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85	Smith, R. T.	Rowlandville,	Rowlandville, "
86	Smith, S. J.	Alexandria,	Alexandria, Va.
87	Southerland, S. B.	Superannuate.	"
88	Stone, W. H.	Felton,	Felton, Del.
89	Straughn, J. L.	Somerset,	Crisfield, Md.
90	Strayer, W. M.	Starr,	57 S. Poppleton St., Balto., Md.
91	Sullivan, J. G.	Superannuate.	"
92	Tagg, F. T.	Board of Missions,	1515 Lafayette Ave., " "
93	Thompson, C. M.	Harrington,	Harrington, Del.
94	Thompson, James,	Superannuate,	Westminster, Md.
95	Tredway, S. B.	St. James',	Hanesville, "
96	Trout, J. W.	N. C. Avenue,	226 9th St., S.E. Washington, DC.
97	Fruitt, B. P.	Chincoteague,	Chincoteague Island, Va.
98	Valiant, T. D.	Pipe Creek,	Uniontown, Md.
99	Vandyke, E. H.	St. Michael's,	St. Michael's, "
100	Walter, A. J.	Powellville,	Powellville, "
101	Ward, J. T.	W. T. Seminary,	Westminster, "
102	Warfield, E. A.	W. T. Seminary,	" "
103	Webster, A.	St. John's,	127 Laurens St., Balto., Md.
104	Weigand, J. A.	Milton,	Milton, Del.
105	White, W. W.	Heathsville,	Heathsville, Va.
106	Williamson, R. H.	Preston,	Grove, Md.
107	Wilson, David,	Chaplain U. S. A.	Fort Meade, Dakota T.
108	Wooden, J. F.	Frederick (A.)	New Market, Md.
109	Yingling, J. M.	Fawn Grove,	Fawn Grove, Pa.

DEAD ROLL.

"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. 28, 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. MADDEX. 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, 1808; 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;

1830, 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, 1814; 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; 1863, 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. 1838, 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, Lipery. 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, 1855; 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, Ty-

askin; 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, 1888. 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 Barren 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.

63. WILLIAM THOMAS DUMM. Born in Zanesville, Ohio, January 19, 1817; died at Johnsville, Md., July 19, 1886, and was buried at Union Bridge, Carroll county, Md., July 22, 1886. 1843-44, Deer Creek, Assis't; 1845, Williamsport; 1846, Potomac; 1847, Cumberland; 1848, Snow Hill; 1849, Queen Anne's; 1850, Kent, Assis't; 1851-2, Mount Zion; 1853-54, Deer Creek; 1855-56, New Market; 1857, Cecil; 1858-59, Carlisle; 1860-61, E. Washington; 1862-3, Salem, Philadelphia; 1864-65, Cum-

berland; 1866, Caroline; 1867, Salisbury; 1868-69, Finksburg; 1870-71, Frederick; 1872-74, Cecil; 1875-7, Howard; 1878, Stewartstown; 1878, Superannuated.

64. DAVID ANTHONY SHERMER, M. D. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 5th, 1824; died in Vienna, Md., Dec. 4th, 1886. 1844, Union, Assis't; 1845, Queen Anne's, Assis't; 1846, Lewes; 1847-49, Dorchester; 1850, Cambridge, Assis't; 1851-53, Howard; 1854-55, Brickmaker's; 1856-57, S. Baltimore; 1858-59, Queen Anne's; 1860-61, E. Baltimore; 1862-63, Jefferson; 1864-65, Liberty; 1866-67, Georgetown; 1868-70, Belair; 1871-74, Washington-St.; 1875-76, Broadway; 1877-79, Anne Arundel; 1880-81, Milton; 1882-84, Cecil; 1885-86, Dorchester.

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FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.

APRIL 6TH, 1887.

The Fifty-ninth Session of the Maryland Annual Conference was opened in the Methodist Protestant church at Easton, Md., April 6th, 1887, at 9 A. M.

President W. S. Hammond read 122d Psalm, 12th chapter of Romans, hymn 277, and offered prayer.

J. J. Murray was called to the chair. The President read his annual report (Report A), and his character passed. The roll of ministers and delegates was called, and the Dead Roll by David Wilson. Memorial services were held, and addresses delivered on W. T. Dumm, by S. B. Southerland, J. T. Ward, D. W. Bates, J. M. Yingling, J. L. Killgore, J. M. Sheridan, J. M. Brown and J. R. Nichols.

On motion of D. W. Bates, memorial services were suspended until the afternoon.

On motion of F. T. Little, the daily sessions were fixed as follows: Open at 9 A. M.; take recess from 12.30 to 2, and adjourn at pleasure.

The bar of the house was fixed at the outside edge of the third window.

Committee on Credentials was appointed (see Special Committees). The Standing Committees were announced, and a recess taken till 11 o'clock.

The Conference Sermon was preached by F. T. Tagg from I. Peter, 1 chap. and xxv. verse. (See Sermon, page —).

Conference resumed after recess.

Requests were read as follows, and referred to Committee on Fraternal Relations: From President of Virginia Conference, that Heathsville be supplied as formerly; from Quarterly Conference of St. John's Independent Methodist Church, asking for the return of J. J. Murray.

The request read from A. Webster, that his present relation be continued, was granted.

S. C. Ohrum was appointed Conference Postmaster.

The Secretary's report was read (Report B), and the financial statement referred to Committee on Finance.

The order of the day was suspended until 3 o'clock.

A letter from F. C. Klein was read and referred to Committee on Foreign Missions.

The President stated that he had received a letter from J. K. Nichols, expressing regret at not being able to attend the Conference, sending best wishes, and inclosing the published obituary of W. T. Dumm.

The memorial services of D. A. Shermer were held. W. M. Strayer, David Wilson, J. W. Charlton, J. E. Maloy, T. H. Bartlett, G. M. Senderling delivered addresses.

The published obituaries were accepted as the report of the Committee on Obituaries. (Report Y.)

The order of the day having arrived, Conference proceeded to the election of officers. W. S. Hammond was re-elected President on the first ballot. On motion, the Assistant Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for W. R. Graham for Secretary. J. W. Kirk was selected by the Secretary as his assistant. On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for the following Stewards: Conference, J. W. Trout; Home Missionary, J. S. Bowers; Superannuated Fund, T. O. Crouse; Home and Foreign Missions, S. R. Murray; Educational, G. Q. Bacchus.

The Conference then balloted for Standing District Committee.

Certain papers received by the President were referred, without reading, to a special committee, consisting of L. W. Bates, T. D. Valiant and J. L. Killgore.

L. W. Bates offered a resolution respecting the appointment of an agent to attend to the collection of the Home Missionary assessments. A motion was made to refer the resolution to the Committee on Missions. The discussion of this motion was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Communications received from Middleway, Potomac, Sussex and Hallsboro', were referred to Committee on Missions.

Conference adjourned with benediction by J. L. Killgore.

Approved—W. S. Hammond.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY.

APRIL 7TH, 1887.

Conference was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by J. L. Straughn.

Communications from Salisbury, Franklin City, Wilmington and Alexandria were referred to the Committee on Missions.

Committee on Unfinished Business reported that the Financial Plan, submitted last year, was for the consideration of the Conference. (Report C.)

On motion of W. J. Neepier, the Financial Plan was made the order of the day for half-past 2 o'clock.

Report of Credential Committee was adopted, with the amendment that the name of C. A. Benjamin be inserted in the list. (Report D.)

The changing of the name of Ninth-Street was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Invitations for the next session of Conference were received from Broadway and Hampden. On motion, these requests were submitted to a special committee of five, two ministers and three laymen. (Special Committee.)

The letter from the Quarterly Conference of Heathsville was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

The report of the Presidential Parsonage Agent was referred to Committee on Finance, and a resolution introduced by J. M. Yingling, respecting the entertainment of Conference, to the Committee on Conference Entertainment.

The tellers appointed to take the votes for Standing District Committee reported that J. D. Kinzer, L. W. Bates, Wm. Dale, C. W. Button, W. G. Baker, W. B. Usilton were elected.

The President appointed J. J. Murray, S. A. Hoblitzell, N. T. Meginniss, Gaven Spence, John Dodd as Conference Entertainment Committee.

The report of the Maryland Educational Endowment Society was read and referred to Committee on Education. (Report E.)

The order of the day having arrived, the Conference proceeded to the discussion of the motion to refer the resolution for the appointment of a Home Missionary Agent to the Committee on Missions. The motion was lost, and the resolution was laid on the table.

J. J. Murray, at his own request, was released from the Committee on Education.

The changing of Cambridge to a Mission was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Conference gave place to a meeting of the Home Missionary Society.

On resuming business, a resolution, introduced by S. B. Tredway, that the Conference Sermon preached by F. T. Tagg be inserted in the minutes, was adopted. (Resolution 1.)

The Financial Committee's report on the financial statement of the Secretary was adopted. (Report W.)

The President of Western Maryland College read his annual report. It was referred to the Committee on Education. (Report E.)

The report of the Committee on Vacant Churches was referred to Committee on Boundaries.

On motion, the Conference accepted the invitation of the President of Western Maryland College to attend the Piano Recital at Music Hall, at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and decided to go in a body.

A meeting of the Superannuated Fund Society was then held.

The following ministers were introduced to the Conference: W. W. Wilson, A. P. Prettyman, of the M. E. Church; B. S. Highly, J. C. Thrasher, B. W. Waters, of the M. E. Church South; and J. B. Walker, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education.

J. D. Kinzer, J. T. Murray, D. L. Greenfield, C. W. Button, J. R. Caton were elected as the Committee on Appeals.

On motion, J. B. Walker was heard on the subject of Ministerial Education.

The hour of recess having arrived, J. W. Charlton pronounced the benediction.

Conference reassembled after recess, and, reconsidering the time for recess, fixed it from 12.30 to 2.30.

N. T. Meginniss was excused from attendance upon the session of the Conference to-morrow.

The order of the day was laid over one hour.

On motion of J. L. Mills, 10 o'clock to-morrow was fixed as the hour to hear some representative from the Ministerial Mutual Relief Society.

A motion was made, that the first Wednesday in April, 1888, be the time for the holding of the next session of Conference. Laid over, by rule, twenty-four hours.

J. J. Murray introduced a resolution respecting Plan of Presidential Visitation. The first blank in the resolution was amended by inserting "seven;" the second blank, "this." The paper as amended was adopted. (Resolution 2.)

A communication from Franklin City was referred, first to Committee on Missions, then to Committee on Boundaries.

The order of the day having arrived, the Financial Plan was considered. On motion, it was laid on the table.

The report of the Committee on President's Report was read. Item 1 was amended, on motion of J. R. Caton, by the addition, "and especially the stipulations and conditions of the deed and the trusts upon which the property is held." Report as amended was adopted. (Report F.)

The report of the Committee on Pulpit Services was adopted.

A letter was read from J. Clay, requesting that his present relation be continued. A motion that his request be granted was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock to-morrow.

A paper, submitted by W. W. White, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

L. W. Bates, T. D. Valiant, J. B. Jones, C. W. Button, N. T. Meginniss, J. H. Elliott, E. J. Hill were appointed the Committee on Plan of Presidential Visitation.

Conference adjourned, with benediction by J. S. Bowers.

EVENING.

A meeting was held in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions. Addresses were delivered by S. J. Smith and F. T. Tagg.

Approved—W. S. Hammond.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY.

APRIL 8TH, 1887.

Religious services were conducted by F. H. Mullineaux.

Committee on Conference Entertainment reported. On motion, the report was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock.

Alfred Smith, of the M. E. Church, was introduced to the Conference.

The request of R. W. Berryman, that his relation of Supernumerary be continued, was granted. W. G. Holmes' request referred to Committee on Superannuates.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance was adopted. (Report G.)

Report of Committee on Boundaries was submitted, and taken up by items. Items 1, 2, 3, 4 were adopted. Item 5 was referred to Committee on Missions, and report as a whole adopted. (Report H.)

A resolution of C. S. Arnett, that the case of the widow of D. A. Shermer be referred to Committee on Superannuated Claimants, was adopted. (Resolution 3.)

The report of the Faculty of Instruction was read, and considered by items. (Report I.) The case of Alfred Slaughter, in item 1, was recommitted. A motion was made to recommit the name of Frank S. Cain. Pending the consideration of this motion, Conference took recess.

Conference reassembled after recess, and the motion to recommit the name of Frank S. Cain was lost. The report was then adopted, first by items, then as a whole.

The motion that J. Clay's request be granted was laid on the table, and his name was transferred to the Unstationed List.

The report of the Committee on Conference Entertainment was considered, and, on motion, it was laid on the table.

Communications were received, and disposed of, as follows: From Editor of the S. S. Literature, referred to Sunday-School Committee; from Porter's Grove Church, to Committee on Boundaries; from Fraternal Messenger of the New York Conference, to Committee on Fraternal Relations.

J. R. Caton's resolution, that the next session of Conference be held in Broadway church, Baltimore, was adopted (Resolution 4), and, on motion, the Conference decided to meet first Wednesday in April, 1888.

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

Approved—W. S. Hammond.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY.

APRIL 9TH, 1887.

Religious services were conducted by J. E. Nicholson.

The paper on President's Salary was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of J. W. Charlton, 11 o'clock was made the time for the consideration of the subject of Ministerial Support.

S. B. Tredway moved that the latter half of Rule 34 be stricken out.

D. F. Ewell offered an amendment that the Conference meet at 8½ o'clock A. M., and spend first half hour in religious services.

J. T. Murray moved to amend by striking out "morning," in Rule 34, and inserting "daily." S. B. Tredway accepted this amendment.

On motion of J. J. Murray, the whole matter was laid on the table, and it was left to the President to appoint the time for religious services. He appointed, as the time for to-day, from 12 to 12.30.

E. J. Drinkhouse submitted a paper, from the Maryland Educational Endowment Society, respecting the construction of a new building at the College.

T. H. Lewis and Dr. J. W. Hering were heard on the subject of the new building, and paper adopted. (Resolution 5.)

Reports from the Committees on Boundaries; on Fraternal Relations (Report J); on Presidential Visitation (Report K); on certain papers received by the President (Report L), were submitted and adopted.

J. G. Sullivan was referred to Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

J. T. Murray's resolution, that the Mutual Relief Association be requested to remove the Age Limit, was adopted. (Resolution 6.)

Some remarks on the subject of ministerial support were made by W. S. Hammond, J. R. Caton, N. T. Meginniss and J. G. Henvis.

The time of the session was extended half an hour.

A report from the Faculty of Instruction was read and taken up by items.

Item 1, recommending the ordination of F. T. Benson, B. W. Kindley and C. R. Blades, on the condition that they pledge themselves to complete the course of study, was considered. F. T.

Benson, B. W. Kindley gave the pledge and were passed to ordination. C. R. Blades was not present.

Items 2 and 3 were adopted.

On motion of C. A. Benjamin, it was decided that when we adjourn at 1 o'clock we meet on Monday at 9 A. M.

D. L. Green introduced a resolution respecting the speeches on Ministerial Support.

On motion, the President appointed a special committee of five laymen, consisting of B. F. H. Caulk, W. C. Coulbourn, G. T. Hering, J. F. Wheatley, T. H. Wright, to submit a financial plan to the Conference. The resolution of D. L. Green was referred to this committee.

J. R. Caton's resolution, that a committee be appointed to submit a plan for a Church Extension Society, was adopted. (Resolution 7.)

Report of Committee on Sunday-Schools was submitted and read.

Item 6 of the report was, on motion, stricken out, and the report as a whole adopted. (Report M.)

Report of Committee on Official Character was read. On motion of W. R. Graham, the last item was stricken out, and the report adopted. (Report N.)

Conference adjourned, with benediction by W. M. Strayer.

SABBATH.

The morning sermon was preached by S. B. Southerland, after which C. H. Day, F. T. Benson and B. W. Kindley were ordained to the order of Elder. T. E. Coulbourn preached the evening sermon.

Approved—W. S. Hammond.

FIFTH DAY—MONDAY.

APRIL 11TH, 1887.

S. B. Tredway conducted religious services.

The report of the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary was read, and referred to Committee on Education. (Report E.)

A letter was received, and read, from E. R. Washington.

H. G. Cowan's resolution, in reference to the Home Missionary collection, was referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

On motion, J. H. Maynard was left without an appointment at his own request.

The Board of Stewards reported the incompleteness of many of the official reports, and, on motion, those whose reports were incomplete were requested to assist the Stewards in their work.

A resolution introduced by J. J. Murray, respecting the expenses of the Representatives to the next General Conference, was amended by striking out "requested" and insert "authorized;" and also by striking out all after "said amount." Adopted. (Resolution 8.)

3 P. M. was fixed as the time to hear Francis Brown.

The resolution of L. W. Bates, amending Rule 9, Rules of Order, was adopted. (Resolution 9.)

E. J. Drinkhouse introduced a resolution, recommending a change of place for the holding of the next session of the General Conference. Adopted. (Resolution 10.)

The report of the Committee on Superannuated Claimants was submitted, and laid over 24 hours by rule. (Report O.)

C. R. Blades gave the pledge to complete the course of study, and was passed to ordination.

The vote, referring the assessment for the expenses of the Representatives to the next General Conference to the Committee on Finance, was reconsidered, and, on motion of D. W. Bates, it was referred to a special committee of five, viz.: J. J. Murray, J. E. T. Ewell, D. L. Greenfield, W. J. C. Dulany and J. H. Elliott.

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

T. H. Myers, of the Maryland Bible Society, addressed the Conference.

B. P. Truitt and Riley S. Williams were addressed by the President on their reception into the Itinerancy.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read.

On motion of W. M. Strayer, item 3 was amended by inserting "and" before "sale," and eliminating "and use" after "sale."

T. H. Lewis offered an amendment to insert after "drinks" in item 2, "to suffer property, owned or controlled by them, to be used for such purposes." Adopted.

The report, as amended, was then adopted. (Report Q.)

S. R. Murray introduced a resolution that the words, "For Japan

Home, etc.," be stricken from the official blanks, and the pastors insert in the column of the financial blank all monies raised for Foreign Missionary purposes.

On motion of J. T. Murray, the paper was referred to the Secretary of the Conference and the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions.

H. C. Cushing requested a supernumerary relation to the Conference for this year. Request granted. The question was reconsidered, and, on motion of J. J. Murray, he was placed on the superannuated list.

Religious services were held, and benediction pronounced by S. B. Southerland.

Conference proceeded with business at 2.30 P. M.

The Committee on Home Missions submitted a partial report. A motion was made to adopt it. D. F. Ewell moved to amend, "We recommend that not more than \$3,000 be assessed upon the charges."

The consideration of this question was suspended to hear Francis Brown of Charleston. At the close of his remarks, J. L. Killgore's resolution, relative to the presence of Francis Brown, was adopted. (Resolution 11.) A collection was taken up to assist the church at Charleston, and turned over to Francis Brown.

Wm. Hurlock was excused from further attendance upon the sessions of the Conference.

