved, Lest our silence should be construed into tacit acquiescence in this action of a majority of the Board of Ministerial Education, that we enter our emphatic protest against this assumption of powers expressly withheld from this subordinate body, as setting up an "independent sovereignty" in violation of one of the elementary principles of our Church, however highly expedient said majority may have thought such an arrangement to be in the interest of the Board and one of the official Colleges of the Church. We believe such action to be, as a precedent, subversive of all primary authority, while we do not impugn the motives of the brethren who voted with the majority in said Board.

3.—See page 15.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

Resolved, That the Conference Sermon, preached by Dr. Lewis on Wednesday last, be inserted in the Minutes, and that 2,000 copies be printed separate from the Minutes and distributed over the District.

4.—See page 15.

R. S. NORRIS.

Resolved, That we are gratified to learn that Rev. R. Scott Norris, a worthy member of this Conference, has again been unanimously elected Corresponding Secretary of the Maryland Tract Society, and pledge him our hearty cooperation in the duties of his office.

5.—See page 15.

PROCEEDS FROM CLEAR SPRING CHURCH.

Resolved, That the sum of thirty dollars, in the hands of J. T. Murray, part of the proceeds of the sale of the Clear Spring Church, be appropriated

to the use of the Committee on Vacant Churches, to meet necessary expenses of that committee.

6.—See pages 17-19.

MEETING OF CONFERENCE.

Resolved. That the next Annual Conference meet on the first Wednesday in April, 1887, at 9 A. M.

Resolved. That this Conference hold its next session at Easton, Md.

7.—See page 18.

WILLIAMSPORT CIRCUIT.

Resolved. That this Conference recognize Williamsport, Jones Chapel, Little Georgetown and Harmony as Williamsport Circuit.

Resolved, 2d. That the Williamsport Circuit be placed under the supervision of the pastor of Middleway Circuit, authorizing him to organize a Quarterly Conference on said charge.

8.—See page 18.

APPROPRIATION TO FELTON.

Notwithstanding Felton Mission has failed to comply with the conditions of last year's appropriation, *Resolved.* That the money be paid to the missionary.

9.—See page 19.

SEMINARY ASSESSMENT.

Resolved. That the Committee on Finance be instructed to distribute, on the basis of 50 per cent. of last year's Seminary Assessment, the sum of \$500 of Seminary debt among the charges of this District, giving credit to each for the amount already paid to this interest.

10.—See page 19.

FINANCIAL PLAN.

WHEREAS, Complaint has been made from time to time that the assessments of this Conference are inequitable and beyond the ability of some of the charges; and, whereas, a number of charges have failed to pay the whole amount of their assessments, alleging that they are unable to pay so much, or that more than a due proportion is demanded of them; and, whereas, it is important, both to raise a sum sufficient for the benevolent purposes of this Conference and to develop more largely the spirit of liberal giving; therefore be it

Resolved. That hereafter assessments shall be made only for the President's salary and the incidental expenses of the Conference. These shall be made by the Committee of Finance, and all delegates interested in the matter shall have the privilege of appearing before said committee and making such statements as they deem proper respecting the financial ability of the charges they represent.

Resolved. That the cause of Christ, as represented by the general interests of the Methodist Protestant Church and the American Bible Society and the Maryland Tract Society—that is to say: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, the relief of superannuates, widows and orphans, Ministerial Education, Westminster Theological Seminary, and the societies named above, demand the serious consideration of the ministers and members of this Church, and should elicit their cheerful contributions according as the Lord has prospered them. Therefore,

1. It shall be the duty of pastors to make diligent efforts to secure liberal offerings from the people in furtherance of the aforesaid interests.

2. Every pastor shall successively present each of the foregoing interests to every congregation of his charge at least once in every year, in a sermon or lecture, setting forth the claims of the respective interests as presented, with such array of facts and arguments as he may deem best adapted to secure the cheerful co-operation of the people. And it is earnestly enjoined that the appeals made shall be of a character not only to stimulate the benevolence of the hearer at the time, but to lay the foundation of permanent beneficence in the enlightened conscience of every one instructed in the Word.

3. When any charge, in the judgment of the pastor, is in such financial strait that it is not expedient to urge all of the foregoing claims in a single year, he may omit the collection for the American Bible Society, or the Maryland Tract Society, but in such way that each society shall have its claims presented at least once in every alternate year.

4. The Secretary of this Conference shall have suitable envelopes prepared in furtherance of this plan, and forward them to the pastors, whose duty it shall be to distribute them, or cause them to be distributed, to every member of their respective charges within — days after the adjournment of Conference; it being the intent of the Conference that every member of the church, male and female, young and old, rich and poor, shall have the opportunity, and be solicited, to give cheerfully as the Lord hath given the ability.

5. Pastors are at liberty to supplement this plan by any devices of their own consistent with the gospel, but no one shall be at liberty to interfere with it or render its essential features inoperative. The times deemed most suitable for obtaining the largest collections shall be chosen. And while the people are informed that their free will offerings are solicited, pains shall be taken to instruct them in their duty to honor God with their substance and the first fruits of all their increase.

6. There shall be printed in the Conference blank for the examination of official character the following question to which an explicit answer is required: "Have you faithfully performed the duty imposed upon you by the financial plan of this Conference?"

NOTE.—This paper was referred to next session of Conference.—SECRETARY.

11.—See page 20.

STATEMENT OF MISSIONARY RECEIPTS.

Resolved. That the Corresponding Secretary of Foreign Missions be allowed to publish in our Minutes his tabulary statement of receipts from the Maryland District.

12.—See page 20.

YEAR BOOK.

Resolved. That this Conference cordially endorse the "Year Book," published by Rev. J. F. Cowan, and that the pastors be earnestly requested to aid in its circulation.

13.—See page 20.

PASTOR'S BLANKS.

Resolved. That the vote rescinding the action of last year, requiring rental values of parsonages to be given in pastor's reports, be reconsidered.

Resolved. That next year the pastor's blanks be so printed as to separate these items.

14.—See page 20.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

Resolved, That the pastors of the various charges of this Conference be requested, in taking up collections and receiving contributions for Home and Foreign Missions, so to present this interest to their congregations as to secure the application of three-fourths of such contributions and collections to the support of Foreign Missions.

15.—See page 20.

COLLEGE DAY.

Resolved, That this Conference commend the plan of Western Maryland College to secure the co-operation of our Sunday-schools in contributing to the completion of Ward Hall, and request our pastors to observe Sunday, July 4th, as College Day, on which to present this educational interest to our people and children in a service of praise, prayer and instruction.

16.—See page 21.

MISSIONARY ASSESSMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Resolved, That if the assessments for Home Missionary purposes should prove to be in excess of the appropriations, such excess shall be placed in the hands of the President of the Conference, to be by him distributed among the missions for which no appropriations have been made, according to his judgment.

17.—See page 21.

THE PRESIDENT AND "METHODIST PROTESTANT."

Resolved, That the President of the Conference is hereby respectfully requested to employ some portion of his pulpit time on his official round among the churches, so far as he may find it practicable, in inquiry and explanations to pastors and people of the vital importance of sustaining the official Church organ, THE METHODIST PROTESTANT.

18.—See page 22.

THANKS.

1. *Resolved*. That the thanks of this Conference be, and are hereby, tendered to the families who have so hospitably entertained us at this session of the Conference.
2. *Resolved*. That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the Baltimore "Sun," "American," and "Herald," for their full and accurate reports of the proceedings of this body.
3. *Resolved*. That the thanks of this Conference be extended to the Secretary, W. R. Graham, and his assistant, J. W. Kirk, for the efficient manner in which they have performed their laborious duties.
4. *Resolved*. That the thanks of this Conference be extended to the Board of Stewards, and to S. C. Ohrum for his efficient services as postmaster.

19.—See page 22.

LETTER TO F. C. KLEIN.

The Conference has received with feelings of peculiar interest and pleasure the tidings of progress that have been brought to us in the letter of Rev. F. C. Klein, our Missionary to Japan. We send to him and his helpers on that distant shore our greetings and assurance of continual prayer. We pledge our unabated interest and zeal to the missionary work, and look with earnest

longing to the time when the Board can send to him another helper, and the work be multiplied under the favor of the Lord. The President and Secretary of the Conference are directed to forward this paper in a letter of greeting.

20.—See page 22.

ANOTHER MISSIONARY.

Resolved, That it be the sense of this Conference that another Missionary be sent to the aid of Rev. F. C. Klein at as early a day as possible, and that we earnestly commend to the Board of Missions the propriety of adopting measures to this end.

21.—See page 22.

PAYING SUPERANNUATES.

Resolved, That the Steward of the Superannuated Fund be authorized to pay pro rata to those just placed upon the list of superannuates all monies in his hands for distribution as an advanced payment upon their claims.

REPORTS.

A.—See page 9.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN: We give thanks unto God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ that we are permitted to meet again in Annual Conference, and for all the mercies and loving-kindnesses with which He has crowned the year.

At roll-call there will be three voices silent, and three names will be transferred from the roll of the living to that which embalms the memory of those who rest from their labors: Revs. Joseph A. McFaden, Alfred Baker and Christopher B. Middleton. They were loved and honored in life, and their memory will be cherished by us now that they have been removed out of sight. The Necrology of the Conference will also have added the names of —, wife of Rev. William G. Holmes, and Carrie A., wife of Rev. Augustus W. Mather.

The District has made notable improvement, and the outlook is decidedly encouraging—never so bright it appears to me as at this time. The number of persons reported as taken into full membership, or on probation, during the year is 1,252; this does not indicate the net increase.

The money expended for material improvements on the various charges, as reported to me, is as follows: Accomac, \$50; Bedford, on parsonage \$650; Belair, new church at Deer Creek \$1,600; Broadway, on mortgage \$400—other debts, &c., \$175; Campbell, \$436; Cecil, new church near New Leeds, not completed, amount paid on it \$1,100; Centreville, on Ashland church \$230; Crisfield, raised for parsonage \$235; Dorchester, on Vienna Church

\$400, on Crotcher's Ferry \$500, other improvements \$173—total \$1,073; East Baltimore, \$40; Fawn Grove, on Nebo Church \$475, Delta \$267, Norrisville \$850—total \$1,592; Finksburg, on parsonage fund \$150, on Providence Church \$180; Franklin City, new church at New Church \$2,000, less debt of \$500; Frederick \$100; Georgetown \$527; Hampden, on parsonage debt, \$350; Jefferson, parsonage \$3,700; Middleway, new church; Milton, new church at Beaver Dams \$1,200; Newark, organ \$2,500; Oxford, \$56; Pipe Creek, parsonage \$4,000; Pocomoke, paid on parsonage, etc., \$337; Pocomoke City, \$60; Potomac, \$250; Powellville, on debt \$125, subscribed for same \$250, and for new church at Powellville \$500; Queen Anne's, \$80; Rowlandsville, parsonage \$1,500; Salisbury, \$70; Somerset, new parsonage \$1,200, bell and other improvements \$300—total \$1,500; South Baltimore, \$30; Stewartstown, on debt and improvements \$500, subscription for Zion Church \$1,400—total \$1,900; Susquehanna, \$200; Sussex, \$175; Union, new church at Sharptown; Warwick, \$130; Washington-street, \$192; West Baltimore, new church \$28,000.

New churches 9, value \$34,800; parsonages 5, value \$11,500. Total cash expenditures in church property \$52,116.

CHANGES.

Obstructions having been put in the way of the appointee to Cambridge Circuit which seemed to justify him in asking for a release, I released Rev. A. A. Harryman from that circuit in May and transferred him to Baltimore Circuit, and transferred Rev. E. A. Warfield to Cambridge, with the consent of Baltimore Circuit. At his own request, Rev. Dr. D. F. Ewell was released from the appointment to Powellville Circuit. He was subsequently appointed to Talbot Circuit. To supply the vacancy on Powellville I secured the services of Rev. Geo. D. Edmondston. His ministry has proven very satisfactory, and the circuit has made decided advance under his efficient management. Harper's Ferry has been unsupplied except for three months, during which time it was served by Rev. L. R. Dyott, and a revival occurred, giving increase in number and inspiring the whole body of the church. Rev. C. B. Middleton, through failing strength being unable to attend to his charge, at his request I secured the services of Rev. F. T. Benson as associate pastor, who entered upon his duties January 24. Bro. Benson took upon him this labor in addition to his Seminary studies with commendable devotion to the interests of the church; his character and services receive high commendation from the Alexandria Church.

ORDINATIONS.

In the month of June, at Broadway Church, Baltimore, with the assistance of Revs. W. S. Hammond and W. M. Strayer, I ordained Rev. Hugh L. El-derdice as an Elder, to which office he had been elected by the Conference. In the month of November, accompanied by Rev. S. B. Southerland, D. D., I visited the churches of our colored brethren in Charleston and Berkeley, South Carolina. On Sabbath, Nov. 15, in Laurel-street Church, Charleston, we ordained Revs. Lewis Finley and William Alexander; and on Tuesday, 27th, at Zion Church, St. John's, Berkeley, we ordained Paul Brown, all of whom had been elected to the office of Elder by the Maryland Confer-

ence. I am pleased to report very favorably the condition, management and prospects of these interesting churches. In the near future they should be erected into a Mission Conference.

By order of Conference I appointed a Committee of Supervision of Vacant Churches, consisting of Rev. Drs. D. W. Bates, E. J. Drinkhouse, and Messrs. W. J. C. Dulany and H. Burrough. Some preliminary steps have been taken, but the committee can only report progress. It should be continued.

To the pastors and the brethren, whose hospitalities I have enjoyed, and the Church in general, I make my grateful acknowledgments for courtesies and kind offices.

Sincerely yours,

J. T. MURRAY.

BALTIMORE, April 7, 1886.

B.—See page 10.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

In accordance with the instructions of Conference I have performed a series of duties which seem to require some account, and I therefore submit a report.

1. The publication of the Minutes of the last Conference was attended with unusual labor and expense. By the direction of Conference, the Manual and Conference Sermon were inserted, making the size of the pamphlet fifty per cent. greater than ever before. Yet, by the enterprise of our printer, J. F. Chesney, I was able to forward the Minutes just five weeks after the adjournment of Conference. Fifteen hundred copies were printed, and, there not being sufficient funds to forward all, I offered to send copies at five cents, or enough to pay the postage, to any member of Conference. There still remain about 150 copies. By the offer of Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse to pay the expenses, I was enabled to send a copy to all our Annual Conference Secretaries. I sent to pastors a notice of deficiency as directed, and a call for 25 cents from each. I received returns from 41 out of 85; but forwarded the Minutes to all, and thus, so far, disobeyed orders.

2. I was directed "to obtain a book and inscribe therein the names of the wives of minister, &c." The book was readily obtained, but I have rarely undertaken a more formidable task than the latter part of these instructions. Two direct appeals by mail and one through THE PROTESTANT, with a patient waiting of eight months resulted in securing 115 names, whereas we ought to have easily twice that number. Although not the originator of the plan, I respectfully suggest that, to make it of considerable interest or value, marriages of members of Conference ought to be reported and recorded as they occur. Otherwise the list will soon become far more imperfect than it is.

3. Another duty assigned me, was the publication of a new form for pastor's official reports. Every effort was made to avoid all ambiguity and compel correct and uniform returns, but no blank can fill up itself after all, and, from some correspondence relative to these, I fear they will only be some improvement over previous experiences. I think it would not be out

of place to instruct and examine candidates for our itinerancy in our forms and usages in these matters.

4. Believing a more full memorial is due to our brethren who have fallen in our ranks, I have prepared a roster which I recommend be published annually in the Minutes.

5. Other duties that fell to me by force of circumstances were the purchase of a Journal and the arrangements for transportation to Conference, the expenses of which are included in the financial statement and vouchers appended.

I have thus completed another year's service in this position to which I was so unexpectedly called six years ago. No work has ever been more cheerfully performed by me, and none more patiently borne by you. To you for your patience and appreciation, to my true yoke-fellow, Rev. F. T. Little, for his faithful services as assistant, I owe all thanks; and should be glad to serve you so long as you should desire my services, but I fear that new duties to which I have been called will render my service inefficient, and must, therefore, ask you to name my successor.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. H. LEWIS.

SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

<i>Expenditures.</i>		
For Printing Minutes.....		\$187.67
“ Mailing “.....		20.08
“ Official Blanks.....		9.69
“ “ Envelopes.....		6.00
“ Printing “.....		2.00
“ Mailing “.....		1.00
“ Records, &c.....		9.50
“ Record for Appointments.....		3.55
“ Postal Notices		2.50
“ 1 Bible.....		1.00
“ Expressage on Conference Trunk.....		1.50
“ Stationery for Conference.....		1.00
		\$245.49
<i>Receipts.</i>		
From Conference Steward.....		\$153.22
“ Missionary and Sup. Fund Stewards.....		20.00
“ Public Collection.....		21.34
“ Collection for Deficiency.....		10.25
“ Personal Contribution for Minutes.....		3.50
“ Minutes Sold.....		5.00
“ Collection for Register of Wives.....		6.30
		219.61
		\$25.88
Expenses in Transportation Arrangements.....		4.00
		\$29.88

C.—See page 11.

EDUCATION.

WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

It affords your committee great pleasure to be able to report this institution

in a flourishing and growing condition. The number of students continues at about the usual average, 118—69 of whom are boarders. Whole number of students who have been in attendance during the eighteen years of the College's history, is about 1,000. Number of graduates, including 15 who are candidates the present year, 169. Peace, order and sound discipline were never more observable than at present, a fact which, while it pays a deserved compliment to the students, reflects great credit upon the officers of the institution, and teachers in immediate charge.

The present value of the College property at a fair estimate, including buildings, ground, furnishing, repairs, &c., over \$35,000. Of this amount \$30,000 have been raised and paid. In the judgment of your committee, steps should be taken at the earliest possible moment to cancel this indebtedness.

“*Ward Hall*,” a most valuable adjunct to the College building, which, through the skill and indefatigable efforts of Dr. Ward has been partly completed according to the original plan, and is now occupied, should as early as it is practicable be finished, as the additional accommodations such improvements would furnish to students is greatly needed. We are glad to learn that an amount of funds is already in hand for this object: and, that an additional scheme is on foot, which it is hoped will secure a sufficiency to complete the building at an early period. We commend the enterprise to the sympathy of all the well wishers of our school of learning. Western Maryland College has long since ceased to be regarded as a mere experiment. It already ranks high as an institution of learning. The Legislature of this State, at its late session, recognized this fact when, after a thorough discussion of its character and claims, made a liberal appropriation for its support. Nevertheless, to reflect the sentiments of the President of the College, whose report is before us, this institution will still need in a liberal degree and should receive the practical sympathy and fostering care of the whole Church. We would especially suggest to the pastors of the District the great importance of an increased endeavor to look up and as far as possible to secure students for the College, promptly reporting such students to the President of the College. The day is not far distant, if it has not already come, when the subject of endowing the College will press itself upon the mind and heart of the Church as it has not yet done.

At the January meeting of the Board of Trustees of the College, as you are already advised by the reading of his report, Dr. Ward, for reasons satisfactory to himself, tendered his resignation as President of the College. The resignation was accepted, and the Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., was elected to fill the vacancy. Your committee hereby recommend to the Conference the ratification of this act of the Board. In retiring from a position which he has so long, so efficiently and so satisfactorily held as President of Western Maryland College, we cannot permit Dr. Ward to step down from this high, honorable and most responsible position without according to him, as our brother, an expression of our high regard as a Christian, a gospel minister, and a public educator. To his successor, Dr. Lewis, we tender the meed of our high regard, and would express our entire confidence in his ability to meet successfully the demands of his new position should the Conference see proper to endorse the act of the Board in electing him to the Presidency of

Western Maryland College. Upon this institution, which is emphatically a child of Providence, we would invoke continuously the blessing of our God. All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. W. BATES, *Chairman.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

To the President and Members of the Maryland Annual Conference, in Session at Broadway Church, April, 1886:

RESPECTED BRETHREN: In presenting you my annual report, there is cause for renewed expression of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the continued success which has attended the institution over which I have the honor to preside. He has certainly fulfilled to us His promise: "I will guide thee with mine eye." He has watched over us, preserved us, and given us favor with the Church and community, so that, as in all former years, we have been constrained to exclaim: "The God of Jacob is our help, and in Him will we rejoice and put our trust."

The number of students for the present year has reached the usual average. The attendance has been regular and prompt. There has been diligence in study and general good order, and, so far as I know, parents and guardians have been entirely satisfied with the reports which we have been able to send them during the year, both as to the conduct and scholastic standing of their children and wards. I and my colleagues of the Faculty have deeply felt the responsibility resting upon us, and I have no hesitancy in saying that there has been earnest and conscientious effort upon the part of us all to fulfill faithfully the solemn trust committed to us.

At the January meeting of the Board of Trustees I tendered my resignation of the Presidency of the College, for reasons assigned in my letter of resignation, which was published in THE METHODIST PROTESTANT. It was accepted, and the management of the institution will from the close of the present term be in the hands of my successor in office, already elected by the Board. He, as well as myself, is a member of this Conference, and fully known to you all, so that I need not enlarge upon reference to his fitness for the responsible position. It is proper, however, that I should express my own high approval of the choice of the Board, and the deep interest which I feel in his success. This interest is not only that of hope, but also of confidence. He is a tried man among us; this is not the first position of great responsibility he has held, and his faithfulness heretofore is a warrant of the same in his new position. He is in the vigor of his manhood; the College is his Alma Mater; he has the intellectual ability and literary training, the sincere piety and devotion, the earnest zeal, combined with prudence and discretion, and every quality required for the place. He and his family will reside in the College building, and he will have under his immediate care all the interests of the institution. He is also widely known in the Church and community, and possesses the esteem and confidence of all. But he will need as I have needed, and I trust in God he will have, as I have had, and even more abundantly, the hearty support and co-operation of all the friends of the institution. My fervent prayer is, that under his administration its prosperity and usefulness may increase, to the glory of God and the good of all concerned.

During the eighteen years of the College history, since it came under the jurisdiction of the Methodist Protestant Church with its incorporated Board of Trustees, there has been an average enrollment of 118 students for each year, and an average of 67 boarding students enrolled for each year. Many of these, of course, were enrolled several times, but even counting no name twice, there have been nearly 1,000 students in all. The number of graduates has been 154, which will be increased this year to 169.

During the eighteen years the gross income of the College has amounted to an average of \$15,593.18 per year; and the net income has been nearly as much, for during the whole period only a few thousand dollars has been lost

by bad debts. All the money received was duly acknowledged to the parties by me and paid into the College treasury, except the portion received from the State, which was paid directly to the Treasurer upon the order of the President of the Board. All disbursements for salaries, and bills of every kind, were made under the direction of the Local Board. In addition to the regular income, about \$30,000 has been raised and paid upon the buildings, ground, furnishing, repairs, &c., of the College, the total value of the entire property now being, at a fair estimate, over \$35,000.

Four Literary Societies have been organized, and each of them has a good collection of books in its library, and other useful facilities for mental improvement. The Natural Science department of the College has been supplied with philosophical and other apparatus for its use, and there is a respectable collection of natural and artistic curiosities, which will form the beginning of a College Museum. Other departments have been supplied to some extent with useful helps. The several Chairs have been filled by a succession of able professors, and Western Maryland College has built up for itself a high and honorable character as an institution of learning, and enjoys the reputation of being one of the best schools of its grade in our own State or in the land. All things considered, I think we have just cause to be, in a good sense of the word, proud of our College; and I shall close my term of service with grateful acknowledgments to God and man for the success which has been attained; for I shall ever feel, as I ever have felt, how inadequate my own best endeavors alone would have been to such a result. But those endeavors were made effective by the blessing of God upon the wise counsel and kind co-operation of many friends and helpers. I may mention particularly the efficient Agents of the College (one of whom has passed from life); my colleagues in the Board of Trustees, general and local, especially the official members, and in the Faculty especially the experienced and efficient senior members, and the brethren who successively occupied the Vice-Presidency, and the sisters who held the position of Preceptress, upon whom peculiar responsibility rested because of their residence in the College building. Cherishing, as I do and ever shall, the most grateful memory of the faithful labors of these dear brethren and sisters, I deem this a suitable time for me to express my conviction that to them is largely due the success of the College. I will not dwell upon the labors and sacrifices of the friends of the College in establishing, and thus far sustaining it, although these have been many and in some cases by no means ordinary. Of those who started in the enterprise with us, not a few have gone to their final reward. Very precious to us is their memory, and their example will be an incentive to diligence and an encouragement under trials to those who are to carry on the work in the years to come.

Thus, dear brethren of the Conference, I present to your honorable body my last report of the condition and prospects of Western Maryland College, towards which I have the feelings of a father. But I am fully aware that I have no exclusive claim to the title of one, and that there are others who share with me in these fatherly feelings. Indeed, brethren, your Conference as a body may justly be regarded as the foster-father of the College; and as in all former reports, so now I commend its interests to your continued fostering care; and I beseech on my own behalf your prayers, that whatever may be my allotment in the days that may remain to me, I may be kept faithful to my Saviour; and at the close of life on earth with us all, may God grant us a place among the blood-washed host in heaven.

Affectionately and sincerely your brother in Christ,

J. T. WARD, *Pres't W. M. C.*

REV. B. F. BENSON.

The committee learns that Rev. B. F. Benson, A. M., who has for the last three years served the College in the position of vice president, desires to return to the active work of the itinerancy. While we welcome him to the

fellowship of our labors here, we feel it due to him to acknowledge the faithfulness and efficiency with which he has performed the responsible duties of his position at the College. There being no longer a necessity there for a vice-president, we are glad to know he is available to the Church, and still better fitted by his educational work for the duties of the pastorate, and the church should appreciate his readiness and ability for service wherever he may be called.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Board of Ministerial Education has been doing a good work in assisting worthy young men in securing educational advantages under trained teachers for pulpit efficiency. During the past year fifteen young men received aid from the Board—ten of them at Adrian College and five at Westminster Theological Seminary. Young men needing ministerial education are constantly being discovered. We hope that the generous contributions of a grateful Church will continuously provide ample means to assist all worthy applicants. The money contributed by the Church to this cause is not given to theological students. It is *loaned* to them. They pay it back at the rate of ten per cent. of salary received, until the entire amount shall have been returned to the Board. During the year ending June 30th, 1885, former beneficiaries repaid to the Board \$290. We commend this interest to the beneficence of our people, as a cause worthy of their generous assistance, and as a means of constantly doing good.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Your committee would congratulate the Conference upon the evident progress of the Seminary as presented by the report of the Board of Governors, and your committee would emphasize the request of the Governors that the Conference provide for the salary of the President of the Seminary, for without the continued fostering care of the Conference immediately connected with the Seminary, success will be impossible.