On motion, the Conference decided, when it adjourned, to meet at 7.30 P. M.

The Home Missionary report was again considered.

J. T. Murray moved that the matter be recommitted. Lost.

The amendment of J. L. Mills, that not more than \$3,500 be assessed upon the charges, was adopted.

The paper, as amended, was then adopted. (Report R.)

Conference adjourned, with benediction by the President.

Conference met at 7.30 P. M.

Report of the special Committee on Financial Plan was read.

The motion of J. J. Murray, to strike out "how much the pastor's salary is," was lost.

F. T. Little's amendments—to strike out "many," and insert "some," and strike out the part relative to the preparation of the envelopes by the Secretary of the Conference, and insert, "Each charge shall provide envelopes and cards"—were adopted.

On motion of J. W. Charlton, the report was laid on the table. The report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted. (Report E.)

The request of David Wilson, that his present relation be continued, was granted.

On motion, P. T. Hall and J. B. Butler were transferred to the unstationed list.

E. J. Drinkhouse introduced a resolution respecting the Maryland Tract Society. Adopted. (Resolution 12.)

Conference adjourned, with benediction by D. W. Bates.

Approved—W. S. Hammond.

SIXTH DAY—TUESDAY.

APRIL 12TH, 1887.

Religious services were conducted by J. E. Maloy.

W. R. Mowbray, of the M. E. Church, was introduced to the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Benevolent Agencies was read and adopted. (Report S.)

The report of the Committee on Statistics was submitted.

J. J. Murray suggested that the pastors be requested to examine the report before it goes into the hand of the printer. The report was then adopted. (See Tables.)

The reports of the Home Missionary Steward (Report T), and the Committee on Foreign Missions (Report U), were read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Superannuated Claimants was read. On motion of J. E. Maloy, the appropriation to Mrs. D. A. Shermer was changed from \$150 to \$200. The report, as amended, was adopted. (Report O.)

On motion, the Conference requested the President to read the Appointments at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

\$30 were collected for the Sexton.

An additional report of the Faculty of Instruction was submitted and read, and adopted by items.

L. R. Dyott pledged himself, if ordained, to complete the course

of study. The report was adopted as a whole, provided Elmer Simpson give the usual pledge.

The final report of the Committee on Home Missions was adopted as a whole. (Report Q.)

The benediction was pronounced by J. T. Murray.

Conference was called to order, after recess, by H. C. Cushing.

The report of the Superannuated Fund Steward was submitted and adopted. (Report V.)

The Conference gave place to a meeting of the Home Missionary Society.

On resuming business, the report of the Committee on Finance was submitted and adopted. (Report W.)

Elmer Simpson gave the pledge to continue the course of study, if ordained.

Resolutions of thanks were adopted. (Resolutions 13.)

The report of the Home and Foreign Missionary Steward was read and adopted. (See Tables.)

J. W. Charlton's resolution, requesting J. R. Nichols, in view of his Fiftieth year of active service in the Conference, to preach a Semi-Centennial Sermon at the next session of the Conference, was adopted. On motion, D. F. Ewell was appointed alternate. (Resolution 14.)

J. D. Kinzer and W. M. Strayer were appointed the Committee to supply Home Missionary envelopes. F. T. Tagg, D. L. Greenfield, F. T. Little the Committee to Formulate a Plan for the Endowment of Western Maryland College.

The Conference, on motion, took a recess until 7.30 o'clock.

Conference resumed, after recess, with J. J. Murray in the chair.

On motion, the Board of Stewards was given permission to complete its report after adjournment.

On motion, the Conference decided that ordination services would be held in West Baltimore church next Sabbath night.

On motion of J. S. Bowers, the Conference Steward was given the privilege of selecting his assistant.

The President read the Plan of Appointments (Report X), and at 8 P. M. the Conference adjourned to meet in Broadway church, Baltimore, Md., the first Wednesday in April, 1888.

Approved—W. S. Hammond.

W. R. GRAHAM,
Secretary.

REPORTS.

A.—See page 17.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN: "Grace to you, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." We are here to express our gratitude for the blessings conferred, to rejoice in the successes achieved, and to adopt methods by which we hope to secure greater results in the future.

Before considering the subjects to which your attention will be directed, we must linger a moment at the graves of those whose presence we enjoyed at our last session, but who are not with us to-day. The Master called them, and they are with Him. We shall miss William T. Dumm and David A. Shermer, but we will meet them again. Suitable tributes to their memory have been prepared, and memorial services will be held. The wife of Rev. C. H. Littleton, after long and patient suffering, peacefully closed her earthly life on the 6th of June.

By order of Conference, Revs. B. F. Jester, S. C. Ohrum, J. W. Norris, E. A. Warfield and J. W. Kirk were ordained at Broadway Church, Baltimore, on the 14th of April. Revs. D. W. Bates, R. S. Norris, W. M. Strayer and F. T. Tagg assisted in the services.

FRATERNAL MESSENGERS.

Our fraternal greetings to West Virginia Conference reached that body through Revs. J. T. Lassell and F. T. Tagg, who acceptably performed the duty assigned them.

CHANGES.

For satisfactory reasons, Rev. W. F. Roberts was released from Ellicott City before entering upon the duties of his pastorate. On the 22d of August he formally withdrew from the Methodist Protestant Church. In the same month Rev. E. A. Warfield was released from Deer Park, that he might devote himself wholly to the work to which he had been called by the Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary. On the 17th of September B. P. Truitt was appointed to the vacant charge. To relieve Rev. J. L. Elderdice, as far as possible, from the embarrassments consequent upon long continued affliction in his family, Rev. W. M. Poisal was appointed associate pastor at St. Michael's on the 27th of October. Dr. Elderdice was released from the charge on the 10th of December. Ellicott City has been receiving such service as Rev. C. H. Littleton has been able to render. The death of Dr. Shermer created a vacancy not easily filled. In January T. H. H. Gardner consented to occupy the pulpits of the charge during the remainder of the Conference year.

INCREASE.

Official reports, though not complete, furnish the gratifying information that 3,275 persons have been received into our fellowship during the year. This is not the net gain.

The money expended, or now in hand, for material improvements, or the payment of church debts is as follows: Accomac, \$1,500; Alexandria, \$175; Anne Arundel, \$100; Baltimore, \$225; Belair, \$80; Broadway, \$1,400; Cambridge, \$400; Campbell, \$700; Cecil, \$756; Chesapeake, \$1,300; Chestertown, \$3,153; Clayton, \$200; Concord, \$130; Crisfield, \$900; Crumpton, \$44; Deer Creek, \$1,022; Deer Park, \$150; East Baltimore, \$1,158; Easton, \$1,600; Eutaw, \$360; Fawn Grove, \$641; Felton, \$15; Finksburg, \$737; First Church, \$200; Franklin City, \$336; Frederick, \$300; Georgetown, \$149; Hampden, \$200; Harper's Ferry, \$80; Howard, \$1,200; Harrington, \$150; Jefferson, \$900; Kennedyville, \$90; Kent Island, \$79; Leipsic, \$110; Liberty, \$245; Lisbon, \$312; Lynchburg, \$340; Middleway, \$150; Milton, \$150; Mt. Tabor, \$500; Ninth Street, \$25; North Carolina Avenue, \$310; Newark, \$143; Oxford, \$125; Pipe Creek, \$140; Pittsville, \$150; Pocomoke, \$130; Pocomoke City, \$252; Potomac, \$38; Powellville, \$1,765; Preston, \$10; Quantico, \$2,160; Queen Anne's, \$155; Rowlandville, \$90; Salisbury, \$828; Seaford, \$200; Snow Hill, \$70; Somerset, \$325; South Baltimore, \$175; Starr, \$245; Stewartstown, \$3,725; Surry, \$125; Susquehanna, \$225; Sussex, \$800; Union, \$800; Warwick, \$357; Washington-Street, \$1,000; Wilmington, \$1,000; Charleston, \$230; Ellicott City, \$12; Williamsport, \$75; Chincoteague, \$500—total, \$38,465. New churches completed, or now being built, 13; parsonages bought, or in course of erection, 3.

It having been ascertained that some of the trustees of our churches have not been legally elected, the attention of pastors and charges is particularly directed to pages 109 and 110 of the Discipline.

A careful examination of all the deeds by which our church property is held should at once be made, and all irregularities should be promptly corrected.

As the District is not receiving full credit for all the money contributed for church purposes, it is suggested that the sum of \$1,385 be added to our financial statement, as the amount received from other sources.

Our Home Missionary work needs and should receive special attention. The deficiencies by which our missionaries have been put to great inconvenience and discomfort should not exist, and we should greatly increase our resources, that we may be able to enter and cultivate the inviting fields now open in many localities. Can we not devise a better plan than that upon which we have acted, and can we not excite an enthusiasm which will move our people to larger contributions to this object?

THE METHODIST PROTESTANT ought to have a much larger circulation in this District. Its absence from the homes of so many of our people is exceedingly mortifying, and cannot be excused. What can we do to show those who profess to love the Church the importance of sustaining an interest so essential to our success? Let us earnestly consider the subject; and not be content with mere resolutions, but determine to act.

The painful fact that many of our charges do not give their ministers an adequate support has been so frequently and earnestly presented, that it is difficult to add arguments to those already used. The subject is now introduced for the purpose of expressing the conviction that a better financial system would afford very great relief. If a meeting could be held on this subject, and an opportunity could be afforded to some of the lay members of this body, to explain the methods by which their churches are able to pay much more than formerly, and with much greater ease, an interest might be excited that would be of great service in other charges.

The amount now in hand from the sale of Clearspring Church, subject to your order, is \$62. If Williamsport Circuit should be supplied, this sum could be wisely used on the churches of that charge. The Committee on the Supervision of Vacant Churches should be continued.

For the very great kindness shown me by ministers and people wherever my duties have led me through the year, my most sincere thanks are due and are now most heartily tendered. May the God whom we love, and for whose cause we labor, abundantly bless you.

Sincerely yours,

W. S. HAMMOND.

B.—See page 18.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

I have performed the duties assigned, as Secretary, by the last session of our Conference, which have required much time and labor.

Twelve hundred copies of the minutes and two thousand extra copies of the Conference Sermon were printed and distributed soon after the adjournment of the Conference. More matter than usual was ordered printed with the minutes, making the volume larger than any previous year, except that published some years ago containing the Conference Historical Record.

The new Dead Roll, containing the Conference record of those who have gone to their reward; the change in the Statistical Tables, heretofore occupying twelve pages, making them now fill sixteen pages, added materially to the printer's work. This extra work, with the 2,000 extra copies of the sermon, increased proportionally the expense.

I received from the Conference Steward, \$199.56; sale of minutes, \$7.11. Amount received, \$206.67; expenditures, \$247.96. The Conference is, therefore, indebted to the Secretary, \$41.29.

An itemized financial statement and vouchers are herewith submitted.
Respectfully,
W. R. GRAHAM, Secretary.

SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Expenditures.		
For Printing Minutes.....		\$165.76
" " 2,000 Copies Conference Sermon....		45.73
" " 200 " Financial Plan.....		3.00
" Mailing Minutes and Sermon.....		18.27

For Mailing Pastors' Blanks and Envelopes.....	88	
" Postage on Minutes sold.....	1.78	
" Transportation on Conference Trunk.....	1.45	
" Freight on Minutes.....	25	
" Expressage on Package from ex-Secretary...	1.10	
" Ordination Bib'les, Elders' Credentials and Stationery.....	9.74	
		\$247.96
<i>Receipts.</i>		
From Conference Steward.....	\$199.56	
" Minutes sold.....	7.11	
		206.67
		\$41.29

C.—See page 19.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Your Committee on Unfinished Business, having carefully examined the minutes, find as unfinished business a paper offered by Rev. J. J. Murray proposing a Financial Plan, which will be found in full on page 24 of last minutes.

W. A. CROUSE, *Chairman.*

D.—See page 19.

CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that Wm. H. Morris, delegate from Wilmington, having resigned, the alternate, Stephen L. Steuart, take his place. Delegate from Pocomoke City charge, R. F. Maddox. We further recommend that the list of delegates on the Secretary's book stand as members of the Conference.

JESSE SHREEVE, *Chairman.*

E.—See pages 19, 20, 24, 27.

EDUCATION.

WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

The report of Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., President of this institution, herewith submitted, is one of the most gratifying that has ever been laid before the Maryland Annual Conference; and your committee feel that it is unnecessary for them to do more than emphasize the facts therein stated. With important additions to the property, and increased comforts secured to the students of the College, the debt has been reduced \$1,000 below what it was at any previous period, while a clear surplus of \$4,000, and a gratifying increase in the number of students in attendance during the past year, attest judicious management and afford the most pleasing augury of enlarged prosperity in the future. We have reason to thank God and take courage.

As a fitting tribute to the zeal, energy and good management of the new President, who has already demonstrated the fact that he is "the right man

in the right place," we heartily endorse the suggestion that, "a personal vote of confidence by the contribution of small amounts, to pay off the remaining indebtedness on Ward Hall," be cast by the individual members of the Conference.

We cannot conclude our report upon the condition and claims of Western Maryland College without commending it to the fostering care and liberal patronage of our people in all sections of the country, but more especially of those who live within the bounds of the Maryland District; and, believing the time has now fully come to begin an effort for endowment of the College, we therefore recommend the appointment of a committee to formulate a plan and begin the work.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN: Having been appointed by you to accept the Presidency of Western Maryland College for the year just closed, I submit a report of the year's work.

I cannot withhold my expressions of gratitude to God for the measure of success attending us in all our labors. I am able to say with some confidence that in every department we have prospered, and that every one connected with the College is filled with gratification and hope.

Ward Hall has been completed to double its former size at a cost of \$2,275.53, on which \$225.31 is still due. If the members of this Conference should feel moved to make a personal vote of confidence, by the contribution of small amounts, to pay off this indebtedness, I should feel very much encouraged. Ward Hall now furnishes us accommodations for 54 male boarding students with one complete floor fitted up for a gymnasium. The rooms in the Main Building for female students have been refurnished throughout in excellent style, giving greatly increased comfort and beauty to the rooms and assuring our girls of a home as pleasant as such a life can make it. The cost of this improvement was \$879.28. All paid.

The money expended for the two objects named above was raised by appeals to our Sunday-schools, in accordance with the resolution of the last Conference, and to individuals. The Maryland schools contributed \$691.06 (two or three schools yet to hear from).

Further improvements have been made during the year out of current funds, amounting to perhaps \$1,000. Many changes were made in the arrangement of recitation halls; two new pianos were bought; \$100 applied to the increase of the library; \$150 to fitting up a gymnasium; two ranges and a steam table added to the domestic department; a telephone, and various minor purchases intended to increase our comfort and efficiency.

Since assuming formal charge of the College, July 1st, 1886, I have applied to the payment of the debt, \$7,446.69. This amount has come into my hands from the following sources:

From the State, due for year closing June, 1886.....	\$2,390.00
" accounts due College, from patrons for same time.....	1,517.07
" donation on account.....	57.28
" earnings of year beginning September, 1886.....	3,482.34
	\$7,446.69

The total amount now due by the College is \$6,405. This amount would be decreased still further by about \$1,000 if all the assets reported to the Board of Trustees in June last should be realized. But as it stands, it is about \$1,000 less than the gross debt has ever been since the organization of the College.

During the present year we have enrolled 135 students, an increase of 20

over last year; 82 of these being boarding students, besides the students entered at the Seminary who are boarded at the College. As to the government of this body, the year has produced no serious case of disorder, and our relations have been most agreeable. We have endeavored to manage our income with economy and yet furnish the most generous return to our patrons. I have given myself unremittingly to the constant object of so managing the finances as to secure the utmost confidence of the Church and invite the liberality of our men of wealth, believing that showing ourselves capable of managing the little we have will best encourage our people to entrust us with more. The result of the year in this direction has been as follows:

Clear surplus for first term.....	\$1,970.78
“ “ “ second term.....	2,029.22

Making a total of \$4,000.00

up to March 15th, 1887, and not counting about \$400 uncollected from patrons. Some important changes have been made in our educational arrangements, but an account of them here would make this report too long, and may be found at length in the Catalogue.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS.

REPORT OF MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY.

BALTIMORE, April 4th, 1887.

To the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church:

BRETHREN: As required by our act of incorporation, we submit our annual report:

A balance due John Smith on last note of \$1,000, to cover indebtedness of Western Maryland College of \$246.57, with accrued interest of \$117.98, a total of \$364.55, has been cancelled by a loan of said amount from the College funds.

Our Secretary was instructed to appeal to the delinquents on the Walker Plan aggregating some \$2,500, and responses have been received from a few acknowledging their notes. One has been paid in the sum of \$109, which has been placed to our credit on account of said balance formerly due John Smith, leaving \$255.55 yet to be covered. The hope is expressed that enough will yet be realized out of the delinquent subscribers to the Walker Plan to meet this sum, thus freeing our Society of all claims upon it.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. DRINKHOUSE, Secretary.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee would earnestly recommend increased effort to augment the fund to be set apart for the instruction in whole, or in part, as circumstances may demand, of worthy candidates for the holy ministry in our Church, who may be unable, without pecuniary aid from this source, to prosecute those studies that would equip them for their solemn duties, and make them effective ministers of the Lord Jesus. Much has been accomplished in this direction already; but much more remains to be done.

The Board of Ministerial Education, through the contributions furnished by the Church, has been instrumental in furnishing more than eighty ministers for our work, and are aiding nineteen candidates this year. The total receipts of the Board last year aggregated \$2,393.67. The permanent fund for this object is \$4,800. The amount due the Board at this time for advances made to beneficiaries is \$9,150—of which \$1,175 is in bonds bearing interest, and \$7,974 due in instalments of 10 per cent. on salaries received by those who are now in the ministry.

Your Committee would recommend that the usual assessments for this object be made upon the churches, and would be gratified if the amount could be increased, if practicable, for a purpose fraught with such momentous interests to the Church as that of sending laborers into the great harvest fields of the world.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Your Committee feel that congratulations are due the Conference respecting the condition of the Seminary, as presented in the subjoined report of the Board of Governors:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE M. P. CHURCH, TO THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE, APRIL, 1887.

Students.

The fifth year of the Seminary began Sept. 7th, 1886, with two students in the Senior Class, four in the Junior, and seven in the Introductory. At the close of the first term, one member of the Junior Class was dismissed to take charge of an appointment by request of the President of the Maryland Annual Conference, and one of the Introductory Class left informally. During the second term, however, there was an addition of one student to the Senior Class (for the English course only) and two to the Introductory Class; so that the whole number of students for the year will stand as follows: Seniors, 3; Juniors, 4; Introductorians, 9—total, 16, besides two of the students of Western Maryland College who room in the Seminary, contemplating a theological course when through with their studies at the College. As there is only room for 20 persons in the Seminary, and as one of the rooms is occupied by Prof. Warfield, it will be seen that had all the students been present during the whole year the Seminary would have been filled.

Finances.

Balance in hand July 1st, 1886.....	\$	48.26
Received since:		
From students for books.....		131.00
“ “ board and tuition.....		517.00
“ Board of Ministerial Education.....		495.00
“ Collections, Maryland Conference.....	\$262.52	
“ “ North Carolina “.....	77.80	
“ “ New Jersey “.....	53.73	
“ “ West Virginia “.....	31.39	
“ “ Virginia “.....	5.50	
“ “ Maryland Conference (Seminary debt).....		430.94
“ “ “.....		38.00
“ “ “.....		70.00
“ Donations.....		
		\$1,730.20
Expenditures:		
Paid on account of salaries.....	\$662.50	
“ “ current expenses.....	971.16	
		\$1,633.66
Leaving balance in hand, April 1st, 1887.....	\$	96.54
Yet to be received from Board of Ministerial Education.....		280.00
Additional “ “ collections.....		540.55
“ “ for Seminary debt.....		178.30
		\$1,095.39

Enough, we trust, to enable us to pay off the balance due on the Seminary debt, on salaries and current expenses.

As it is not likely that the collections from sister Conferences for next year will exceed those of this year, it will be necessary for the Maryland Conference to make the assessments for next year at least equal to those of this year, both for the support of the Seminary and for the Board of Ministerial Education, which has aided eight of the Seminary students this year, and will doubtless be called upon to aid at least that number next year.

It has been a matter of earnest consideration with the Board whether the Seminary charges for board and tuition ought to be continued at the present low rate or not; and it may be determined to increase them for the next year. Even in this case, however, the aid of the Conference to the institution will be needed to the same extent that it has hitherto been given, until the number of students can be increased, which of course involves the necessity of more building.

It is the wish of the Board that Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., and Rev. E. A. Warfield, A. M., B. D., continue in their present relation to the Seminary for the ensuing year, and that the Conference so recognize them in the list of appointments.

All of which is respectfully submitted by your committee,
B. F. BENSON, *Chairman*.

F.—See page 21.

ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

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

1. In accordance with the suggestion of the President, we would recommend that each pastor and delegate now in attendance, in conjunction with another layman, to be elected by each Quarterly Conference, constitute a committee to make thorough examination of the title deeds of all the church property in their respective charges, and report thereon at the next Annual Conference, and especially the stipulations and conditions of the deed and the trusts upon which the property is held.
2. We recommend that the Financial Steward be directed to add, at the end of his report, the amount of \$1,385, as "received from other sources."
3. We recommend that that item of the report directing attention to the needs of our Home Missionary work be referred to the Committee on Home Missions.
4. That the item in reference to THE METHODIST PROTESTANT be referred to the Committee on Literature.
5. That the Conference, in accordance with the suggestion of the President, set apart an hour for the consideration of the subject of Ministerial Support.
6. We recommend that the money in the hands of the President, from the sale of Clearspring Church, be used by him at his discretion, in accordance with the provisions of the Discipline in such cases.
7. We recommend that the Committee on Vacant Churches be continued.

J. W. CHARLTON, *Chairman*.

G.—See page 22.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance submit the following report:

The Christian Church and Ministry cannot be blind in the presence of the alarming fact that, as the years go by, efforts—bold, aggressive and defiant—are made by the enemies of the Christian Sabbath to destroy its sanctity and abolish its observance. It is equally true that, in such a presence, the Church, in its ministry and lay-membership, cannot, dare not, be indifferent; nor, in their influence and utterances, be misunderstood. "The Sabbath was made for man." For man in all his tribes and generations; and, while we pray that Sabbath blessings may rise, and swell, and flood the world, we must give evidence of our appreciation and sincerity by doing all that we can to make the prayer a subject of our strongest faith.

We therefore recommend, first, that we emphasize the necessity and importance of calling the attention of all our pastors, workers in every department of Christian activity, and all lovers of law-observance and good order, as well as all with whom we come in contact, to the unmistakable duty of the hour to discourage in every religious way, and, in so far as it is possible to be done, to prevent Sabbath desecration.

Second, that, as a Conference, we offer our unqualified protest against *any* and *every* way in which Sabbath claims and obligations are ignored, whether by individuals or by social and commercial combinations, or railroad and steamboat corporations.

Third, that each pastor shall be required to preach at least one sermon during the year upon the subject of Sabbath observance.

Respectfully submitted, R. S. ROWE, *Chairman*.

H.—See page 22.

BOUNDARIES.

To the President and Members of the Maryland Annual Conference:

Your Committee on Boundaries respectfully submit the following report:

We recommend that the name of Ninth-Street Station be changed to "Central Meth. Prot. Church."

That the name of Hallsboro' Mission be changed to "Chesterfield Mission."

That Williamsport, Georgetown, Harmony and Jones' Chapel constitute Williamsport Circuit, and that they be supplied with a minister.

That it is inadvisable to disturb the present status of matters regarding Galena Church.

We recommend that "Harmony" and "Bethesda" Churches constitute Rowlandsville Circuit; and that "Porter's Grove" Church be a separate charge, to be supplied in the discretion of the President.

JAMES R. CATON, *Chairman*.

I.—See page 22.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.

1st. We recommend that B. P. Truitt and Riley S. Williamson be admitted into the itinerancy.

2d. We recommend Frank S. Cain, Alonzo Green, Aloysius Green and Clayton McCallister to the Board of Ministerial Education.

3d. We recommend that E. H. Vandyke be admitted into the Itinerancy, with the understanding that he furnish the President of the Conference with Quarterly Conference recommendation within 30 days.

4th. We recommend Charles H. Day for ordination, as he has passed a satisfactory examination.

F. T. Benson, Elmer Simpson, L. R. Dyott and N. T. Meginniss, of the First Year's Class, were marked 100 in all their studies; and J. F. Wooden was marked 100 on Helps to the Study of the Bible, and were all passed to the Second Year.

S. C. Ohrum and H. L. Elderdice were given 100 by all the examiners, and were, with C. R. Blades, B. W. Kindley and B. F. Jester, whose examination was satisfactory, passed from the Second to the Third Year's Class.

Jesse W. Norris was given 100 in Church History, and passed through the course, thus fulfilling the pledge made one year ago at his ordination.

James W. Daugherty was continued in the Second Year's Class, and H. G. Cowan in the Third Year's Class.

ADDITIONAL REPORT.

We recommend, at the request of the President of the Conference, the ordination of F. T. Benson, B. W. Kindley and C. R. Blades, provided these brethren appear before the Conference and promise to continue the course of study until it shall be completed.

We renew the recommendation of Albert Slaughter to the Board of Ministerial Education for aid; and also recommend that Earnest Strayer Fooks be recommended, provided the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference be furnished to the Committee at the Seminary.

We have passed J. H. Daugherty into the Third Year's Class.

At the request of the President of the Conference, we recommend the ordination of Luther R. Dyott and Elmer Simpson, provided they give the usual pledge in open Conference to pursue the course of study.

We recommend that A. A. Harryman be left without an appointment, he not having been heard from.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President of Faculty.*

J.—See page 23.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Your Committee recommend that Heathsville Circuit, Va., be supplied with a pastor, at the request of the President of the Virginia Conference.

That the request of St. John's Independent Methodist Church, to have J.

J. Murray as their pastor, be granted; provided the President of the Conference can do so without detriment to our own work.

That the request from the President of the Alabama Conference for transfer to supply Montgomery Station, Ala., be granted; and that Rev. J. M. Brown be transferred for a period not exceeding three years, he having consented to be thus transferred.

We express our high appreciation of the letter from Rev. W. S. Hanks, the fraternal messenger from the New York Conference, regretting with him that he could not be with us in person; and recommend the appointment of a fraternal messenger to bear our Christian greetings to that body.

J. L. MILLS, *Chairman.*

K.—See page 23.

PRESIDENTIAL VISITATION.

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Presidential Visitation, beg leave to report:

WHEREAS, The Maryland District has grown to such an extent, by increase of territory and subdivision of charges, as to render it impossible for the President to give to each charge such attention as some of the charges at least demand, by an annual visitation of all the charges; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference, that the interests of the District will be better subserved by leaving the President to consult his own judgment in the distribution of his labors, so as to meet the necessities of those charges as may require his especial attention, even if by so doing some other charges, not needing his presence, may fail to receive an annual visitation.

L. W. BATES, *Chairman.*

L.—See page 23.

PAPERS RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT.

Your Committee, on the papers making charges against a ministerial member of this Conference, respectfully report that the first part of the paper is out of date, and, therefore, cannot be acted upon; and that the second part has been so far explained as to meet the demands of the complainant.

L. W. BATES, *Chairman.*

M.—See page 24.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday-Schools beg leave to present the following report:

We find in the statistics of last year that there were 197 schools, 2,390 officers and teachers, and 16,544 scholars, in the Maryland District. This we regard as a great moral and religious force to be used and directed for the highest good of the Church and the world. We, therefore, recommend:

1st. That all our pastors insist on the use of our own literature in our

Sunday-schools, and make all purchases of books from our own Book Concern in Baltimore.

2d. That the best and most practicable means be used in all our schools to train our children and young people in the duty and blessedness of Christian giving, and in all ways of charity and beneficence.

3d. That superintendents and teachers be careful to set our children a good example in Christian living, as also in a patient and faithful study of each Sunday's lesson; and, further, that the children be encouraged and required to commit to memory as much of each scriptural lesson as they can during the week.

4th. That teachers are hereby affectionately urged to take a wise and thoughtful oversight of the moral conduct of the children committed to their care, and to watch for opportunities in each lesson, and on every proper occasion, to set Christ before "the little ones" as their own present, loving Saviour.

5th. We also earnestly request parents to give suitable recognition to the teachers who have charge of their children, and to co-operate with them faithfully, that the great end of Sunday-school training may be secured, so that not one of these little ones should perish.

6th. Your Committee would further recommend that all our schools be kept open throughout the year; that temperance societies, or Bands of Hope, should be organized in every school, that our children may be taught the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks, and thus be forewarned and forearmed against this greatest enemy of the human race.

We recommend that the letter from J. F. Cowan, Editor of our S. S. Publications, referred to this Committee, be read to the Conference, and that this body extend most hearty congratulations to our brother on the success of these publications.

We recommend, in conclusion, that the pastors of this Conference take some suitable occasion, in the beginning of the Conference year, to read to their schools and congregations such portions of this report as refer to the practical duties of teachers and parents in relation to the Sunday-school.

H. C. CUSHING, *Chairman*.

N.—See page 24.

OFFICIAL CHARACTER.

Howard Circuit: No report of the officers and teachers of the Sabbath school. No collection for Ministerial Education, Bible, and Tract cause.

Harper's Ferry: No report of the number of full members.

Caroline: No report of the Sunday-school papers taken.

Cambridge: No report of METHODIST PROTESTANTS taken.

Westminster: No report of METHODIST PROTESTANTS taken.

Crumpton: No report of Sunday-school papers taken.

Clayton: No report of new subscribers to METHODIST PROTESTANT.

Campbell: No report of new subscribers to METHODIST PROTESTANT.

J. R. NICHOLS, *Chairman*.

O—See page 29.

SUPERANNUATED CLAIMANTS.

The Committee on Superannuated Claimants submit the following report of appropriations:

Jas. Thompson, \$350; J. K. Nichols, \$300; W. G. Holmes, \$100; J. W. Everist, \$100; J. H. Ellegood, \$350; H. J. Day, \$200; 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. J. Roberts, \$350; Mrs. D. E. Reese, \$250; Mrs. J. E. Reed, \$200; Mrs. Thos. 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. Atkins, \$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; Mrs. W. T. Dumm, \$400; Mrs. D. A. Shermer, \$200; J. G. Sullivan, \$400.

J. T. MURRAY, *Chairman*.

P.—See page 25.

LITERATURE

Your Committee on Literature congratulate the Church on the improvement of our Church and Sunday-school Literature. Rev. J. F. Cowan, Managing Editor of the Sunday school Publications, and Revs. John Scott, D. D., and Edward J. Drinkhouse, M. D., D. D., Editors respectively of the METHODIST RECORDER and the METHODIST PROTESTANT, enjoy the confidence and respect of the entire Church, and should be practically endorsed in their successful efforts to adapt the papers to the necessities of the Church.

We do not regard local Conference papers as an evil *per se*, but must express the regret that local papers sometimes detract from the patronage of the official organs, and thus weaken denominational cohesiveness.

The METHODIST PROTESTANT, published in the central city of our Conference District, the oldest Methodist Protestant paper, and to us the best of all papers, should enjoy a more liberal patronage, and we urge the practicability of increasing its subscription list by the addition of at least one thousand new subscribers during the ensuing year.

We are assured by the efficient and generous manager of our publishing interests in Baltimore, W. J. C. Dulany, that such an addition will insure the enlargement of the paper, making it more attractive and valuable. We recommend the following:

Resolved, That each member of this Conference, ministerial and lay, will use his utmost endeavor to secure at least ten new subscribers within the next six months. Special information with regard to club rates will be sent, by the publishers, upon request.

W. M. STRAYER, *Chairman*.

S.—See page 27.

BENEVOLENT AGENCIES.

Your Committee report: That the aggregate amount collected on the Maryland District for the Maryland Bible Society is \$255.02; annual donation by Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese, \$150—whole amount, \$405.02. The following persons were made Life Directors by nomination of Mrs. Reese: Henry C. Cushing, S. A. Hoblitzell, S. T. Ferguson; and J. L. Straughn is recommended by the Committee for Life Director of the Society, and the following persons are recommended for Life Membership: T. E. Coulbourn, J. S. Bowers, J. W. Trout, J. M. Yingling, G. J. Smith, W. W. White.

Your Committee also report: That the aggregate amount collected on the District for the Maryland Tract Society is \$295.33, and recommend the following persons for Life Membership of the Society: C. S. Arnett, S. C. Ohrum, J. W. Balderston, J. M. Gill.

Respectfully submitted, E. R. MCGREGOR, *Chairman.*

T.—See page 27.

HOME MISSIONARY STEWARD.

<i>Charges.</i>	<i>Appropriation.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>	<i>Deficient.</i>
Alexandria.....	\$100.00	\$38.24	\$61.76
Broadway.....	150.00	57.36	92.64
Middleway.....	100.00	38.24	61.76
N. C. Avenue.....	250.00	95.60	154.40
Cumberland.....	150.00	57.36	92.64
Potomac.....	150.00	57.36	92.64
Snow Hill.....	200.00	76.48	123.52
Wilmington.....	200.00	76.48	123.52
Sussex.....	100.00	38.24	61.76
Mt. Tabor.....	100.00	38.24	61.76
Amelia.....	100.00	38.24	61.76
Hallsboro'.....	100.00	38.24	61.76
Talbot.....	100.00	38.24	61.76
		\$688.32	\$1,111.68
Deficiency of last year.....		1,375.16	
Book Concern.....		4.00	
Balance.....		41	
		\$2,067.89	
Received from District.....	\$1,941.64		
“ “ Conference Dues.....	71.25		
“ “ Other Sources.....	55.00		
	\$2,067.89		

Per cent. paid, 38.24.

JOHN S. BOWERS, *Steward.*

U.—See page 28.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

Facts.—They find the work in a very prosperous and encouraging condition. We have in the field at the present time, as missionaries, Rev. F. C. Klein and wife, Rev. T. H. Colhouer and wife, and Miss Hattie Crittenden, assisted by three native helpers, with 99 scholars in the Bluff School, 67 in the Fugisawa School, 56 in the Woman's School, 150 in the Night School, 135 in the Sunday-School, and 57 baptized members of the church.

Needs and Recommendations.—Our greatest need at the present time is an increase in our working force. To meet this demand, we recommend that a third male missionary and his wife be sent out as soon as a suitable person can be found, believing that if the Master sends the laborer He will put it into the heart of the Church to support him.

We call special attention to Children's Day, to be held on May 29th, and suggest that every pastor use his utmost endeavors to make it a success, particularly in a financial point of view, as it is desirable to raise \$5,000 during the year from that source. A Children's Day Service, with Programme and Envelopes, has been prepared for the occasion. The Service can be purchased at 50 cents per hundred copies. Envelopes and Programmes will be furnished free to all Sunday-schools.

Having received a letter from our Missionary in Japan, containing Christian greetings, with a condensed account of his work, we return to him our earnest congratulations upon his success, and assure him that he is never forgotten at our Conference sessions, but always has our prayers, our sympathies, our unqualified endorsement and perfect confidence. We congratulate the Church upon having such a worthy representative in the Foreign field, and recommend that his request for continued active relationship in this Conference be granted.

Our Missionary states that a chapel is one of the near necessities of his work, to meet this need we recommend that the Church establish a Brick Fund at \$1 per brick, believing there are many members of our Church who would like to own at least one brick in the first Methodist Protestant church built in Japan.

Regrets.—We deeply regret that Miss Brown's health has failed, which necessitated her return to this country for rest and recuperation, and humbly pray the Great Head of the Church to restore her to health and active service in His cause.

Obligations.—We feel under many obligations to consecrated toilers in this work, and as Bros. Klein and Tagg, Miss Crittenden and Miss Brown, have fully met the expectations of the Church in their work, we, as a Church, feel under obligations to meet up to their expectations in providing suitable workers and the necessary means for their support.

L. W. BATES, *Chairman.*

V.—See page 28.

REPORT OF STEWARD OF SUPERANNUATED FUND.

RECEIPTS.	
From Invested Fund.....	\$4,386.08
Collections from District.....	1,245.37

Annual Dues, 1886.....	66.50
Annual Dues, 1887.....	70.50
Anniversary Collection.....	131.78
In hand from last year.....	10.43
From Dr. J. L. Elderdice.....	2.00
	\$5,912.66

DISBURSEMENTS.	
For Investment.....	\$288.38
Distributed to Claimants.....	5,605.78
Incidental Expenses of Cor. Sec. and Steward.....	4.00
	5,898.16

Balance..... \$14.50

Claimants.	Claim.	Paid.
James Thompson.....	\$350	\$226.17
J. K. Nichols.....	300	193.86
W. G. Holmes.....	100	64.62
J. W. Everist.....	100	64.62
J. H. Ellegood.....	400	258.48
H. J. Day.....	100	64.62
D. W. Bates.....	300	193.86
C. H. Littleton.....	400	258.48
S. B. Southerland.....	600	387.72
Mrs. W. T. Dumm.....	400	258.48
" F. G. Wright.....	200	129.24
" M. H. Whiteside.....	150	96.93
" T. M. Wilson.....	200	129.24
" S. G. Valiant.....	200	129.24
" John Roberts.....	350	226.17
" D. E. Reese.....	250	161.55
" J. E. Read.....	150	96.93
" Thos. Lee.....	200	129.24
" N. S. Greenaway.....	200	129.24
" D. N. Gilbert.....	300	193.86
" C. Eversole.....	200	129.24
" L. A. Collins.....	200	129.24
" T. M. Bryan.....	200	129.24
" I. T. Adkins.....	200	129.24
" W. C. Ames.....	375	242.32
" D. Bowers.....	150	96.93
" W. T. Wright.....	200	129.24
" P. L. Wilson.....	200	129.24
" C. T. Cochel.....	300	193.86
" H. E. Miskimon.....	350	226.17
" J. M. Elderdice.....	350	226.17
" J. A. McFaden.....	350	226.17
" C. B. Middleton.....	350	226.17
	\$8,675	\$5,605.78

THOS. O. CROUSE, *Steward.*

W.—See page 28.

FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the report of the Secretary of Conference, in regard to the publication of last

year's Minutes and Conference Sermon, with vouchers attached, and find them correct. Upon examination we find that there is a deficiency of \$41.29 due the Secretary, which we recommend be paid out of the Conference collection of the present year.

The Committee beg leave further to report as follows:

We have examined the account of the Agent of President's Parsonage, J. N. Gilbert, and find it correct. We recommend his reappointment, and that the thanks of the Conference be tendered for his efficient services.

We have, after lengthy and patient sittings, assessed the different charges for various church interests, as directed by the Conference, and hereby submit this our final report.

DANIEL W. BATES, *Chairman.*

X.—See page 28.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

PRESIDENT, W. S. HAMMOND, 2.

Accomac.....	J. W. Norris, 2.
Alexandria.....	S. J. Smith, 2.
Amelia and Chesterfield.....	S. C. Ohrum, 3.
Anne Arundel.....	J. W. Gray, 2; J. R. Nichols, 1.
Baltimore.....	J. L. Elderdice, 1.
Bedford.....	To be supplied, 1.
Belair.....	S. A. Hoblitzell, 2.
Broadway.....	H. L. Elderdice, 3.
Cambridge.....	J. B. Jones, 2.
Campbell.....	J. W. Parris, 1.
Caroline.....	W. J. D. Lucas, 3.
Cecil.....	W. D. Litsinger, 1.
Central.....	S. R. Murray, 1.
Centreville.....	T. O. Crouse, 3.
Chesapeake.....	R. L. Lewis, 3.
Chestertown.....	W. R. Graham, 3.
Chincoteague.....	B. F. Jester, 1; B. P. Truitt, 1.
Clayton.....	D. F. Ewell, 1.
Concord.....	J. M. Holmes, 1.
Crisfield.....	J. W. Kirk, 3.
Crumpton.....	W. A. Crouse, 3.
Cumberland.....	Henry Bruner, 1.
Deer Creek.....	S. F. Cassen, 2.
Deer Park.....	To be supplied, 1.
Dorchester.....	A. W. Mather, 1.
East Baltimore.....	J. D. Kinzer, 2.
Easton.....	F. T. Little, 5.
Eutaw.....	J. M. Gill, 3.
Fawn Grove.....	J. M. Yingling, 2.
Felton.....	W. H. Stone, 2.
Finksburg.....	W. J. Floyd, 3.
First Church.....	C. S. Arnett, 1.
Franklin City.....	B. F. Jester, 2.
Frederick.....	E. R. McGregor, 3; J. F. Wooden, 1.
Georgetown.....	L. W. Bates, 3.
Hampden.....	J. L. Killgore, 3.
Harper's Ferry.....	L. R. Dyott, 2.
Harrington.....	C. M. Thompson, 1.

Howard.....	Jesse Shreeve, 1.
Jefferson.....	J. M. Sheridan, 3.
Kennedyville.....	C. R. Blades, 2.
Kent Island.....	A. D. Dick, 2.
Laurel.....	G. Q. Bacchus, 1.
Leipsic.....	B. W. Kindley, 2.
Liberty.....	S. T. Ferguson, 1.
Lisbon.....	J. T. Lassell, 2.
Lynchburg.....	T. E. Coulbourn, 3.
Middleway.....	H. G. Cowan, 1.
Milton.....	J. A. Weigand, 1.
Mt. Tabor.....	F. T. Benson, 2.
Newark.....	J. L. Mills, 1.
N. C. Avenue.....	J. W. Trout, 4.
Oxford.....	W. J. Neeper, 3.
Pipe Creek.....	T. D. Valiant, 2.
Pittsville.....	J. H. Daugherty, 1.
Pocomoke.....	C. H. Day, 1.
Pocomoke City.....	A. D. Melvin, 2.
Porter's Grove.....	To be supplied, 1.
Potomac.....	W. F. Livingston, 5.
Powellville.....	A. J. Walter, 1.
Preston.....	R. H. Williamson, 1.
Quantico.....	E. O. Ewing, 1.
Queen Anne's.....	F. H. Mullineaux, 4.
Rowlandville.....	R. T. Smith, 3.
St. James'.....	S. B. Tredway, 1.
St. Luke's.....	J. W. Balderston, 1.
St. Michael's.....	E. H. Vandyke, 1.
Salisbury.....	To be supplied, 1.
Seaford.....	D. W. Anstine, 1.
Snow Hill.....	G. J. Smith, 2.
Somerset.....	J. L. Straughn, 5.
South Baltimore.....	J. E. T. Ewell, 5.
Starr.....	W. M. Strayer, 3.
Stewartstown.....	J. S. Bowers, 3.
Surry.....	G. D. Edmondston, 1; R. W. Berryman, Supernumerary, 12.
Susquehanna.....	J. W. Charlton, 1.
Sussex.....	J. E. Nicholson, 4.
Talbot.....	Elmer Simpson, 1.
Union.....	G. R. McCready, 1.
Union Bridge.....	J. E. Maloy, 1.
Warwick.....	B. F. Benson, 2.
Washington-Street.....	R. S. Rowe, 6.
West Baltimore.....	D. L. Greenfield, 5.
Westminster.....	J. T. Murray, 2.
Williamspport.....	H. G. Cowan, 1.
Wilmington.....	G. F. Farring, 5.
Berkley.....	E. R. Washington.
Charleston.....	Francis Brown.

UNSUPPLIED.

All Saints.....	7.
Bedford.....	1.
Deer Park.....	1.
Ellicott's City.....	1.
Indian River.....	6.
Porter's Grove.....	1.
Salisbury.....	1.

LOANED.

To St. John's.....	J. J. Murray, 5; A. Webster, Pastor Emeritus.
“ Western Maryland College.....	T. H. Lewis, 2.
“ Westminster Theological Seminary.....	J. T. Ward, 2; E. A. Warfield, 1.
“ METHODIST PROTESTANT.....	E. J. Drinkhouse, 13.
“ Board of Missions.....	F. T. Tagg, 3; F. C. Klein, 5.
“ Heathsville.....	W. W. White, 3.

Transferred to Alabama Conference..... J. M. Brown.
 Left without appointment at his own request..... J. H. Maynard.
 Left without an appointment, not having been heard from..... A. A. Harryman.

SUPERANNUATES.

J. W. Everist, 20; H. J. Day, 19; James Thompson, 8; J. H. Ellegood, 10; J. K. Nichols, 7; W. G. Holmes, 6; D. W. Bates, 5; S. B. Southerland, 3; C. H. Littleton, 2; H. C. Cushing, 1; J. G. Sullivan, 1.

ASSIGNED FOR DUTY.

Corresponding Secretary Maryland Tract Society..... R. S. Norris, 5.
 Chaplain U. S. Army..... D. Wilson, 7.

Y.—See page 18.

OBITUARIES.

REV. WILLIAM THOMAS DUMM

Was born in Zanesville, Ohio, January 19, 1817, and there he grew up to the estate of manhood. His parents were Presbyterians, and within their Christian home William received the pious training which gave character and bent to the whole of his after life. The circumstances of his conversion, however, inclined him toward the Methodist Protestant Church, and when he was but sixteen years old he united with that Church—his parents wisely offering no barrier to his inclination in this respect. This was in the infancy of the Church (1833), and young Dumm, notwithstanding his Presbyterian blood and culture, became a decided Methodist Protestant, and, as member and minister, remained such through life, faithful to the last.

His early educational training was confined to the public schools of his native town; but, on arriving at manhood, impressed, as he was, that God had called him to preach the Gospel, he felt the need of a better education. Accordingly, with this view, he made arrangements, and, in 1837, he entered Dearborne College, near Laurenceburg, Indiana—a Methodist Protestant institution, in its incipiency—under the care of Rev. Nicholas Snethen. Here he remained two years, when the buildings were swept away by fire, and never rebuilt. Dearborne thus closed out, in 1839 he entered Marietta College, in the city of Marietta, Ohio, where he spent three years in the further prosecution of his studies. Leaving Marietta, in the spring of 1842, he came east, with the double purpose of attending the session of the General Conference of the Church, which met that year in Baltimore, and of entering Windsor Institute, near that city, under the care of Rev. Francis Waters,

D. D., for theological instruction, in further preparation for the work of the ministry. On reaching Maryland, however, he was induced to change his mind, and, instead of waiting for further preparation, he determined to enter upon his chosen life-work at once. As yet he was but a licensed exhorter, having received such license while he was a student at Dearborne, from the Quarterly Conference of Laurenceburg Circuit, M. P. Church. Accompanying the President of the Maryland District, Rev. Augustus Webster, D. D., on an official tour, on the Eastern Shore, reaching Talbot Circuit, he deposited his license, as an exhorter, with the Quarterly Conference of that circuit, preached his trial sermon at St. Michael's, and was granted license to preach the Gospel, June 9, 1842, and was appointed by the President as assistant on Deer Creek Circuit for the balance of the year. The following spring (1843) he came up duly recommended for the Itinerancy, and was received into the Maryland Annual Conference, and was reappointed, with Rev. W. W. Maddux, to Deer Creek Circuit. From this time forth he was fully identified with our work in Maryland, always ready to respond to the call of duty, up to the time of his superannuation, in the spring of 1879, a period of thirty-five years of arduous itinerant toil and sacrifice for the cause of Christ and the Methodist Protestant Church. On dropping out of the active work of the ministry he came to Johnsville to reside, having purchased a pleasant home for himself and family, where he tried to work and make himself useful to the church, as much so as his failing health would justify. Here he lived in the confidence and respect of his fellow Christians and the community at large for the last several years of his life. Warned by his failing health, a few days before his death he arranged all his worldly business for the future comfort and well-being of his family to his entire satisfaction and also theirs. This done, his all of work was done, and nought was left to do but to die and go to rest. And this was now at the door. He was taken suddenly on Saturday evening, and was carried to his couch, where he gradually sunk away until the following Monday, July 19, at 2.35 P. M., he entered into rest.

Thus passed away our brother to his rich and great reward. His funeral took place from the M. P. Church, Johnsville, July 23, and was largely attended, the services being conducted by Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., assisted by Revs. J. Shreeve, J. M. Sheridan and J. K. Nichols, after which his remains were borne away in solemn procession, and deposited in the Union Bridge Cemetery, to await the resurrection of the last day, when those who sleep in Jesus God will bring with him.

Bro. Dumm was, in large degree, a self-made man. With some advantages of scholastic training in his early manhood, he was an earnest student through life. He was a man of much thought, and a great reader of books, especially in the latter years of his life. He was a diligent student of the Bible, and his mind was richly stored with its sacred contents, and in his pulpit ministrations he quoted largely and accurately from its blessed pages in illustrating and enforcing the subject in hand. On the whole, he was a striking preacher—original, unique, earnest, outspoken, impassioned, forcible and sometimes remarkably successful in moving men to action in matters of religion. Doubtless, during his long ministry, hundreds of precious souls were converted and added to the M. P. Church through his instrumentality. Among them were some who became eminently useful in the ministry and laity. Indeed, in every charge he served, he endeared himself to the people by his earnest and faithful labors, both in the pulpit and from house to house—especially in the years of his early ministry.

Bro. Dumm was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Dilks, of New Jersey. This excellent Christian lady shared the joys and sorrows of his itinerant life for nearly ten years, when she was called away by death, leaving him with two small children to mourn her loss. A few years after he married again, being united in wedlock to Miss Anna Bates—sister of the Bates brothers, of the Md. An. Conference—who still lives, together with

his four surviving children—a son and a daughter by each of his wives—to mourn for him. But they sorrow not as those who have no hope. May they all follow in his footsteps, and meet him in heaven!

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

J. K. NICHOLS, *Chairman.*

REV. DAVID ANTHONY SHERMER, M. D.,

The subject of this sketch, son of Jacob and Margaret Shermer, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 5, 1824; died in Vienna, Dorchester county, Md., December 4, 1886, being in his 63d year.

Dr. Shermer, during his early life, moved from Philadelphia with his parents to Cecil county of this State, and settled near Rowlandville. Here, with his father and mother, he became associated with what is now known as “The Old Harmony Church;” indeed, they did much to build up and establish this church, now succeeded by the “New Harmony,” at Rowlandville. On this (Cecil) circuit, formerly “New Leeds,” ere he had reached his majority he was licensed to preach and recommended for the itinerancy of the Maryland Annual Conference. His first appointment was to Union Circuit, then in Somerset, now Wicomico, county, as an assistant to Rev. D. F. Ewell. During the forty-two years of his continuous ministry he served some eighteen or twenty charges, including six in the city, showing himself, when health would allow, to be a conscientious, laborious and effective minister of Christ.

An intelligent Christian layman, a member of the church which he at one time served, writes as follows: “Rev. D. A. Shermer was a most genial friend socially, a most attentive pastor to all his flock. He was an earnest and emphatic preacher; in church work was always up to all the opportunities offering—in a word, he was a general, always seeming to scan the situation of the whole field. He was a firm believer in the direct superintendence of God to those who fully committed their ways to the Lord.” Two remarkable incidents are given by this writer in support of this statement. “On the whole, Bro. Shermer was a true man, an earnest and faithful Christian, an acceptable preacher, and a successful exponent of the blessed Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. He leaves a vacancy in the ranks of the Maryland Annual Conference not easily filled.”

Dr. Shermer was married three times. His first wife, the mother of his three children, was a Miss Sophia L. Ashcom, of Centreville, Queen Anne's county, Md., a lady well and favorably known to many of our older ministers, a devoted wife, a fond and affectionate mother, a sincere and consistent Christian. She died in the Autumn of 1876, in Baltimore city, and while our brother was the pastor of Broadway Church. His second companion, Mrs. Annie Caton, a lady of East Baltimore, and an accredited member of the Washington-Street Church, was spared to him but for a few brief years—a consumptive, she sleeps in Greenmount. His last choice, Miss Sue Gamble, daughter of John and Nancy Gamble, of Cecil county, Md., two of the original Reformers of this section, whose church-life dates back to the year 1832. This lady still lives; in her bereavement and sorrow she will have the sympathy of the Church and numerous friends.

His last illness was the result of Bright's kidney disease, involving typhoid-pneumonia. He seems not to have apprehended the fact that the time of his departure was so near, believing that, with the aid of his skillful physician and the blessing of God, he would soon recover. Still, that he was fully prepared for his exit, there are abundant evidences which go to establish this

fact. His life was consecrated to Christ, his labors to the holy ministry, in connection with which he had many endorsing seals. One who was almost a constant attendant at his bedside speaks of him thus: "In a comatose state"—which was, with short variations, continuous—"he would be preaching and repeating hymns. I think I heard him preach four or five sermons while he was so ill. One of his texts was, 'Enoch walked with God,' and one of his favorite verses of a hymn was—

"Oh, to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be,' &c.

His mind, while he was in this critical condition, seemed to be fully engaged in his work; nothing of a temporal nature seemed to disturb him. He passed away without a murmur or a struggle."

The Quarterly Conference of Dorchester Circuit, which was called together shortly after Dr. Shermer's death, with a full attendance and with an unanimous voice passed the following:

"WHEREAS, It hath pleased our Heavenly Father, in His wise providence, to take from our midst our faithful and beloved pastor, Rev. D. A. Shermer, M. D., therefore

Resolved, That we, the members of the Quarterly Conference of Dorchester Circuit, bow in humble submission to this expression of His righteous will.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the bereaved family of our deceased brother, and devoutly pray that Divine consolation be given them in this 'time of need.'

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be given to them, and furnished for publication in the METHODIST PROTESTANT, and recorded in the journal of the Quarterly Conference.

S. S. EWELL, Chairman."

The funeral services of our dear brother were held in the M. P. church in Vienna, Rev. J. W. Charlton officiating, assisted by Revs. J. B. Jones and A. A. Harryman—resident ministers of other churches participating. The large concourse of people present—who also followed his remains to the steamboat—attests the high esteem in which he was held in the community where he last lived. Also, at the house of Mr. Birkhead Rouse, a son-in-law, in Baltimore city, attended largely by the Methodist Protestant ministers of the city, and friends, Rev. W. M. Strayer leading in the exercises; after which the remains were conveyed to Greenmount Cemetery and laid away to await the resurrection of the just.

R. SCOTT NORRIS, *Chairman.*

RESOLUTIONS.

1.—See page 20.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

Resolved, That the Conference Sermon, preached by Rev. F. T. Tagg, be inserted in the Minutes.

2.—See page 21.

PRESIDENTIAL VISITATION.

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to inquire whether any change in the plan of Presidential visitation is expedient, and report to this Annual Conference.

3.—See page 22.

WIDOW OF D. A. SHERMER.

Resolved, That the support of the widow of Rev. D. A. Shermer, M. D., be referred to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

4.—See page 22.

MEETING OF CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That the next session of this Conference be held in Broadway church, Baltimore.

5.—See page 23.

MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY.

To the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church:

The Maryland Educational Endowment Society of Methodist Protestant Church respectfully represent that, at a meeting held this day, a communication was received from The Board of Trustees of Western Maryland College, requesting the Endowment Society to waive the priority of its mortgage upon Western Maryland College, to the extent of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000), to enable the said Board of Trustees to negotiate a loan, to an amount not exceeding said sum, for the purpose of erecting a building necessary for the growing demands of said institution; whereupon the following resolution was passed by said Endowment Society Board:

Resolved, That in the judgment of the Endowment Society, the waiver of mortgage, as requested by the Board of Trustees, will not in any way unfavorably affect the interests of said Society, and that the Maryland Annual Conference be, and they are hereby, requested to authorize the said Endowment Society to make the waiver of the priority of its mortgage as desired.

DANIEL W. BATES, President.
E. J. DRINKHOUSE, Secretary.

EASTON, MD., April 8, 1887.

6.—See page 23.

RECOMMENDATION TO MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

Resolved, That we recommend to the consideration of the Mutual Relief Association the propriety of removing the limitation of age bearing upon membership in the Association, so as to make all members of the Conference, and their wives eligible upon membership, upon such scale as the Association may adopt; and thus make it a Conference Mutual Relief Association.

7.—See page 24.

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

Resolved, That a committee of six, composed of three ministerial and three lay brethren, be appointed to consider the advisability of organizing a Church Extension Society, the object of which shall be to aid in building churches upon new fields of labor, and to aid struggling congregations in repairing or building upon existing fields of labor; and, if such a measure be deemed advisable, to report the plan of organization at the next session of this Conference.

8.—See page 25.