We regret the necessity of reporting that the debt on the Seminary building has not been met. If the churches had all responded this would not be the case. We have to report that there are \$227 yet due, and we recommend that those churches which failed to respond last year be called upon again.

Respectfully submitted, L. W. BATES, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF GOVERNORS OF WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Governors of the "Westminster Theological Seminary," according to the requirements of their Charter, submit this, their Annual Report of the condition of the Institution to the Maryland Annual Conference:

STUDENTS.

The number of Students in attendance this year is smaller than last year; but this is not due to a lack of young men, who desire the benefit of the Institution, but to our inability to provide funds for their support. If we could have commanded the means to help all who wished to avail themselves of the Seminary course of instruction, the building would have been full. Last year there were 22 Students, two of whom attended classes in the College. Of these, 6 graduated in May, and 10 returned to continue their studies this year. Five new Students entered in September, two of whom are in classes at the College; making the full number enrolled this year 15.

Eight of these Students come from Maryland; 3 from West Virginia; 1 from North Carolina; 2 from Georgia, and 1 from New Jersey. Five Students are aided by the Board of Ministerial Education, four from Maryland and one from West Virginia. There will be four graduates this year; three of whom will apply for admission to this Conference, and one to the West Virginia Conference.

The following statement will show the financial condition of the Institution:

CURRENT FUND.	
Balance in hand Sept. 1st, 1885	\$ 172.60
Whole amount received from Students to date.....	1,005.62
Paid for Board, Books, &c., current expenses.....	\$1,178.22 1,076.10
Balance in hand, April 1st, 1886.....	\$102.12
Bills receivable.....	\$250.00
Bills Payable.....	150.00
	\$100.00
Estimated balance at end of year.....	\$202.12
COLLECTION FUND.	
Balance in hand September 1st, 1885.....	\$ 57.40
Received from Maryland Conference.....	452.28
" " West Virginia.....	31.60
" " North Carolina.....	67.23
" " New Jersey.....	28.55
" " Alabama.....	24.60
" " Virginia.....	11.87
" " J. L. Elderdice.....	2.00
Paid the President, T. H. Lewis.....	\$675.56 600.00
Balance in hand April 1st, 1886.....	\$75.56
Due the President, on May 1st, 1886, \$600.00.	
BUILDING FUND.	
Remaining <i>indebtedness</i> , counting interest to May 1st, 1886.....	\$1,113.00
To meet this we have in bank.....	\$458.55
Pledge of St. John's Board.....	200.00
Reliable subscription.....	80.00
	\$738.55
Balance to be provided.....	\$374.45

It will be observed from this statement that the President has received only half of his salary; and toward the payment of the other half, we have in hand only \$75.56. We look to the Conference assessment for Seminary to meet this demand.

It will also be observed that there remain \$374.45 of the Seminary building debt. It is hoped the Conference collection, ordered for this purpose, will cancel this amount, and leave our property entirely free of embarrassment.

We have confidently looked forward to the time, when all the Conferences which share in the benefit of the Institution would participate equitably in its financial support; and we believe we shall not be disappointed in this. The collections this year are an improvement on previous years. And the President has purchased, printed, and distributed 15,000 envelopes to parties in West Virginia, N. Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. To every pastor a package was sent containing one envelope for every four members on his charge, and a circular to the pastor, explaining the plan of using them. The consent of the Conference was pre-

viously secured by visitation or correspondence. It is too early to know the results of this plan, as reports will not come in until the fall of the present year, but there are already indications of greatly increased collections.

Dr. T. H. Lewis, to whom belongs the chief credit of the prompt organization and efficient work of the Seminary, tendered, in January last, his resignation as President of the Institution, to take effect at the end of the present scholastic year. The Board accepted his resignation and elected Dr. J. T. Ward President of the Seminary. The Board respectfully asks the recognition and concurrence of the Conference in these changes.

We ask the Conference to take such steps as will guarantee the support of the President during the coming year. We believe that, in view of the reasonable prospect of increased collections from other Conferences, a Seminary assessment of \$1,000 will be sufficient.

For an understanding of the work done by the President and Faculty, and for everything touching the curriculum of the Institution, we refer you to the last Annual Catalogue, a copy of which is herewith submitted.

L. W. BATES, *Chairman.*

D.—See page 12.

EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY.

Report of the Maryland Educational Endowment Society to the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, April 7th, 1886:

DEAR BRETHREN: As required by our charter we submit our annual report:

It is with sincere regret that we announce the departure out of this life of our colleague, Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, in September last. Words would fail us to pay a proper tribute to his memory. He rests from his labors, and his works, gratefully remembered by the Church of his choice, do follow him.

We have elected to fill the vacancy, as required by our charter, Jarrett N. Gilbert, of Baltimore city, which action needs the endorsement or rejection of your body.

No change has occurred in our financial condition since our last report, except an accumulation of interest for one year on the balance due John Smith on the last one thousand dollar note, which makes our indebtedness to him on this account \$360.66, inclusive of said interest to April 1st, 1886.

The unpaid notes and pledges on the Walker Plan, for liquidating the late College debt, were placed by the Western Maryland College in our hands; but we have been no more fortunate than they in collecting the outstanding claims of some twelve hundred dollars. It is proposed by our Society to make a final effort to induce these delinquent brethren and friends to pay, that our indebtedness may be cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,
E. J. DRINKHOUSE, *Secretary.*

E.—See page 13

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business having carefully examined the Minutes of last Conference, find no unfinished business to report to this Conference.

A. D. DICK, *Chairman.*

F.—See page 14.

FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.

The Faculty of Instruction submit a report as follows:

We recommend that Frank T. Benson, Luther R. Dyott, Elmer Simpson, John Frederick Wooden, Benjamin Franklin Jester and Geo. D. Edmonston

be received into the itinerancy, and that Robert W. Mobray be placed in the hands of the President.

Nathaniel T. Meginnis, desiring to take the course of instruction, was received as a Student under the care of the Faculty, and after examination was passed from the Preparatory into the First Year's Class.

Jesse W. Norris was marked 100 on Kidder's Christian Pastorate, and was passed to the Third Year's Class.

C. H. Day passed a satisfactory examination and was passed to the Third Year's Class.

Some confusion having occurred in consequence of the change of text books last year, it is ordered that the Third Year Students *may* use the old books, First and Second Year Students *must* use the new.

H. G. Cowan was marked 100 on Theology, 100 on Sacred Geography and Antiquities and 100 on Church History, and was passed to the Third Year's Class.

C. R. Blades, S. C. Ohrum, B. W. Kindley, H. L. Elderdice and B. F. Jester were passed to the Second Year's Class.

H. L. Elderdice was marked 100 on Theology.

S. F. Cassen was given 100 in Theology and 100 in Church History, and is recommended for ordination.

J. T. Murray was elected a member of the Faculty to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of W. S. Hammond; J. L. Mills was elected Secretary, in the place of W. S. Hammond.

William Hawkins Litsinger, of Susquehanna Circuit; Daniel Ewell Day, of Anne Arundel Circuit; George Washington Haddaway, of Oxford, and William Sherman Philips, of Cambridge, are recommended as suitable persons to receive aid from the Board of Ministerial Education.

T. D. Valiant having presented his resignation as a member of the Faculty, his request was, on motion, granted with regret; and B. F. Benson was appointed Examiner on Pope's Theology, Vol III., of the Third Year Class.

We recommend James Wesley Parris for employment by the President, provided his services can be profitably used.

At the request of the President of the Conference, we recommend the ordination of B. F. Jester, S. C. Ohrum, J. W. Kirk, E. A. Warfield and J. W. Norris; Bros. Kirk and Warfield having already completed the course of study. Bros. Norris, Jester and Ohrum, not having completed the course, will be required to give the usual pledge to the Conference.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President.*

G.—See page 14.

ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Committee on the President's Report beg leave to report:

1. That they are gratified to find such a favorable report of the financial, spiritual and numerical condition of the District.

2. We learn with pleasure that our interest with our colored brethren of South Carolina is in a prosperous condition, and that the President made it suit his pleasure and convenience to pay them an official visit, and ordained to the office and work of the Ministry, Revs. Lewis Finley and William Alexander.

3. We would recommend that the Committee on Vacant Churches be continued.

DANIEL W. BATES, *Chairman.*

H.—See Page 14.

CREDENTIALS.

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report as follows:

1. That notwithstanding many irregularities, all the names upon the Secretaries' list be and are entitled to membership in this body.

2. We recommend that those officiating be hereafter more careful in observing the law in filling up their blanks.

Most respectfully submitted.

W. R. ZOLLICKOFFER, *Chairman.*

I.—See page 15.

LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Literature, to whom was referred the report of the Book Directory, after carefully considering all its statements respectfully report as follows:

We congratulate the Conference and the Church on the fact that our Sunday-school Literature is taking its place in the front rank of Sunday-school Publications in this country. For fullness and variety, it is all we need, and a literature of which we, as a Church, need not be ashamed. We are glad to learn that its circulation is constantly increasing, and hope the time will soon come when every Methodist Protestant Sunday-school in the United States will be fully supplied with Methodist Protestant Sunday-school Publications.

We cordially endorse the editorial management of Rev. J. F. Cowan, and promise him our hearty co-operation and support.

Respecting THE METHODIST PROTESTANT, we report progress in its finances through the wise business management of our agent, and hope the course pursued by the individual members of this Conference will make it possible for this management to continue, which will not be the case very long, unless there is a marked increase in the number of subscribers.

We regret to report that the number of subscribers is yearly growing smaller, so that unless something of importance is done, it does not require a prophet's eye to see the result in the near future. The causes of this state of affairs are:

1. The multiplication of Conference papers, which, though they are frequently short-lived, take away subscribers from THE METHODIST PROTESTANT, who do not always resubscribe when their paper dies.

2. It is due to the fact that many of the ministerial members of this Conference do not appear to regard it as their solemn duty to press the claims of the paper and obtain new subscribers.

This plain, and perhaps offensive, statement, is made because it is impossible for your Committee to believe that one-half the pastors of this Conference would wilfully neglect that which they regarded as a sacred duty, or that one-half the pastors of this Conference would utterly fail in accomplishing anything in the discharge of a duty had they devoted themselves to it with characteristic zeal, and the fact is found upon the books of the Concern that forty-four pastors in the active work serving charges have not obtained one new subscriber this year.

The attention of your committee is also called to the startling facts that nine of our ministers do not take the paper, and out of ninety-six lay delegates attending this Conference, seventy-two are not subscribers to THE METHODIST PROTESTANT. Is it any wonder, in view of these painful facts, that our subscription list is growing shorter every year?

We respectfully recommend:

1. That this Conference make it the duty of every minister to try to obtain new subscribers, as he tries to raise money for any other Church purpose.

2. That the following question be added to the official blank:

How many new subscribers to THE METHODIST PROTESTANT have you obtained this year?

3. That all pastors be requested to bring this matter before their Quarterly Conferences, and ask the assistance of the official members in increasing the number of subscribers on their respective fields of labor.

Your committee cannot recommend the appointment, by this Annual Conference, of a traveling agent to represent the publishing interests of the Baltimore Book Directory, because such act of appointment, in the opinion of your committee, lies properly within the province of the Book Directory itself.

Your committee feels that the thanks of the Church are due Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, D. D., for his able and vigorous editorial management of the Church Organ.

J. M. HOLMES, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY TO THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE M. P. CHURCH.

DEAR BRETHREN: Although we are not now required by our charter to make a financial report to your body, nevertheless, recognizing this as our principal patronizing Conference and the Church-home of our publishing interests, we desire to submit herewith for your consideration some interesting facts connected with the business of the year ending February 28th, 1886.

The entire business of the Directory for the year shows a small profit for the management.

We regret, however, that the sales of Books, Stationery and Libraries by our Agent to Methodist Protestants, on every dollar of which this Directory receives a liberal commission, shows no increase over preceding years.

As the large stock and liberal dealing of our Agent are well known, it is difficult to understand the apathy of our membership in thus neglecting to patronize our own and their Book Concern.

Our Sunday-school Periodicals have fully held their own throughout the year, but we have to report a small falling off in the number of subscribers to the official paper; whilst we are well aware that there is no cause for alarm, and the loss in subscriptions is not serious in numbers, yet we fully recognize the necessity for keeping abreast with the times in which we live in this important department of Church work, and the vital importance to our general and local interests of having THE METHODIST PROTESTANT enter the home of every member of our Church.

Various and expensive plans have been adopted from time to time having in view the increased circulation of the paper through its natural agents, the itinerant ministers of the Conference. As is shown at each recurring session of the Conference, all our expedients have failed to interest the preachers in this work sufficiently to add materially to the circulation of our literature.

Having once more considered the subject in all its bearings, we are forced to the conclusion that we must do as others in our line, employ a traveling agent to canvass the membership of the Church in the interest of our valuable publications.

With this in view, the following resolution was *unanimously* adopted by the Directory at its last meeting:

On motion of J. D. Kinzer, it was resolved that we respectfully request the Maryland Annual Conference, at this session, to appoint a traveling Agent to represent the Publishing interests of the "Baltimore Book Directory," and that we recommend the selection of S. C. Ohrum for this position.

We respectfully ask a careful consideration of the facts presented, and the

hearty co-operation of each member of the Conference with the efforts of the Directory to extend the circulation of our literature and the business of the Book Concern.

HORACE BURROUGH, *Secretary.*

J.—See page 16.

BOUNDARIES.

1. Your committee would respectfully recommend that Union Bridge and Sam's Creek appointments, now a part of Pipe Creek Circuit, be set apart, and known as Union Bridge Station, and that it be supplied with a married man; also that Uniontown and Pipe Creek appointments remain, and be known as Pipe Creek Circuit—also to be supplied with a married man.

2. Would recommend that Belair Circuit be so divided as that the charges, Belair, Providence, Union Chapel and Mt. Carmel, shall constitute Belair Circuit, and that Deer Creek, Mt. Tabor and Yingling Chapel shall constitute Deer Creek Circuit; and, also, that the Deer Creek Circuit, as thus recommended, be allowed to retain its interest in the parsonage claim of \$600.

3. Your Committee on Boundaries, in the matter of the division of Howard Circuit, as made last year by the Annual Conference, would respectfully recommend that Union Chapel, which, by said division, was connected with the lower circuit, be changed from its present relation and connected with the upper circuit, so that Union Chapel, Jennings Chapel, Poplar Springs, Ridgeville and Howard Chapel be known as Lisbon Circuit; and that Mt. Carmel, Brookville, Linden and Linthicum Chapel be known as Howard Circuit.

4. Your Committee on Boundaries would respectfully recommend that Marley and White Marsh appointments, now a part of Marley Circuit, be severed from said Circuit, and connected with Anne Arundel Circuit.

J. DIVERS, *Chairman.*

K.—See page 16.

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, respectfully submit the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we hail with joy the increase of enlightened Christian sentiment on this subject, as seen in the many instances of wise legislation, restricting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks, the adoption of State Constitutions, positively prohibiting the accursed traffic, the introduction into some of our public schools of lessons for the young, showing the evil effects of alcohol upon the human system, and the heroic labors of the "Women's Christian Temperance Union," and other temperance organizations in their efforts to save fallen men and remove temptation from the path of the weak.

2. *Resolved*, That, as a Conference of Christian ministers and laymen, we will continue the work of temperance education until all our people learn to discountenance the drinking customs of the day.

3. *Resolved*, That, as Christian citizens, we will vote against the manufacture, sale and use of all intoxicating drinks, and use our best influence to secure in the State and nation a constitutional prohibition of the entire trade in drinks.

4. *Resolved*, That we cordially approve of the course pursued by the Editor

of THE METHODIST PROTESTANT in writing and admitting into the columns of the Church paper articles which give no uncertain sound, but utter sentiments on this important subject worthy of the Church it represents.

W. M. STRAYER, *Chairman.*

L.—See page 18.

OFFICIAL CHARACTER.

Your Committee on Official Character beg leave to report that, having carefully examined the reports of all the pastors, we recommend the passage of their official character.

S. A. HOBLITZELL, *Chairman.*

M.—See page 18.

SUPERANNUATED CLAIMANTS.

Your Committee on the Claims of Superannuates beg leave to report the following appropriations: Jas. Thompson, \$350; J. K. Nichols, \$300; W. G. Holmes, \$100; J. W. Everist, \$100; J. H. Ellegood, \$400; W. T. Dumm, \$400; H. J. Day, \$100; D. W. Bates, \$300; C. H. Littleton, \$400; S. B. Southerland, \$600; Mrs. F. G. Wright, \$200; Mrs. M. H. Whiteside, \$150; Mrs. T. M. Wilson, \$200; Mrs. S. G. Valiant, \$200; Mrs. John Roberts, \$350; Mrs. D. E. Reese, \$250; Mrs. J. E. Read, \$150; Mrs. Thomas Lee, \$200; Mrs. N. S. Greenaway, \$200; Mrs. D. N. Gilbert, \$300; Mrs. C. Eversole, \$200; Mrs. L. A. Collins, \$200; Mrs. T. M. Bryan, \$200; Mrs. I. T. Adkins, \$200; Mrs. W. C. Ames, \$375; Mrs. D. Bowers, \$150; Mrs. W. T. Wright, \$200; Mrs. P. L. Wilson, \$200; Mrs. C. T. Cochel, \$300; Mrs. H. E. Miskimon, \$350; Mrs. J. M. Elderdice, \$350; Mrs. J. A. McFaden, \$350; Mrs. C. B. Middleton, \$350.

H. C. CUSHING, *Chairman.*

N.—See page 18.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance beg leave to submit the following report:

1. That the multiplying encroachments of the social and commercial world upon the divinely-instituted Sabbath, the lack of diligence and courage in the enforcement of the laws enacted to protect and preserve it, and the assurance manifested by its enemies, admonish the Church of the growth, activity and potency of the influences which are at work for its overthrow.

2. That the attention of pastors, Sunday-school workers, and our people generally, is specially called to the importance of inculcating the strict observance of the Lord's day, and of discountenancing, both by precept and example, all such secular uses thereof, as deny to the laboring classes its religious benefits and blessings, such as Sunday excursions, newspapers, and the like desecrations of the holy day.

B. F. BENSON, *Chairman.*

O.—See page 19.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

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

The Church has been by the tongue and pen of inspiration fitly styled the fold of God. The Good Shepherd had commanded those called to the ministry to feed the lambs of the flock. The lamb is the emblem of inoffensive innocence. It is weak and without experience. It is surrounded by enemies and dangers. So with the child. There is a tragic side to the most favored and best regulated human life. No one is sufficient for himself. We need outside help; human and divine aid and sympathy. The Church has the promise of the presence and help of God. The Sunday-school is Church work. The pastor of the adults is pastor of the children. The children should be taught to reverence the Church and the ministry; a scriptural observance of the Sabbath day; a devout and reverent study of the Word of God—a "book that has God for its author, Christ as its subject, and salvation for its end." No Sabbath-school work is complete that does not seek the salvation of the children.

We commend our own Sabbath-school literature. We recommend those who purchase books for the Sabbath-school libraries to patronize our own "Book Concern," and purchase of our own Agent, and to buy largely standard works of history and biography.

As the Apostles' Creed is used in our Sabbath-schools, and as we respect theological accuracy and literary veracity, we hope the Editor of the Sabbath-school journals will not mangle the Creed by leaving out the words—"He descended into hades."

The question is often asked—How shall we keep the larger boys and young men in the Sabbath-school? We answer—Study the WORD; get *yourself* interested in it. May the love of Christ constrain you to feed the lambs. Amen.

J. B. JONES, *Chairman.*

P.—See page 19.

REPORT OF STEWARD OF SUPERANNUATED FUND.

RECEIPTS.

From Invested Fund.....	\$4,359.65
Collections from the District.....	1,097.28
Special Collection at Conference, 1885.....	293.00
Annual Dues, 1885.....	50.00
Subscription of A. W. Mather.....	5.00
In hand from last year.....	4.39

\$5,809.32

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Investment—St. James'.....	\$ 80.00
West Baltimore.....	40.00
Ninth Street.....	20.00
Georgetown.....	10.00
Annual Subscription.....	10.00

\$160.00

Expenses..... 4.24

164.24

For Distribution.....	\$5,645.08
Claims.....	8,250.00
Per cent.....	.6842

DISTRIBUTION.

	Claim.	Paid.
James Thompson.....	\$350.00	\$239.47
Jas. K. Nichols.....	350.00	239.47
J. A. McFaden.....	350.00	239.47
W. G. Holmes.....	200.00	136.84
J. W. Everist.....	100.00	68.42
J. H. Ellegood.....	400.00	273.68
W. T. Dumm.....	350.00	239.47
H. J. Day.....	100.00	68.42
D. W. Bates.....	350.00	239.47
S. B. Southerland.....	800.00	547.36
Mrs. F. G. Wright.....	200.00	136.84
" M. H. Whiteside.....	150.00	102.63
" T. M. Wilson.....	200.00	136.84
" S. G. Valiant.....	200.00	136.84
" John Roberts.....	400.00	273.68
" D. E. Reese.....	250.00	171.05
" J. E. Read.....	100.00	68.42
" Thos. Lee.....	200.00	136.84
" N. S. Greenaway.....	200.00	136.84
" D. N. Gilbert.....	250.00	171.05
" C. Eversole.....	200.00	136.84
" L. A. Collins.....	200.00	136.84
" T. M. Bryan.....	200.00	136.84
" I. T. Adkins.....	200.00	136.84
" W. C. Ames.....	400.00	273.68
" D. Bowers.....	250.00	171.05
" W. T. Wright.....	200.00	136.84
" P. L. Wilson.....	200.00	136.84
" C. T. Cochel.....	200.00	136.84
" H. E. Miskimon.....	350.00	239.47
" J. M. Elderdice.....	350.00	239.47

\$5,644.65

From Starr Church, after distribution, \$10. Balance..... 43

Dr. S. B. Southerland's claim paid as follows: April, 1885, \$368—less \$75 contributed as a personal gift; October, 1885, \$193.92; April, 1886, \$60.44.

THOS. O. CROUSE, *Steward.*

Q.—See page 19.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations beg leave to report, that we are highly gratified with the fraternal visit of Rev. E. J. Wilson, representing the W. Virginia Conference, as also to hear by letter from Rev. Geo. Nestor, a venerable minister of the same body. The ties connecting this Conference with our own are strong and abiding, and we heartily reciprocate all their expressions of fraternity and good will, and we return to that Conference the assurance that they hold a warm place in our confidence and affection.

We recommend that fraternal messengers be appointed by the President to the ensuing W. Virginia Conference. We also recommend the supply of Heathsville Circuit, Va., at request of the President of the Virginia Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. DRINKHOUSE, *Chairman.*

R.—See page 19.

LETTER OF E. R. WASHINGTON.

The Committee on Letter of Rev. E. R. Washington recommend the adoption of the following :

1. That we praise the congregations of Rev. E. R. Washington for the contributions heretofore made to the Conference Funds, and sympathize with them in their regrets that they could not, because of limited means, do more during the past year.

2. That private contributions be made for the relief of Rev. E. R. Washington ; and that J. T. Murray be designated as the person to receive the contributions and send the sum to Rev. E. R. Washington.

J. T. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

S.—See page 20.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home and Foreign Missions would respectfully submit the following report :

We would devoutly acknowledge the providence of God in the successive stages of our growing Missionary Work. The rapid development of the interests of our Mission in Japan gives us cause for thankfulness to God, and calls for increased activity and liberality in support of this great cause. The funds raised for Home and Foreign Missions have, we believe, been wisely expended, in evidence of which the Board holds property worth about \$80,000, and is now in position to push the work vigorously in every field.

The Lord is opening the way marvelously before Bro Klein and his associate in Japan. The interest in Yokohama is developing in several directions. The girls' school, now conducted in the Mission Home, will in the fall be transferred to other quarters, and a boarding school for boys and young men will be established there, under Bro. Klein's direct control. He, with the assistance of his wife, is now conducting a night school in the native town, for young men, with an attendance of 160 scholars. Bro. Klein has mastered the language of the people sufficiently to enable him to preach in Japanese. It will be seen at a glance that he is now in a position to wield his influence and preach the Gospel to these young people under most hopeful circumstances. Three persons now seek Christian baptism as the first fruits of our Mission among the adults of Japan.

A school has also been established at Fujisawa, into which 71 scholars have been gathered. A Christian Japanese has been engaged as teacher, who also conducts a Bible class on the Sabbath. Another converted native, a finely educated man, believes he is called to preach the Gospel.

At Nagoya, a city of 325,000 inhabitants, a school of 100 scholars has been opened. In this large city, with no foreign population and few Missions established, there seems to be an open door before our Missionary. This city, however, is 220 miles from Yokohama ; and to cultivate this inviting field another missionary in Japan becomes a necessity. Let the Church send out to Bro. Klein a fellow-laborer at the earliest practicable day. Let no narrow spirit of selfish regard for home interests prevent our entering speedily this open door.

The Church has contributed through the Board, during the past year, about \$8,000, which is nearly double the receipts of the previous year.

The Maryland District has contributed during the year about \$2,738.

The women of the Church have prosecuted this great work with commendable zeal ; and in the Maryland Branch have raised within the year \$1,280.69, making an aggregate contribution in our District of \$4,018.69.

We take pleasure in declaring our approval of the plans of the Corresponding Secretary. The Album plan has worked well and has averaged about \$8.00 per album. The Permanent Fund plan ought to be accepted in all our congregations so as to guarantee an annual income of \$10,000.

We exhort all the pastors to open the way of the Secretary to their pulpits and the homes of their people, believing that the work he represents is vitally related to the piety and growth of the Church.

We recommend that \$2,600 be assessed upon the charges of the District for the ensuing year.

We also recommend that the third Sunday in May, or as soon as practicable within the next four weeks, be Children's Day for Foreign Missions, and that pastors labor to make it a day of instruction and enthusiasm in behalf of this interest.

We recommend that pastors preach, at least once in the year, to every congregation on this subject ; and that Juvenile Missionary Societies be organized in all our Sunday-schools, with stated meetings and regular contributions.

We recognize the importance of the Woman's Auxiliary Society, and urge the pastors and delegates to assist in the organization and work of these local societies.