EXPENSES OF REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to ascertain the amount necessary to defray the expenses of our representatives in the next General Conference, and to devise a plan for raising said amount.

9.—See page 25.

AMENDMENT TO RULE 9, RULES OF ORDER.

But when the report of a committee has been under discussion, the motion to lay on the table shall not prevail until the chairman of the committee shall be heard once on the subject if he desires to speak.

10.—See page 25.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

WHEREAS, The General Conference of 1884, in view of the difficulty of securing free entertainment of the representatives, did resolve that the ensuing Conference of 1888 should lay both the expense of entertainment as well as of travel upon the representatives or their local Conferences; and,

WHEREAS, The Conference of 1884, after appointing a committee of the official editors to nominate a place for 1888, and received its report, naming Washington, Pa., did enter upon a balloting contest between Atlanta, Ga., and Adrian, Mich., resulting in the choice of the latter by a narrow majority of from three to five votes out of the whole number cast; and,

WHEREAS, We are of the sincere conviction that the expense of reaching this extreme point of our Northwest territory, not to name the additional cost of personal entertainment, by the representatives of the Southeast and Southwest, covering nearly one-half of the entire number, will *debar their attendance*; especially in view of the present Interstate Commerce law of Congress, of which advantage is being taken by the railroads to cut of commutations and to increase through rates of travel; and,

WHEREAS, This reasonable anticipation of absenteeism of so large a minority, under the stress of expense, is to be deplored by every section of the Church, and averted, if possible, in the general behoof; therefore, be it

Resolved, By this Conference, in view of these facts and anticipations, and in behalf of this large probable minority who shall be unable to attend, that we ask the concurrence of our sister Conferences, or a majority of them, at

their ensuing sessions, in a change of place, under the precedent set by the change from Fairmont, W. Va., to Baltimore, Md., in 1884, and the higher law of necessity, either in Washington, Pa., Cincinnati, Ohio, or by preference to Steubenville, Ohio.

Resolved, That we suggest that the President and Secretary of the General Conference, with the Editors of the two official papers, be recognized as a committee to announce the change of place to any one of the points named, or some other of their selection in default of these, so that our geographical church centre shall be the ruling consideration, and to devise and carry out such other details as the change of place may require.

11.—See page 26.

REV. FRANCIS BROWN.

Resolved, That Conference is gratified by the presence of Rev. Francis Brown in our sessions; that we express our sympathy with the colored brethren in South Carolina, and request the President to pay them an official visit this year if practicable.

12.—See page 27.

MARYLAND TRACT SOCIETY.

Resolved, That the Maryland Tract Society is recognized by this Conference as an agency in the work of evangelization deserving the sympathy and support of our Church.

2. That by means of colporteurs, tract distributors, and grants of religious publications, it is doing a work in which the whole Christian Church is interested, and is not, therefore, to be regarded as alien to us, but as our fellow worker, supplementing the labors of our own and other churches in a field which requires more laborers than any single church can supply.

3. That the Corresponding Secretary and General Agent, Rev. R. Scott Norris, enjoys the respect and confidence of this Conference, and is cordially commended to the confidence of other Christians.

4. That our pastors and brethren are affectionately solicited to afford every reasonable facility to the colporteurs and other accredited agents of the Society in the performance of their work.

13.—See page 28.

THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered, Bro. F. T. Little, for his many attentions and courtesies to its members.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be extended to our Secretary and his assistant, for the faithful and efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties.

Resolved, That the sincere and hearty thanks of the members of this Conference be, and are hereby, tendered to the families of Easton, whose homes have been so cheerfully opened to us during the present session, for the cordial and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to Rev. S. C. Ohrum for his efficient services as Conference Postmaster.

14.—See page 28.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON.

WHEREAS, Rev. J. R. Nichols has now closed the forty-ninth year of labor in the work of this Conference—

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Resolved, That he is hereby unanimously requested to preach a semi-centennial sermon at our next session, if his life should be spared, and his health permit him to do so; and that Rev. D. F. Ewell, M. D., be requested to act as alternate, if necessary.

FINANCIAL

AND

STATISTICAL

TABLES.

Assessments for the Year beginning April 6th, 1887.

CHARGES.	Conference.	Ministerial Education	Seminary.	Superannuates	Home and Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	President's Salary.	Bible.	Tract.
Accomac.....	2.00	3.00	9.00	10.00	20.00	29.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Alexandria.....	4.00	4.00	12.00	20.00	25.00	40.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Amelia & Chesterf'ld	3.00	4.00	6.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	Col.	Col.
Anne Arundel.....	8.00	8.00	19.00	25.00	30.00	35.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Baltimore.....	4.00	6.00	19.00	12.00	25.00	35.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Bedford.....	7.00	10.00	25.00	15.00	30.00	58.00	45.00	Col.	Col.
Belair.....	4.00	8.00	15.00	15.00	25.00	29.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Broadway.....	5.00	4.00	10.00	15.00	20.00	29.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Cambridge.....	3.00	5.00	12.00	10.00	25.00	35.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Campbell.....	2.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	8.00	12.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Caroline.....	5.00	8.00	20.00	15.00	40.00	47.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Cecil.....	6.00	8.00	20.00	15.00	40.00	70.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Central.....	5.00	8.00	19.00	20.00	32.00	47.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Centreville.....	5.00	10.00	23.00	20.00	35.00	58.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Chesapeake.....	4.00	6.00	14.00	15.00	30.00	35.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Chestertown.....	7.00	10.00	23.00	40.00	60.00	58.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Chincoteague.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	10.00	5.00	Col.	Col.
Clayton.....	2.00	4.00	11.00	15.00	20.00	29.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Concord.....	4.00	6.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	40.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
Crisfield.....	2.00	6.00	15.00	10.00	20.00	23.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Crumpton.....	2.00	3.00	8.00	10.00	15.00	18.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Cumberland.....	3.00	5.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	30.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Deer Creek.....	2.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	15.00	23.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Deer Park.....	3.00	4.00	10.00	15.00	20.00	23.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Dorchester.....	3.00	6.00	15.00	25.00	30.00	35.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
East Baltimore.....	6.00	10.00	23.00	35.00	50.00	72.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Easton.....	8.00	10.00	23.00	35.00	50.00	88.00	50.00	Col.	Col.
Eutaw.....	3.00	5.00	11.00	15.00	25.00	35.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Fawn Grove.....	5.00	5.00	10.00	25.00	30.00	40.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Felton.....	3.00	4.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	18.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Finksburg.....	4.00	6.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	41.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
First Church.....	4.00	6.00	14.00	15.00	30.00	47.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Franklin City.....	3.00	5.00	11.00	12.00	20.00	23.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Frederick.....	8.00	11.00	27.00	40.00	60.00	82.00	50.00	Col.	Col.
Georgetown.....	7.00	10.00	25.00	40.00	80.00	126.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Hampden.....	5.00	6.00	15.00	20.00	30.00	58.00	35.00	Col.	Col.
Harper's Ferry.....	2.00	3.00	3.00	15.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Harrington.....	4.00	6.00	11.00	16.00	30.00	35.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Howard.....	3.00	4.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	35.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Jefferson.....	8.00	10.00	23.00	25.00	45.00	70.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Kennedysville.....	3.00	3.00	10.00	8.00	20.00	23.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Kent Island.....	3.00	5.00	12.00	15.00	25.00	35.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Laurel.....	5.00	6.00	14.00	16.00	30.00	47.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
Leipsic.....	3.00	3.00	5.00	8.00	15.00	23.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Liberty.....	6.00	10.00	23.00	20.00	30.00	47.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Lisbon.....	5.00	6.00	15.00	20.00	30.00	35.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
Lynchburg.....	8.00	10.00	25.00	25.00	40.00	47.00	50.00	Col.	Col.
Middleway.....	2.00	3.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Milton.....	3.00	5.00	11.00	15.00	30.00	35.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Mt. Tabor.....	5.00	6.00	15.00	20.00	30.00	23.00	30.00	Col.	Col.

Assessments for the Year beginning April 6th, 1887.

CHARGES.	Conference.	Ministerial Education.	Seminary.	Superannuates.	Home and Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	President's Salary.	Bible.	Tract.
Newark.....	7.00	14.00	35.00	35.00	50.00	70.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
N. C. Avenue.....	3.00	4.00	8.00	15.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Oxford.....	3.00	4.00	8.00	10.00	15.00	12.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Pipe Creek.....	4.00	5.00	10.00	15.00	30.00	35.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Pittsville.....	3.00	4.00	10.00	12.00	20.00	23.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Pocomoke.....	3.00	5.00	14.00	13.00	25.00	29.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Pocomoke City.....	8.00	10.00	23.00	20.00	40.00	70.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Potomac.....	2.00	3.00	8.00	6.00	10.00	18.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Powellville.....	3.00	4.00	10.00	15.00	20.00	29.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Preston.....	2.00	3.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	29.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Quantico.....	4.00	5.00	10.00	15.00	20.00	21.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Queen Anne's.....	4.00	6.00	14.00	16.00	35.00	40.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Rowlandville.....	3.00	3.00	8.00	15.00	20.00	23.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
St. James'.....	6.00	10.00	20.00	50.00	60.00	58.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
St. Luke's.....	4.00	6.00	14.00	20.00	35.00	41.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
St. Michael's.....	3.00	4.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	16.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Salisbury.....	3.00	4.00	12.00	12.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Seaford.....	3.00	6.00	14.00	15.00	30.00	35.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Snow Hill.....	2.00	3.00	5.00	12.00	12.00	32.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Somerset.....	4.00	8.00	20.00	30.00	50.00	40.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
S. Baltimore.....	3.00	6.00	14.00	15.00	30.00	41.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Starr.....	7.00	11.00	27.00	45.00	70.00	146.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Stewartstown.....	5.00	6.00	15.00	20.00	30.00	41.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
Surry.....	3.00	3.00	8.00	15.00	20.00	29.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Susquehanna.....	5.00	8.00	19.00	15.00	30.00	60.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
Sussex.....	3.00	4.00	10.00	10.00	15.00	20.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Talbot.....	3.00	4.00	8.00	15.00	20.00	35.00	15.00	Col.	Col.
Union.....	4.00	5.00	14.00	20.00	30.00	50.00	25.00	Col.	Col.
Union Bridge.....	4.00	5.00	10.00	15.00	30.00	35.00	20.00	Col.	Col.
Warwick.....	6.00	10.00	23.00	30.00	40.00	60.00	40.00	Col.	Col.
Washington-St.....	6.00	8.00	18.00	30.00	50.00	70.00	30.00	Col.	Col.
W. Baltimore.....	8.00	13.00	27.00	50.00	100.00	95.00	50.00	Col.	Col.
Westminster.....	8.00	11.00	27.00	40.00	75.00	88.00	50.00	Col.	Col.
Wilmington.....	2.00	3.00	5.00	10.00	12.00	15.00	10.00	Col.	Col.
Heathsville.....	3.00	3.00	3.00	15.00	.....	.....	20.00	.....	.....
Berkley.....	1.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....
Charleston.....	1.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....

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. F. T. Tagg, 1515 Lafayette Ave., Baltimore, Md. “Home Missions” should be sent to Rev. A. W. Mather, Vienna, Dorchester county, 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. Pastors will always secure receipts from agents for money paid during the year.

Collections for Local Interests and Totals for all

No.	CHARGES.	PRES'T'S SALARY.		PASTOR'S SALARY.		Rental Value of Parsonage.	TOTAL.	
		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.
1	Accomac ...	15	15.00	400	400.00	72.00	2,937.00	2,265.00
2	Alexandria...	25	25.00	600	600.00	150.00	1,366.63	1,366.66
3	Amelia ...	10	10.00	250	250.00	.....	260.00	260.00
4	A. Arundel..	30	30.00	1,000	1,000.00	150.00	1,457.75	1,457.75
5	Baltimore....	25	25.00	575	555.82	100.00	1,255.00	980.82
6	Bedford.....	40	40.00	485	429.79	50.00	575.00	519.79
7	Belair	25	25.00	650	650.00	250.00	1,275.00	1,275.00
8	Broadway ...	20	20.00	600	600.00	240.00	1,964.00	1,964.00
9	Cambridge...	25	25.00	468	413.48	78.00	608.34	627.48
10	Campbell ...	15	15.00	315	250.00	.....	1,030.00	965.00
11	Caroline ...	30	30.00	600	600.00	75.00	878.00	878.00
12	Cecil	35	35.00	700	677.30	80.00	1,803.43	1,780.73
13	Central	35	35.00	900	900.00	300.00	1,540.00	1,540.00
14	Centreville..	35	35.00	700	700.00	150.00	985.00	985.00
15	Chesapeake..	25	25.00	500	500.00	50.00	1,572.69	1,572.69
16	Chestertown	40	40.00	900	900.00	150.00	4,738.58	4,738.58
17	Clayton ...	20	16.68	425	364.00	.....	553.00	677.68
18	Concord	30	30.00	500	500.00	40.00	720.00	595.00
19	Crisfield ...	15	15.00	500	500.00	.....	1,391.94	1,391.94
20	Crumpton ...	15	15.00	350	283.25	75.00	870.00	369.25
21	Cumberland.	20	20.00	400	295.00	120.00	720.00	416.00
22	Deer Creek..	15	15.00	375	375.00	.....	1,499.70	1,499.70
23	Deer Park ...	20	18.25	350	325.00	.....	437.00	493.00
24	Dorchester*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	E. Baltimore	40	40.00	1,000	1,000.00	216.00	2,675.32	2,670.50
26	Easton	45	45.00	800	800.00	200.00	2,945.00	2,945.00
27	Eutaw	20	20.00	500	575.00	180.00	1,230.00	1,315.00
28	Fawn Grove.	25	25.00	700	700.00	60.00	1,943.02	1,943.02
29	Felton	15	15.00	400	400.00	80.00	632.00	632.00
30	Finksburg ..	25	25.00	600	600.00	50.00	1,702.00	1,702.00
31	First Church	25	25.00	700	700.00	150.00	1,991.00	1,491.00
32	Franklin C'y	20	20.00	550	550.00	50.00	1,195.00	1,195.00
33	Frederick ...	40	40.00	550	550.00	75.00	1,390.00	1,192.25
34	Georgetown.	40	40.00	1,100	1,100.00	500.00	2,989.90	1,610.38
35	Hampden ...	25	25.00	700	700.00	120.00	1,464.00	1,514.00
36	Harper's F'y	10	10.00	350	350.00	.....	455.00	455.00
37	Harrington..	25	25.00	600	600.00	150.00	1,025.00	1,025.00
38	Hallsboro' ..	8	8.00	100	140.48	.....	159.34	199.82
39	Heathsville ..	20	20.00	515	500.00	60.00	725.00	710.00
40	Howard	20	20.00	440	440.00	.....	1,660.00	1,660.00
41	Jefferson ...	35	35.00	724	724.00	100.00	2,189.00	2,189.00
42	Ken'edyville	15	15.00	200	200.00	.....	435.00	435.00
43	Kent Island.	30	30.00	500	525.00	150.00	530.00	810.00
44	Laurel	25	25.00	600	600.00	100.00	825.00	825.00
45	Leipsic	10	10.00	350	350.00	.....	530.00	530.00
46	Liberty	35	35.00	500	500.00	75.00	920.00	920.00
47	Lisbon	25	25.00	650	558.00	75.00	1,175.00	1,083.00
48	Lynchburg..	40	40.00	800	800.00	.....	1,122.00	1,122.00
49	Middleway..	15	15.00	250	245.00	50.00	508.00	503.00

Purposes for the Year Ending April 6th, 1887.

No.	Current Expenses.	Building and Improvements.	Paid on Debt.	Total Paid for Local Interests.	Total Paid for General Interests.	Japan Home.	Seminary Debt.	Total Paid for all Purposes.
1	150.00	1,700.00	.....	2,265.00	41.00	.....	.....	2,396.00
2	457.63	134.00	.....	1,366.66	170.60	.....	4.00	1,541.23
3	.....	.....	.....	260.00	38.00	.....	.....	297.00
4	177.75	100.00	.....	1,457.75	105.00	.....	.....	1,562.75
5	.....	.....	300.00	980.82	40.39	.....	.61	1,231.08
6	.....	.....	.....	519.79	45.84	9.00	.....	574.63
7	50.00	.....	.....	1,275.00	104.25	.....	.....	1,379.25
8	175.00	125.00	50.00	1,964.00	175.02	.....	.....	2,159.02
9	204.00	600.00	300.00	627.48	19.00	.....	.....	646.48
10	110.00	.....	60.00	965.00	21.00	.....	.....	986.00
11	.....	700.00	.....	878.00	54.00	.....	.....	953.00
12	173.00	.....	.....	1,780.73	119.38	.....	1.00	1,801.11
13	232.00	714.43	42.00	1,540.00	233.20	.....	.....	1,820.22
14	275.00	30.00	.....	985.00	132.50	.....	.....	1,174.10
15	100.00	.....	.....	1,572.69	113.92	.....	.....	1,687.61
16	60.00	917.69	.....	4,738.58	184.00	.....	.....	4,941.21
17	495.58	3,153.00	.....	677.68	23.00	.....	.....	700.00
18	97.00	.....	200.00	595.00	51.25	5.00	3.00	655.25
19	60.00	.....	5.00	1,391.94	110.63	6.00	.....	1,521.57
20	226.94	650.00	.....	369.25	49.27	.....	.....	418.52
21	30.00	40.00	.....	416.00	31.58	.....	.....	445.58
22	120.00	.....	.....	1,499.70	61.00	.....	4.00	1,564.70
23	102.70	67.00	195.00	493.00	28.50	.....	.....	534.82
24	.....	150.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	631.67	700.00	250.00	2,670.50	.....	.....	.....	3,332.90
26	500.00	1,600.00	.....	2,945.00	396.35	.....	5.00	3,240.85
27	100.00	180.00	250.00	1,305.00	108.51	.....	.....	1,430.21
28	356.98	491.00	310.04	1,943.02	122.42	20.25	.....	2,117.43
29	100.00	37.00	.....	632.00	38.50	.....	4.00	674.50
30	240.00	787.10	.....	1,702.00	48.40	8.00	3.00	1,717.66
31	416.00	.....	200.00	1,491.00	88.05	.....	3.00	1,579.05
32	250.00	125.00	200.00	1,195.00	75.50	.....	.....	1,299.54
33	125.00	300.00	300.00	1,192.25	72.25	.....	.....	1,192.25
34	1,058.38	52.00	.....	1,610.38	235.65	.....	.....	2,986.03
35	484.00	135.00	50.00	1,514.00	162.00	.....	.....	1,676.00
36	75.00	20.00	.....	455.00	25.00	10.50	.....	465.50
37	100.00	150.00	.....	1,025.00	76.00	.....	.....	1,101.00
38	51.34	.....	.....	199.82	9.60	.....	.....	209.42
39	40.00	90.00	.....	710.00	16.50	.....	.....	726.50
40	.....	1,200.00	.....	1,660.00	59.00	.....	.....	1,733.00
41	350.00	80.00	900.00	2,189.00	281.47	.....	.....	2,493.47
42	220.00	.....	.....	435.00	51.50	.....	.....	499.00
43	190.00	75.00	.....	740.00	105.60	.....	5.00	916.82
44	100.00	.....	.....	825.00	46.00	8.61	6.00	896.42
45	60.00	110.00	.....	530.00	28.00	.....	.....	530.00
46	115.00	245.00	.....	970.00	187.85	.....	5.00	1,169.85
47	75.00	350.00	.....	1,083.00	89.39	.....	.....	1,197.00
48	290.00	32.00	.....	1,122.00	207.48	.....	2.00	1,369.48
49	48.00	60.00	85.00	503.00	19.75	.....	1.00	524.75

Collections for Local Interests and Totals for all

No.	CHARGES.	PRES'T'S SALARY.		PASTOR'S SALARY.		Rental Value of Parsonage.	TOTAL.	
		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.
50	Milton.....	20	20.00	500	515.00	75.00	770.00	785.00
51	Mt. Tabor..	25	25.00	440	440.00	.....	641.58	641.58
52	Newark....	50	50.00	1,300	1,300.00	400.00	5,746.88	2,746.88
53	N.C. Avenue	20	20.00	700	700.00	390.00	1,100.00	1,440.00
54	Oxford.....	15	15.00	500	500.00	150.00	715.00	1,050.90
55	Pipe Creek..	28	28.00	500	445.00	250.00	1,958.90	978.00
56	Pittsville...	20	20.00	500	500.00	75.00	745.00	745.00
57	Pocomoke...	20	20.00	450	451.36	100.00	715.00	708.36
58	Pocomoke C.	40	40.00	700	700.00	80.00	1,319.00	1,319.00
59	Potomac....	10	10.00	350	300.00	100.00	573.00	523.00
60	Powellville.	20	20.00	350	322.26	25.00	2,257.00	2,229.26
61	Preston.....	15	15.00	310	325.00	60.00	686.00	461.06
62	Quantico...	20	20.00	500	500.00	75.00	2,745.00	670.00
63	Queen Anne.	25	25.00	475	475.00	100.00	650.00	706.00
64	Rowlandville	15	15.00	500	507.10	96.00	832.00	839.10
65	St. James...	40	40.00	650	650.00	150.00	1,090.00	1,090.00
66	St. Luke's...	25	25.00	900	900.00	240.00	4,472.40	1,472.40
67	St. Michael's	20	20.00	400	160.86	.....	420.00	265.86
68	Salisbury...	20	20.00	425	425.00	160.00	1,761.92	1,741.92
69	Seaford....	25	25.00	650	600.00	100.00	1,025.00	925.00
70	Snow Hill...	10	10.00	400	375.00	75.00	410.00	385.00
71	Somerset...	25	25.00	700	700.00	100.00	1,230.00	1,230.00
72	S. Baltimore.	20	20.00	700	700.00	150.00	720.00	1,320.00
73	Starr.....	40	40.00	1,000	1,000.00	240.00	2,426.00	1,520.00
74	Stewartsto'n.	30	30.00	680	705.00	100.00	4,725.00	4,750.00
75	Surry.....	15	15.00	600	600.00	60.00	765.00	905.00
76	Susquehanna	30	30.00	600	600.00	75.00	936.33	936.33
77	Sussex.....	10	10.00	300	300.00	25.00	1,085.00	1,085.00
78	Talbot.....	15	15.00	400	400.00	.....	415.00	451.20
79	Union.....	20	20.00	550	480.00	50.00	670.00	1,300.00
80	Union Bridge	20	20.00	500	500.00	150.00	762.00	762.00
81	Warwick...	35	35.00	700	621.00	60.00	795.00	1,179.00
82	Wash'gt'n St	30	30.00	900	900.00	240.00	1,999.00	1,999.85
83	W. Baltimore	50	50.00	1,400	1,400.00	.....	1,450.00	2,791.22
84	Westminster	50	50.00	900	900.00	200.00	1,150.00	1,400.00
85	Williamsp'rt	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
86	Wilmington.	10	10.00	100	100.00	.....	1,560.00	1,562.00
87	Berkley....	10	10.00	.....	250.00	.....	.....	280.00
88	Charleston..	10	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
89	Chinc'te'gue	.....	.....	50	50.00	.....	.....	.....
90	St. John's...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total...		2,165	2,159.93	47,802	47,573.70	8,532.00	112,266.62	107,580.96

*No report.

Purposes for the Year Ending April 6th, 1887.

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.
50	100.00	150.00	.....	788.00	31.00	.....	.....	823.00
51	202.18	.....	.....	641.58	104.02	.....	.....	1,070.15
52	1,552.17	89.71	2,355.00	5,746.88	242.50	52.27	.....	3,092.40
53	80.00	349.00	.....	1,449.00	40.60	.....	.....	1,454.60
54	260.98	125.00	.....	1,050.98	63.33	.....	.....	1,118.24
55	75.00	.....	180.00	978.00	107.65	.....	.....	1,111.65
56	110.00	150.00	.....	745.00	73.00	.....	.....	984.85
57	15.00	50.00	72.00	708.36	51.45	.....	5.00	778.93
58	242.00	257.00	.....	1,319.00	168.26	20.00	.....	1,484.20
59	175.00	38.00	530.00	523.00	97.00	.....	.....	620.00
60	47.00	1,285.00	.....	2,229.26	33.47	8.50	.....	2,276.23
61	51.06	10.00	.....	461.06	32.50	.....	3.00	503.56
62	.....	150.00	.....	670.00	23.75	.....	.....	693.75
63	.....	156.00	.....	706.00	184.71	.....	.....	913.07
64	50.00	90.00	.....	839.10	38.11	.....	1.77	878.98
65	131.00	.....	.....	1,090.00	216.00	.....	.....	1,344.39
66	250.00	.....	.....	1,472.40	176.24	.....	.....	1,647.64
67	307.40	.....	.....	265.86	16.00	.....	.....	287.00
68	85.00	.....	.....	1,741.92	59.30	15.25	.....	1,826.47
69	67.59	828.11	241.22	975.00	71.00	.....	.....	1,046.00
70	100.00	150.00	.....	495.00	27.25	13.00	.....	583.00
71	50.00	60.00	.....	1,230.00	133.16	.....	.....	1,363.16
72	80.00	325.00	.....	1,320.00	62.20	.....	6.00	1,326.00
73	300.00	50.00	.....	1,520.00	173.51	.....	.....	2,520.00
74	100.00	140.00	.....	4,750.00	78.56	.....	3.00	4,831.56
75	90.00	3,625.00	200.00	905.00	74.55	.....	.....	979.55
76	90.00	30.00	110.00	986.33	126.25	.....	3.00	1,102.04
77	119.33	.....	112.00	1,085.00	66.50	5.00	.....	1,156.50
78	90.00	660.00	.....	451.20	16.20	.....	.....	457.20
79	20.00	.....	.....	1,300.00	51.16	.....	1.00	1,352.16
80	100.00	750.00	.....	762.00	62.87	18.00	.....	842.87
81	92.00	.....	.....	1,179.00	89.50	.....	6.00	1,291.50
82	236.00	227.00	.....	1,999.85	234.33	.....	.....	2,275.58
83	778.17	51.68	.....	2,791.22	446.61	.....	.....	3,257.83
84	1,341.22	.....	.....	1,400.00	344.98	.....	.....	1,761.77
85	250.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75.00
86	.....	75.00	.....	1,562.00	52.00	.....	3.00	1,617.00
87	450.00	700.00	300.00	280.00	27.00	.....	.....	307.00
88	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.00	.....	5.00	207.46
89	62.00	.....	.....	600.00	2.50	.....	.....	602.50
90	.....	500.00	.....	.....	344.80	.....	.....	344.80
Total...		17,873.04	26,886.72	8,552.22	106,273.04	8,347.35	198.80	83.38
Received from other sources.....								121,226.33
								1,385.00
								122,611.33

Collections for General Interests

No.	CHARGES.	Bible.	Tract.	CONFERENCE.		MIN. EDUCAT'N.		SEMINARY.	
				Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
1	Accomac		2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	7.00	4.00	
2	Alexandria		50	4.00	4.00	4.00	9.00	9.00	
3	Amelia			2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	
4	Anne Arundel	2.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	8.00	7.00	15.00	
5	Baltimore	1.00	50	4.00	2.88	6.00	3.68	12.00	
6	Bedford	2.00	1.00	7.00	3.25	10.00	4.00	20.00	
7	Belair	4.00	3.25	4.00	4.00	8.00	8.00	15.00	
8	Broadway	21.50	8.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	
9	Cambridge	1.00		4.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	9.00	
10	Campbell	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	4.00	
11	Caroline	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	15.00	
12	Cecil	3.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	8.00	5.00	15.00	
13	Central	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	8.00	8.00	15.00	
14	Centreville	2.00	3.00	5.00	3.00	10.00	6.50	20.00	
15	Chesapeake	1.00	1.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	12.00	
16	Chestertown	1.00	1.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	7.00	20.00	
17	Clayton	1.25	1.25	3.00	1.50	4.00	2.00	9.00	
18	Concord	1.00	50	4.00	2.00	6.00	2.25	12.00	
19	Crisfield	1.00	6.55	2.00	2.00	6.00	6.00	12.00	
20	Crumpton	1.75	1.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	6.00	
21	Cumberland	1.18	25	4.00	1.00	5.00	1.35	10.00	
22	Deer Creek	50	55	3.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	
23	Deer Park	45	50	2.00	50	4.00	1.00	8.00	
24	Dorchester			4.00		6.00	5.32	12.00	
25	E. Baltimore	5.00	15.62	6.00	4.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	
26	Easton	18.75	2.00	7.00	2.00	10.00	5.00	20.00	
27	Eutaw	1.50	10.01	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	9.00	
28	Fawn Grove	2.50	19.92	3.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	
29	Felton	1.00	50	2.00	2.00	4.00	3.00	8.00	
30	Finksburg	1.10	1.00	4.00	3.00	6.00	5.00	12.00	
31	First Church	1.00	25	4.00	1.00	6.00	4.00	12.00	
32	Franklin City	1.00	50	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	9.00	
33	Frederick			7.00	3.00	11.00	4.00	22.00	
34	Georgetown	7.00	9.13	7.00	10.00	10.00	8.50	20.00	
35	Hampton	2.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	6.00	6.00	12.00	
36	Harper's Ferry	60	40	2.00	2.00	3.00	1.50	5.00	
37	Harrington	1.00	1.00	4.00	3.00	6.00	5.00	11.00	
38	Hallsboro'	15	10		2.60			50	
39	Heathsville	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.50	4.00	3.00	8.00	
40	Howard			2.00	2.00	4.00		8.00	
41	Jefferson	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	
42	Kennedyville	1.00	50	3.00	1.50	3.00	3.00	6.00	
43	Ken's Island	1.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	4.00	9.00	
44	Laurel	11.00		4.00	1.75	6.00	3.80	12.00	
45	Leipsic			2.00	1.40	3.00	3.00	5.00	
46	Liberty	2.00	8.85	6.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	
47	Lisbon	2.50		4.00	3.75	6.00	5.00	12.00	
48	Lynchburg		4.00	6.00	6.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	
49	Middleway	50	50	2.00	75	3.00	1.00	6.00	

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No.	SUPERANNUATES.		H. & F. MISSIONS.		HOME MISSIONS.		W. F. M. S.	TOTAL.	
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.
1	10.00	6.00	20.00	10.50	23.00	11.50		68.00	41.00
2	15.00	15.00	25.00	25.00	35.00	35.00	23.60	170.60	170.60
3	5.00	5.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	12.00		37.00	38.00
4	25.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	40.00	25.00	10.00	140.00	105.00
5	12.00	7.41	25.00	10.36	30.00	11.08		89.00	40.39
6	15.00	10.00	30.00	7.59	50.00	10.00		135.00	45.84
7	12.00	12.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00		104.25	104.25
8	15.00	15.00	20.00	43.00	30.00	30.00	61.52	175.02	175.02
9	10.00	5.00	25.00	2.00	30.00	5.00		83.00	19.00
10	4.00	2.00	8.00	5.00	15.00	7.00		39.00	21.00
11	15.00	7.00	40.00	14.00	40.00	14.00		135.00	54.00
12	25.00	18.80	40.00	38.58	55.00	40.00		154.00	119.38
13	20.00	29.00	32.00	87.20	40.00	40.00	39.09	169.00	233.20
14	20.00	15.00	35.00	15.00	50.00	22.00	56.00	200.01	132.50
15	15.00	15.00	30.00	38.92	30.00	30.00		105.00	113.92
16	35.00	35.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00		194.05	184.00
17	15.00	4.00	20.00	5.00	25.00	5.00		76.00	23.00
18	15.00	15.00	30.00	9.50	35.00	9.00		102.00	51.25
19	10.00	10.00	20.00	53.08	20.00	20.00		77.55	110.63
20	10.00	10.00	15.00	20.52	15.00	5.00		53.75	49.27
21	10.00	6.00	20.00	13.78	30.00	7.90		84.00	31.58
22	8.00	8.00	15.00	15.00	20.00	20.00		61.00	61.00
23	12.00	1.00	20.00	23.50	20.00	1.50		67.00	28.50
24	15.00	13.45	30.00	43.77	30.00	26.00			
25	30.00	30.00	50.00	106.45	60.00	60.00	111.97	175.00	354.56
26	30.00	30.00	50.00	240.10	70.00	50.00	32.50	240.25	396.35
27	15.00	15.00	25.00	29.20	30.00	30.00	6.00	104.51	108.51
28	15.00	15.00	30.00	50.25	30.00	30.00		98.00	122.42
29	10.00	8.00	20.00	8.00	15.00	8.00		60.50	38.50
30	15.00	10.00	30.00	8.00	30.00	10.30		97.00	48.40
31	15.00	11.00	30.00	33.80	35.00	25.00		108.00	88.05
32	12.00	12.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00		74.00	75.50
33	35.00	6.00	60.00	20.00	50.00	20.00	28.25	247.25	72.25
34	40.00	45.00	80.00	93.52	80.00	26.75	15.75	268.88	235.65
35	15.00	15.00	30.00	40.00	35.00	35.00	42.00	152.00	162.00
36	15.00	7.00	10.00	3.00	15.00	7.00		51.00	25.00
37	16.00	10.00	30.00	20.00	30.00	20.00		103.00	76.00
38		1.00		2.25		2.00		9.60	9.60
39	15.00	5.00	20.00	3.00				56.00	16.50
40	10.00	10.00	20.00	18.00	25.00	19.00		73.00	59.00
41	20.00	20.00	45.00	137.50	50.00	50.00	27.97	275.47	281.47
42	7.00	5.50	20.00	20.00	20.00	16.00		59.00	51.50
43	15.00	15.00	25.00	54.35	30.00	19.25		87.00	105.60
44	16.00	5.17	30.00	13.18	35.00	7.35		114.00	46.00
45	8.00	8.00	15.00	7.60	15.00	5.00		46.00	28.00
46	20.00	12.00	30.00	30.00	40.00	35.00	65.00	126.00	187.85
47	15.00	11.00	30.00	32.14	35.00	21.00		104.00	89.39
48	20.00	20.00	40.00	67.48	40.00	40.00	40.00	180.00	207.48
49	10.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	20.00	5.00		58.00	19.75

Collections for General Interests

No.	CHARGES.	Bible.	Tract.	CONFERENCE.		MIN. EDUCAT'N.		SEMINARY.	
				Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
50	Milton.....			3.00	3.00	5.00	3.00	9.00	9.00
51	Mt. Tabor....	1.00	3.07	3.00	3.00	6.00	6.00	12.00	12.00
52	Newark.....	6.00	4.40	7.00	7.00	14.00	12.00	27.00	27.00
53	N. C. Avenue.	60	1.00	2.00	1.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	4.00
54	Oxford.....	2.65	2.07	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	5.26
55	Pipe Creek...	1.20	5.27	3.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	3.65
56	Pittsville....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	8.00
57	Pocomokee....	85	60	3.00	1.50	5.00	5.00	10.00	4.50
58	PocomokeCity	6.00	6.26	6.00	6.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	20.00
59	Potomac.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	6.00	6.00
60	Powellsville..	45	27	3.00	1.00	4.00	1.75	8.00	3.00
61	Preston.....	1.00	50	2.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	7.00	5.00
62	Quantico.....	50	50	3.00	1.00	5.00	1.25	9.00	4.00
63	Queen Anne's.	2.97	14.52	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	11.00	11.00
64	Rowlandville..	1.00	5.61	2.00	78	3.00	1.85	6.00	2.97
65	St. James'....	4.00	3.00	6.00	4.00	10.00	5.00	20.00	20.00
66	St. Luke's....	1.00	1.00	4.00	3.75	6.00	6.00	12.00	10.50
67	St. Michael's.			3.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	2.00
68	Salisbury.....	1.12	4.00	3.00	2.50	4.00	3.00	9.00	9.00
69	Seaford.....	2.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	6.00	4.00	11.00	8.00
70	Snow Hill....	50	25	2.00	1.50	3.00	3.00	5.00	2.50
71	Somerset.....	1.00	2.00	4.00	3.00	8.00	7.00	16.00	15.36
72	S. Baltimore..	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.50	6.00	6.00	11.00	11.00
73	Starr.....	1.00	5.00	7.00	5.50	11.00	5.00	22.00	22.00
74	Stewartstown.	1.00	14.56	4.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	12.00	5.00
75	Surry.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	6.00	6.00
76	Susquehanna..	1.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	8.00	8.00	15.00	15.00
77	Sussex.....	1.50	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	8.00
78	Talbot.....	1.75	78	3.00	72	4.00	1.23	8.00	1.43
79	Union.....	1.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	5.00	3.60	11.00	2.00
80	Union Bridge.	2.00	6.17	3.00	2.00	5.00	3.00	10.00	5.00
81	Warwick.....	1.00	13.50	6.00	3.00	10.00	7.00	20.00	9.00
82	Washington st.	10.00	12.14	5.00	5.00	8.00	10.00	15.00	15.00
83	W. Baltimore.	20.00	20.00	7.00	7.00	13.00	23.26	25.00	25.00
84	Westminster..	18.50	4.75	7.00	5.00	11.00	11.00	22.00	24.25
85	Wilmington...	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00
	Berkeley.....			1.00	2.00				
	Charleston....	4.00	4.00				5.00		5.00
	St. John's(Ind.)	30.70	16.60		2.00				20.00
	Chincoteague..								
	Total.....	253.52	295.33	327.00	251.76	513.00	410.52	1006.00	803.05

\$100 paid by Coulbourn & Son.
 †For Investment.