We commend the *Missionary Record*, published by Mrs. Miller, to all our people. It is full of missionary news and discussions calculated to awaken an interest in the foreign work.

We are indebted to the letter of our Missionary and to the Corresponding Secretary for the facts here presented.

JOHN D. KINZER, *Chairman.*

T.—See page 21.

FINANCE.

The Committee of Finance report :

1. We have audited the report of the ex-Secretary of the Conference and find the account correct, and we recommend that the amount due him, \$29.80, be paid from the Conference collection of this year.

2. We have audited the account of the agent of President's parsonage, J. N. Gilbert, and find it correct. We recommend his reappointment, and that our thanks be tendered for his services.

3. We recommend that monies raised by the Sunday schools and Juvenile Missionary Societies, for the Home and Foreign Missionary Cause, be added to the amounts raised by the pastors for Home and Foreign Missions.

4. We recommend that the standing rules of the Conference, defining the duties of the President (page 91 Minutes), shall be so amended as to read :

7. The President shall represent the interests of the Home Missionary Society, and shall press its claims in such manner and at such times as in his judgment may be necessary to secure the entire assessment.

J. L. MILLS, *Chairman.*

U.—See page 21.

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONARY STEWARD.

<i>Charges.</i>		<i>Paid.</i>	<i>Deficient.</i>
Alexandria.....	\$100.00	\$31.95	\$65.00
Amelia.....	100.00	31.94	68.06
Broadway.....	200.00	62.44	136.12
Crumpton.....	100.00	31.94	68.06
Felton.....	150.00	47.91	102.09
Harper's Ferry.....	25.00	7.98	17.02
Middleway.....	200.00	63.88	136.12
N. C. Avenue.....	300.00	95.82	204.18
Potomac.....	150.00	47.91	102.09
Powellville.....	100.00	31.94	68.06
Salisbury.....	200.00	63.88	136.12
Snow Hill.....	200.00	63.88	136.12
Sussex.....	100.00	31.94	68.06
Wilmington.....	100.00	31.94	68.06
Mt. Pleasant.....	108.00	.....	.....
		\$645.35	\$1,375.16
Deficiency.....		1,132.86	
Mt. Pleasant.....		109.50	
Book Concern.....		3.81	
To Balance.....		1.52	
		\$1,893.04	
Received from District.....	\$1,808.74		
" " Conference Dues.....	70.00		
From last Year.....	14.30		
		\$1,893.04	
Per cent., 31.94.			

J. S. BOWERS, *Steward.*

V.—See page 21.

BENEVOLENT AGENCIES.

Your committee report that the aggregate amount reported from the Maryland District for the Maryland Bible Society is \$126.88; annual donation by Mrs. Tamsay A. Reese, \$150—amount, \$274.85. The following persons are recommended to be constituted Life Directors of the Maryland Bible Society: Revs. H. C. Cushing and J. L. Killgore. Recommended by Mrs. Reese: Revs. J. E. T. Ewell, J. B. Jones, S. B. Tredway. And we recommend E. A. Warfield as Life Member. That the aggregate amount reported from the District for the Maryland Tract Society is \$67.24. Rev. J. R. Nichols, S. A. Hoblitzell, J. W. Kirk are recommended for Life Membership.

J. R. NICHOLS, *Chairman.*

W.—See page 21.

HOME MISSIONS.

APPROPRIATIONS.—To Alexandria, \$100; Broadway, \$150; Middleway, \$100; North Carolina Avenue, \$250; Cumberland, \$150; Potomac, \$150; Snow Hill, \$200; Wilmington, \$200; Sussex, \$100; Mt. Tabor, \$100; Amelia, \$100; Hallsboro', \$100; Talbot, \$100.

The committee recommend that the request of Hallsboro' to be made a mission with an appropriation be granted. Also that the name of Mt. Pleasant be changed to Mt. Tabor.

The following requests are reported without recommendation, viz.:

1. The request of Leipsic to be set off as a mission, with an appropriation.
2. A similar request from Kennedyville.
3. The request to detach Madison and Chateau from Cambridge; the two former appointments, with Secretary, to constitute a mission, with an appropriation. J. J. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

X.—See page 22.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

PRESIDENT, W. S. HAMMOND, 1.

<i>Charges.</i>	<i>Appointment.</i>
Accomac.....	J. W. Norris, 1.
Alexandria.....	S. J. Smith, 1.
Amelia.....	S. C. Ohrum, 2.
Anne Arundel.....	J. W. Gray, 1; J. F. Wooden, 1.
Baltimore.....	J. R. Nichols, 1.
Bedford.....	E. O. Ewing, 3.
Belair.....	S. A. Hoblitzell, 1.
Broadway.....	H. L. Elderdice, 2.
Cambridge.....	J. B. Jones, 1.
Campbell.....	C. H. Day, 1.
Caroline.....	W. J. D. Lucas, 2.
Cecil.....	C. S. Arnett, 2; J. B. Butler, Supernumerary, 3.
Centreville.....	T. O. Crouse, 2.
Chesapeake.....	R. L. Lewis, 2.
Chestertown.....	W. R. Graham, 2.
Clayton.....	C. M. Thompson, 2.
Concord.....	S. T. Ferguson, 4; J. Clay, Supernumerary, 3.
Crisfield.....	J. W. Kirk, 2.
Crumpton.....	W. A. Crouse, 2.
Cumberland.....	J. G. Sullivan, 2.
Deer Creek.....	S. F. Cassen, 1.
Deer Park.....	E. A. Warfield, 1.
Dorchester.....	D. A. Shermer, 2.
East Baltimore.....	J. D. Kinzer, 1.
Easton.....	F. T. Little, 4.
Eutaw.....	J. M. Gill, 2.
Fawn Grove.....	J. M. Yingling, 1.
Felton.....	W. H. Stone, 1.
Finksburg.....	W. J. Floyd, 2.
First Church.....	S. B. Tredway, 2.
Franklin City.....	B. F. Jester, 1.
Frederick.....	E. R. McGregor, 2; Elmer Simpson, 1.
Georgetown.....	L. W. Bates, 2.
Hampden.....	J. L. Killgore, 2.
Harper's Ferry.....	L. R. Dyott, 1.
Hallsboro'.....	H. G. Cowan, 1.
Harrington.....	G. Q. Bacchus, 2.
Howard.....	J. H. Maynard, 3.
Jefferson.....	J. M. Sheridan, 2.
Kennedyville.....	C. R. Blades, 1.
Kent Island.....	A. D. Dick, 1.
Laurel.....	H. C. Cushing, 2.
Leipsic.....	B. F. Kindley, 1.
Liberty.....	Jesse Shreeve, 4.
Lisbon.....	J. T. Lassell, 1.
Lynchburg.....	T. E. Coulbourn, 2.
Middleway.....	J. W. Balderston, 1.
Milton.....	J. E. Maloy, 3.

Mt. Tabor.....	F. T. Benson, 1; P. T. Hall, Supernumerary, 2.
Newark.....	J. M. Holmes, 4.
Ninth Street.....	J. L. Mills, 4.
N. C. Avenue.....	J. W. Trout, 3.
Oxford.....	W. J. Neepier, 2.
Pipe Creek.....	T. D. Valiant, 1.
Pittsville.....	J. A. Weigand, 3.
Pocomoke.....	D. W. Anstine, 3.
Pocomoke City.....	A. D. Melvin, 1.
Potomac.....	W. F. Livingston, 4.
Powellville.....	G. D. Edmonston, 1.
Preston.....	A. J. Walter, 2.
Quantico.....	J. H. Daugherty, 4.
Queen Anne's.....	F. H. Mullineaux, 3.
Rowlandville.....	R. T. Smith, 2.
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St. Luke's.....	S. R. Murray, 1.
St. Michael's.....	J. L. Elderdice, 1.
Salisbury.....	G. R. McCready, 1.
Seaford.....	J. W. Charlton, 2.
Snow Hill.....	G. J. Smith, 1.
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Starr.....	W. M. Strayer, 2.
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Sussex.....	J. E. Nicholson, 3.
Talbot.....	D. F. Ewell, 1.
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ON PERFECTING THE CHURCH.

SERMON DELIVERED BEFORE THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, BY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT, APRIL 7TH, 1886.
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II. CORINTHIANS VIII. 7.

“Therefore, as ye abound in every *thing*, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and *in* your love to us, *see* that ye abound in this grace also.”

I have chosen this text, as suitable to this occasion, not so much for direct exegetical purposes, as because it furnishes me the opportunity to offer, with the deference becoming the rather unusual occupancy of the present position, some remarks upon the Pauline method of perfecting the Church and the application of that method to our own case as a denomination.

All true Christians are praying and working, with the same faith and zeal which they exercise in personal religious progress, for the perfection of the Church. Not only the Church as represented by the whole body of true disciples of Christ of whatever sub-division, but as represented by the particular denomination with which one may be connected. Nothing, surely, can be a matter of as much solicitude, of as great ambition, to any Christian, as that his Church should attain perfect stature in Christ Jesus; perfect in the edification of all its members, and perfect in the performance of its duty to the world.

But from this point unity is broken into endless variety of opinion and plan and effort. How the Church should be perfect, not even one denomination can agree upon. But there is one broad distinction dividing every denomination into two classes. One class we may call optimists, not wishing to use the harsh terms their opponents sometimes apply to them. These persons always see things in the bright light of hopefulness. They are always sure that all the history, all the machinery, all the prospects of their denomination are exactly as they should be. No comparisons, no arrangement of figures yet devised can shake their sublime confidence that everything is best and will forever continue to be best. They would perfect the Church by keeping everybody from finding fault with it.

And every Church, by the law of contraries, perhaps, has also its class of pessimists. Your true pessimist not only denies vehemently

that whatever is, is right, but, in the first place, that anything *is*. If you press him to grant that "whatever is, is," he submits provided you agree to modify your last term by "bad." There is no membership worth talking about, no law, no activity, no progress. Everything is as wrong as it can be, worse, in fact, than one would think possible. His remedy for all evils, his plan for perfecting the Church is to disband.

One ought not to say, perhaps, that both these classes are equally harmful. No doubt they serve some wise purpose of a mysterious Providence. But we may say with all confidence that neither pursues the Pauline method of perfecting the Church, and are both, therefore, to be ignored in the present discussion.

The Church being a collection of individuals, the law of perfection for the individual must be the law for the Church, and that familiar law is growth. Now this law supplies its own method. There is only one way to secure growth. Putting a plant under a magnifier will not make it grow; plucking it up by the roots will not make it grow. It must be stimulated. That is the only method of growth and that is Paul's method. He is free to use praise or censure, exhortation or threatening, because he uses all as stimulants. Mark the delicacy and effectiveness of his method with this Corinthian Church. Here was a penurious people. They had abundance, but were shut up in their own enjoyment and indifferent to appeals for help. Swift to promise, they had not even yet begun to perform what they had promised a year ago. One can easily imagine how Paul's noble nature could grow indignant over such meanness of spirit and smite with rebuke the tardiness and reluctance with which they were doling out their alms to their poorer brethren. But Paul does not proceed that way, because that would not have accomplished Paul's purpose. He begins his exhortation with a free and full acknowledgment of the many excellencies he discovers in the Corinthian Church. Faith is there; utterance is there, and knowledge and diligence and love for him. These things are true and important excellencies, and he does not ignore nor minimize them. He rejoices in them. Yet he is no optimist. One can see the object of his writing is not praise. That is but the preliminary to his real business. He uses their present excellencies as persuasives to something more. "As ye have many graces, acquire one more. As ye abound in those, see that ye abound also in this. Ye are too good and too great not to grow better and greater."

I have said this verse offers an opportunity of applying the Pauline method of perfecting the Church to our own case as a denomination. We have among us both optimists and pessimists. We have too little, perhaps, of Paul's spirit in our efforts to bring the Church to that perfection of membership and equipment we so much desire. In striving to catch the spirit and follow the method of this great master, I trust both optimists and pessimists will walk a portion of the way, at least, with me in agreement.

I select as the field this Conference district, both because I am

more familiar with it and because it furnishes us with as good figures for comparative estimates as any other district in our Church. Sometimes our remarks will necessarily apply to the whole denomination, but they will generally be applicable only to the Maryland Conference.

Following Paul's catalogue, therefore, as furnishing us a convenient order, let us consider those facts of our Church which should give us real pleasure to contemplate and from which we should not withhold our hearty commendation.

1. We have kept the faith. The system of doctrine we have always and everywhere professed and taught is the creed of evangelical Christendom. Whether we are chargeable with schism in other matters may be an open question, but certainly we have never introduced any schism in doctrine. Our Articles go straight to John Wesley, and back of him to the Church that produced him, and back of that to the mighty movement that produced the Church of England. We are sprung legitimately from the Augsburg Confession, the mother of all Protestant creeds. But neither are Luther and Melancthon our doctrinal fathers. We sink the roots of our faith, back of these, back of all human formulas in the sovereign Word of God. In our development we have cast off some points still held by older Churches, but we have clung so steadfastly to the weightier matters, to the essentials of faith, that we might, to-day, without jarring the belief of any amongst us, agree to accept as our creed the consensus of all the evangelical creeds of Christendom. If our creed is shorter than others, it is because we confess fewer of the incidents of Christian belief that more room may be given for harmonious variety of opinion. But we have kept the faith of the Bible. All the saving truths of the Gospel are emphasized in our Confession; all destructive errors are condemned. No man who wants to save souls needs preach outside of it; nor will any man by remaining in it be compelled to preach doctrines which the Christian world has outgrown or keep silent respecting parts of it against which the Christian conscience rebels. In keeping the faith, we have kept nothing but the faith.

2. We have not been unfaithful nor inefficient in utterance. The ministry, to which has been committed the trust of declaring these saving truths formulated in our creed, has been efficient. To support this, several considerations offer themselves. First, one may safely appeal to such an intangible evidence as reputation and say that in no Church in the State has the same number of men attracted more public attention or won more lasting remembrance, than our ministry. Their reputation for faithfulness and effectiveness has even gone out to other denominations. Some fifty of our number, since the organization of our Conference, have felt persuaded that they ought to labor elsewhere, and they have had no difficulty in finding the opportunity. Our sister Methodisms have welcomed them. Protestant Episcopal, Presbyterian, Congregational, Lutheran, Baptist—all these denominations and others have welcomed our preach-

ers among them, and the evidences are not lacking that the latch-string is still out.

Stronger yet is the testimony borne by the product of this ministry. It has won to Christ a devout and increasing multitude. It can be shown that, not by robbing other denominations, not by disaffection in other Churches, but through the ordinary, evangelistic operations, this ministry has, in the fifty-seven years of its existence, brought to Christ directly from the world, more than fifty thousand souls. Many of these have gone to other communions with our benedictions, but, under this ministry our membership has also made a steady growth. Beginning with 1830, we have 2,000 members reported as the result of the first year's work. In 1840, 4,915, an increase of 145 per cent.; 1850, 6,214, an increase of 26 per cent.; 1860, 9,201, an increase of 50 per cent.; 1870, 12,332, an increase of 35 per cent.; 1880, 15,886, an increase of 30 per cent. What will it be at the close of the present decade, 1890? Leaving out the extraordinary increase of the first decade, the average increase has been 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., which would give us in 1890, 21,882. But the lowest rate of increase we have had in any decade would give us 20,016.

The present attendance upon this ministry is another proof of its strength. Men do not go to church under compulsion and, generally, the attendance is directly proportioned to the acceptability of the preaching. Why, then, is it that in our Conference the opportunity to reach men with the Gospel is about what it is in other Methodisms around us, unless it be that our ministry is about as acceptable as any other? And a careful examination discloses the fact that the average preacher with us will reach in his regular ministrations 194 members, omitting other elements of a congregation. The average preacher in other branches of Methodism reaches 223. The average preacher with us receives in the course of a year, 19 persons into church fellowship; with them, 21. Absolutely considered then, for comparatively, we have an efficient ministry. And when I consider the personal history of this ministry; the trials and great fight of afflictions patiently endured, the persecution, then contempt, then tolerant indifference, then flattery consecutively experienced from other denominations, and all put steadfastly behind them, and humbler positions, narrower livings accepted, and all not for themselves, but for the liberty and equality of the laity—I cannot withhold the generous words that spring from my heart to praise them. Ye blessed saints who rest in the skies from your labors, ye fathers and brethren who fill their places—I glory in you, for ye are a glorious ministry. I will make my praise abound, for your labors have abounded and do abound!

3. Knowledge. If the pessimist does not say in reply to such considerations, that creeds are of no value and that preaching is not what it used to be, he will say that we have kept the faith because we have never investigated it, and that our preachers are acceptable because our people do not know any better: that the weakness of our educational facilities has been the strength of our orthodoxy.

There can be, of course, no answer to a sneer. Yet it is difficult to sneer a fact out of doors. And in this case there happen to be two facts. Western Maryland College is one, and Westminster Theological Seminary is the other. We may defer the argument till these pass away.

4. The other item we shall notice in Paul's catalogue is diligence, which is the utterance of one's faith by deeds. May we solace ourselves also with this praise? I answer, that in the sense in which Paul applied it to the Corinthians, we may. For he did not mean that they abounded "in all diligence" in all things, since he goes on immediately to urge them to one of the exercises of diligence. And so have we abounded in some praiseworthy directions, whatever be our lack. Although our diligence can claim no marvellous results as yet for its praise, still we may, without shame, speak of our diligence. Gradually we have gathered to ourselves, or developed from ourselves every one of the functions of a completely equipped Church. In some way, and to some extent, we can do, for we are doing, whatever any Church in this land is doing.

In concluding these observations, I wish to be understood as to the force I attribute to them. They are not cited to prove that we are better than another Church, nor to show that we are well enough, nor to resolve any man's doubts of the perpetuity of our organization. You will bear me record that I have not introduced any theories of polity or of anything, and asked you to set them over against the achievements of some other Church, neither have I extenuated aught. My simple business has been to state the facts and praise the facts, so far as worthy of praise. But, in accordance with the method I have chosen, the statement and the praise are strictly limited in my intention to the application of them as persuasives to something better, and, if possible, as correctives to what we should all deplore. Before, however, we pass to this application, it is incumbent upon me, perhaps, to give some attention to this question of perpetuity.

There are in every house timid souls, easily startled into terrified questioning, who run to meet disaster. Every stir in the ecclesiastical household, every motion of discontent or defeat awakes the old question from these souls: "Are we to continue as a denomination?" Now it appears to me the short and easy method with such a question is to say, as politely as one can, "I don't know, and I don't care." The strongest natural argument for immortality is that posited on present existence: "I am, therefore I shall be." Apply this argument to our Church, and into that "I am," put God, by whose providence and direction granted in answer to submissive prayer, the present has come to be what it is. Into that "I am," put thankfulness, faithfulness, consciousness of duty, and consecration, and every increment of the present becomes the germ of fruitful potencies and vitalities of the future. The probable argument thus greatly strengthens our hope. But still it is not revealed and I don't know. And with reverence and faith I can also say, "I don't

care." To seize the present and fill it with worthy doing, this is all my care. All else belongs to Him who, I devoutly believe, began the work, and is, therefore, pledged to complete it. He has not set me in His Church to prophesy but to act, to act in the living present and let the dead past bury its dead, and the unborn future weave its own swaddling bands.

But there are with us others who are constrained to put "ought" before this question. They do not interrogate the future but the present. "Ought we to continue?" Profoundly do I sympathize with the man who has to solve this problem for himself. He is not a free man, not a happy man; for he is in the grip of uncertainty, and the sun has gone down. He has determined to be faithful and true, and diligent, but, alas! he cannot will to be enthusiastic. Through the labors of the day and the meditations of the night this melancholy ghost pursues him, "Ought we to continue?" For such an one my concern is sincere and sincere shall be my reply. God forbid, that in such a weighty matter, I should cheat you and myself by declamation or tricks of logic or putting names for things!

And first I say, this is a question every man must answer for himself. Whatever may be the decision of the majority, it cannot decide for him, and conversely. Churches cease by withdrawals, not by passing resolutions. Each man must say when it is time for him to stop, and this is one subject where resolutions are treason. Every man, then, answering for himself, this is my answer: Tell me why I ought not to continue? The burden of proof lies not with me, but with him who would persuade me to stop. Life is its own apology, and only he who would take away life needs to fortify himself with reasons. The rose does not prove its right to bloom, it simply blooms. And the Church need not prove, by argument, its right to continue. Its ability to be is its right to be. Until some one, therefore, can render me a reason stronger than destiny, I do not trouble my soul to find reasons to buttress destiny. This reason I have never heard. I have never heard any reason given stronger than this: that we are not doing as effective work for Christ as some other denominations. I admit the fact, and I do not justify or seek to extenuate the fact: But I deny the conclusion.

(1) Because it is directly opposed to the Pauline method. Paul says, "O ye Corinthians, the Church of Macedonia has done much better than you, therefore see that ye abound as they have abounded." Not a word about disbanding or joining the Macedonian Church.

(2) Because it means one of two things, one of which is unchristian and the other absurd. For, to stop because we are not doing as well as other denominations, must mean either that our 130,000 shall stop trying to do at all, and that we, their shepherds, shall abandon them, which is unchristian; or that all among us who are recreant to their obligations, who are mean and selfish and unworthy of our sacrifices, would be transformed by transferring them to another Church, which is absurd.

(3) Because it contradicts Providence. Here are so many souls to be trained for heaven. I do not inquire why they are here, but here they are. God gives them, therefore, to us. He lays upon us their ignorance, their meanness, their selfishness, all their faults, as a work to do for Him. How dare I contradict Him by transferring them to some other care? How do I know others can do better for them than I? "Here, then, I stand. I can do no other. God help me! Amen."

To many of you it will doubtless appear that I have treated this question far too seriously, and in a way likely to create a false impression as to discontent amongst us. I can only say in reply to this, that it seemed proper to have a discussion of the subject upon other lines than is customary, that it is an honest effort to work out an independent solution of a problem vexing some minds, and that it was necessary to the further discussion of my text. For we come now to discuss our lack, and we needed, therefore, first to shut all doors in our rear, that we might go courageously on to a manly conclusion. I desire, then, to take hold of this grace of Christian liberality, wherein we lack, and try to lead the Church further on in its pleasant and profitable ways. Two persuasives seem to me sufficient for this purpose: to show how we lack and to show how we may abound, which I will preface with a hypothesis.

We had at the time of the last report, in this District, 13,805 members, making reduction for those not supplied with pastors. Suppose, now, every one of these members could be induced to take with him in his weekly visits to the sanctuary an offering of ten cents for the support of the gospel in his midst. Suppose he could be further induced to take with him, on those days when he commemorates his Lord's death and consecrates himself to Him in that holy Sacrament, an offering of ten cents for the support of the gospel in other localities not so favored as his. Is this asking largely? I have no doubt many of you suppose we are already doing this and beyond it. This would cost the average man six dollars and forty cents. Is two cents for every working day such a mighty thing as to be dignified with the name of liberality? Is it a stretch of optimism to suppose that no man, woman or child is too poor to give two cents a working day for the entire burden of gospel charges? We are not driven to supposition. The hypothesis verifies itself.

But suppose this could be brought to pass with us? It would increase the salary of every pastor 66 per cent. It would double every collection on our list, or, pay every present assessment in full and leave enough to equip and support two missionaries for Japan.

What is the state of the case with us?

The whole amount of money raised in this District in 1884-5, for all gospel purposes, was \$50,925.75, being an average of \$3.68 per member, or about one cent a day. I omit from this total, monies for current expenses, but I suppose they would be offset by contributions from persons not members; and I also omit all monies

raised outside of the regular scheme of collections, since the object is to show the ordinary expense and liberality of the Church. In order to make this state of the case more vivid, let me institute a secular comparison. We own, in this District, church property represented to be worth \$794,400. Suppose the State should tax us for that as it taxes us for individual property, for protecting us in its ownership and enjoyment and for carrying on government. At one per cent., the average tax rate in this State, we would pay for this protection and government, \$7,944 to the State. We pay into our Lord's treasury for use in carrying on His government beyond our midst, \$5,936.22. Again, it would be an exceedingly moderate estimate of our wealth, I suppose, if we should say that the value of our church property represents one-tenth of the collective wealth of our membership, for that would mean that we had all been tithed to build our churches. In that case, then, the average member of our Church is worth \$575, on which he pays to the State for his privilege of citizenship, \$5.75 a year. The same average member of our Church pays for all his privileges of heavenly citizenship, \$3.68. Let us now pass from individuals to charges. The whole amount of money paid by 78 charges for general interests, is \$5,936.22 or 43 cents a member. But 59 of these charges do not make an average above 26 cents a member, and 17 of them average 12 cents a member. 19 charges, each contributing over \$100, averaging \$179.95, have 3,880 members, and give to general interests \$3,279.02. 25 charges, each contributing over \$50, averaging \$70.30, have 4,444 members and give \$1,757.42. 17 charges, each contributing over \$25, averaging \$37.58, have 3,253 members and give \$638.89. 17 charges, each contributing less than \$25, averaging \$15.34, have 2,228 members and give \$260.89. The meaning of these figures is, that 28 per cent. of our membership give 55 per cent. of all the money raised, or, in other words, one-half of the membership give nothing.

This showing appears to me sufficiently mortifying, considered alone, as an expression of the gratitude of a Christian people for the blessings of the gospel. But when compared with what we need and ought to receive to do the full work of a Church the showing is more humbling still. What, then, are we doing with the money we raise and why do we want more? We are paying our ministers as follows: Of 67 married itinerants, 5 get a salary of \$1,000, and less than \$1,400; 12 get \$800, and less than \$1,000; 27 get \$500, and less than \$800, and 23 get less than \$500. The average salary of married men—excepting the five receiving \$1,000, and over—is \$545, house-rent, in most cases, being included. A sister Conference of another Church has just resorted to extraordinary measures to make the *minimum* salary of married men \$700.

Next we are carrying on the connectional work of a Christian Church; distributing Bibles and tracts, educating men for the ministry, assisting those who have worn out in our service, planting new fields of labor and helping feeble charges in our own District,

and sending the gospel over the sea. For all these purposes the Church has made assessments which would cost the average member about fifty cents a year to pay in full, and they have never been paid in full within the recollection of man.