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No.	SUPERANNUATES.		H. & F. MISSIONS.		HOME MISSIONS.		W. F. M. S.	TOTAL.	
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.
50	15.00	6.00	30.00	5.00	20.00	5.00		82.00	31.00
51	15.00	15.00	30.00	40.00	25.00	25.00		104.07	104.07
52	35.00	35.00	50.00	91.04	60.00	60.00		203.40	242.50
53	10.00	10.00	25.00	10.00	25.00	10.00		74.00	40.60
54	10.00	12.00	15.00	15.35	20.00	20.00		63.72	63.33
55	15.00	5.85	30.00	33.00	35.00	18.00	37.00	136.47	107.65
56	12.00	12.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00		73.00	73.00
57	13.00	10.00	25.00	32.12	25.00	11.00		82.45	51.45
58	20.00	20.00	40.00	40.00	60.00	60.00		168.26	168.26
59	6.00	6.00	15.00	55.00	20.00	20.00		54.00	97.00
60	12.00	5.00	20.00	16.50	25.00	12.00		76.00	33.47
61	10.00	5.00	20.00	7.00	20.00	10.00		62.00	32.50
62	10.00	5.00	20.00	5.50	20.00	6.00		68.00	23.75
63	16.00	16.00	35.00	84.22	40.00	40.00		118.00	184.71
64	15.00	8.38	20.00	10.30	15.00	7.22		67.61	38.11
65	50.00	*80.00	70.00	40.00	60.00	50.00		233.00	216.00
66	15.00	15.00	35.00	38.84	35.00	38.50		115.00	176.24
67	10.00	6.00	20.00	5.00	20.00	2.00		65.00	16.00
68	15.00	12.00	25.00	9.18	25.00	16.50		76.29	59.30
69	15.00	10.00	30.00	20.00	30.00	20.00		104.00	71.00
70	12.00	5.50	20.00	5.00	20.00	10.00		62.00	27.25
71	30.00	20.00	50.00	*160.80	40.00	25.00		148.00	133.16
72	15.00	8.00	30.00	16.85	30.00	16.85		92.00	62.20
73	40.00	35.00	70.00	16.30	90.00	52.00	88.01	334.01	173.51
74	15.00	5.00	30.00	30.00	35.00	20.00		117.56	78.56
75	12.00	12.15	20.00	17.40	25.00	20.00	2.00	72.00	74.55
76	15.00	15.00	30.00	77.71	40.00	40.00		133.25	126.25
77	10.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00		66.50	66.50
78	15.00	1.61	25.00	2.07	20.00	4.65		79.00	16.20
79	20.00	7.00	40.00	19.56	30.00	12.00		102.00	51.16
80	15.00	7.70	30.00	38.00	30.00	15.00		62.87	62.87
81	25.00	20.00	40.00	13.00	45.00	23.00		144.00	89.50
82	30.00	30.25	50.00	92.35	50.00	50.00	9.59	189.73	234.33
83	40.00	†66.60	100.00	200.75	70.00	70.00	40.00	245.00	466.61
84	35.00	28.00	75.00	150.93	70.00	38.05	64.50	220.00	344.98
85	10.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	15.00	15.00		51.00	52.00
		5.00		5.00	10.00	10.00		27.00	27.00
		5.00		4.00	10.00	3.00		35.00	35.00
		50.00		15.00		10.00	200.00		344.80
				1.50		6.00			2.50
	1435.00	1245.87	2,598.00	3,057.40	2,820.00	2,030.40	1000.25	8,997.19	8,347.35

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

No.	CHARGES.	No. Unstation'd Min. & Preat's.	Probationers.	Members.	PROBATIONERS.							
					No. on Roll at last Conference.	Rec'd during the year.	Elected to Membership.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd.	Deceased.	Now on Roll.	
1	Accomac.....			262		30	50					5
2	Alexandria.....	1	5	136	2	7	3					1
3	Amelia.....	1	1	87	1	21	21					2
4	Anne Arundel.....	1	2	188		10	7					
5	All Saints.....			43								50
6	Baltimore.....	2	50	300	34	107	80	2				18
7	Bedford.....		18	203	14	45	41					2
8	Belair.....	1	2	158	5	34	37					18
9	Broadway.....		18	179	9	61	45	1		4		39
10	Cambridge.....	1	39	185	53	36	5					11
11	Campbell.....	1	11	173	30	12	30		1			39
12	Caroline.....		39	178	15	29	5					22
13	Cecil.....	3	22	311	9	44	24		3	1		9
14	Centreville.....	1	9	103	16	9	8	1	1			
15	Chesapeake.....			94	4		2		2			23
16	Chestertown.....		23	196	22	24	14		4			8
17	Chincoteague.....		8	83		54	43		3			
18	Clayton.....			190	24		18		6			
19	Concord.....			219		16	16					
20	Crisfield.....		33	185	21	56	39		5			33
21	Crumpton.....		4	60	6	17	13		1			4
22	Cumberland.....		1	93	3		2					1
23	Deer Creek.....	1		142		49	49					3
24	Deer Park.....	1	3	136		3						23
25	Dorchester.....		22	228	22							10
26	East Baltimore.....	1	10	258	8	46	44					7
27	Easton.....			208								9
28	Ellicott City.....	1	7	25								4
29	Eutaw.....		9	86	14	13	18			1		9
30	Fawn Grove.....	2	4	475	5				1			14
31	Felton.....	2	14	136		28	14					9
32	Finksburg.....		9	292	6	17	12	1	1			
33	First Church.....			131		9	9					80
34	Franklin City.....	1	80	228	4	180	104					10
35	Frederick.....	1	10	423	12	34	56					2
36	Georgetown.....	1	2	204	8	2	10					412
37	Hampden.....	2	412	300	62	385	10	1	25	1		20
38	Harper's Ferry.....		20	100	35	32	32					50
39	Hallsboro'.....	1		64		42	42					3
40	Harrington.....	1	50	295		50						12
41	Howard.....			161		16	16			3		
42	Indian River.....			29								6
43	Jefferson.....	1	12	156	27	11	20		1			2
44	Kennedyville.....			83		16	13	3				
45	Kent Island.....	1	6	112	2	7						2
46	Laurel.....	1	2	163	3	1			2			38
47	Leipsic.....	1		61	5	5	5					7
48	Liberty.....		38	292	9	42	8		5			4
49	Lisbon.....	2	7	227	24	14	30				1	4
50	Lynchburg.....	1	4	162	5	4	5		4			

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No.	FULL MEMBERS.							SABBATH SCHOOLS.				CONVERSIONS.	
	On Roll at last Conference.	Rec'v'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	214	30	20				262	1	25	20	252	7	23
2	139	12					136	1	32		213	8	
3	65	21	1		1		87	2	17	30	80	2	19
4	194	7	1	2	10	3	188	5	44	33	251	2	8
5	43						43						
6	249	80	1	1	12	2	300	5	56	142	368	25	5
7	166	41	1	1		1	203	6	65	10	300	7	40
8	175	37	4	3	53	2	158	4	40	34	170	18	8
9	137	45	2	5			179	1	31	40	300	59	18
10	180	5	3				185	2	20	25	175	6	
11	147	30		1	1	2	173	3	24	15	205		50
12	175	5				2	178	4	54	15	270	12	22
13	256	24	2	9	1	4	311	4	59	20	360		44
14	105	8	1	2		5	103	1	19	13	108	7	3
15	93	2	1			2	94	2	23	13	113		
16	173	14	6	1	3	1	196	1	32	12	235	13	7
17	40	43					83	1	14	40	107	10	90
18	185	19	2	12	3	1	190	3	36		170		3
19	218	16		2	8	5	219	3	52	5	220	7	9
20	144	39	2				185	1	32	52	275	28	31
21	43	17	1	1	1	1	60	2	16		110	2	16
22	112	2		6	12	2	93	1	20	25	115		
23	100	49	4	2	9		142	2	17	7	140	28	40
24	196		1	3	57	5	136	4	51		356		3
25	228			8	6	7	228	4	49		220		
26	232	44	16	9	21	4	258	1	29	15	240	27	19
27	208		2	2			208	1	20	15	160		
28	72						25	1	7	55	60		6
29	67	18	2			1	86	1	10	11	94	5	8
30	340		1	1	14	6	475	5	68	5	542		149
31	122	14				2	136	1	8	40	40	3	25
32	290	12	2		10	2	292	4	66	26	358	5	
33	127	9	2		5	1	131	1	22	8	118		9
34	124	104					228	4	53	175	300	50	130
35	335	56	3	5	11	8	423	8	50	60	340	20	27
36	201	10		11		6	204	1	26		279		2
37	350	10	2	2	64	3	300	1	44	120	574	113	312
38	40	22	5	2	4	2	100	1	15	15	60	2	
39	15	42	8		1		64	4	31	75	175	20	35
40	281	4	10				295	3	55	25	300	8	22
41	147	16	1			3	161	3 1/2			150		17
42	25						29	1	5		30		5
43	142	20	12	4	12	3	156	3	33	60	240	4	5
44	72	13	1		2		83	1	11	9	75	6	12
45	123			1	11		112	2	26		150		2
46	168		1	6			163	1	15	20	140		2
47	53	5					61	1	10	20	122	2	2
48	223	8	5	4		1	292	3	61	16	274		19
49	203	30		6			227	4	44		369	8	7
50	164	5	1		4	4	162	1	15		125		2

PROPERTY STATISTICS

CHARGES.	No. of Appointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Church Papers Taken.	Our S. S. Papers Taken.	Volumes in S. S. Library.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Debt.
Accomac	3	3	1	24	160	200	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 300.00
Alexandria	1	1	1	12	315	400	8,000.00	
Amelia	3	1		13	35	36	1,200.00	
Anne Arundel	5	5	1	10	238	250	12,000.00	
All Saints	1	1					3,000.00	
Baltimore	5	4	1	4		956	6,500.00	350.00
Bedford	6	6	1	25	150	309	11,200.00	450.00
Belair	4	4	1	20	170	275	12,000.00	1,000.00
Broadway	1	1	1	6	315	600	31,780.00	8,500.00
Cambridge	3	3	1	2	100		5,500.00	1,969.11
Campbell	6	5		15	80	300	3,000.00	
Caroline	4	4	1	14		660	6,000.00	
Cecil	4	5	1	11	470	400	13,000.00	450.00
Centreville	2	2	1	15	125	225	7,000.00	100.00
Chesapeake	2	2	1	19	150	100	8,500.00	
Chestertown	1	1	1	35	300	235	7,000.00	
Chincoteague	1	1			100	50	1,000.00	
Clayton	3	3		4	55	225	6,000.00	
Concord	4	4	1	15	130	240	8,200.00	14.00
Crisfield	1	1		5	225	158	7,000.00	
Crumpton	2	2	1	8		100	5,200.00	360.00
Cumberland	1	1	1	8	120	175	10,000.00	
Deer Creek	3	3		16	90	65	4,300.00	200.00
Deer Park	4	4		1	220	200	3,560.00	400.00
Dorchester	4	4	1	24	200	200	10,000.00	220.00
East Baltimore	1	1		24	360	590	20,000.00	
Easton	1	1	1	28	280	300	18,000.00	
Ellicott City	1	1				100	1,000.00	
Eutaw	1	1	1	15			3,500.00	1,150.00
Fawn Grove	5	5	1	8	444	600	9,800.00	\$57.74
Felton	3	3		5	50	210	3,000.00	
Finksburg	4	4	1	16	200		11,000.00	
First Church	1	1	1	10	150	200	10,000.00	500.00
Franklin City	5	4	1	24	375	250	5,180.00	800.00
Frederick	8	8	1	50	400	800	15,000.00	200.00
Georgetown	1	1	1	22	266	500	20,000.00	
Hampden	1	1	1	10	300	292	9,300.00	400.00
Harper's Ferry	1	1	1	4	100	50	6,000.00	30.00
Hallsboro'	4			10	208			
Harrington	3	3	1	19	300	400	7,800.00	1,200.00
Howard	4	3½			200	300	4,500.00	
Indian River	1	1		1	1	25	500.00	
Jefferson	4	4	1	22	250	200	14,000.00	700.00
Kennedyville	1	1		10	100	275	3,000.00	
Kent Island	2	2	1	10	135	150	8,300.00	
Laurel	2	2	1	12	120	230	10,000.00	
Leipsic	1	1		14	40	75	2,000.00	
Liberty	4	4	1	18	200	500	10,500.00	
Lisbon	5	5	1		150	560	5,300.00	
Lynchburg	1	1		12	160	250	15,000.00	

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CHARGES.	No. of Appointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Church Papers Taken.	Our S. S. Papers Taken.	Volumes in S. S. Library.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Debt.
Middleway	3	2	1	9	75	90	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 40.00
Milton	3	3	1	4	75	375	5,000.00	90.00
Mt. Tabor	1	1		6	149	175	5,000.00	
Newark	1	1		12	240	700	35,000.00	
Ninth-Street	1	1		25	200	639	81,400.00	30,000.00
N. C. Avenue	1	1		9	200	200	5,000.00	
Oxford	1	1	1	14	200	300	5,000.00	50.00
Pipe Creek	2	2	1	18	166	500	10,000.00	800.00
Pittsville	4	4	1	22	150	600	5,000.00	50.00
Pocomoke	4	5	1	13	85	80	5,300.00	8.00
Pocomoke City	2	2	1	40	225	350	11,000.00	
Potomac	2	2	1	6	50	400	4,500.00	
Powellville	4	4	1	5	165	175	4,700.00	
Preston	3	3	1	5	163	163	6,000.00	
Quantico	5	5	1	12	75	68	7,000.00	85.00
Queen Anne's	2	2	1	22	60	150	3,500.00	
Rowlandville	2	2	1	18	125	200	7,500.00	300.00
St. James	2	2	1	21	30	250	8,000.00	
St. Luke's	1	1		7	195		6,000.00	3,000.00
St. Michael's	2	2	1	12	62	250	4,000.00	
Salisbury	3	3	1	10	155	50	11,800.00	241.22
Seaford	3	4	1	9	250	120	6,000.00	
Snow Hill	3	3		7	70	120	3,600.00	
Somerset	2	2	1		125	75	7,000.00	
South Baltimore	1	1	1		130	200	21,000.00	
Starr	4	4	1	22	275	400	35,000.00	
Stewartstown	1	1		17	300	1,000	12,000.00	750.00
Surry	2	2	1	8	150	100	3,125.00	50.00
Susquehanna	3	3	1	22	202	800	10,000.00	
Sussex	4	4	1	50		162	4,800.00	380.00
Talbot	2	2		11	1	100	1,000.00	
Union	6	6	1	15	100	240	9,000.00	300.00
Union Bridge	2	2		14	220	40	10,000.00	600.00
Warwick	3	3	1	17	125	323	9,000.00	
Washington-St.	1	1	1	19	396	265	20,000.00	
West Baltimore	1	1			385	590	30,000.00	
Westminster	1	1	1	40	250	300	22,500.00	
Wilmington	1	1			340	200	7,500.00	3,550.00
Williamsport		4		3	25		4,000.00	
Charleston, S. C.	2	2		1	794	180	2,900.00	320.00
Berkely, S. C.	8	8		3		55	1,500.00	200.00
Total	232	234	62	1,216	15,520	24,201	\$863,045.00	\$60,965.07
Report of 1886	237	231½	60	1,097	13,208	25,656	852,585.00	28,825.78
Gain		2½	2	19	2,312		\$10,460.00	\$32,139.29
Loss		5				1,455		

THE EVERLASTINGNESS OF GOD'S WORD.

SERMON DELIVERED BEFORE THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, BY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT, APRIL 6TH, 1887, BY REV. FRANCIS T. TAGG.

The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; but the word of the Lord endureth forever.—I. Peter i. 25.

An unending mutation marks the history of all material being. The ceaseless throb of nature is forever prophetic of its decay. The most fragrant flower blooms only to wither; the brightest day resolves itself into darkness at last; the noblest life will end in the solitude of the grave.

How bright and hopeful is the life of youth. The future is radiant with a cloudless prospect. Sensations the most ravishing electrify the soul, and prophesies the most startling magnify the vision. The chords of life vibrate under the touch of enchanting music. It's a fairy land that will vanish into thinnest air. Experiences of pain, and failure, and decrepitude will dissipate these cherished hopes, and overthrow every thoughtless plan. Soon experience teaches that something has gone, and more is going, and every day will emphasize the evanescence and disappointments of life. Treasures the most sacred will fall into the flood of the past, which will never be recovered. Intimacies cherished for years will be broken, to be no more united. Affections will cool that can never flame with the passion of love again. Brave hearts will fall, that can never respond to the reveille of life's battle call any more.

Before me are pews filled with worshippers in the various stages of life that were once filled with other worshippers, buoyant, hopeful, active. They are no more. It is prophetic of *your* history, my friends. We all stand upon the shore of that illimitable sea, which never restores what falls into it. We hear only the moan of the wave that rushes over it all—forever—

“O, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?
Like a swift fleeting meteor, a fast flying cloud,
Like a flash of the lightning, a break of the wave,
Man passes from life to his rest in the grave.”

Mutation is equally apparent in the realm of mind and thought. It is true there is poetry, the music of which will vibrate forever; philosophy, the truth and power of which can never decay; art, whose divine traces are touched with imperishable truth; literature, that is luminous with a flame of immor-

tality. But this is so only because poet and artist and author became the discoverer, or interpreter, of some profound and essential truth. Truth is eternal by necessity, but painful transitoriness has in general been the history of intellectual labor from the very beginning of time. Men perished and their works perished with them. Nor has philosophy and religion been more successful in securing permanence. From Pyrrho to John Stewart Mill there are not two who have agreed on such questions as "what is piety? what is impiety? what is character? what is temperance? what is morality? what is State?" And there is every shade of religion, from the lowest feticism to the most refined and poetic systems of mythology and hero worship, and these systems have cast off old forms of thought and worship and taken on new ones, with all the changes that affect the social or political condition of the people where they existed. Nowhere along all this recondite history has there been a stopping place, nor any system of rules that possessed the elements of general application or permanence.

Even scepticism, like the chameleon, took new and different colors from its environments in every age. It changed its attitudes and altered its formulas with every new adversary, and with every fresh attack upon the Scriptures. In the days of Christ men substituted the traditions of the Jews for the teachings of Scripture. The scepticism of Celsus and Julian, in the first century, has now become a strong collateral evidence of Scripture truth. They admitted the statements of the New Testament, but denied the necessity of them.

The rationalistic Jews of this day place the reasonings of the second to sixth centuries above the Bible. The human traditions of their Targums, the Mishna and Gemara, of their two enormous Talmuds, has become their Alcoran. They have stifled the law and the prophets beneath their enormous weight. It is remarkable that just in proportion as vice and sin grow, in that proportion does antagonism to the Word of God increase. It was in the corruption of the church that the rationalism of Rome had its beginning. The reason of the seventh to the thirteenth centuries is reflected in the works of Dionysius the Less, Hincmar, Radbert, Lanfranck, Damacenus, Anastasius the librarian, Burkhardt, Ives of Chartres, Gratian, Isidorus the Merchant, and then of a priest ordinarily Italian, whom they call "pope," and whom they declare infallible in the construction of Scripture and in definitions of faith. It was the vicious state of morals that invented virgin, angel, relic and image worship. It was the decline of piety that suggested the purchase of pardons, the endurance of penance, the myth of purgatory, and the infallibility of a man who was generally bad.