"But we are getting nearer to it every year," say some. This ought to be so. Yet in 1883-4 we gave \$6,605.06; in 1884-5, \$5,936.22. Forty of seventy-three charges gave less last year than they gave the year before. Or, I will consider the progress we are making in the missionary work, now undergoing vigorous revision, I am glad to believe, under our enterprising and efficient Corresponding Secretary. In 1879, Miss Guthrie came to us, and by her inspiring appeals awoke in us stirrings of soul for the heathen world to a degree never felt before. We went out weeping, and came again bringing with us, after a year's sowing, \$594.53, or 4½ cents a member. After six years of preaching and praying we came again with \$1,407.94, or 9½ cents a member. That would be encouraging did we not know that the year before we gave \$1,840.27, and the year before that, \$2,383.74. So that since 1883 we have been progressing backwards. In almost the same time, since Miss Guthrie spoke to us, the M. E. Church South has increased its missionary collection 400 per cent. I maintain there is no reason in our financial circumstances why we should not have done the same.

A similar account must be given of all our collections. They vary up and down the scale, except that there is an unvarying failure to pay the amount asked.

What then is our remedy? I assume that you are in full sympathy with the Pauline exhortation. We have already done too much, we have become too great, we are possessed of too many appliances and too much ability not to go on to abound in that also wherein we lack.

How shall we do it? Any individual to become fruitful and sufficient in Christian benevolence must love to give, must know to what he is giving, and must have an opportunity to give. The same law controls any collection of individuals, as a Church. There must be sentiment, there must be education, and there must be method. I think it is certain we shall never have steady and healthful growth in our financial operations until we have brought these three things to pass. We have done something without them, but it has been fitful and painfully inefficient doing. We may do more in the future, without them, but the steadiness and sufficiency of the Church can only come of the indissoluble union and inexorable exercise of these three: Sentiment, education and method.

First as to method. If some men seem to make method everything and spend their whole life in "getting a plan," we must not allow ourselves to swing to the conclusion that method is nothing. Nor should we delude ourselves with the fancy that we have a method, because our method is to allow every man to use his own method. We send men forth to preach after carefully directing

them how to preach. On what ground can we demand of these same men to raise money, while we give them no instructions in this part of their office? And how can we, as a Conference, afford to say to our people, who chose us expressly as guides, "We ourselves are blind also; we must go, each one as he can?" The people ask us for a method and we send them a method-maker, and every two or three years a different one. But, as certainly as we are responsible for the moral character and pulpit utterances of the pastors we send these people, we are responsible for their conduct of finance.

And, as to the fancy that we have a method, let me illustrate the possibilities of the way we do things now.

We lay upon our charges certain assessments, and hold the pastors responsible (theoretically) for making some return from each of them. Of two preachers, A. and B., A. may take seven collections and secure the full amount assessed, but, being unable to explain a failure to take the eighth, may be officially censured. B. may take not one of the eight and save his official character by taking five dollars, or less, out of his salary and distributing it among the eight collections, with conscientious impartiality.

Again, we publish a list of assessments which defies analysis on any conceivable system. We assess two charges the same amount, for one collection, and for every other collection make them unequal, and unequal first on one side and then on the other. 16 charges, for instance, are assessed \$25 for President's salary. None are equal in all their parts, only two have an equal total assessment, and the total varies from \$68 to \$187. Two charges, assessed alike for Foreign Missions, are assessed for Home Missions, one \$35 and the other \$125.

And, since the Conference seems to have pet assessments, the pastors and people have pet collections, disregarding all proportion and relative importance to the Church. Five charges, last year, gave as much for printing the Minutes as they gave for Ministerial Education, and three gave more; two charges gave more to the President's salary than to all the other collections combined; seven charges gave more to the Tract Cause than they gave to the support of the Seminary, and one of our best charges gave more for the Tract Cause than for Conference, Bible, Seminary, Ministerial Education, Superannuates and Foreign Missions combined.

What method have we for collecting the money we assess against the charges? We have none. Every man does that which is right in his own eyes. Some of our pastors are better than the organization and pursue intelligent methods, but their efficiency is sadly crippled by constantly changing from a place where there is method to a place where there is none. But let a pastor be no better than this Conference asks him to be, and I will describe what may happen under our present no-method. A man may join the M. P. Church burning with love to God and zeal to do good. He may attend regularly all the means of grace, and if

he can be persuaded or forced to stay away from 8 Sabbath services out of the 104 of the year, he will never be asked to contribute to any general interest of the Church and is fortunate if he discovers that we have any. A steward of a church in one of our Conferences told me that he applied last year to a member in good standing for a contribution to the salary of the minister, and the man said he thought there was an appropriation made by Congress to pay ministers. Some preachers will not require even eight absences to prevent hearing and giving. They accomplish it all on one Sunday by the plan known as "lumping" the collections, a sort of insurance policy, where the congregation with one payment may protect itself against all accidents of benevolence for twelve months.

And even greater things than these are possible. It is on record that this whole subject has been successfully eliminated from all church services and transferred to a lemonade stand!

We know these things—for they are not done in a corner—and we are sanctioning them every hour we keep silence. Where is our commission to preach the gospel to every creature, while we are indifferent to the fact that this gospel of Christian giving is hidden from more than it is revealed to? Where is our solemn charge to declare the whole counsel of God, while we are absolutely scheming to hide a part of this grace in a napkin? It is time for us to awake out of sleep. It is time to arise and build. And I believe the day is near when we will arise and build a method which will utterly sweep away these inconsistencies. It is not my business to do that, but only to expose the need. In anticipation, however, of that good time I submit four brief prayers with respect to method:

1. Make it.
2. Make it authoritative upon the agents.
3. Make it infallibly and universally applicable to the subjects.
4. Make it broad and equitable to all interests.

The reason I insist so strongly upon method, is because I believe it is the only directly effective instrument of education. As such, only, do I value it, and when this is accomplished I am willing to dispense with it. But the fact is, we cannot educate to results in any other way. Books and pamphlets and periodicals are valuable in their way; so are the lecture and the sermon. But, after all, a man learns most about a thing by giving to it, not by reading about it. A method that brings with mechanical certainty and in the name of Christ to every individual, an appeal that does not conclude until it has suggested a time, a place and an amount to give, will educate, and in the best way, and to the best purpose.

We may expect to see the effects of this education upon our pastors. With the same system working everywhere, we shall have men qualified to go anywhere with equal success. We shall have an apprenticeship served once, and not a lifetime spent in learning differing systems. More than this, men will then begin to form some appreciative estimate of the solidarity of our Church. One confession of faith, symbolized by one form of worship and testified

to by one system of works will beget in us the proud conviction that we are members of a Church, and not of a hundred fragments of churches. Closely allied to this, will be increased respect for the authority of the Church. Successful obedience to one, will make possible, obedience to all our laws. And we greatly need something to teach us that law, once made, is the same in a republic as in a despotism. When we shall have the nerve to exercise the power and right of official decapitation in the case of those who will not obey the laws and methods they have helped to make, we may diminish our number, but on that day we shall multiply our efficiency and begin to educate ourselves to respect ourselves and obey ourselves, and need no other master. And it may be this authoritative method will teach some by a forced experience that liberality to general interests, means increased wealth for local interests. They will not examine, or believe figures. We tell them that last year of the 33 charges giving increased contributions to general interests over the preceding year, not one reduced the salary \$10, 12 kept the salary stationary and 21 made an average increase in salaries of \$65; while of the 40 giving decreased contributions, 14 made also an average decrease in salaries of \$75.50: and they say this refers to some other circuit. But when the method is put into operation that forces the collections to increase, they will have to see that their salary also increases, and seeing, they will believe.

All these would be positive gains aside from the great achievement of lifting the ministry to a more accurate knowledge, a higher appreciation of the great interests which are filling the world, to-day, with their pressing importance, and giving the Church its mighty grip upon the kingdom of sin and darkness. Nor will the effects of this education upon the people be any less important or fruitful. Not only indirectly, depending, as they have always done, on the ministry for their knowledge, but directly and to direct purpose. When we stop dealing with aggregates and deal with individuals; when we cease to assess churches and lay directly on the heart and conscience of every man, woman and child among us these obligations, then the education to better things will begin. That great result will be approached, of everybody giving something. That great reproach will be rolled away from us, that one-half of our people are giving nothing. We talk now, for shame's sake, of an average of 43 cents *per member*. But we know very well that this does not mean that every member is giving 43 cents. We know that those who give at all are giving much more than 43 cents. Nobody ever divided up 43 cents among eight benevolences and lived a year on the satisfaction of the dividend. It means that one-half of our members are giving nothing. Can you believe that this will continue when the light is turned on and the appeal is pressed directly home to that one-half? The difficulty with us is a very old difficulty; Mahomet will not come to the mountain. Our Presidents and Secretaries and Agents write and preach moving appeals. Our Editors fill their columns with information and exhortation, but their sound does not

go out beyond one-half of the Church. Mahomet won't come to the mountain. In the name of a living Christianity, then, what remains, but to move the mountain towards Mahomet? We must take these interests direct to every individual, and, by securing some contribution, however small, move this barren one-half into the light and heat of the intelligence and inspiration of the present age.

Lastly, we may hope that this systematic education will work improvement even in those now somewhat informed. It will educate both preacher and people away from the vicious prejudice that we oppress the Church by asking too frequently, that a people will only give so much in any event, and that the energetic pushing of one interest can only be done by first putting all the others to sleep. It will teach us that the Church is larger than any of its parts, and that since Christ has laid these solemn charges upon us we can find ability, or make it, to take care of them all, to give vigorous life to them all. It will lead us to see that the Agent who pushes most earnestly and successfully any one interest is not only the direct helper and benefactor of every other, but, in a larger sense, in a true Christly sense is the benefactor of the whole Church, by lifting it to a more blessed abounding in this grace of God. And to this point, I have long desired to come. To dwell so long on these details and fault-findings has been extremely wearisome to me and doubtless to you also. But my affliction would be greatly intensified, should I leave the impression on your minds that I lift these things as of final importance. God forbid that I should ever preach that we are saved by works or by any method of works; that enlightenment on Christian needs, and liberal responses to those needs should be made the goal of our endeavor or the crown of our rejoicing. I would have you believe that I recognize these things in their true relations, as means, and only means to the great end for which Christ died and for which we preach. Better than method, better than the education method accomplishes, is that sentiment, that throb of the soul responsive to the words of our Lord: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." It is more important that a man love to give, than that he give, as it is more important that he give, than that he give in any particular way. But we are justified in insisting on method and on education, because these are the instruments with which we find our way to the divine inner chamber of man, and awaken sentiment and quicken into life that part of his nature which is likest Christ. We urge men to abound in this grace, because it is grace, not because it furnishes us with statistics we may view with complacency. Greater than the missionary work, or the educational work, or any work, is man, the worker, and there is nothing great in man but the part which is capable of blessedness, and blessedness is created and nourished and developed by giving. When, therefore, we lead men to give and to love to give, we are making them better, happier men. We are doing for them what sermons and prayers and songs and ordinances also do for them: we are bringing them "to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." To

love to give! Does not this come from the same deep and sacred fountain as the love of prayer, the love of communion with God, the love of all good? Does any Christian live but as he loves? and does he love but as he frees his soul of selfishness and widens it to the full circle of human relations, and thus becomes a giver? To give is to live. By nature, by law, by destiny, by happiness, we are givers. When we give we grow away from darkness towards light; when we refuse to give we grow from creation towards chaos. God has set us in a round of nature girdled with one inevitable law. Every created thing lives by what something else gives. One song employs all nature. The clouds sing it to the winds, the earth to the clouds, the corn, wine and oil to the earth, and man to these precious fruits. "Give, that we may also live and give!" The beauty, the power, the fruitfulness of all the kingly forces of nature are pledged to the production and support of one violet. And man, whose it is to subdue nature and make it tributary to his comfort and pleasure—is he no giver? Is he not bound in other and higher circles in this same universe of God? Are there no voices calling to him? Yea, my brethren, man is also of God's world, for God made him. From over the sea, and from regions near; from those beneath us, and from those above us in power, voices float to us the same pervasive song. "Give, that we may also live and give!" Christian or heathen, Greek or Barbarian, bond or free, I am debtor! I am debtor to all for I am of all and dependent on all.

And so hath God bound the universe together in this divine circle of psalmody. Each to the other and all to God. In Him the circle rounds itself complete. In Him all givers live and move. He is the source and He manifests the utter possibilities of giving. A Father giving His Son: a Son giving Himself: a Spirit giving life. One God who liveth and giveth, forever and ever. Amen.

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TABLES.

TABLE OF ASSESSMENTS
FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING APRIL, 1886.

CHARGES.	Seminary Debt.	Conference.	Ministerial Education.	Seminary.	Superan- nuates.	Home and Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	President's Salary.	Bible.	Tract.
Accomac.....	3.00	2.00	3.00	7.00	10.00	20.00	23.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Alexandria....	4.00	4.00	4.00	9.00	15.00	25.00	35.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Amelia.....	3.00	2.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	12.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Anne Arundel..	8.00	8.00	8.00	15.00	25.00	30.00	40.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
Baltimore.....	6.00	4.00	6.00	12.00	12.00	25.00	30.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Bedford.....	10.00	7.00	10.00	20.00	15.00	30.00	50.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Belair.....	8.00	4.00	8.00	15.00	12.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Broadway.....	4.00	3.00	4.00	8.00	15.00	20.00	30.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Cambridge....	5.00	4.00	5.00	9.00	10.00	25.00	30.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Campbell.....	2.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	15.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Caroline.....	8.00	5.00	8.00	15.00	15.00	40.00	40.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
Cecil.....	8.00	6.00	8.00	15.00	25.00	40.00	55.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Centreville... 10.00	5.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	35.00	50.00	35.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Chesapeake... 6.00	4.00	6.00	12.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	25.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Chestertown... 10.00	7.00	10.00	20.00	35.00	60.00	60.00	40.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Clayton..... 4.00	3.00	4.00	9.00	15.00	20.00	25.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Concord..... 6.00	4.00	6.00	12.00	15.00	30.00	35.00	30.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
Crisfield..... 6.00	2.00	6.00	12.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Crumpton..... 3.00	2.00	3.00	6.00	10.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Cumberland... 5.00	4.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	30.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Deer Creek... 5.00	2.00	5.00	10.00	8.00	15.00	20.00	15.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Deer Park... 4.00	3.00	4.00	8.00	12.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Dorchester... 6.00	4.00	6.00	12.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	25.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
East Baltimore 10.00	6.00	10.00	20.00	30.00	50.00	60.00	40.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Easton..... 10.00	7.00	10.00	20.00	30.00	50.00	70.00	45.00	45.00	Col.	Col.
Eutaw..... 5.00	3.00	5.00	9.00	15.00	25.00	30.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Fawn Grove... 5.00	3.00	5.00	10.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	25.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Felton..... 4.00	2.00	4.00	8.00	10.00	20.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Finksburg... 6.00	4.00	6.00	12.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	25.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
First Church.. 6.00	4.00	6.00	12.00	15.00	30.00	35.00	25.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Franklin City. 5.00	3.00	5.00	9.00	12.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Frederick.... 11.00	7.00	11.00	22.00	35.00	60.00	50.00	40.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Georgetown... 10.00	7.00	10.00	20.00	40.00	80.00	80.00	40.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Hampden..... 6.00	3.00	6.00	12.00	15.00	30.00	35.00	25.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Harper's Ferry 3.00	2.00	3.00	5.00	15.00	10.00	15.00	10.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Harrington... 6.00	4.00	6.00	11.00	16.00	30.00	30.00	25.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Heathsville... 4.00	3.00	4.00	8.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Howard..... 4.00	2.00	4.00	8.00	10.00	20.00	25.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Jefferson.... 10.00	6.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	45.00	50.00	35.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Kennedville.. 3.00	3.00	3.00	6.00	7.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Kent Island... 5.00	3.00	5.00	9.00	15.00	25.00	30.00	25.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Laurel..... 6.00	4.00	6.00	12.00	16.00	30.00	35.00	25.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Leipsic..... 3.00	2.00	3.00	5.00	8.00	15.00	15.00	10.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Liberty..... 10.00	6.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	30.00	40.00	35.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Lisbon..... 6.00	4.00	6.00	12.00	15.00	30.00	35.00	25.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Lynchburg... 10.00	6.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Middleway... 3.00	2.00	3.00	6.00	10.00	16.00	20.00	15.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Milton..... 5.00	3.00	5.00	9.00	15.00	30.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Mt. Tabor... 6.00	3.00	6.00	12.00	15.00	30.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	Col.	Col.

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CHARGES.	Seminary Debt.	Conference.	Ministerial Education.	Seminary.	Superan- nuates.	Home and Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	President's Salary.	Bible.	Tract.
Newark.....	14.00	7.00	14.00	27.00	35.00	50.00	60.00	50.00	Col.	Col.
Ninth-Street..	8.00	5.00	8.00	15.00	20.00	32.00	40.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
N. C. Avenue..	4.00	2.00	4.00	8.00	10.00	25.00	25.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Oxford.....	4.00	2.00	4.00	8.00	10.00	15.00	20.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Pipe Creek....	5.00	3.00	5.00	10.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	28.00	Col.	Col.
Pittsville....	4.00	3.00	4.00	8.00	12.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Pocomoke.....	5.00	3.00	5.00	10.00	13.00	25.00	25.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Pocomoke City	10.00	6.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	40.00	60.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Potomac.....	3.00	2.00	3.00	6.00	6.00	15.00	20.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Powellsville..	4.00	3.00	4.00	8.00	12.00	20.00	25.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Preston.....	3.00	2.00	3.00	7.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Quantico.....	5.00	3.00	5.00	9.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Queen Anne's.	6.00	4.00	6.00	11.00	16.00	35.00	40.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Rowlandville..	3.00	2.00	3.00	6.00	15.00	20.00	15.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
St. James.....	10.00	6.00	10.00	20.00	50.00	70.00	60.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
St. Luke's....	6.00	4.00	6.00	12.00	15.00	35.00	35.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
St. Michael's..	4.00	3.00	4.00	8.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Salisbury.....	4.00	3.00	4.00	9.00	15.00	25.00	25.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Seaford.....	6.00	3.00	6.00	11.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Snow Hill....	3.00	2.00	3.00	5.00	12.00	20.00	20.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Somerset.....	8.00	4.00	8.00	16.00	30.00	50.00	40.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
S. Baltimore..	6.00	3.00	6.00	11.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Starr.....	11.00	7.00	11.00	22.00	40.00	70.00	90.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Stewartstown..	6.00	4.00	6.00	12.00	15.00	30.00	35.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
Surry.....	3.00	2.00	3.00	6.00	12.00	20.00	25.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Susquehanna..	8.00	5.00	8.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	40.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
Sussex.....	4.00	2.00	4.00	8.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Talbot.....	4.00	3.00	4.00	8.00	15.00	25.00	20.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Union.....	5.00	4.00	5.00	11.00	20.00	40.00	30.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Union Bridge.	5.00	3.00	5.00	10.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Warwick.....	10.00	6.00	10.00	20.00	25.00	40.00	45.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Washington-st	8.00	5.00	8.00	15.00	30.00	50.00	50.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
W. Baltimore..	13.00	7.00	13.00	25.00	40.00	100.00	70.00	50.00	Col.	Col.
Westminster..	11.00	7.00	11.00	22.00	35.00	75.00	70.00	50.00	Col.	Col.
Wilmington... 3.00	2.00	3.00	5.00	10.00	12.00	15.00	10.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Berkeley.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	Col.	Col.
Charleston... 1.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	Col.	Col.

NOTE.—"Conference Collection" is for the incidental expenses of the Annual Conference, including the publication of Minutes. "Seminary Collection" is for the salary of the President of the Westminster Theological Seminary, and should be sent to Rev. J. T. Ward, Westminster, Md. "Ministerial Education" is to assist needy young men in securing an education to prepare for the ministry in the M. P. Church, and should be sent to Mr. Jno. H. Clancy, 98 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. "Superannuated Fund" is for the worn-out preachers of the M. P. Church in the Maryland District, their widows and orphans, and should be sent to Rev. T. O. Crouse, Centreville, Md. "Home and Foreign Missions" should be sent to Rev. C. H. Williams, Springfield, Ohio. "Home Missions" should be sent to Rev. A. W. Mather, Hanesville, Md. "President's Salary" should be paid to the President at the time of his visit, or previously sent to 8 Parkin St., Baltimore, Md. Charges having paid the assessment for "Seminary Debt" will report the fact on their official blank and in the envelope at the next session of Conference. Pastors will always secure receipts from agents for money paid during the year.

Collections for Local Interests and Totals for all

No.	CHARGES.	PRESIDENT'S SAL'RY.		PASTOR'S SALARY.		TOTAL.	
		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
1	Accomac	15.00	15.00	460.00	405.15	475.00	420.15
2	Alexandria	30.00	30.00	640.00	640.00	670.00	670.00
3	Amelia	10.00	10.00	200.00	200.00	210.00	210.00
4	Anne Arundel	20.00	20.00	800.00	673.00	820.00	693.00
5	Baltimore	30.00	22.10	625.00	375.00	655.00	397.10
6	Bedford	50.00	50.00	480.00	416.60	530.00	466.60
7	Belair	45.00	45.00	1,100.00	1,000.00	1,145.00	1,045.00
8	Broadway	20.00	20.00	500.00	500.00	520.00	520.00
9	Cambridge	25.00	25.00	525.00	650.00	550.00	675.00
10	Campbell	15.00	15.00	270.00	262.22	285.00	277.22
11	Caroline	35.00	35.00	675.00	675.00	710.00	710.00
12	Cecil	40.00	40.00	780.00	780.00	820.00	820.00
13	Centreville	35.00	35.00	875.00	875.00	910.00	910.00
14	Chesapeake	25.00	25.00	600.00	600.00	625.00	625.00
15	Chestertown	40.00	40.00	950.00	1,050.00	990.00	1,090.00
16	Clayton	20.00	20.00	590.00	423.85	610.00	443.85
17	Concord	30.00	30.00	500.00	475.00	530.00	505.00
18	Crisfield	15.00	15.00	460.00	460.00	475.00	475.00
19	Crumpton	15.00	15.00	400.00	363.50	415.00	378.50
20	Cumberland	25.00	25.00	520.00	325.20	545.00	350.20
21	Deer Park	20.00	20.00	340.00	340.00	360.00	360.00
22	Dorchester	25.00	25.00	700.00	600.00	725.00	625.00
23	East Baltimore	40.00	40.00	1,216.00	1,216.00	1,256.00	1,256.00
24	Easton	45.00	45.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,045.00	1,045.00
25	Eutaw	20.00	20.00	685.00	685.00	705.00	705.00
26	Fawn Grove	30.00	30.00	600.00	600.00	630.00	630.00
27	Felton	15.00	13.00	480.00	463.00	495.00	476.00
28	Finksburg	25.00	25.00	650.00	600.00	675.00	625.00
29	First Church	25.00	25.00	850.00	850.00	875.00	875.00
30	Franklin City	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	620.00	620.00
31	Frederick	50.00	50.00	850.00	769.31	900.00	819.31
32	Georgetown	45.00	45.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,645.00	1,645.00
33	Hampden	25.00	25.00	820.00	820.00	845.00	845.00
34	Harper's Ferry	10.00				10.00	
35	Harrington	25.00	25.00	750.00	750.00	775.00	775.00
36	Heathsville	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	620.00	620.00
37	Howard	45.00	45.00	1,125.00	1,125.00	1,170.00	1,170.00
38	Jefferson	40.00	40.00	800.00	800.00	840.00	840.00
39	Kennedyville	25.00	15.00	200.00	200.00	225.00	215.00
40	Kent Island	25.00	25.00	725.00	677.00	750.00	702.00
41	Laurel	25.00	25.00	800.00	768.97	825.00	793.97
42	Leipsic						
43	Liberty	40.00	40.00	575.00	545.00	615.00	585.00
44	Lynchburg	40.00	40.00	720.00	720.00	760.00	760.00
45	Marley	10.00	10.00	500.00	465.84	510.00	475.84
46	Middleway	15.00	11.25	508.73	508.73	523.73	519.98
47	Milton	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	620.00	620.00
48	Mt. Tabor	15.00	15.00	440.00	440.00	455.00	455.00
49	Newark	50.00	50.00	1,720.00	1,720.00	1,770.00	1,770.00

Purposes for the Year Ending April 7th, 1886.

No.	Current Expenses.	Building and Improve-ments.	Paid on Debt.	Total Paid for Local Interests.	Total Paid for General Interests.	Japan Home.	Seminary Debt.	Total Paid for all Pur-poses.
1	120.00	80.00	130.00	750.15	35.93	6.64	4.07	784.08
2		100.00		770.00	148.50			918.50
3	4.20			214.20	32.43			246.63
4	100.00			793.00	34.18			827.18
5	163.00			560.10	24.45	4.00		584.55
6	45.00	38.00	350.00	899.60	62.31	7.90		961.91
7		1,400.00	300.00	2,745.00	63.45			2,808.45
8	214.00	280.00	400.00	1,414.00	173.25	61.25		1,587.25
9	110.00		87.00	872.00	58.20			930.20
10		416.00		693.22	39.75		5.00	732.97
11	173.00			883.00	73.64	16.79		956.64
12	220.00	1,215.00		2,255.00	227.77	17.15	7.00	2,482.77
13	185.00		230.00	1,325.00	176.10	6.10		1,501.10
14	126.00	250.00		1,001.00	124.65	19.00	4.15	1,125.65
15	339.83			1,429.83	229.85	16.00	10.00	1,685.68
16				443.85	27.61	4.97		471.46
17	50.00	20.00		575.00	63.00	6.90		638.00
18	265.59			740.59	100.59	14.24		841.18
19	60.00	100.00		538.50	65.05	8.00		603.55
20	103.50			453.70	24.35	2.35		478.05
21	125.00	60.00		545.00	33.06	8.06		578.06
22	169.00	500.00	450.00	1,744.00	109.00	4.80		1,853.00
23	653.00	37.00	280.00	2,137.00	296.47	7.15		2,522.47
24	120.00			1,165.00	514.79	18.29		1,679.79
25	125.00	200.00	84.00	1,114.00	102.25	14.50		1,216.25
26	201.75	1,631.55		2,463.30	100.02	24.27		2,563.32
27	40.00			516.00	41.11	2.50		557.11
28	150.00	325.00		1,100.00	73.30	8.00		1,173.30
29	428.94	34.60	150.00	1,488.54	104.56	9.56		1,593.10
30	50.00	1,550.00		2,220.00	43.00			2,263.00
31	125.00	100.00		1,044.31	119.53	2.00		1,163.84
32	381.25	532.75		2,559.00	403.78	37.18		2,962.78
33	398.00	75.00	250.00	1,568.00	178.11	2.75		1,746.11
34								
35	95.00	210.00	300.00	1,380.00	75.30	16.50		1,455.30
36	70.00	180.00		882.25	39.00	7.00		928.25
37	175.00	1,550.00		2,895.00	92.55			2,987.55
38	250.00	2,425.00		3,515.00	388.13			3,903.13
39	225.00	12.00		452.00	58.75	5.00		510.75
40	95.00			797.00	83.20	9.85		880.20
41	120.00	175.00		1,088.97	71.92	7.27		1,160.89
42								
43	150.00	15.00		750.00	146.25			896.25
44	284.34	45.00		1,089.34	289.44	92.00		1,378.78
45	100.00			575.84	37.20	2.00	5.00	613.04
46	30.92	400.00	125.00	1,075.90	21.89			1,097.79
47	50.00	1,750.00	60.00	1,480.00	34.00	5.75		1,514.00
48	107.77			562.77	53.41			616.18
49	1,040.13	2,569.86	2,400.00	7,779.99	261.49	60.00		8,041.48

Collections for Local Interests and Totals for all

No.	CHARGES.	PRESIDENT'S SAL'RY.		PASTOR'S SALARY.		TOTAL.	
		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
50	Ninth-Street..	35.00	35.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,235.00	1,235.00
51	N. C. Avenue..	15.00	15.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,015.00	1,015.00
52	Oxford.....	15.00	15.00	650.00	650.00	665.00	665.00
53	Pipe Creek....	40.00	40.00	750.00	736.50	790.00	776.50
54	Pittsville.....	20.00	20.00	525.00	525.00	545.00	545.00
55	Pocomoke.....	25.00	25.00	500.00	502.50	525.00	527.50
56	Pocomoke City	40.00	40.00	780.00	780.00	820.00	820.00
57	Potomac.....	10.00	10.00	425.00	425.00	435.00	435.00
58	Powellsville...	20.00	20.00	350.00	313.85	370.00	333.85
59	Preston.....	15.00	15.00	360.00	340.00	375.00	355.00
60	Quantico.....	20.00	20.00	475.00	525.00	495.00	545.00
61	Queen Anne's..	25.00	25.75	600.00	540.00	625.00	565.75
62	Rowlandville..	15.00	15.00	575.00	618.95	590.00	633.95
63	St. James.....	40.00	40.00	650.00	650.00	690.00	690.00
64	St. Luke's.....	25.00	25.00	1,140.00	1,140.00	1,165.00	1,165.00
65	St. Michael's..	20.00	20.00	460.00	400.00	480.00	420.00
66	Salisbury.....	20.00	20.00	550.00	550.00	570.00	570.00
67	Seaford.....	20.00	20.00	750.00	750.00	770.00	770.00
68	Snow Hill.....	10.00	10.00	400.00	356.00	410.00	366.00
69	Somerset.....	25.00	25.00	800.00	800.00	825.00	825.00
70	S. Baltimore..	20.00	20.00	800.00	700.00	820.00	720.00
71	Starr.....	50.00	50.00	1,240.00	1,240.00	1,290.00	1,290.00
72	Stewartstown..	30.00	30.00	750.00	750.00	780.00	780.00
73	Surry.....	15.00	15.00	710.00	754.57	725.00	769.57
74	Susquehanna..	35.00	35.00	675.00	675.00	710.00	710.00
75	Sussex.....	10.00	10.00	210.00	210.00	220.00	220.00
76	Talbot.....	15.00	15.00	400.00	400.00	415.00	415.00
77	Union.....	25.00	25.00	550.00	550.00	575.00	575.00
78	Warwick.....	40.00	40.00	800.00	800.00	840.00	840.00
79	Washington-St	30.00	30.00	1,140.00	1,140.00	1,170.00	1,170.00
80	W. Baltimore..	50.00	50.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
81	Westminster..	50.00	50.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
82	Wilmington...	10.00	10.00	225.00	225.00	235.00	235.00
83	Berkeley.....	10.00	10.00	550.00	160.00	560.00	170.00
84	Charleston....	10.00	10.00	305.26	305.26	315.26	315.26
85	St. John's.....						
Total.....		2,185.00	2,164.35	55,999.99	54,236.00	58,184.99	57,378.10

NOTE.—Payments for Japan Home, and for Seminary Debt (where not included in payments on Seminary Assessments), are included in this report in the total for "General Interests."

Purposes for the Year Ending April 7th, 1886.

No.	Current Expenses.	Building and Improve-ments.	Paid on Debt.	Total Paid (or Local Interests.	Total Paid for General Interests.	Japan Home.	Seminary Debt.	Total Paid for all Pur-poses.
50	240.00	40.00		1,515.00	193.10	5.00		1,708.10
51	120.00	53.00		1,188.00	35.00			1,223.00
52	326.29		56.00	1,047.29	64.25	10.20		1,111.54
53	379.00	3,200.00		4,355.50	192.37	18.00		4,547.87
54	84.50	151.28		780.78	78.65			859.43
55	15.00	40.00	352.00	934.50	61.62	3.15		996.12
56	100.00	56.00		976.00	196.00	10.00		1,177.00
57	100.00	250.00		785.00	92.50	18.00		877.50
58	20.00	45.00	136.00	534.85	46.75			581.60
59	82.00			437.00	37.10	3.60		474.10
60	20.00	100.00	100.00	765.00	35.75	2.00		800.75
61	60.00	90.00		715.75	149.60			865.35
62	125.60	1,200.00		1,959.55	22.94	5.10		1,982.49
63	205.00			895.00	246.90			1,141.90
64	620.40			1,785.40	59.50	10.50		1,844.90
65	70.00	65.00		555.00	25.50	6.00		580.50
66	90.00	75.00		735.00	48.25	3.00		783.25
67	100.00	125.00		995.00	93.00	12.00		1,088.00
68	51.00	33.00	10.00	460.00	64.00	6.00		524.00
69	100.00	1,400.00		2,325.00	193.53	14.00		2,518.53
70	260.00	48.00		1,028.00	51.33	3.33		1,079.33
71	928.37	75.00		2,293.37	239.95	37.50		2,533.32
72	75.00	1,950.00	300.00	3,105.00	67.61	6.00		3,172.61
73	116.05	28.00	10.00	923.52	61.50	10.00		985.12
74	167.00	228.53	110.00	1,215.53	124.83	7.50		1,340.36
75	20.00	160.00		400.00	69.20	4.20		469.20
76	50.00			465.00	21.45	4.11		486.45
77	84.95	1,465.86	200.00	2,325.81	116.92	12.60		2,442.73
78	227.00	120.00		1,187.00	95.23	24.23		1,282.23
79	500.00	200.00		1,870.00	247.46	12.56		2,117.46
80	1,049.20	13,000.00		15,299.20	353.49			15,696.31
81	216.00			1,366.00	339.48	26.00		1,705.48
82	270.00	900.00	130.00	1,535.00	55.00	2.00		1,590.00
83	40.00			210.00	10.00			220.00
84	75.00			390.26	15.00			405.26
85					290.27			290.27
Total.....		15,026.58	43,375.43	7,000.00	120,703.26	9,651.60	812.30	129,569.33

Collections for General Interests

No.	CHARGES.	Bible.	Tract.	CONFERENCE.		MIN. EDUCAT'N.		SEMINARY.	
				Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
1	Accomac.....	42	42	2.00	1.77	6.00	1.58	9.00	6.23
2	Alexandria....	25	25	4.00	4.00	9.00	9.00	12.00	12.00
3	Amelia.....			2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	6.00	6.00
4	Anne Arundel..	1.00	8.18	4.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	19.00	5.00
5	Baltimore.....	75	50	4.00	1.50	5.00	2.00	19.00	2.50
6	Bedford.....	1.00	50	7.00	2.50	6.00	3.55	25.00	10.83
7	Belair.....	1.25	13.42	6.50	3.25	10.00	2.00	25.00	3.40
8	Broadway.....	2.00	7.00	3.00	3.00	6.00	6.00	10.00	15.00
9	Cambridge.....	1.00	8.20	4.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	12.00	10.00
10	Campbell.....			2.00	2.00	4.00	2.00	5.00	5.00
11	Caroline.....	1.70	1.00	5.00	3.00	8.00	2.25	20.00	22.00
12	Cecil.....	5.00	6.83	6.00	6.00	12.00	12.00	20.00	20.00
13	Centreville....	3.00	3.00	5.00	4.00	8.00	5.00	23.00	20.00
14	Chesapeake....	1.00	1.00	3.50	3.50	9.00	9.00	14.00	14.00
15	Chestertown..	1.00	4.85	7.00	7.00	18.00	18.00	23.00	23.00
16	Clayton.....	1.00	64	3.00	2.00	4.00	3.00	11.00	2.00
17	Concord.....	1.00	35	4.00	1.25	9.00	1.50	15.00	18.00
18	Crisfield.....	2.35	8.50	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	15.00	20.00
19	Crumpton.....	1.25	1.25	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	10.00
20	Cumberland...	92	88	4.00	70	10.00	2.56	14.00	5.67
21	Deer Park....	50	6.00	3.00	1.00	3.00	1.50	10.00	8.00
22	Dorchester....	1.15	1.05	4.00	4.00	8.00	8.00	15.00	15.00
23	E. Baltimore..	4.00	18.00	6.00	4.40	12.00	11.00	23.00	34.50
24	Easton.....	*151.00	*150.50	6.50	2.00	15.00	7.00	23.00	23.00
25	Eutaw.....	1.00	8.25	3.00	1.00	6.00	6.00	11.00	16.50
26	Fawn Grove...	2.00		3.00	2.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	13.00
27	Felton.....	25	25	2.00	1.50	4.00	4.00	10.00	3.00
28	Finksburg....	1.00	1.00	3.50	3.30	10.00	7.00	15.00	18.00
29	First Church..	1.00	50	3.50	1.50	8.00	6.00	14.00	10.00
30	Franklin City.	1.50	1.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	4.00	11.00	16.50
31	Frederick.....	2.00	1.75	7.00		20.00	5.00	27.00	25.00
32	Georgetown...	5.00	15.00	6.00	6.00	15.00	15.00	25.00	38.00
33	Hampden.....	1.00	5.86	3.50	3.50	8.00	8.00	15.00	15.00
34	Harper's Ferry			1.50		5.00		2.00	
35	Harrington...	1.80	1.00	3.50	2.00	7.00	5.00	11.00	11.00
36	Heathsville...	1.00	2.00	3.00	2.50			5.00	10.00
37	Howard.....	2.55	3.13	6.50	3.25	10.00	5.00	24.00	17.12
38	Jefferson....	5.00	58.02	6.00	6.00	10.00	10.00	23.00	23.00
39	Kennedyville..	1.00	2.00	3.50	1.75	5.00	4.00	10.00	8.00
40	Kent Island...	3.81	54	3.50	3.00	10.00	5.50	16.50	16.50
41	Laurel.....	11.25		3.50	2.75	10.00	6.70	14.00	5.00
42	Leipsic.....			1.50		3.00		5.00	
43	Liberty.....	1.50	2.25	6.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	23.00	23.00
44	Lynchburg....	4.94	5.00	6.00	6.00	12.00	12.00	25.00	37.50
45	Marley.....	75	1.00	1.50	1.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	5.00
46	Middleway....	75	30	2.00	75	4.00	20	8.00	3.25
47	Milton.....			3.00	3.25	5.00	2.00	11.00	8.00
48	Mt. Tabor....	1.00	7.56	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	15.00	11.00
49	Newark.....	6.00	4.13	7.00	9.03	15.00	15.00	35.00	56.00

For the Year Ending April 7th, 1886.

No.	SUPERANNUATES.		H. & F. MISSIONS.		HOME MISSIONS.		W. F. M. S.	TOTAL.	
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.
1	10.00	4.29	20.00	8.29	25.00	2.22		72.00	25.22
2	15.00	15.00	20.00	58.00	35.00	35.00		95.00	148.50
3	4.00	4.00	8.00	11.43	7.00	7.00		29.00	32.43
4	15.00	5.00	20.00	2.00	30.00	10.00		93.00	34.18
5	12.00	5.00	20.00	3.00	30.00	5.20		91.25	20.45
6	12.00	10.00	24.00	9.10	50.00	15.30	1.63	124.00	54.41
7	15.00	10.25	30.00	9.85	30.00	20.00		116.50	63.45
8	15.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	25.00	25.00	19.00	79.00	112.00
9	10.00	8.00	20.00	10.00	30.00	15.00		80.00	58.20
10	4.00	4.00	8.00	11.75	10.00	10.00		33.00	34.75
11	15.00	4.50	40.00	11.25	40.00	11.15		128.00	56.85
12	25.00	25.00	40.00	87.77	60.00	13.20	27.82	163.00	203.62
13	15.00	15.00	26.00	25.00	50.00	25.00	70.00	127.00	170.00
14	15.00	15.00	28.00	28.00	30.00	30.00		99.50	101.50
15	40.00	40.00	60.00	60.00	50.00	50.00		198.00	203.85
16	15.00	5.00	20.00	4.00	25.00	5.00		78.00	22.64
17	15.00	15.00	30.00	7.00	35.00	12.00		108.00	56.10
18	10.00	10.00	16.00	19.50	20.00	20.00		67.00	86.35
19	10.00	8.00	10.00	21.55	15.00	10.00		49.00	57.05
20	16.00	3.45	20.00	2.82	40.00	5.00		104.00	22.00
21	12.00	3.50	20.00		20.00	4.50		68.00	25.00
22	15.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00		102.00	104.20
23	30.00	30.00	50.00	60.57	62.00	62.00	64.85	183.00	289.32
24	30.00	30.00	50.00	35.00	75.00	75.00	23.00	199.50	496.50
25	15.00	15.00	24.00	10.00	30.00	30.00		89.00	87.75
26	14.00	12.50	26.00	16.00	30.00	22.25		91.00	75.75
27	10.00	7.11	16.00	12.50	15.00	10.00		57.00	38.61
28	15.00	10.00	30.00	10.00	35.00	15.00		108.50	65.30
29	15.00	11.00	30.00	39.00	40.00	22.00	4.00	110.50	95.00
30	12.00	5.00	20.00	6.00	20.00	7.00		71.00	43.00
31	35.00	7.00	60.00	17.00	70.00	20.00	39.78	219.00	117.53
32	40.00	50.00	80.00	111.10	108.00	108.00	18.50	274.00	366.60
33	15.00	15.00	20.00	12.00	50.00	25.00	90.00	111.50	175.36
34	5.00		8.00		8.00			29.50	
35	16.00	8.00	20.00	10.00	30.00	20.00		87.50	58.80
36	15.00	6.00		5.00	10.00	5.50		38.00	32.00
37	25.00	12.50	40.00	20.00	60.00	30.00		155.50	92.55
38	20.00	20.00	40.00	174.11	60.00	63.00	29.00	159.00	388.13
39	10.00	7.00	20.00	15.00	20.00	15.00		68.50	53.75
40	15.00	10.00	24.00	19.00	30.00	15.00		99.00	73.35
41	16.00	11.50	30.00	20.40	40.00	7.05		113.50	64.65
42	8.00		12.00		20.00			49.50	
43	20.00	5.50	30.00	19.00	40.00	26.00	59.00	129.00	146.25
44	20.00	20.00	32.00	32.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	135.00	197.44
45	7.00	5.45	10.00	7.00	10.00	8.00		36.50	30.20
46	10.00	3.05	16.00	1.45	20.00	10.34		60.00	21.89
47	15.00	6.00	30.00	5.00	30.00	5.00		94.00	29.25
48	10.00	10.00	10.00	15.35	20.00	1.50	1.00	61.00	53.41
49	35.00	35.00	40.00	22.33	60.00	37.50	16.50	192.00	201.49

Collections for General Interests

No.	CHARGES.	Bible.	Tract.	CONFERENCE.		MIN. EDUCAT'N.		SEMINARY.	
				Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
50	Ninth-Street..	3.30	3.00	5.00	5.00	12.00	12.00	19.00	31.00
51	N. C. Avenue.	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	8.00	8.00
52	Oxford.....	1.00	1.00	1.50	3.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	12.00
53	Pipe Creek ...	1.00	1.00	6.00	1.00	12.00	8.75	23.00	30.00
54	Pittsville	1.00	65	3.00	3.00	9.00	9.00	10.00	10.00
55	Pocomoke....	1.84	50	3.50	2.78	6.00	4.00	14.00	14.00
56	PocomokeCity	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	10.00	10.00	23.00	35.00
57	Potomac.....	1.00	1.00	1.50	5.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	11.00
58	Powellsville..	55	35	3.00	1.60	8.00	4.25	10.00	5.00
59	Preston.....	50	50	2.00	1.50	5.00	1.00	10.00	8.00
60	Quantico	75	50	3.00	1.00	3.00	1.50	11.00	11.00
61	Queen Anne's.	2.00	17.50	3.50	1.75	10.00	5.00	14.00	21.00
62	Rowlandsville.	74	57	2.00	1.23	5.00	2.10	8.00	2.27
63	St. James' .....	.....	.....	6.00	3.25	15.00	5.00	23.00	21.06
64	St. Luke's.....	.....	.....	3.50	2.00	8.00	5.00	14.00	10.00
65	St. Michael's..	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	10.00	5.00
66	Salisbury.....	1.50	1.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	12.00	15.00
67	Seaford.....	2.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	21.00
68	Snow Hill....	1.00	1.00	1.50	1.00	4.00	2.00	5.00	5.00
69	Somerset	1.00	11.00	3.00	1.10	12.00	5.00	20.00	20.00
70	S. Baltimore..	.....	1.25	3.00	1.50	8.00	2.00	14.00	2.25
71	Starr.....	2.00	5.50	7.00	3.00	18.00	3.00	27.00	20.00
72	Stewartstown.	2.10	9.04	4.00	3.00	9.00	5.60	15.00	13.80
73	Surry.....	50	50	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.50	8.00	12.00
74	Susquehanna..	2.33	3.50	5.00	5.00	8.00	8.00	19.00	24.00
75	Sussex.....	1.50	1.00	1.50	1.50	4.00	4.00	10.00	15.00
76	Talbot.....	2.03	32	3.00	91	8.00	1.61	10.00	1.81
77	Union.....	2.25	3.07	3.50	3.50	12.00	7.00	14.00	14.00
78	Warwick.....	2.00	2.00	6.00	3.00	10.00	5.00	23.00	22.00
79	Washingtonst.	10.00	10.65	4.50	5.00	12.00	12.00	18.00	27.00
80	W. Baltimore..	.....	19.50	7.00	7.00	20.00	20.00	27.00	40.50
81	Westminster..	11.31	18.00	5.00	5.00	25.00	14.70	27.00	40.50
82	Wilmington..	2.00	2.00	1.50	3.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	5.00
83	Berkeley.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....	.....	5.00	5.00
84	Charleston....	1.00	2.00	1.50	3.00	.....	2.00	5.00	1.00
85	St. John's.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.27	.....
	From last year, too late for that report..	.....	50.21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	304.34	539.97	325.00	228.57	658.00	447.85	1252.50	1294.96

* Mrs. T. A. Reese. † The amounts marked thus include the contributions from Sunday-schools. ‡ Of this amount \$100 was paid by W. Colbourn & Sons.

NOTE.—1. The following charges paid their assessments in full: ALEXANDRIA, C. B. Middleton and F. T. Benson, pas ors; AMELIA, S. C. Orlum, pastor; BROADWAY, H. L. Elderdice, pastor; CHESAPEAKE, R. L. Lewis, pastor; CHESTERTOWN, W. R. Graham, pastor; CRISFIELD, J. W. Kirk, pastor; DORCHESTER, D. A. Shermer, pastor; GEORGETOWN, L. W. Bates, pastor; JEFFERSON, J. M. Sheridan, pastor; NINTH-ST., J. L. Mills, pastor; N. C. AVENUE,

For the Year Ending April 7th, 1886.

No.	SUPERANNUATES.		H. & F. MISSIONS.		HOME MISSIONS.		W. F. M. S.	TOTAL.	
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.
50	20.00	32.00	32.00	34.50	40.00	40.00	27.30	128.00	188.10
51	4.00	4.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	.....	.....	31.00	35.00
52	10.00	10.00	10.00	13.05	10.00	10.00	.....	43.50	54.05
53	30.00	12.17	50.00	58.53	64.00	35.42	26.50	185.00	174.37
54	15.00	15.00	10.00	†20.00	20.00	20.00	.....	67.00	78.65
55	13.00	10.00	24.00	15.00	25.00	10.85	.....	85.50	58.47
56	15.00	15.00	30.00	†50.00	60.00	60.00	.....	144.00	186.00
57	6.00	6.00	10.00	32.50	15.00	15.00	.....	43.50	74.50
58	17.00	10.00	20.00	11.00	25.00	14.00	.....	83.00	46.75
59	14.00	1.00	20.00	1.00	25.00	20.00	.....	76.00	33.50
60	8.00	5.00	15.00	6.00	18.00	8.00	.....	58.00	33.75
61	16.00	16.00	30.00	51.35	40.00	35.00	.....	113.50	149.60
62	12.00	6.23	16.00	1.16	18.00	3.54	.....	61.00	17.84
63	50.00	80.00	70.00	98.74	50.00	38.85	.....	214.00	246.90
64	15.00	8.00	20.00	10.00	35.00	14.00	.....	95.50	49.00
65	6.00	2.50	10.00	†5.00	13.00	3.00	.....	45.00	19.50
66	15.00	6.00	24.00	†7.25	30.00	10.00	.....	89.00	45.25
67	15.00	15.00	22.00	15.00	30.00	20.00	.....	89.00	81.00
68	15.00	8.00	20.00	15.00	27.00	25.00	.....	72.50	58.00
69	32.00	10.75	50.00	†119.68	70.00	11.00	.....	187.00	†179.53
70	15.00	8.00	35.00	†12.00	35.00	16.00	5.00	110.00	48.00
71	50.00	30.00	70.00	†60.57	125.00	27.00	51.38	297.00	202.45
72	15.00	10.67	30.00	8.35	35.00	9.05	.....	108.00	61.61
73	14.00	5.00	20.00	8.50	25.00	8.50	12.00	74.00	51.50
74	15.00	15.00	24.00	29.50	60.00	30.00	.....	131.00	117.33
75	10.00	10.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	.....	57.50	65.00
76	15.00	3.36	25.00	5.00	30.00	1.22	1.08	91.00	17.34
77	25.00	23.50	40.00	21.00	50.00	30.00	.....	144.50	104.32
78	25.00	12.00	40.00	10.00	50.00	15.00	.....	154.00	71.00
79	34.00	34.00	50.00	44.60	70.00	70.00	21.65	188.50	234.90
80	40.00	40.00	70.00	†106.49	80.00	80.00	40.00	244.00	353.49
81	40.00	20.50	60.00	†111.37	75.00	28.60	63.50	232.00	313.48
82	10.00	10.00	12.00	†13.00	15.00	15.00	1.00	45.00	53.00
83	5.00	.....	10.00	.....	10.00	5.00	.....	31.50	10.00
84	7.00	3.00	10.00	2.00	10.00	1.00	.....	33.50	15.00
85	.....	20.00	.....	15.00	.....	5.00	200.00	.....	290.27
	1441.00	1110.28	2,301.00	2,071.26	3,028.00	1,798.74	953.49	8,977.25	8,815.08

J. W. Trout, pastor; OXFORD, W. J. Neepler, pastor; PITTSVILLE, J. A. Weigand, pastor; POCOMOKE CITY, S. A. Hoblitzell, pastor; POTOMAC, W. F. Livingston, pastor; WEST BALTIMORE, D. L. Greenfield, pastor.

2. The following charges, in addition to those above, while not paying each assessment in full, overpaid in the aggregate: CUMPKILL, C. C. C. Centerville, Crumpton, East Baltimore, Elston, Hampden, Liberty, Newark, Queen Anne's, St. James, Sussex, Washington-St.

3. Amount collected by the Maryland Branch, W. F. Missionary Society, during the year, \$1,280.69.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

No.	CHARGES.	No. Unstation'd Min. & Prea's.	Probationers.	Members.	PROBATIONERS.						Now on Roll.
					No. on Roll at last Conference.	Rec'd during the year.	Elected to Membership.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd.	Deceased.	
1	Accomac			214	13	13					
2	Alexandria	1	2	141	15	13					3
3	All Saints			43							
4	Amelia		4	68	1	15	12				4
5	Anne Arundel			110							
6	Baltimore	2	39	249	38	3				1	39
7	Bedford		14	166	2	13	1				14
8	Belair	2		300	7	7					
9	Broadway		9	161	20	26	37			2	9
10	Cambridge	1	53	180	38	53	33			4	1
11	Campbell	1	30	147	7	36	10			1	53
12	Caroline		15	175	8	7					30
13	Cecil	1	9	256	28	24	30			5	15
14	Centreville	1	16	105	8	14	1			5	9
15	Chesapeake		4	93	9	2	7				16
16	Chestertown		22	173	32	21	28			3	4
17	Chincoteague			30							22
18	Clayton		24	185	41	39	41			15	
19	Concord			218							24
20	Crisfield		22	144		63	40				1
21	Crumpton		6	42	3	7	2			3	22
22	Cumberland	1	3	112	3	2					6
23	Deer Park	1		194		33	32			1	3
24	Dorchester		22	228	24	32	43				
25	East Baltimore		10	232	5	42	37			1	22
26	Easton			208	13	6	19				10
27	Ellicott City			72							
28	Eutaw		15	67		16				4	15
29	Fawn Grove	1	4	340	90	55	84			6	5
30	Felton	2		122	13		12			1	4
31	Finksburg		6	290	7	60	51				
32	First Church			135	13	13					6
33	Franklin City		10	204	4	15	11				10
34	Frederick	1	12	385	20	37	45				12
35	Georgetown	2	8	201		8					8
36	Hampden	3	62	350	27	71	33			4	2
37	Harper's Ferry			40							62
38	Harrington		9	281	36	14	6				9
39	Howard	1	46	361	11	44	9				46
40	Hull-Street			9							9
41	Indian River			25							25
42	Jefferson	1	27	142	3	27	3				27
43	Kennedyville			75	7		5			2	
44	Kent Island	1	2	123	4	19	19			3	11
45	Laurel	1	3	168		13	9			1	3
46	Leipsic										
47	Liberty	2	9	223	4	12	18			1	9
48	Lynchburg	1	3	164	1	5	13				3
49	Marley			93		29	29				
50	Middleway	2	6	143		26	20				6

For the Year Ending April, 1886.

No.	FULL MEMBERS.							SABBATH SCHOOLS.				CONVERSIONS.	
	On Roll at last Conference.	Rec'd from Probation.	Rec'd by Certificate.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd.	Deceased.	Now on Roll.	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New scholars received.	Scholars now on Roll.	In School.	In Congregation.
1	216	13	4	8	3	214	1	18	61	232	22	8	
2	129	13	2	1	7	141	1	32	75	270	10	5	
3						43							
4	54	12	2			68	1	9		60	10	7	
5	110					110	2	31		168		3	
6	254			1	2	249	3	34	30	226		4	
7	173	1		1	5	166	6	72	12	291	3	8	
8	296	7	3	4		300	5	25		300		7	
9	137	37	5	1	5	161	1	31	20	260	8	16	
10	140	33	10			180	2	15	25	150	10	67	
11	137	10				147	3	24	10	190		78	
12	207			1	30	175	4	54	20	260	3	4	
13	260	30	5	4	43	256	4	59	28	345		22	
14	114	1		2	4	105	2	27		140	14	3	
15	88	7		1		93	2	20		100		2	
16	144	28	3	2		173	1	31	12	231	4	17	
17	30					30	1			80			
18	139	41	5	2		185	3	40		177	13	32	
19	178		1	2	9	218	3	52	10	220	20	58	
20	153	40			47	144	1	29	80	223	41	36	
21	43	2		3		42	2	16		110		10	
22	140	2	3	5	21	112	1	26		103			
23	186	32		3	19	194	3	51	10	356	19	26	
24	191	43		5		228	4	49	26	230	12	20	
25	208	37	11	16	2	232	1	26	75	225	23	18	
26	196	19	3	7		208	1	24	10	200	4	4	
27	72					72	1						
28	71		1	4		67	1	10	20	90	10	8	
29	306	84	6	5	59	340	5	59		537	12	56	
30	115	12			3	122	3	20		190			
31	256	51	3		23	290	4	58	38	332	9		
32	128	13				135	1	18		95	7	6	
33	189	11				204	2	18	50	150	1	20	
34	434	45		7	80	385	8	48	20	780	10	27	
35	246		3	47		201	1	26	16	279	2	6	
36	332	33	2		10	350	1	45	35	466	43	47	
37	40					40	1						
38	245	36	2	1		281	3	55		275	3	24	
39	356	9	3	4	1	361	8	67		425	13	31	
40	9					9							
41	25					25	1	5		30		5	
42	147	3	2	3		142	3	33	32	195	13	14	
43	72	5	3	3	3	75	1	13		105			
44	114	19	2	3	11	123	2	25	4	108	7	12	
45	180	9	6	6	21	168	1	22	12	125			
46													
47	210	18	2	1	2	223	3	65	24	258		12	
48	150	13		3	3	164	1	15	18	125	1	3	
49	65	29	1	3		93	2	10	40	40		32	
50	176	20			25	143	2	19	12	150	14	16	

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

No.	CHARGES.	No. Unstioned Min. & Prea's.	Probationers.	Members.	PROBATIONERS.						Now on Roll.
					No. on Roll at last Conference.	Rec'd during the year.	Elected to Membership.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd.	Deceased.	
51	Milton		60	127	60		1	1	3	60	
52	Mt. Pleasant			71							
53	Newark	2	2	220	1	15	13			2	
54	Ninth Street	1	7	135		9	2			7	
55	N. C. Avenue			74	6	16	16	2			
56	North East										
57	Oxford	1	9	82		9				9	
58	Pipe Creek		18	324	17	10	36			18	
59	Pittsville	2	43	148	9	43	9			43	
60	Pocomoke	1	24	218	3	33	12			24	
61	Pocomoke City			238			3				
62	Potomac	3	8	90	9	11	6	5	1	8	
63	Powellville	1	2	175	4	2	4			2	
64	Preston		5	190		28	2			5	
65	Quantico	1	5	224		43	26	1	12	5	
66	Queen Anne's		7	115	18	20	30			7	
67	Rowlandsville		9	130		21	12			9	
68	St. James'	1	9	109	14	11	15		1	9	
69	St. Luke's		2	123	3	3	4			2	
70	St. Michael's	3		73		6	6	1	1		
71	Salisbury	1	4	155	27	9	19		13	4	
72	Seaford			160	48	30	30	2			
73	Snow Hill			140			35				
74	Somerset		8	168		21		1		8	
75	South Baltimore		24	108	7	24	3		2	24	
76	Starr			194			24				
77	Stewartstown		25	191	5	25	4		1	25	
78	Surry		15	158	4	35	23		3	15	
79	Susquehanna		4	172	15	11	11		11	4	
80	Sussex	46		91	9	45	8			46	
81	Talbot		9	54		12	3		11	9	
82	Union	1	41	342	27	66	48		4	41	
83	Warwick		10	213	48	15	44	1	8	10	
84	Washington-Street	1	25	229	43	6	22	2	3	25	
85	West Baltimore	3	9	235	2	17	9			9	
86	Westminster	2	19	202	25	14	20			19	
87	Williamsport			75							
88	Wilmington		4	64	15	6	5		12	4	
89	Berkeley, S. C.	129		747	140	55	54	5	3	129	
90	Charleston, S. C.	47		179	41	46	13	2	2	47	
	Itinerants			112							
	Total	54	1155	15,042	1,058	1714	1365	38	152	35	1,155
	Report of 1885		1046	15,149							1,046
	Gain		109								109
	Loss			107							

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No.	FULL MEMBERS.						SABBATH SCHOOLS.				CONVERSIONS.		
	On Roll at last Conference.	Rec'd from Probation.	Received by Certificate.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd.	Deceased.	Now on Roll.	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Scholars received.	Scholars now on Roll.	In School.	In Congregation.
51	132			1		3	127	3	14		200	10	3
52	59		1			1	71	1	24	35	175	3	2
53	195	13	20	10		1	220	1	30		175		
54	138	2	4	2	4	5	135	1	20	19	90	7	3
55	52	16	12	2			74	1	17	95	169	3	3
56	82		3		2	1	82	1	20	25	120	7	5
57	288	36	1			1	324	4	56	30	394	14	26
58	145	9	2	3		5	148	4	30	90	250	27	23
59	209	12	4	1	6	2	218	2	18	26	140	15	20
60	239	3	5	2	3	4	238	2	34	8	210		1
61	83	6	2		1		90	2	23	6	100	5	6
62	191	4		5		1	175	4	12		170		5
63	179	22	1	7	5		190	2	32		119	14	12
64	225	26		1	25	1	224	3	22	30	225	10	34
65	164	30	3	4	63	2	115	2	22		80	3	20
66	124	12	2		7	1	130	2	15	23	192	8	23
67	93	15		1	1	2	109	2	25		110		12
68	157	4	2	13	22	2	123	1	37	20	290		2
69	70	6		1			73	1	7		45		3
70	145	19	5	4	8	2	155	1	11	11	60		10
71	145	30	1	2		1	160	3	36	45	180		2
72	156	35		3	39	8	140	2	12	10	65	7	6
73	150					2	168	2	15		146		2
74	114	3	1		2	2	108	1	26		121	7	36
75	215	24		18	21	6	194	1	30	40	200		30
76	190	4	1	1	4	2	191	4	55	50	300	12	13
77	142	22	1	3	5	3	158	3	35	59	144	27	35
78	162	11	2			1	172	3	36	4	175		11
79	79	8	8	1	1	1	91	3	23		140		
80	71	3	3		11	1	54	2	10		50		8
81	273	48	9	4		2	342	4	50	20	254	17	90
82	185	44	1	11	6		213	3	36	36	206	6	8
83	230	22		5	13	5	229	1	24	25	240		6
84	203	9	36			5	235	1	35	49	322		8
85	183	20	5	5		1	202	1	28	10	191	8	6
86	75						75						
87	70	5	7	2	14	2	64	1	14	50	220	3	10
88	715	54	8	5	3	14	747	8	22		356		
89	176	13			2	8	179	1	8	14	118	6	10
90													
	14,165	1,365	239	275	710	191	15,042	197½	2,390	1,645	16,544	590	1,188
					485	183	15,149	194			16,243		
					225	8		3½			301		
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PROPERTY STATISTICS

CHARGES.	No. of Appointments	Churches.	Parsonages.	Church Papers Taken.	Our S. S. Pa- pers Taken.	Volumes in S. S. Library.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Church Debts.
Accomac.....	2	2	1	13	61	200	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 180.00
Alexandria.....	1	1	1	12	320	300	8,000.00	
All Saints.....	1	1					3,000.00	
Amelia.....	4	1		15	38	36	1,200.00	
Anne Arundel.....	3	3	1		100	100	10,000.00	
Baltimore.....	5	4	1		195	894	7,000.00	
Bedford.....	6	6	1	11	223	309	11,200.00	450.00
Belair.....	7	7	1				18,000.00	1,700.00
Broadway.....	1	1	1	6	200	391	31,000.00	8,800.00
Cambridge.....	3	3	1	10		30	5,500.00	1,900.00
Campbell.....	6	5		15	80	300	2,200.00	
Caroline.....	4	4	1	14		660	6,000.00	
Cecil.....	4	5	1	15	468	400	12,700.00	200.00
Centreville.....	2	2	1	20	250	225	10,500.00	150.00
Chesapeake.....	2	2	1	20	150	100	7,000.00	
Chestertown.....	1	1	1	26	257	300	7,000.00	
Chincoteague.....	1	1					1,000.00	
Clayton.....	3	3				235	6,000.00	200.00
Concord.....	4	4	1	20	120	240	8,200.00	18.00
Crisfield.....	1	1		2	225	158	7,000.00	
Crumpton.....	2	2	1	6	60	110	5,200.00	360.00
Cumberland.....	1	1	1			216	10,000.00	
Deer Park.....	4	4		2	220	200	3,560.00	400.00
Dorchester.....	4	4	1	24	200	200	10,000.00	247.00
East Baltimore.....	1	1		15	315	519	22,000.00	
Easton.....	1	1	1	35	162	300	18,000.00	
Ellicott City.....	1	1					1,000.00	
Eutaw.....	1	1	1	9	50	50	5,300.00	1,400.00
Fawn Grove.....	5	5	1	6	383	600	9,550.00	600.00
Felton.....	3	3		9	90	210	3,000.00	
Finksburg.....	4	4		15	200	500	10,000.00	
First Church.....	1	1	1	9	150	200	10,000.00	700.00
Franklin City.....	4	4	1	6	200	135	5,180.00	800.00
Frederick.....	8	8		40	500	900	14,500.00	575.00
Georgetown.....	1	1	1	40	322	600	20,000.00	
Hampden.....	1	1	1	8	400	307	9,200.00	450.00
Harper's Ferry.....	1	1	1					
Harrington.....	3	3	1	19	220	400	7,800.00	1,200.00
Howard.....	9	8½	1		225	850	14,000.00	
Hull-Street.....	1	1						
Indian River.....	1	1		1	1	25	500.00	
Jefferson.....	4	4	1	20	238	500	14,000.00	1,500.00
Kennedyville.....	1	1			100	500	3,000.00	
Kent Island.....	2	2	1	13	145	329	8,300.00	
Laurel.....	2	2	1	14	110	200	10,000.00	
Leipsic.....								
Liberty.....	4	4	1	19	200	500	10,500.00	
Lynchburg.....	1	1		13	148	300	15,000.00	
Marley.....	2	2		3		100	3,000.00	
Middleway.....	3	2	1	8	100	50	2,300.00	125.00

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CHARGES.	No. of Appointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Church Papers Taken.	Our S. S. Pa- pers Taken.	Volumes in S. S. Library.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Church Debts.
Milton.....	3	3	1	4	75	375	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 90.00
Mt. Pleasant.....	1	1		6	65	200	5,000.00	
Newark.....	1	1	1	12	240	750	48,000.00	
Ninth-Street.....	1	1		25	200	625	40,000.00	
N. C. Avenue.....	1	1		7	185	400	4,000.00	
North East.....								
Oxford.....	1	1	1	14	290	277	5,000.00	50.00
Pipe Creek.....	4	4	1	75	290	1,200	20,000.00	800.00
Pittsville.....	4	4	1	15	175	500	5,000.00	50.00
Pocomoke.....	4	3	1	14	50	80	5,300.00	75.00
Pocomoke City.....	2	2	1	30	145	350	11,000.00	
Potomac.....	2	2	1	11	100	400	4,500.00	
Powellville.....	4	4	1	5	67	150	3,200.00	500.00
Preston.....	3	3	1		175	150	6,000.00	
Quantico.....	5	5	1	20	50	55	5,000.00	150.00
Queen Anne's.....	2	2	1	10	60	250	3,500.00	
Rowlandville.....	3	3	1	16	125	350	7,500.00	300.00
St. James.....	2	2	1	30	95	250	8,000.00	
St. Luke's.....	1	1		4	150	77	5,000.00	
St. Michael's.....	2	2	1	12	62	250	4,000.00	
Salisbury.....	2	2	1	20	82	175	9,500.00	
Seaford.....	3	3	4	1	200	100	6,000.00	
Snow Hill.....	3	3		7	60	100	3,500.00	
Somerset.....	2	2	1		50	7,000.00	125.00	
South Baltimore.....	1	1	1		130	200	21,000.00	
Starr.....	1	1	1		275	400	35,000.00	50.00
Stewartstown.....	4	4	1	17	300	1,000	12,000.00	600.00
Surry.....	3	2	1	10	185		3,000.00	150.00
Susquehanna.....	3	3	1	22	165	800	10,000.00	110.00
Sussex.....	3	3	1	14	100	100	3,000.00	
Talbot.....	2	2		11	29	250	1,000.00	
Union.....	6	6	1	15	118	207	8,750.00	20.78
Warwick.....	3	3	1	16	325	323	9,000.00	100.00
Washington-St.....	1	1	1	15	415	265	20,000.00	
West Baltimore.....	1	1		44	335	513	30,000.00	
Westminster.....	1	1	1	40	204	334	22,500.00	
Williamsport.....	4	4					4,000.00	
Wilmington.....	1	1		10	260	230	6,500.00	3,700.00
Berkeley, S. C.....	9	7		3		47	1,245.00	
Charleston, S. C.....	2	2				134	3,400.00	
Total.....	237	231½	60	1,097	13,208	25,656	\$852,585.00	\$28,825.78
Report of 1885.....		230½	61	1,409	11,041	29,250	794,398.00	28,107.79
Gain.....		1			2,267		\$58,137.00	\$717.99
Loss.....			1	321		3,594		

DEAD ROLL.

PREPARED BY THE EX-SECRETARY.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day." 2 Tim. iv. 7, 8.

1. CHARLES RIGBY. Born in Talbot county, Md., 1782; died in Kent county, Md., August 12, 1830. Appointments: 1829-30, Missionary for the Eastern Shore.
2. JOSEPH SCULL. Born 1785; died at Easton, Md., Dec. 22, 1830. Appointments: 1829-30. Missionary for the Eastern Shore.
3. WASHINGTON HAMILTON HAYS. Died April, 1831. Appointment: 1830, Anne Arundel (A.)
4. WILLIAM BAMBER. Died March 30, 1832. Appointment: 1831, Eastern Shore.
5. CHARLES WESLEY JACOBS. Born at Alexandria, Va., Oct. 23, 1812; died at Easton, Md., July 20, 1833. Appointments: 1829-30, Eastern Shore (A.); 1831, Deer Creek (A.); 1832, Pipe Creek (A.); 1833, Talbot.
6. JAMES HANSON. Died August 19, 1834. Appointments: 1829, Mt. Olivet (A.); 1830, Pipe Creek (A.); 1831, Reisterstown; 1832, Anne Arundel; 1833, Kent; 1834, no appointment at his request.
7. WILLIAM KESLEY. Died Sept. 23, 1841. Appointments: 1830, Deer Creek; 1831, Anne Arundel; 1832, Reisterstown; 1833, Tabernacle; 1834, Reisterstown; 1835, Mt. Olivet; 1836, Queen Anne's; 1837, Agent of Book Concern; 1838, Prince William; 1839-40, Kent; 1841, Buttonwood, Phila.
8. ISAAC WEBSTER CLIPPINGER. Died at Cumberland, Md., May 25, 1842. Appointment: 1842, Cumberland (A.)
9. SAMUEL L. RAWLEIGH. Died Nov. 23, 1843. Appointments: 1834-35, Queen Anne's; 1836-8, Kent; 1839, Buttonwood, Phila.; 1840-1, Queen Anne's; 1842, Cecil; 1843, Pipe Creek (A.)
10. DANIEL DAVIES, M. D. Died Feb. 16, 1844. Appointments: 1833, Mt. Olive; 1831, Anne Arundel; 1835, Queen Anne's (A.); 1836, no appointment at his request; 1837, Editor METHODIST PROTESTANT; 1838, Charleston, S. C.; 1839, Anne Arundel; 1840, with the President, 1841, First Church, Phila. (A.); 1842-3, superannuated.
11. WILLIAM W. MADDUX. Died July 9, 1844. Appointments: 1838, Caroline; 1839, Northampton; 1840, New Leeds; 1841, Cecil; 1842, Dorchester; 1843-4, Deer Creek.
12. WILLIAM W. BALL. Died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Oct. 5, 1844. Appointments: 1842, Alexandria; 1843-4, Harper's Ferry.
13. WILLIAM H. BORDLEY. Born at Centreville, Md.; died at Charleston, S. C., Oct. 9, 1846. A. B., Washington College, 1822. Appointments: 1843, Queen Anne's (A.); 1844, Kent; 1845, E. Baltimore.
14. SAMUEL D. NORWOOD. Born in Anne Arundel county, Md., March 1, 1820; died in Newcastle county, Del., Oct. 22, 1847. Appointments: 1844, Anne Arundel (A.); 1845, Smyrna; 1846, no appointment at his request; 1847, Deer Creek (A.)
15. ISAAC WEBSTER. Born in Harford county, Md., 1787; died in Westminster, Md., February 4, 1851. Appointments: 1829-30, Reisterstown; 1831, Deer Creek; 1832-3, Pipe Creek; 1834-5, Williamsport; 1836-8, President; 1839, Queen Anne's; 1840, St. John's; 1841-3, Kent; 1844, Brickmaker's; 1845, no appointment at his request; 1846, Baltimore; 1847-8, Howard; 1849-50, superannuated; Representative to General Conference, 1830, 1846.

16. LEVI ROGERS REESE. Born February 8, 1806; died at Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 18, 1851. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore, Md. Appointments: 1832-3, Alexandria; 1834-5, St. John's; 1836-7, Washington; 1838, Conference Missionary; 1839, Alexandria; 1840-1, Georgetown, D. C.; 1842, Pipe Creek; 1843-4, President; 1845-6, West Baltimore; 1847-8, Ninth-Street; 1849, Cambridge; 1850-1, Bethlehem, Philadelphia. Secretary of Annual Conference, 1833. Representative to General Conference, 1846, 1850 and President. Chaplain to U. S. House of Representatives, 1836-7.
17. FREDERICK STIER. Born 1783; died at Fremont, O., October 15, 1851. Appointments: 1830-1, Pipe Creek; 1832, Georgetown, D. C.; 1833, East Baltimore; 1834, unstationed; 1839, Conference Missionary; 1840, Williamsport, Md.; 1841-2, Conference Missionary; 1843-5, no appointment at his request; 1846, Conference Missionary; 1847-50, no appointment at his request; 1851, Conference Missionary. Representative to General Conference, 1842. Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions, 1850.
18. RICHARD ADKINSON. Born 1817; died at Easton, Md., March 9, 1851. Interred at Easton, Md. Appointments: 1841, Cecil (A.); 1842, Cumberland; 1843, Sussex; 1844, no appointment at his request; 1845, Alleghany; 1846-7, Jefferson; 1848-9, Sussex; 1850, Talbot; 1851, Caroline.
19. LEVIN A. COLLINS. Born 1814; died at Laurel, Del., June 17, 1853. Interred at Laurel, Del. Appointments: 1837, Deer Creek (A.); 1838, Kent (A.); 1839-40, Sussex; 1841-2, Snow Hill; 1843-4, Cambridge; 1845-6, no appointment at his request; 1847, Caroline; 1848, no appointment at his request; 1849, superannuated.
20. JOHN SMITH REESE, M. D., Washington University, Baltimore, Md. Born April 7, 1790; died near Baltimore, Md., February 14, 1855. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1829, Eastern Shore; 1830-31, Alexandria; 1832, Eastern Shore; 1833-5, President; 1836-7, Pipe Creek; 1838, Williamsport; 1839-40, President; 1841, Pipe Creek; 1842, Georgetown; 1843, Pipe Creek; 1844, Howard; 1835-6, Alexandria; 1847, no appointment at his request; 1848-9, East Baltimore; 1850-1, no appointment at his request; 1852-4, President. Representative to General Conference, 1830, 1834, 1842, 1846, 1854.
21. FRANCIS GEORGE WRIGHT. Born at Uniontown, Md., July 15, 1823; died at Salisbury, Md., February 23, 1859. Interred at Uniontown, Md. Appointments: 1849, Baltimore (A.); 1850-1, Carlisle; 1852, unstationed; 1858, Union.
22. NEVELL STEELE GREENAWAY. Born in England, May 7, 1824; died at Alexandria, Va., May 2, 1861. Interred at Alexandria, Va. Appointments: 1852-3, Snow Hill; 1854, Williamsport (A.); 1855, Williamsport; 1856, Pipe Creek (A.); 1857, Philadelphia; 1858, Baltimore (A.); 1859, Alexandria; 1860, superannuated.
23. WILLIAM TURBERT WRIGHT. Born in Queen Anne's county, Md., May 18, 1803; died at Lisbon, Md., May 8, 1862. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1845, Snow Hill; 1846-7, Sussex; 1848-9, Kent; 1850-1, East Baltimore; 1852-3, Charleston, S. C.; 1854-5, Caroline; 1856-7, Talbot; 1858-6, Frederick; 1861-2, Howard.
24. WASHINGTON ROBY. Born in Montgomery county, Md., October 14, 1816; died at Washington, D. C., July 31, 1862. Appointments: 1839, Harper's Ferry; 1840, Williamsport (A.); 1841, Talbot; 1842, Harper's Ferry; 1843-4, Alexandria; 1845-7, Kent; 1848-9, Pipe Creek (A.); 1850-1, Deer Creek; 1852, Queen Anne's; 1853-5, Talbot; 1856-7, East Baltimore; 1858-9, President; 1860, Georgetown; 1862, Ninth-Street. Representative to General Conference, 1854, 1862.
25. THOROUGHGOOD C. EWELL. Born June 6, 1832; died at Federalsburg, Md., November 21, 1862. Appointments: 1856, New Market (A.); 1857, Trough Creek; 1858-9, Dorchester; 1860-1, Sussex; 1862, superannuated.
26. JOSIAH VARDEN. Born at Washington, D. C., July 25, 1806; died at Libertytown, Md., January 16, 1863. Interred at West Baltimore Cemetery. Appointments: 1831, Eastern Shore (A.); 1832, Mount Olive; 1833, Williamsport (A.); 1834, Pipe Creek; 1835, Tabernacle; 1836, Georgetown; 1837, Alexandria; 1838, Westminster; 1839, Talbot; 1840-1, East Baltimore; 1842, St. John's; 1843-4, West Baltimore; 1845-6, Georgetown; 1847, West Baltimore; 1848-9, President; 1850-2, Sixth-Street, Cincinnati; 1853, superannuated. Representative to General Conference, 1846, 1850, 1854, 1858.
27. GEORGE D. HAMILTON. Born August 28, 1798; died at Baltimore, Md., April 5, 1864. Buried at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1831, Shippensburg; 1832, Deer Creek (A.); 1833, Snow Hill; 1834-6, Dorchester; 1837-8, Queen Anne's; 1839, Pipe Creek (A.); 1840, Pipe Creek; 1841-2, Sussex; 1843, Snow Hill; 1844-5,

- Baltimore; 1846-7, New Market; 1848-50, Caroline; 1851-2, Cambridge; 1853, Williamsport; 1854-8, superannuated; 1859, Clearfield; 1860-2, Union, Pa.; 1863-4, superannuated.
28. REUBEN TYLER BOYD. Born at Rockville, Md., July 3, 1794; died at Clarksburg, Md., February 21, 1865. Appointments: 1833, Shippensburg; 1834, Prince William; 1835, New Market; 1836-7, Snow Hill; 1838, Dorchester; 1839, New Leeds; 1840, transferred; 1849, Trough Creek; 1850-1, Alleghany; 1852-3, Caroline; 1854, Anne Arundel; 1855, Dorchester; 1856, superannuated; 1857, Warwick; 1858, Accomac; 1859-64, superannuated.
29. THOMAS HART BENTON AUSTIN. Born at Baltimore, Md., 1842; died at Baltimore, June 26, 1865. Appointments: 1863, Union (A.); 1864, Kent (A.); 1865, Howard (A.)
30. JAMES FRANCIS WHITESIDE. Born at Triadelphia, Md., July 1, 1828; died June 20, 1866. Interred at Stewartstown, Pa. Appointments: 1850, Baltimore (A.); 1851, New Market (A.); 1852, Union (A.); 1853-4, Trough Creek; 1855-7, Alleghany; 1858-60, Cecil; 1861, Baltimore; 1862-3, West Baltimore Circuit; 1864-6, New Market.
31. ELI HENKLE. Born in Pendleton county, Va., April 15, 1787; died in Baltimore county, Md., August 24, 1867. Appointments: 1829, Deer Creek; 1830-2, President; 1833, St. John's; 1834, superannuated; 1835, supernumerary; 1836-7, Anne Arundel; 1838-9, Pipe Creek; 1840, Baltimore; 1841-2, supernumerary; 1843, Westminster; 1844, Conference Missionary; 1845-7, President; 1848-50, Baltimore; 1851-67, superannuated. Representative to General Conference, 1830, 1834, 1846.
32. FRANCIS WATERS. A. B. Pennsylvania University; D. D. Washington College, 1822. Born in Somerset county, Md., Jan. 16, 1792; died at Baltimore, Md., April 23, 1868. Appointments: 1838, Franklin; 1839, supernumerary; 1840, unstationed; 1841-6, supernumerary; 1847, Central Baltimore; 1848-50, Franklin; 1851-67, supernumerary. Author of the name: "Methodist Protestant Church." Representative to General Conference 1830 and President, 1842, 1846 and President, 1862 and President, 1866.
33. THOMAS H. BURGESS. Born February 12, 1828; died July 11, 1868. Appointments: 1861, Harmony; 1862, no appointment at his request; 1863, unstationed; 1867, Millsborough; 1868, Snow Hill.
34. THOMAS MAHLON WILSON. Born at Hagerstown, Md., March 1, 1844; died at Libertytown, Md., February 1, 1880. Interred at Central Chapel, Frederick county, Md. Appointments: 1842, Trough Creek (A.); 1843, supernumerary; 1844-5, Concord; 1846-8, Queen Anne's; 1849-50, Alexandria; 1851-2, Union; 1853-4, Pipe Creek; 1855-7, Frederick; 1858-69, superannuated.
35. LUTHER J. COX. Born in Queen Anne's county, Md., December 27, 1791; died July 26, 1870. 1869, elected to honorary membership. Representative (lay) to General Conference, 1838, 1866.
36. CHRISTIAN EVERSOLE. Born in Berkeley county, W. Va., May 6, 1820; died at Baltimore, Md., December, 12, 1870. Interred at Little Georgetown, W. Va. Appointments: 1852, Alleghany (A.); 1853, Baltimore (A.); 1854, Deer Creek (A.); 1855, Kent (A.); 1856, Frederick (A.); 1857, Newtown (A.); 1858-9, Cambridge; 1860-2, Concord; 1863-4, Bedford; 1865, Williamsport; 1866-70, superannuated.
37. DANIEL BOWERS. Born in Frederick county, Md., March 16, 1832; died at Baltimore, Md., March 19, 1871. Interred at Chestertown, Md. Appointments: 1854, Kent (A.); 1855, Queen Anne's (A.); 1856-7, Cumberland; 1858, Talbot (A.); 1859-60, Philadelphia; 1861-3, Newtown; 1864-5, Georgetown; 1866-9, East Baltimore; 1870, Chatsworth. Secretary of Annual Conference, 1863. Alternate attending General Conference, 1867. On Editorial Committee of METHODIST PROTESTANT, 1866-9.
38. JOHN MORGAN. Born at Alexandria, Va., April 15, 1811; died at Montgomery, Ala., June 17, 1871. Appointments: 1844, Williamsport (A.); 1845-6, Williamsport; 1847-8, Pipe Creek; 1849-50, Howard; 1851-2, Talbot; 1853-4, Union; 1855-6, Snow Hill; 1857, superannuated. Secretary of Annual Conference, 1852-4.
39. HENRY HAYGHE. Born at Baltimore, Md., January 5, 1844; died at Kennedyville, Md., December 17, 1871. Appointments: 1869, Howard (A.); 1870, Baltimore (A.); 1871, Kennedyville.
40. JOHN ELDERDICE. Born in Frederick county, Md., July 14, 1814; died at Baltimore, Md., July 9, 1874. 1833, Cumberland; 1839, Baltimore; 1840-1, Anne Arundel (A.); 1842, Pipe Creek (A.); 1843-5, New Market; 1846, Carlisle; 1847-9, Deer Creek; 1850-1, Williamsport; 1852-3, Anne Arundel; 1854-6, Cecil; 1857-9,

New Market; 1860, West Baltimore Circuit; 1861-2, Caroline; 1863-4, Cecil; 1865-6, Bedford; 1867-8, Cambridge; 1869, no appointment at his request; 1870-4, superannuated. Author of "Uncle Toby" letters to METHODIST PROTESTANT.

41. JOHN ROBERTS. Born May 3, 1818; died at Baltimore, Md., Sept. 20, 1875. Interred at Oak Grove Cemetery, Howard county, Md. 1843, Cambridge (A.); 1844, Alleghany (A.); 1845, Accomac (A.); 1846, Snow Hill; 1847-8, Harper's Ferry; 1849-50, Howard (A.); 1851, Pipe Creek (A.); 1852-3, Bethlehem; 1854-5, Kent; 1856, Williamsport; 1857-8, Alexandria; 1859, South Baltimore; 1860-2, Queen Anne's, 1863-4, Talbot; 1865-7, Frederick; 1868-70, Howard; 1871-3, Belair; 1874-5, Liberty. Secretary of Annual Conference 1850. Representative to General Conference 1866, 1870.

42. AMON RICHARDS. Born Oct. 31, 1787; died July 12, 1876. 1870, elected to honorary membership.

43. ABRAHAM S. EVERSOLE, M. D. Born in Berkeley county, Va., July 10, 1813; died at Seaford, Del., Feb. 3, 1877. 1839, Trough Creek; 1840, Caroline; 1841, Snow Hill (A.); 1842, Somerset; 1843, Lewes; 1844-5, Kent (A.); 1846, Prince William; 1847, transferred; 1851-2, Dorchester; 1853-4, Newtown; 1855-7, Union; 1858, Alleghany; 1859-60, Baltimore; 1861, Frederick (A.); 1862-3, New Market; 1864, Sussex; 1865, Caroline; 1866-7, Worcester; 1868, Delaware; 1869-71, Cecil; 1872, Peach Bottom; 1873, Seaford (A.); 1874-6, superannuated.

44. DANIEL EVANS REESE. D. D. Western Maryland College, 1868. Born at Baltimore, Md., Feb. 17, 1810; died at St. Michael's, Md., April 23, 1877. 1830, Deer Creek (A.); 1831, Mount Olive; 1832, Eastern Shore (A.); 1833, Prince William; 1834, Tabernacle; 1835-6, Deer Creek; 1837, Harper's Ferry; 1838, Anne Arundel; 1839-41, unstationed; 1842-3, East Baltimore; 1844, Georgetown; 1845-6, Deer Creek; 1847-8, Cambridge; 1849-50, Pipe Creek; 1851-2, Alexandria; 1853-4, Ninth-Street; 1855, Salem, Phila.; 1856-7, Charleston, S. C.; 1858-9, West Baltimore; 1860-1, Pipe Creek; 1862-3, Georgetown; 1864-5, Jefferson; 1866-7, Ninth-Street; 1868-70, Talbot; 1871-3, President; 1874, East Baltimore; 1875, superannuated. Secretary of Annual Conference 1835. Representative to General Conference, 1862 and Secretary, 1867, 1870.

45. SAMUEL GUEST VALIANT. Born in Talbot county, Md., Dec. 21, 1852; died there July 11, 1877. 1870-1, Kent (A.); 1872, no appointment at his request; 1873, Alexandria; 1874, no appointment at his request; 1875-6, Laurel; 1877, superannuated.

46. WILLIAM C. AMES, D. D. S. Born in Clearfield county, Pa., 1839; died at Burrsville, Md., March 10, 1878. Interred at Burrsville, Md. 1869, Jefferson (A.); 1870-1, Potomac; 1872-3, Concord; 1874-6, Whaleyville; 1877, Caroline.

47. JOHN EDGAR READ. Born at Lauraville, Md., August 25, 1846; died at Oxford, Md., July 28, 1878. 1865, Queen Anne's (A.); 1866, Belair (A.); 1867, Jefferson (A.); 1868, Talbot (A.); 1869-71, Lexington-St.; 1872, Talbot (A.); 1873-6, Talbot; 1877-8, Easton.

48. THOMAS M. BRYAN. Born in Cecil county, Md., Feb. 1, 1818; died at St. Michael's, Md., May 11, 1879. 1846, Smyrna; 1847, Potomac; 1848, Clearfield; 1849, no appointment at his request; 1850, Accomac; 1851-2, Newtown; 1853-4, Dorchester; 1857-8, Sussex; 1859-60, no appointment at his request; 1861-3, superannuated; 1894-5, West Baltimore Circuit; 1866, superannuated.

49. WILLIAM CORRIE LIPSCOMB. Born in King William's county, Va., Sept. 13, 1792; died at Washington, D. C., Dec. 2, 1879. 1869, elected to honorary membership. Representative (lay) to General Conference, 1830; and Secretary, 1834; and Secretary, 1838, 1842, 1850, 1858; and President, 1867.

50. THOMAS ASBURY MOORE. Born in Sussex county, Del., 1824; died at Seaford, Del., July 2, 1881. 1845, Newtown (A.); 1846, Cambridge (A.); 1847, Talbot (A.); 1848, Union (A.); 1849-53, unstationed; 1854, Sussex (A.); 1855-6, Sussex; 1857-8, supernumerary; 1859, Sussex; 1860, supernumerary.

51. DAVID NORWOOD GILBERT. Born in Harford county, Md., February 10, 1851; died at Kent Island, Md., August 15, 1881. 1873, Queen Anne's (A.); 1874, Cecil (A.); 1875, Anne Arundel (A.); 1876, Pocomoke; 1877, Prince William; 1878-80, Quantico; 1881, Kent Island.

52. ISAAC TUNNELL ADKINS. Born Feb. 1, 1809; died in Sussex county, Del., Oct. 19, 1881. 1865, Millsborough; 1866, no appointment at his request; 1867, Tysaskin; 1868, Milton; 1869-70, Lower Sussex; 1871-2, Heathsville; 1873-5, Accomac; 1876, Chincoteague; 1877, Potomac; 1878-9, Chincoteague; 1880, superannuated.

53. THOMAS LEE. Born in England, June 17, 1821; died at Rainsburg, Pa., July

16, 1882. 1851, Accomac; 1852, Salem; 1853-4, Alleghany; 1855, no appointment at his request; 1856-7, Reading; 1858-9, Caroline; 1860-2, Bedford; 1863-5, superannuated; 1866-7, Susquehanna; 1868, superannuated.

54. PETER LIGHT WILSON. Born in Berkeley county, Va., Oct. 20, 1822; died at Johnsville, Md., Jan. 10, 1883. 1842, Pipe Creek (A.); 1843-4, Cumberland; 1845, Pipe Creek (A.); 1846, Frederick; 1847, West Baltimore (A.); 1848-9, Bethlehem; 1850-1, Cumberland; 1852-4, Frederick; 1855-6, Ninth Street; 1857-9, Jefferson; 1860-1, Ninth-Street; 1862-4, Pipe Creek; 1865-8, Broadway; 1869-73, College Agent; 1874, supernumerary; 1875-6, College Agent; 1877, supernumerary. Representative to General Conference, 1866, 1867.

55. THOMAS MCCORMICK. Born in Loudon county, Va., Jan. 5, 1792; died at Baltimore, Md., Feb. 22, 1883. 1869, elected to honorary membership.

56. CHARLES THEODORE COCHEL. Born in Berks county, Pa., June 20, 1838; died at Deer Park, Md., July 25, 1884. 1859, Howard (A.); 1860, Newtown (A.); 1861, Harper's Ferry; 1862, Frederick city; 1863, Anne Arundel (A.); 1864, Salem; Philadelphia; 1865, Snow Hill; 1866, West Baltimore Circuit; 1867, Finksburg; 1868-70, Susquehanna; 1871, Union; 1872-3, Dorchester; 1874-7, Frederick; 1878-81, Cecil; 1882-3, Pipe Creek; 1884, First Church, Washington.

57. JAMES MARTIN ELDERDICE. Born in Frederick county, Md., Oct. 14, 1817; died at Baren Creek Springs, Md., Oct. 5, 1884. 1840, Baltimore (A.); 1841, Williamsport (A.); 1842, Talbot; 1843, no appointment at his request; 1844, Howard (A.); 1845-6, Cecil; 1847-8, Liberty; 1849-50, Concord; 1851-2, New Market; 1853, Williamsport (A.); 1854-6, Concord; 1857, Snow Hill; 1858-9, Trough Creek; 1860-2, Carlisle; 1863-4, Anne Arundel; 1865-8, Cecil; 1869-70, Sussex; 1871, Seaford; 1872-4, Leipsic; 1875-8, Bedford; 1879, Williamsport; 1880-1, Caroline; 1882-3, Sussex, 1884, Union.

58. ARTHUR DANIEL MURRAY. Born at Georgetown, D. C., Nov. 19, 1856; died at Baltimore, Md., Nov. 17, 1884. 1879, Eutaw; 1880, Frederick (A.); 1881-2, Broadway; 1883, no appointment at his request; 1884, Georgetown (A.).

59. HENRY EDWARD MISKIMON. Born in Harford county, Md., April 15, 1845; died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Feb. 12, 1885. Interred at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. 1866, Newtown (A.); 1867, Talbot (A.); 1868-70, Kennedyville; 1871-4, Harper's Ferry; 1875-6, Ellicott City; 1877-8, Salisbury; 1879-80, Seaford; 1881-4, Heathsville.

60. JOSEPH ALEXANDER MCFADEN. Born in Augusta, Ga., January 11, 1825; died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., July 5, 1885. Interred at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. Appointments: 1847, Queen Anne's (A.); 1848, Williamsport (A.); 1849, Kent (A.); 1850, Jefferson; 1851-2, Concord; 1853, Brickmaker's; 1854-5, Pipe Creek (A.); 1856-7, Cambridge; 1858, Baltimore; 1859, West Baltimore Circuit; 1860-1, New Market; 1862-4, Union; 1865, Washington Street; 1866-73, superannuated; 1874, Seaford; 1875-85, superannuated.

61. ALFRED BAKER. Born June 4, 1813; died January 17, 1886. Appointments: 1841-3, Concord; 1844, Baltimore (A.); 1845-6, superannuated; 1847, Baltimore; 1848, superannuated; 1849, Patuxent; 1850-1, Frederick; 1852-6, superannuated; 1857, Frederick (A.); 1858, superannuated; 1864, Montgomery; 1865, no appointment at his request; 1866, Montgomery; 1867, no appointment at his request; 1868, Montgomery; 1869, no appointment at his request; 1870, supernumerary.

62. CHRISTOPHER BURNS MIDDLETON. A. B., Western Maryland College, 1876. Born at Washington, D. C., July 24, 1854; died at Alexandria, Va., Feb. 16, 1886. Appointments: 1876, Abingdon, Va.; 1877, no appointment at his request; 1878, Kent (A.); 1879-80, Hampden; 1881-2, East Baltimore; 1883, Atlanta, Ga.; 1884-5, Alexandria.

OBITUARIES.

REV. JOSEPH ALEXANDER McFADEN

Was born in Augusta, Ga., January 11th, 1825, and died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., July 5th, 1885, aged 60 years, 5 months and 24 days. It was at the latter place that his childhood and youth were spent, and there he began his religious life. Bro. C. W. Button, who was intimately acquainted with his early history, says of him: "He was always a sedate, thoughtful, and good boy even before he made any profession of religion. I was present when he was converted in the old Free Church, before the Methodist Protestants had any house of worship of their own at Harper's Ferry. From his punctual attendance upon all the services of the church, and the deep devotional feeling he uniformly evinced—though he was by no means demonstrative, and never obtrusive—the members of our society from the first believed that he would feel impelled by a divine call to the ministry, to devote himself to that work in the Church of his choice. And so our anticipations were, in due time, and after the Church had opened the way to the modest, gentle youth, fully realized." He was converted in 1841, in the seventeenth year of his age, and made himself very useful as a member of the church. In the spring of 1847 he accompanied Bro. Button, delegate to the Annual Conference that met at Easton, Md., and at that Conference gave himself formally to the work of the active ministry, and was appointed assistant to Rev. Thomas M. Wilson on Queen Anne's Circuit; in 1848-'49 he was assistant to Rev. T. D. Valiant on Williamsport Circuit; in 1849 he was ordained and assisted Rev. William T. Wright on Kent Circuit; in 1850-'51 he had charge of Jefferson Circuit; in 1851-'52, Concord Circuit; in 1853, Brickmaker's Station, Philadelphia; in 1854-'55 he was assistant to Rev. T. M. Wilson, and in 1855-'56 to Rev. F. Swentzel on Pipe Creek Circuit. His subsequent appointments were Cambridge Circuit, 1856-'58; Baltimore Circuit, 1858-'59; West Baltimore Circuit, 1859-'60; New Market Circuit, 1860-'62; Union Circuit, 1862-'64; Washington-Street Station, Balto., 1865-'66. From 1866 to 1874 he was superannuated, but in the latter year took charge at Seaford, Del., being compelled, however, on account of feeble health, at the end of the Conference year to give up the active work of the ministry, which he so much loved, and to which he had so earnestly devoted his best years.

Although it never fell to my lot to be directly associated with Bro. McFaden in the pastoral work, I had some opportunities of intercourse with him under circumstances that enabled me to observe the excellence of his character, and his qualifications for the great work in which he was engaged. I regarded him as one of the most pious, sincere, intelligent and faithful pastors I ever knew. He imitated the Saviour in being meek and lowly in heart. While ever ready and willing to render service to all around him, there was nothing ostentatious in his course. He stood behind the cross which he held up, and knew nothing among men save Christ and Him crucified.

"Concerning his ministerial character and services," Bro. Button remarks, that "if he lacked anything, it was self-assertion; for he was modest and unobtrusive almost to a fault. He possessed a good mind, was a careful and judicious reader, and gave his attention to the acquisition of useful knowledge such as befitted a minister of the Gospel. His sermons, which were always practical, evinced deep thought and keen spiritual perception, and were addressed to the judgment and conscience of his hearers. Discarding meretricious ornament as unworthy of the pulpit, he yet clothed

his thoughts in chaste and appropriate language, so that his sermons were always neat as well as forcible. Such was his style of preaching when he was a young man, and the temptation was strongest to adopt a different style; and it is not likely that he changed in after years from that solid form of words which he had the good sense to adopt in the very beginning of his ministry. I assume this, although it is long since I heard him preach. And the assumption is warranted by the fact that when the Presbyterians of Harper's Ferry were without a pastor they engaged Bro. McFaden for a length of time to preach for them whenever his health would allow. The high esteem in which he was held at home, and the strong confidence always reposed in him by the people among whom he lived from his youth, furnish the best proof that could be adduced of his exalted character as a minister and a citizen; for it is not always that a prophet hath honor in his own country."

"He always impressed me," says Rev. Dr. Mills, "as being a man of great modesty and meekness, hence quiet and unobtrusive; and yet with convictions so deep and attachments so strong as to make him ever true to Christ and the Church during long years of personal affliction and superannuation, and amid the varying fortunes of a feeble and struggling society in the town where Providence had cast his lot. I esteemed him as a brother minister laid aside from active work in the prime of life and in the midst of his days, with a large family to be reared and educated, who in these years of affliction and care and privation was enabled to take a firm grip upon the nail-pierced and guiding hand of his Saviour, and whose life seemed to me to say as very few lives have said—'Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him!' I feel like saying, 'Dear Bro. McFaden, your trials are now over, your afflictions are past, the mystery of years of enforced silence, as a herald of the cross is clear to your vision if not to ours, and your tired body and spirit have found rest—the one the rest of the cemetery, the other the rest that remaineth to the people of God.'"

Bro. Henry Swope says of Bro. McFaden: "From my recollection of him as our pastor when Liberty was connected with Pipe Creek Circuit, I suppose thirty years ago, he was appreciated as a good preacher and pastor, and I always regarded him as an humble Christian." One of our young ministers, who made his home with Bro. McFaden during his time of greatest affliction, said to me, "He was the meekest, most patient and uncomplaining sufferer I ever knew. And he was one of the most generous supporters of the Church; even out of his very limited means he contributed liberally to the last. In every respect he impressed me as a true representative of genuine and undefiled religion." Such testimonials might be multiplied. In all the charges where he ministered, and among all who labored with him in the ministry, his name will ever be dear, his memory precious. We feel the loss the Church has sustained by his death, but our hearts are consoled by the sweet hope of rejoining him where the toilers in the spiritual harvest-fields of the Church on earth shall enjoy the blessings of the harvest home in heaven. To our beloved Sister McFaden and the three sons (two of them now in the Christian ministry and the other preparing for the same work) and three daughters, who mourn the absence of the departed husband and father, we extend our most sincere sympathies. Their grief is greatest of all; but so should be their consolation. Their dear one awaits their coming to join him in that home which is after all the only true home of souls. Every earthly association must sooner or later be dissolved; but Christians lay hold on eternal life, and their union and joy will never be disturbed when they shall have reached their Father's house on high.

J. T. WARD,
Chairman of Obiuary Committee.

REV. ALFRED BAKER

Was born June 4th, 1813, and passed to his everlasting rest January 17th, 1886. He was converted when about twenty years old; was received into the itinerancy during the Presidency of Rev. Augustus Webster, 1841, and

was ordained 1842. His first appointment was Concord Circuit, where he traveled from 1841-43. From that time to 1870, when he was finally superannuated, he traveled nine years—was superannuated nine years and unstationed three years. His home during all his married life was within the bounds of Frederick Circuit, Montgomery county, Md., where he died. Here was the theatre of his greatest usefulness. Being superintendent of Frederick Circuit two years, and assistant one year, and missionary superintendent of Montgomery at three different appointments, he thoroughly acquainted himself with the wants and character of the population, and so adapted himself to their social and intellectual condition, that he won their entire confidence and esteem; so that, during the pastorates of other brethren, he was called on to marry persons of all denominations, bury their dead, visit their sick, and baptize their children. This work, until his final sickness, was almost a passion with him. No farm or domestic duties ever deterred him from it. During the last year of his life he must have officiated at fifty funerals at least, and always preached on the occasions. He was certainly highly esteemed by the community generally as a minister of the Gospel. Notwithstanding appearances of ample means of subsistence, the property in possession barely satisfies the claims of his creditors. He was attacked by the epidemic that so long prevailed in Montgomery county, and never recovered from it. A few weeks before his demise his pastor, E. R. McGregor, visited him and found him in a state of calm reliance on the merits of the Saviour, for the issue he felt was imminent. Subsequently calling on him, reason was found dethroned, and continued so to the end. During his mental aberration, the Gospel was the continual theme of his talk, and every day, as long as he could speak, he essayed to preach a sermon. He leaves a widow, his third wife. His funeral was attended by a large concourse of people from all parts of the country for ten miles around. His mortal remains lie in the churchyard of Providence appointment, Frederick Circuit.

E. R. MCGREGOR,
Chairman Obituary Committee.

REV. CHRISTOPHER BURNS MIDDLETON.

Rest—how sweet the word to the tired and weary, the afflicted and suffering; but sweeter far its realization to the Christian pilgrim who has reached the end of the journey, the Christian soldier who has fought his last battle, the Christian laborer who has borne his last burden, the Christian minister who hears the Master's "Well done." How weary with nights and days and even months of suffering our dear brother was, no tongue can tell; but 'tis over now, for on the 16th day of February, 1886, at about 5 o'clock in the morning, he entered into rest. Bro. Middleton was born in Washington, D. C., July 24, 1854, and in that city his childhood and youth were spent, and there, when about sixteen years of age, he gave his heart to God, and united with the First Methodist Protestant Church. His father says "Christopher was always a good boy; but instead of engaging in childish sports, would seek retirement, and with a book while away the hours. Knowing that he needed exercise, I would sometimes insist upon his going out to play with the other boys, and soon I would find him on the sidewalk looking at them, but taking no part himself. At last one day he said, 'Do you wish to punish me?' I said 'No, my boy;' he replied, 'Then please don't insist on my going out to play, for it is torture to me.'" A year or more after his conversion, while employed at the Navy Yard, and studying civil engineering, he went to his father and told him he intended to change his entire life plan; that he was called of God to preach the Gospel and he must obey that call. At this time he had passed through the public schools of Washington, and Providence opened the way in a few months for him to enter Western Maryland College, where he completed the work of preparation for the ministry. Intense application to study during these years found him a few months before graduation

so enfeebled as to compel him to leave the institution, which, however, did not prevent the college from issuing a diploma. He was received into the Maryland Annual Conference in March, 1876, and appointed to Abingdon, in the hope that the soft and salubrious air of Southwest Virginia might bring health and vigor to a body too frail for the intensely active mind it encased. The next year he was left without appointment at his own request, then followed assignment by the Conference to Kent, Hampden, Mt. Lebanon, Baltimore, Atlanta, Ga., Alexandria, Va., and from there by the great Head of the Church to heaven. These years were all years of physical feebleness, years of struggling for health, and yet years of almost ceaseless toil and mental activity and growth. Frail as a flower in his physical organism, beautiful as a flower in his mental conceptions, fragrant as a flower in the sweetness of his disposition and the influence exerted over the few who were his bosom friends, and clinging and leaning as a flowering vine that reaches out its tendrils for support, so he lived and blossomed, and fruited, and faded, while loving hearts were doing all they could to comfort, and strong and willing hands their utmost to relieve. But God, who has said of man—"He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down," had given the reaper permission, and neither the skill of his physician, who was also a loving friend, nor the tender ministrations of that faithful and devoted wife, assisted by his fond and anxious mother, could prevent the gathering for the paradise of God. . . . As a preacher he was unique, imaginative, and rhetorical. His thoughts were oftentimes woven into sentences of great beauty, the weaving of which, although fascinating to him, was wearing out the loom and shuttle and weaver. Could he have been persuaded several years ago to take exercise in the open air, systematically and regularly, he might have lived longer, but this could not be done. Study was his passion, and when so feeble as scarcely to be able to stand during the delivery of a sermon, such was the intense activity of his mind that he would write two and sometimes three sermons a week. Is it any marvel that he went away so soon—is it not more wonderful that he remained so long? Probably his most successful pastorate was at Hampden. One of the committee, Rev. A. D. Melvin, writes: "He took charge of Hampden Church when it was weak in numbers and influence, and burdened with debt. By his elegant, eloquent preaching, he drew large congregations, and it is safe to say he made for himself a reputation as an orator such as no one else has ever enjoyed in that place. I wish to mention his brotherly bearing toward me as his successor, for he cheerfully and gladly did his best to smooth the way for me, and always gave me the benefit of his influence and knowledge concerning the church and community." Bro. S. H. Green, a member of the committee from Hampden, says: "I became acquainted with Bro. Middleton in 1881, and have been very intimate with him up to his death. I shall ever cherish his memory. He was a grand preacher and Christian, and I never heard him speak but in the highest terms of his ministerial brethren, and while we realize that we have lost one whom we fondly loved, we have the consolation that our loss is his eternal gain." Bro. C. T. Gibson, of Mt. Lebanon, Baltimore, unites in this tribute, by writing that Bro. Middleton was an earnest preacher and a faithful pastor, and was very successful until his health failed; that he was sympathetic in his preaching, and childlike in his mannerism, which made him very efficient in the pulpit and endeared him to his people, so that

"None knew him but to love;
None named him but to praise."

From Alexandria, Va., his last charge, Bro. J. R. Caton writes: "From the very beginning of his pastorate here he found a large place in the hearts and affections of the people of all classes and denominations, and all the time he was able to fill his pulpit he preached to large and attentive audiences, holding them spell-bound by his eloquence. He received repeated evidences of the affectionate hold he had upon the hearts of all, and the power he was

especially wielding over the young men of the city. So much was he enthused with his great work, and the brightening prospects of the growth of his church, oftentimes even in the last few months of his life when disease was rapidly wasting him away, he would go into his pulpit and preach, while holding on to the desk to keep from falling, while words of burning pathos fell from his lips and sank into the hearts of his hearers. His memory will long live in the hearts of his Alexandria people who mourned him as their own." His disease was flattering, and he was almost to the last hopeful of recovery. He said he was not afraid to die, but was very anxious to live for the sake of his wife and children. It seemed to him so important that his life should be prolonged for their sake, he could not think it would be otherwise, until the end had almost come—but while we look through a glass darkly, he sees face to face; ours is the mystery and grief, his the explanation and joy. A brief funeral service, conducted by Rev. F. T. Benson, was held in the Alexandria Church at 9 o'clock, on the morning after his death, previous to conveying the remains to the home of his father in Washington; and, although occurring at so early an hour, the pastors of nearly all the Protestant Churches of the city were present, and participated in the services with the grief-stricken people who crowded the church to pay the last tribute of respect to one whom they had fondly loved. The final obsequies were held at 9th-Street Methodist Protestant Church, Washington, D. C., on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. A number of ministers and a large representation of citizens from Alexandria, many friends of his boyhood from First Church, members from the other Methodist Protestant Churches of the city, and their respective pastors, a delegation from the Masonic Lodge of Hampden, and friends from there and Baltimore, assembled with the family to pay the last tribute of respect to our departed friend and brother. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Mills, pastor of the church, Rev. S. B. Tredway, pastor of the church where Bro. Middleton was converted and from which he went forth to preach, and by Rev. F. T. Benson, assistant pastor of the Alexandria Church. Rev. Dr. L. W. Bates led in prayer, and Revs. J. W. Trout and J. B. Jones assisted in the services at the church, while Rev. B. F. Benson conducted the services at the grave, after which the Masonic services were pronounced, and we left all that is mortal of our dear brother to rest in the shade of Oak Hill Cemetery. A wife and two interesting children, a son and daughter, are by this Providence bereaved of an affectionate husband and father, and claim our sympathy and prayers. Who knows but in the coming years little Austin may be called of God to stand in the pulpit made vacant, and occupy the place of his gifted father in the Conference and Church?

J. L. MILLS,
Chairman of Committee.

SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY

OF THE

MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Baltimore, Md., 1886.

The Superannuated Fund Society met April 12th, 1886., F. T. Tagg, First Vice-President, in the Chair.

The report of the Board of Managers was read and adopted.

An election for officers resulted as follows: First Vice-President, J. L. Mills; Second Vice-President, A. W. Mather; Secretary, W. J. D. Lucas; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather. Board of Managers: E. J. Drinkhouse, Pastors of West Baltimore, South Baltimore, and Broadway, Horace Burrough, Prof. Elliott, A. C. Kahler and J. G. Clarke.

B. F. Jester was appointed to collect the annual dues.

The following, offered by E. R. McGregor, was adopted:

It is with sorrowful regret that we miss the presence of Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer from the S. A. F. Society, who had been so long identified with its interests, especially as its Treasurer, under whose financial ability the funds have signally prospered, and are gratified at the appointment in his position of our esteemed brother, J. G. Clarke, in whom in every sense we have the highest confidence.

Adjourned.

W. J. D. LUCAS, *Secretary.*

SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY M. A. C. IN ACCOUNT WITH THE LATE TREASURER, DR. H. F. ZOLLICKOFFER, DECEASED.

1885.	Dr.	For Investm't.	For Distrib'n.
April 20.	To Cash paid for Postal Cards and Printing.....		\$ 2.00
July 11.	" " " Collecting Int. on Dividend.....		25
" 25.	" " " Rent Safe Deposit Vault.....		15.00
Oct. 13.	" Cash paid John G. Clarke by Mrs. Zollickoffer.....	\$536.30	2,003.05
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April 1.	By Balance reported to the Board.....	\$275.30	
" 8.	" Cash from S. A. Fund Steward.....	261.00	
May 1.	" " for 6 mos. Int. on \$7,000 C. W. & B. R. R. Bds.		\$ 157.50
" 7.	By Cash for 6 mos. Gr. Rent, Schmainke & Co.....		36.00
" 16.	" " " Dividend on \$7,800 B. & O. R. Stk		390.00
June 22.	" " " Gr. Rent, J. S. Miles' Estate...		30.00
" 23.	" " " Int. on J. Fangmeyer's Note...		360.00
July 1.	" " " Ground Rent, A. Eichner.....		27.00
" " " " Int. on \$2,500 W. C. & A. R. Bds.			75.00
" " " " " \$8,000 Pitts. & C. " "			280.00

Partial report of Treasurer received and referred to H. C. Cushing and S. B. Tredway, Auditing Committee.

The chairman of committee in reference to Book Directory asked that the committee be continued until the following day, at which time they would be ready to report. Request granted, and, on motion of J. J. Murray, it was decided that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 3 P. M. to-morrow to hear the report. Adjourned.

Society met April 9th, at 3½ P. M. The report of committee was read and taken up by items. First item was amended by striking out all after "Society." The item was adopted. Second item was adopted. Paper was adopted as a whole. An additional report by Treasurer was adopted, showing that the Society had an invested fund of \$1,041.63. D. W. Bates offered the following:

Resolved, That the Managers of the Board of Missions be authorized to transfer by deed the Church in Frederick city to the Jefferson Benevolent Society.

Adopted. Society adjourned.

J. M. BROWN, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

BALTIMORE, MD., March 22, 1886.

The Board of Managers report to the Missionary Society of the Maryland Conference with a profound sense of the loss sustained by the missionary interests of the Church, the decease of Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer, Chairman of the Board. Mr. Jarrett N. Gilbert was elected to fill the vacancy.

The following items of business were transacted during the year:

1. The sale of the Hull-Street Mission property was effected, and the net proceeds, \$38.00, deposited to the credit of H. M. Society in the Maryland Savings' Bank.

2. The sum of \$1,000 was paid over to Rev. T. D. Valiant upon a mortgage on the church and parsonage property in Belair, Md.

3. Memorial Chapel was sold to the Presbyterian Mission for \$900. This amount, less expenses, was paid over to Mr. W. H. Silk to be appropriated toward the liquidation of the mortgage debt on Broadway Church.

4. On the 25th of January, 1886, the request of First M. P. Church, Wilmington, Del., that the Missionary Society surrender its deed to the property of said church, in order that, under the laws of the State, a loan might be effected on a mortgage to pay debt for repairs, was granted. A written guaranty was required and given that the interests of the Missionary Society should not suffer detriment in the event of foreclosure.

W. S. HAMMOND, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO WHOM WAS REFERRED THE CLAIM OF THE BOOK DIRECTORY.

1. The committee find that the claim of *five hundred and six dollars* on account of plate of Missionary Society certificate does not lie against the Missionary Society.

2. That monies received from bequests and invested by the Missionary Society cannot legally be used for any purpose except the support of its missionaries.

A. W. MATHER, *Chairman.*

MANUAL.

RULES OF ORDER FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE.

1. Pastors shall send to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the certificate of election of the delegate or delegates to the Annual Conference immediately after the election of the same.

2. The Secretary shall make a list of the delegates so certified, omitting all contested cases; and this list, together with the list of the ministerial members, shall constitute the roll of Conference upon which the Conference shall organize.

3. Immediately after the reading of this roll, the President shall appoint a Committee on Credentials, consisting of three laymen and two ministers, to whom the Secretary shall hand all certificates, and who shall also consider and report upon all contested cases.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

RULE I.

Duties of the President.

1. To take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

2. Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.

3. Not allow improper personalities, nor reflections upon any religious communities.

4. Announce each person rising to speak, so soon as he shall have addressed the chair, by declaring him "The minister from —," or, "The delegate from —."

5. State a question sitting, but stand when the question is put and taken; also, when he states a point of order; and also, when he makes any formal communication to the Conference.

6. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken, unless there be a tie; but he may vote in cases of ballot.

7. May call any member to the chair, when he wishes to participate in debate, or for other purposes; but such person shall not be entitled to the chair after an adjournment.

RULE II.

Duties of Secretary.

1. To perform such duties as are usually required of the Secretary of a deliberative body. And also,

2. Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference, and be accountable for them.

3. Be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.
4. Keep an accurate list of the members of the Conference.
5. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of Conference.
6. Keep a list of business, on which he shall record all business brought before the Conference, and in the order of its presentation.
7. Keep a list of committees, on which he shall record, *First*, The standing committees, in the order of their arrangement in these rules; and *Second*, All other committees that may be appointed, and in the order of their appointment.
8. Keep a correct list of the Circuits and Stations, to be used as occasion may require.
9. Be the Committee on Publication of the Minutes.
10. Supply the pastors with blanks.

COMMITTEES.

RULE III.

All committees shall be appointed by the President, except otherwise directed in the Book of Discipline, or by special vote of the Conference.

RULE IV.

Standing Committees.

1. On Unfinished Business, 1 Minister, 2 Laymen.
2. Finance, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
3. Itinerancy and Orders, the Faculty of Instruction.
4. Boundaries, 7 Laymen.
5. Publication of Minutes, the Secretary.
6. Pulpit Services, 3 Ministers.
7. Home Missions, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
8. Superannuates, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
9. Literature, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
10. Sabbath Schools, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
11. Temperance, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
12. Benevolent Agencies, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
13. Fraternal Relations, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
14. Official Character, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
15. Statistics, 1 Minister, 1 Layman.
16. Obituaries, 3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.
17. Education, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
18. Foreign Missions, 3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
19. President's Report.
20. Sabbath Observance.

RULE V.

Any person being a member of two committees, shall have the right to decline an appointment to another.

MOTIONS.

RULE VI.

Every motion shall be written, signed, and read aloud by the mover, handed to the chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before any order can be taken upon it by the Conference: except motions for amendment, to lie on the table, the previous question, or to adjourn.

RULE VII.

Any motion may be divided, if the sense will admit of the proposed division.

RULE VIII.

No proposition to amend, that amounts to a substitute, shall be entertained.

RULE IX.

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to commit or to amend: which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand in this rule; the *first three* to be taken without debate; and the *first* always in order.

RULE X.

The question under discussion shall be put whenever a call for it is made by five brethren, and sustained by a majority of the Conference.

RULE XI.

When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select committee, and to a standing committee, the question on reference to the standing committee shall be first put.

RULE XII.

No motion to commit, or to lie on the table, being decided, shall be again allowed on the same day, and at the same stage of the proposition.

RULE XIII.

No motion, after it is seconded, shall be withdrawn without leave.

RULE XIV.

No amendment shall be in order, farther than an amendment to the amendment.

RULE XV.

In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put.

DECORUM.

RULE XVI.

When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall rise and address the chair, "Brother President," and then pause until he is announced to the Conference; after which he may proceed, addressing the chair, and restricting his remarks to the subject before the Conference.

RULE XVII.

If two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall determine which of them is entitled to the floor.

RULE XVIII.

No interruption shall be allowed, while a member is addressing the chair, except a call to order by the President or by a member.

RULE XIX.

When a member is called to order, he shall take his seat immediately, and be silent, until the President or member who made the call shall state the rule of order supposed to be infringed; after which the member called to order shall have the right to explain, and the President shall decide.

RULE XX.

In deciding a question of order, the President shall restrict himself to the rules of order, and any member declared to be out of order by the President, may, if he obtain a second, appeal to the Conference, but the question on such appeal shall be taken without debate. If the Conference sustain the chair, the member shall be allowed to proceed only in order.

RULE XXI.

No member shall speak oftener than twice to the same question, without special leave of Conference; nor longer than fifteen minutes at any one time, unless by the same special permission.

RULE XXII.

No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in a previous speech, except in regular debate, unless the member replying thereto request it, or unless another member requires it; but any member so called upon to explain, shall have the right to decline any explanation.

RULE XXIII.

Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of the subject under consideration.

RULE XXIV.

Every member shall be in attendance upon the first day's session, unless unavoidably detained.

RULE XXV.

After the affirmative of a question has been put, any member who has not spoken before to the question may rise and speak before the negative be put.

RULE XXVI.

A member may change his vote at any time before the Chair announces the decision of the question.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

RULE XXVII.

At nine o'clock A. M., on the day to which the Conference adjourned from the last annual session, the President shall open the Conference by reading a portion of the Word of God, singing and prayer.

RULE XXVIII.

The examination of official character shall be next in order, and in the following manner:

1. Examination of the President. The President shall call another minister to the chair and read his annual report. The Chairman shall then address the Conference thus: "Brethren, you have heard the report of the President; shall his character pass?" In case of any charge against the official character of the President, it shall be handed to the Standing District Committee, and the chairman of that committee shall answer the question, "Shall his character pass?"

2. Examination of other ministers. The roll shall then be called, including the Dead Roll, and as the names of the ministers are called, they shall deposit their reports, and the collections prescribed by the Conference, each in a sealed envelope, upon which shall be marked the amount, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor, and the name of the charge, in the box of the Conference Steward. The reports, and all charges against official character, shall be handed to the Committee on Official Character. Pastors whose official reports are defective in any point shall be summoned before the committee to explain, and only those cases in which explanations may be unsatisfactory to the committee shall be reported to the Conference; and the characters of all ministers whose names are not reported shall be considered passed. In the event of the death of any member of this Conference, the President shall appoint some member to formally announce the fact to the Conference, and such announcement shall be made when the name of the deceased is reached in the calling of the Conference Roll; and 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 shall be named for memorial services for the deceased.

RULE XXIX.

At eleven o'clock the President, or his substitute, shall preach an appropriate discourse, and in the evening the Lord's Supper shall be administered.

RULE XXX.

1. The President for the ensuing year shall be elected, by ballot, on the first day of the session, at two and a-half o'clock, P. M.

The Secretary shall be elected immediately after the election of President; and the Stewards, viz.: The Conference Steward, the Home Missionary Steward, the Superannuated Fund Steward, and the Home and Foreign Missionary Steward, immediately after the election of the Secretary.

RULE XXXI.

The Standing District Committee shall be elected by ballot, immediately after the election of the Stewards. This Committee consists of three elders, one of whom must be unstationed, and three laymen.

RULE XXXII.

The Committee of Appeals shall be elected by ballot, immediately after the election of the Standing District Committee—three ministers, two laymen.

RULE XXXIII.

In balloting, blanks shall be rejected and not reported by the tellers.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DIURNAL SESSIONS.

RULE XXXIV.

The Conference shall be opened each day by reading the Scriptures, singing a hymn, and prayer. The last half hour of each morning session shall be spent in devotional exercises.

RULE XXXV.

The reading of the minutes of the preceding day for correction shall be first in order.

RULE XXXVI.

The business next in order shall be the Reports of Committees, called for in the order in which they stand on the List of Committees. They shall not report at any other time without special leave.

RULE XXXVII.

The names of the several Circuits and Stations shall then be called, in the order in which they stand on the List of Circuits and Stations, for any business to be laid before the Conference; when the Delegate from the Circuit or Station called may present any business, and it shall be recorded, without debate, on the List of Business.

RULE XXXVIII.

When any business is laid on the table, it may be made the order of the day for any other day of the session, and at a specific hour.

RULE XXXIX.

Unfinished business from the last annual session shall have precedence of all business except the order of the day.

RULE XL.

Ordinary business shall have precedence in the order in which it stands on the List of Business.

RULE XLI.

When any business is taken into consideration, it shall not be interrupted by any other business (except the order of the day), nor by adjournment.

RULES OF ADMINISTRATION.

Duties of the President.

1. The President shall appoint the speakers who shall address the Superannuated Fund and Missionary Societies at the ensuing Annual Conference;

and Friday and Monday evenings are set apart for the public meetings, the anniversaries to alternate in the order of their occurrence.

2. The Stationing Authority is vested in the President of the Conference.

3. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical reports for all charges unsupplied.

4. In the event of the death of any ministerial member, the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee from any number of the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

5. The President shall have a claim on the Missionary Collection for his deficiency on Missions.

6. The failure of the President to visit any charge does not vitiate his right to the amount assessed for his salary.

7. The President shall represent the interests of the Home Missionary Society, and shall press its claims in such manner and at such times as in his judgment may be necessary to secure the entire assessment.

DUTIES OF STEWARDS.

1. The Conference Steward, Home Missionary Steward, Superannuated Fund Steward and Home and Foreign Missionary Steward, shall constitute a Conference Board of Stewards, to whom the Secretary shall hand all reports and collections as received from pastors.

2. The Board of Stewards shall meet immediately after their election and open the envelopes containing the various collections, count the money enclosed, noting its agreement with the statement on the official report and on the envelope, and prepare a report of collections to the Conference. The money in hand shall then be passed to the persons designated by the Conference to receive it, and the reports to the Committee on Official Reports.

3. Other duties belonging to the several Stewards shall be performed and reported upon separately as now.

DUTIES OF PASTORS.

1. Every pastor is required to lift at each appointment of his charge a collection, which shall be known as the Conference Incidental Collection, the object of which is to defray Conference expenses, including the publication of the Minutes of the Conference, the Minutes to be furnished to the congregations contributing at the lowest possible rates.

2. It is the duty of pastors to examine and see that suitable deeds be had for all our churches, so as to secure them to the Methodist Protestant Church, and, wherever possible, have them incorporated.

3. Pastors are required to apportion the President's salary equitably among the several appointments, and use their utmost endeavors to collect the same before the annual visit of the President.

4. Pastors are required to see that the families belonging to their respective charges are duly supplied with the Catechism of our Church.

5. Pastors are instructed to ascertain of those received into the church whether they have been baptized, and, if not, to administer the ordinance of baptism without unnecessary delay.

6. Every pastor is required to do his utmost to collect the full amount of the assessments made upon his charge, whatever may be the difficulties that he may encounter.

7. It is the duty of the pastor to preside on the trial of an accused unstationed minister or preacher.

8. Pastors are required to report to the Annual Conference the amounts contributed to Foreign missions by the auxiliaries of Woman's F. M. Societies, and due credit shall be given in the Minutes.

SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY.

1st. Every minister, preacher and member in full communion and fellow-

ship, having attained the age of twenty-one years, shall be entitled to vote in all cases.

2d. All members in full communion and fellowship shall have the right to vote in the election of their class-leaders; and those who have attained the age of twenty-one years shall be "qualified members" for the purposes indicated in Section 3 of Article IV. of Constitution, and in divisions 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," found on pages 109 and 110 of Discipline.

3d. Every minister, preacher and lay male member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-five years, shall be eligible as a representative in the General Conference.

4th. Every male member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-one years, shall be eligible as a steward and as a trustee, and also as a delegate to the Annual Conference.

5th. No minister shall be eligible to the office of President of the Annual Conference until he shall have faithfully exercised the office of elder two years.

ADMINISTERING ORDINANCES.

No person, in virtue merely of a license to preach, or even election to orders, is empowered to administer, or assist in administering, the Christian ordinances.

UNSTATIONED MINISTERS.

The Conference will not recognize as a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church any man who does not bring credentials from some other orthodox denomination, or who has not received suitable testimonials of ministerial character from our own Church. In returning the list of ministers and preachers, pastors shall name no person who does not possess the foregoing qualification.

LOTTERIES.

The practice of raising funds for church purposes, by means of lotteries and other games of hazard, is disapproved by the Conference, and pastors are enjoined to discountenance their use.

MORTGAGING CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Conference disapproves of the practice of mortgaging church property for the purpose of paying pastor's salary, directly or indirectly.

OBITUARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the Committee, appointed in accordance with the rule of Conference, to prepare an obituary, without delay, containing a notice of the place and date of the birth of the brother, the date of his conversion, receiving license to preach, and his reception into the Conference, together with any other important facts connected with his history which their judgment may dictate, in addition to the particulars of his death, and said obituary shall at once be forwarded to THE METHODIST PROTESTANT for publication, and be reported to the ensuing session of Conference.

2. Every ministerial member of this Conference is hereby requested to make and keep by him a record of his nativity, and of all the prominent facts in his Christian and ministerial history.

MOTIONS TO FIX TIME AND PLACE.

All motions to fix time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.

MARRIAGES.

The Conference cannot encourage any of its members to expect support as married men until they shall have served at least four years in the itinerancy.

CAMP MEETINGS.

Camp-Meetings shall have the sanction of Conference and receive ministerial aid from it on the following conditions:

1. There shall be no traffic on the Lord's day on the camp-ground, or the adjacent territory protected by the laws of the State.

2. The managers or other officers of the camp meeting, shall not bargain for or receive any portion of the money paid to railroads, or the owner or owners of any conveyance or conveyances, as a consideration for conveying persons to the camp ground, or the vicinity thereof, on the Lord's day.

3. Faithful efforts shall be made by the official members of the church and all persons having authority at camp meetings, to maintain the due observance of the Lord's day.

4. No advertisement of the running of trains on the Lord's day shall be made by any of the persons referred to in the preceding paragraphs, nor shall anything be done by their authority or solicitation to contravene the foregoing regulations.

5. Quarterly Conferences, or associations recognized by this Conference, shall deliver to the President, at least four weeks before the time appointed for said meetings, a written pledge, duly attested, that the foregoing regulations shall be observed in good faith.

6. The President shall have no authority to assign ministers for service at camp-meetings, until he shall have received the written pledge as above described; nor shall any camp meeting held in contravention of these regulations be recognized as a camp-meeting of the Methodist Protestant Church.

MISSIONARY REGULATIONS.

1. Contributions for Home Missions shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Missionary Society, that he may disburse the funds to the missionaries according to their various claims.

2. Pastors are instructed to have the missionary collections in the hands of the Treasurer by the end of the second quarter of the Conference year.

3. The Committee on Missions shall ascertain what amount of funds may be regarded as available for missionary purposes the ensuing year.

4. Appropriations shall not exceed the amount which may reasonably be expected from collections and interest on legacies.

5. The Missionary Society of this Conference shall elect seven Trustees for each mission, who shall hold all the property on our mission fields in trust for said Society, and yearly thereafter select a new Board of Trustees as long as the mission relation is sustained. But whenever the mission shall become a circuit or station, the "qualified members," at a meeting regularly called for the purpose, shall have power to elect their own Trustees, to whom the Trustees, appointed by the Missionary Society, shall surrender the church property, together with the books, papers, or other valuables held by them as Trustees.

6. When any number of the members of any of our missions shall, through disaffection or from other causes, form themselves into classes, withhold themselves from the means of grace, or suffer themselves to be led by those who refuse to attend the official meetings of the church, or shall in any other way walk disorderly, on a charge being brought against such person or persons, the missionary shall see that the accused are tried according to Discipline, page 32. But should the class, of which the accused is a member, refuse or neglect to select two of their number to serve on the committee of trial, then the missionary shall fill the committee by having them selected from any other class in the mission, or from an adjoining station or

circuit, as he may think proper; and should the accused be found guilty, he, she or they shall be suspended or expelled, as the committee may direct. And should an entire class or society become refractory, the missionary shall be authorized to select them according to the provision on page 41 of the Discipline; *provided, however*, that the person convicted shall in this, and in all cases where the trial is by jury, have an appeal to the Quarterly Conference next ensuing, whose decision shall be final.

7. Missions shall hold Quarterly Conferences.

8. When a charge is preferred against any member of the church, the missionary shall see that the accused is tried in accordance with the regulations of the Discipline, page 32.

9. Any mission having a missionary shall be entitled to one delegate to the Annual Conference, provided the missionary have a seat, who shall be elected by the qualified members of the mission, at least two weeks preceding the session of the Annual Conference.

10. No member of the Methodist Protestant Church shall hold membership in a mission and station at the same time.

11. Until a class is formed in a mission, the missionary shall have authority to receive probationers into full membership.

12. The missionary in charge is invested with authority to receive or reject applications for membership, as he in his judgment may deem most conducive to the welfare of the mission.

13. When a mission becomes a circuit or station, the property must be so transferred to the trustees elected by the qualified members, as to secure it to the Methodist Protestant Church.

14. The Board of Managers of the Home Missionary Society is empowered to appoint or dismiss trustees in missions during the recess of Conference.

15. All qualified members shall be entitled to vote for stewards in missions.

16. The Society shall pay the travelling expenses of such members of the Board of Managers as do not reside in the city.

17. The Board of Managers has full power to act on all matters pertaining to the Missionary Society in the interim of Conference.

SUPERANNATED FUND REGULATIONS.

1. The Committee on Superannuated Claimants shall report to Conference all those names which, in its judgment, properly belong to the Superannuated list.

2. The committee, after ascertaining the amount needed, is authorized to assess the amount on the different charges on the basis of the President's salary.

3. The two interests, the collections for Superannuates and the interest on the Superannuated Fund, are blended, and the committee is instructed to act accordingly.

4. The Committee in making appropriations, shall be governed by the ascertained probable resources of the Conference; they shall discriminate according to the comparative claims of the several recipients, taking into consideration, 1. The time of service in the Conference; 2. The value of said service to the Conference; 3. The size of family; 4. The peculiarities of location, &c.; 5. Ability to contribute to self-support by business capacity or private income.

5. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund shall disburse all moneys coming from the Superannuated Fund Society.

6. When the Committee shall have completed its report it shall be read to the Conference twenty-four hours before final action thereon, during which time objections to the report must be filed before the Committee.

7. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund holds his office from the time of election until his successor is elected, and he is authorized to receive and distribute collections lifted for this fund at any time during the year.

8. The Steward shall make a semi-annual distribution of the funds coming

from the Superannuated Fund Society, provided the Treasurer of said society can make a payment in the interim of Conference.

9. Each pastor is requested to bring to the next session of the Annual Conference at least \$5.00, in addition to the regular superannuated collection, to assist any persons who may be placed on the superannuated list at that session.

10. The Corresponding Secretary of the Superannuated Fund Society shall furnish superannuated claimants with blanks containing the following questions, a neglect to answer which shall deprive the claimant of any portion in the distribution of said fund for the year :

1. What is your present place of residence? Post office address?
2. Do you desire a superannuated relation the ensuing year?
3. What is the number of your family? Ages of your children respectively?
4. In what business are you now engaged? How much does its product fall short of yielding you a necessary support? What is the amount of your private income from all sources?
5. What is the assessed value of the real estate owned by you?