The Reformation, which swept away the iniquity of the Church, destroyed, in the fury of its storm, the scepticism of the world. Next came the rationalists of the Reformation. If they did not place above the Bible the doctrines of Socinus, Priestly and Eichorn, of Paulus, Strauss and Hegel, they at least placed above it their own. There was a mixture of error in Scripture truth, and they were the self-appointed agents to eliminate. They would take out the tares and leave nothing remaining but the pure, clean wheat. The historian would eradicate all the traditions, the rationalist would reject all mystery, science would eliminate all the miracles, geology would destroy the first

books of Moses, materialism would reject the immaterial nature of the soul, the philosopher the resurrection of Jesus, the deist the inspiration of Scripture, the infidel a future state of reward and punishment; and between the advanced thought on the one hand, and the atheistic scepticism on the other, nothing remains but an old book full of meaningless statements and antiquated myths.

Now we see the rising spectre of Deism. This is the scepticism of the eighteenth century. In England its most formidable adherents were Collins, Bolingbroke, Blount, Hume, Dodwell, Gibbon, and others. Here, too, we see infidelity as a reaction from the grovelling worldliness of the Church. It was promptly met by Bentley and Lardner, Locke and Butler, Chandler and Doddridge, and the works of these pre eminent champions will live forever. But that which was the potent factor in the overthrow of all deistical power, was the rise of Methodism, and with it the revival of pure and undefiled religion. No argument can stand before an enthusiasm of practical piety. What Lardner's learning and Butler's profound reasoning did to arrest the sceptical tendencies among the learned, the work of John Wesley and his collaborators did among the populace. Happy would it have been for France if the evil results of the work of Voltaire, of D. Alembert, of Diderot, of Helvetius, could have been met, not as they were by the feeble letters of the Abbe Griage—which, however, was the best thing that opposed French Deism—but by a universal revival of religion. Then the violence of the guillotine would not have demanded 4,000 victims, nor would the goddess of reason have been enthroned in Notre Dame, nor the blasphemy of a feast to the Supreme Being presided over by Robespierre in the garden of the Tuileries. The pentecost of unbelief had come, and no cloud was visible to promise a flood that would wash it from their shores.

In Germany the church had to contend with the pantheism of Spinoza, who did much to color the religious opinions of Lessing and Goethe, of Shelling and Hegel. The mythical theory of Strauss was supplemented by the vision hypothesis of Baur, Scholten and Renan. The shiftings of scepticism in this century are too fresh in your minds to require a mention here. It is sufficient to note the changeful and fluctuating character of doubt and denial in regard to Christianity. Almost nothing has been common, but the rejection of the supernatural. Deism, positivism, rationalism, materialism, atheism, agnosticism, have all appeared by turns. "If there has been progress, it has been from negation to negation, Hobbes leading to Hume, Voltaire to Helvetius, Semler to Strauss. The most different moods of rejection have been current from superficial contempt to respectful, almost reverential, sadness."

The last thing is not a doubt about the cosmogony of Moses, the credibility of miracles, the resurrection of Jesus; but the New Theology, the progressive orthodoxy of Kucnan and Welhausen, a kind of theological renaissance, which promises a future probation and provides a delightful intellectual elysian for its followers, but which plain readers of the word can nowhere discover. Its latest exhibitions are in the florid platitudes of R. Heber Newton, and the unhappy contentions, known as the Andover controversy. No

man can follow the history of unbelief without discovering more changes than occur in Ovid's *Metamorphoses*.

Against all this endless mutation I place this Bible. It will endure forever. Like the mighty rock, that has been lashed by the surging billows of centuries and yet stands in the calm solitude of its unaltered permanence, so this divine book stands against the ever recurring breakers of scepticism and unbelief. Not one passage has yet been eliminated, not a single letter lost. It still begins with God's record of the creation and ends in the triumphant songs and ravishing scenes of apocalyptic glory. The same pitying Father that met you at the threshold of your spiritual life, the same divine Saviour who redeemed you with his own precious blood, the same blessed Spirit who made every attribute of your soul responsive when he spoke of peace, and forgiveness, and God, are still found there. Surely the word of the Lord endureth forever.

I will not ask you to-day to consider any of those evidences which have hitherto been relied upon, and which may still be regarded as conclusive evidence of the authenticity and divine authority of this book. The testimony from prophecy, from miracles, from the effect of the Gospel upon the nations, its internal testimony, all these are inviting fields of investigation; but I will not attempt to establish anything from the evidence of the supernatural. I will confine myself wholly to one method. If the Bible agrees with demonstrated truth, whenever that is known, it is a strong presumptive evidence that all of it is true. *Truth* is eternal. That which is essentially true cannot be contradicted, altered or modified, and it must be true forever. The Bible is the truth respecting God and man, and the relations existing between them; a truth which could not be invented nor discovered, but which is wholly a revelation from God. Of course, it contains much that is accidental and collateral, and in itself unessential; but this is necessary to keep up its connection and to accommodate it to our understanding.

Notice first, that in so far as *collateral history* bears upon the Bible, it substantiates every word of it. There have been discrepancies, but in every instance where tablets, cuniform writings or old manuscripts have been brought to bear, the Bible has been fully confirmed. The book of Daniel has long been assailed by the sceptical critics. Daniel says the last king of Babylon was Belshazzar, and that he was killed when the city was captured. All the Greek historians say that Nalonus was the last king, and that he was at Borsippa with an army when Babylon fell, and lived some years after that event; indeed, they mention no Belshazzar at all. An absolute contradiction, cry the exultant infidels. "Falsus in uno, falsus in omnibus. The whole book of Daniel is unreliable." Well, bring in the tablets of the Babylonian library. Here we find that Belshazzar was the son of Nalonus, reigning three years, while his father was outside with an army. Title deeds are on record covering one hundred and sixteen years, and some dated in the third year of Belshazzar. Here we see also why Daniel was made third ruler in the kingdom; Belshazzar himself was second.

Critics say that Daniel's 5th is spurious, because women did not attend public feasts. Tablets show that this was a special feast, which women

did attend. The account by Cyrus himself is found: "I captured the city, without fighting, on the 14th of Tammuz (or Thammuz), daughter of Adonis and Venus. This feast was celebrated with vile orgies, in which the women were associated." Here, then, is the record of the conqueror, whom God named 100 years before he was born.

In the titles of dead and buried Babylon, George Smith has just found the Chaldean traditions of Noah's flood. Lately, in a ledge west of Thebes, a populous tomb of kings and queens was found, covering seven hundred years, with names and titles on the cases, hieroglyphic texts, a ritual of the dead, and litanies of the sun. Here is Rameses II., a mighty king, who filled the world with wonder. Here is Thotmes III., who conquered Syria, Cyprus and Ethiopia, and raised Egypt to her highest pitch of glory; and one writer says, "placed his frontier where he pleased." Of all these there is an account of birth, principal events of life, of their sickness and death. Why is this not so in the case of the Pharaoh of the Exodus? Why not? Ask the Death Angel and the Red Sea for the answer.

We read in the Scriptures that God did wonders in Zoan. What was Zoan? When was it founded? Moses tells us far back in the centuries, seven years after Hebron. This has been doubted. Now, it turns out from hieroglyphic records that are unmistakable that in this ancient Zoan, this Tanis of to-day, the splendid court of Rameses lived in all its magnificence. Rameses is the Sesostrius of history, the mightiest king in all the East. Even in his day he found it a ruin, which proves its great antiquity. Here lived Menepthah, the very Pharaoh of the Exodus. Here, within the gates of Tanis, Moses performed his mighty miracles of murrain and of darkness. From hence the splendid Egyptian army started to capture the fugitive Israelites. How little did those who laid their city waste, until the sand of the desert became its winding sheet, think that one day these buried treasures should stand up as witnesses of the truth of this book. Within a few months Maspén, the Director General of Egypt, has taken off the bandages of Sesostrius, and his face has been photographed, and we know the very features of the man who oppressed Israel and forced them to make bricks without straw. The store cities of Ramases and Pithon have been found; clear cut figures of Hebrew laborers, brick graneries, with ten foot walls, but not a blade of straw; even a picture of Joseph, the king who imprisoned him, and of the introduction of Jacob, have been discovered. (See Prov. Marvin.) I cannot stop to tell you of the revelation made at Assos, Pergamus and Naucrates, which are fraught with so much interest and abound with so much testimony to the truthfulness of Scripture. My point is this: If all collateral evidence that is reliable confirms Scripture at every point where the two meet, it is strong presumptive evidence of the truth of it all.

In the realm of physical science there has been no end of doubt and scepticism. Science and revelation have been regarded as antipodal and wholly contradictory. That which is demonstrated truth no honest man will dispute; but unproved hypothesis cannot be accepted as demonstrated truth. Is there a single statement in the Word of God that stands in opposition with essential truth in the physical world? I know that Genesis stands in contra-

diction with the present theory of evolution; but that is only a theory, and Tyndall calls it an unproved hypothesis at that. I know that the Bible doctrine of the soul contradicts materialism; but we need not distress ourselves about that until it is proven that thought is only a modification of matter, that a clod thinks, or a stone builds a schoolhouse.

Neither a Cuvier, a Newton nor a Rawlinson has yet discovered anything that disproves Scripture. Job asks, "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades?" and Lieut. Maury sees in the question the recognition of the whole theory of gravitation. The Psalmist called this world a *round* world long before science demonstrated that the earth is a sphere. When the old pump-maker came to him with his troubles Galileo had the hand of persecution upon him and was afraid to say that the air had weight, yet the perfect man of Uz, a thousand years before, said "He maketh a weight for the wind." When Herschel was scanning the heavens with his telescope, where do you suppose he found the fewest stars? Precisely where Job told Bildad "that He stretcheth the North over the empty space and hangeth the world upon nothing."

I cannot stop to tell how the profoundest geologist finds continued evidence for the truth of Revelation. Hugh Miller's "Footprints of Creation" and "Testimony of the Rocks," Winchel's "Sketches of Creation" and "Reconciliation of Science and Religion," Aggasiz's "Study of Fossils" and "Essay on Classification," with Dawson, Carpenter, Drummond and many others are earnestly commended to the diligent student. The Bible is not a book of science; but if its statements are absolutely true whenever it touches these subjects, it affords another collateral argument for the truth of all there is in it.

The distinction between right and wrong is another truth found in the Bible that corresponds with the profoundest investigations and the ripest experience of men. There may be difference of opinion among men respecting the application of these terms, but the antithesis between the ideas is a universal conception.

You cannot admit man's moral constitution without admitting the necessity of a moral government, and this presupposes a moral administration. Obedience to certain laws, universal in their application, produce internal harmony and peace, while disobedience produces disorder and misery. Man is invested with the reflective faculties, the power by which he may know the tendencies and results of either course of conduct, clearly indicating the fact that he is under law; and obedience has its natural rewards and disobedience its inevitable penalties. Human society is so constituted that dishonesty, injustice, immorality tend to overthrow it, while justice, honesty and morality tend to establish and consolidate it. Society is based on law. The natural dread, the instinctive shrinking from crime is an unequivocal declaration of nature against it. Virtue is always commended and vice is always condemned. There may be a great variety of opinions as to what constitutes an act virtuous or vicious, but to declare it virtuous is to commend it, to declare it vicious is to condemn it. Is there a sane man in all the world who will deny it? Is not the distinction between right and wrong an undoubted,

immutable, universal truth of life and experience? When you can prove that a circle may have two centres, or that its radii are not necessarily equal, you may deny it. Right and wrong are not convertible terms. Rectitude is as immutable as space.

Does the Bible utter anything inconsistent with it? Does it anywhere prevent the right or condone the wrong? The very forgiveness it offers the sinner condemns his sin. The superiority of Scripture in this regard has often been admitted by its adversaries. Wherever its principles are obeyed civilization advances, men follow the peaceful pursuits of industry, the laws are made just and equitable and are cheerfully obeyed, and all the avenues of life are marked by harmony, industry and progress.

Where are the moralists who have sought to remedy the ethical condition of men? It would be necessary to search among the curiosities of the past for many of them, and many of those who are yet known were made more enduring by Christian criticism. Where is the Bible? In the hands of 400,000,000 of people, and speaking to the nations in more than 200 tongues. Everywhere proclaiming the immutable principles of right and wrong, bestowing its benedictions upon the righteous and its penalties upon the sinful. Thus the distinction between right and wrong which meets with universal approval and endorsement is commanded and emphasized in the Word of God. Here, then, is another illustration of the fact that the Bible is always, and only, on the right side of every question.

These illustrations might be almost indefinitely extended. This book is to be judged, not by isolated passages and detached statements, but by its aims and general principles, and the essential and universal truths which it proclaims; and these may always be tested by demonstrated truth wherever that is known. It is true there is in it what we cannot understand or explain; but if this is evidence against it then nature is not true, for it presents us daily with problems no man can solve. For example, is there anything more mysterious in the growth of grace than in the growth of plants? Or in the conversion of a soul than the transformation of the chrysalis? Is there anything in the Bible so utterly incredible as spontaneous generation, which is admitted to be absolutely necessary to establish scientific evolution? Mystery is no evidence against the Bible, or anything else. It is simply a proof of the limitation of our faculties.

Because the Bible is *true*, it has all the elements of perpetuity. Truth is eternal, by necessity. What insufferable impertinence to attempt to mend it, modify it, improve it. With what contempt—nay, rather, with what pity—must *He* look upon the erratic preacher, or the advocate of a "progressive orthodoxy," or the egotistic devotee of the "higher criticism," who said: "Heaven and earth may pass away, but not one jot or tittle of the law shall fail." Progressive orthodoxy does not mean progress in profound Biblical interpretation and the acquirement of truth, but progress in eliminating Scriptural statement and the modification of theological doctrine. The history of creation, the origin of man, God's providential government, the credibility of miracles, the vicariousness of Christ's atonement, future retribution, are all modified or explained away by this progress in orthodoxy. There is

nothing sure but a system of intangible ethics which insures a future probation for those who do not embrace their opportunities here. I cannot conceive how a Christian minister can have the courage to throw doubt on a single passage of Scripture when the Apocalypse threatens to take his part out of the Book of Life, and Jesus says not one jot or tittle of it shall fail. When Jesus was sorely tried the Scriptures were his instant refuge. To Satan, under great temptation, he said: "It is written." His first sermon was based on a text in Isaiah, and his dying utterance, "Eloi, Eloi, Lama Sabachthani," was a quotation from a psalm which the Church of Israel had sung for a thousand years in her festivals. He told the temple doctors, "The Scripture cannot be broken." He made the disciples' hearts burn within them by expounding the Scriptures. Not once did he modify Scripture, or break the force of its meaning, or eliminate passages which displeased the polite or the critical.

Think of Him preaching on future retribution, and telling his hearers something like this: "My brethren, we find that in the original the word hell is rendered 'sheol.' It is sometimes called Gehenna, which means the valley of Hinnom, in the neighborhood of Jerusalem, and, therefore, it is not a fire, only a dark place. It's not a place of punishment, only a place of stillness and decay." No such namby-pamby trash ever came from his lips. Life was far too serious and salvation much too important with him to indulge in the theological trash of many of our modern Bible menders.

Some preachers distrust the credibility of much of the Old Testament. Every letter of it existed in Christ's day. Do you suppose for one moment that He would not have put himself on record against anything that was improper or untrue? On the other hand He said to the temple doctors: "Ye make void the word of God by your traditions." He endorsed it, enforced it, practised it. He attempted no proof except what he founded on these Old Testament Scriptures. He did not except to a single passage, and yet some of our modern preachers, who are wise above what is written, are constantly throwing doubt and uncertainty upon the Scriptures. Finally, this word is perfectly adapted to the needs of man.

Society will have no higher moral standard than the moral character of those who compose it. Man has been termed a microcosm, a little world in which the gospel operates, producing spiritual regeneration, and bringing to mature moral excellence the practical conduct of his life. Its other effects are incidental. If it brightens the intellect, expands the thought, polishes the manners, or civilizes the modes of life, these are not its main purpose; they are results growing out of it. It converts men from sin and from worldliness. It reverses their thoughts and feelings, hopes and practices. It leads them to virtue, justice, truth and charity, and to God.

Its commands are definite and positive. "Come out from among the world and be ye separate." Not like the hermit, who banishes himself from the busy haunts of men to dwell in secret cells and solitary caves. Separate, not from the society, but the sins of the world; renounce, not the community, but the corruptions of society; forsake, not the pursuits, but the vices of men. It is clear as a demonstration that the Bible will not disrupt society, nor disturb any of its legitimate pursuits or regulations.

It does command you "to do unto others as you would have them do to you." "To be ready for every good word and work." "To seek peace with all men." "To love one another, to do justly, love mercy, and to do good unto all men." Will these principles endanger society? Can it exist harmoniously on any other basis? Human society may be classified into three departments. The domestic relations, civil institutions and human government; no further class seems possible. The gospel applied to any of these classes at once develops those principles conducive to the well being of man. It would be easy to show how the application of these Bible principles could produce but this one result. So long as effect follows cause, so long as the practice of moral principles produces uprightness of life, so long will the Bible produce all the blessings of a virtuous life and a progressive civilization.

If, on the other hand, you argue back from effect to cause, then every church and schoolhouse, every institution of benevolence and philanthropy, every home of domestic happiness, the history of every invention, the converts of every mission field, the progress of every civil condition, the liberty of every human government, will stand up as witnesses for these principles. In all the wide realm of literature this book alone contains the rules that can perfect individual character, domestic relations, social institutions, or human government. When Dr. Dean, of China, read Romans 1st an intelligent Chinaman accused him of having written it himself against Chinamen.

My plan contemplated a more detailed treatment of this interesting subject, but time forbids. I have nowhere touched the arguments suggested by the supernatural, the inherent testimony of its truthfulness, nor the progress of Christianity. I have confined myself exclusively to that form of evidence which no reasonable man can deny, and, so far as this testimony goes, it confirms and establishes every word of it. And this is the Gospel of the Son of God, which you, my brethren, have been preaching all your lives. Its adaptation to your needs is a matter of precious experience. In your early days it restrained the unbridled and impetuous tendencies of youth. In your later years it reconciles you to the disappointments of life. Here every condition of human experience is reflected. In its words every struggle of the heart finds appropriate and helpful utterance. In its inexhaustible resources it interprets the deepest feelings of the soul. It puts music into the most tuneless tongue, and rounds the periods of the most illiterate into unrivalled eloquence. Every mood of the soul can be translated in the divine amplitude of its blessed words. It explains the most perplexing doubts, and articulates the feeblest contrite cry. It gives sorrow words that unburden the breaking heart, and fills the whitening lips with thankful gladness and prayerful hope. Do you wonder that a saint of other days, moved by the inspiration of such truth, should sing:

"Holy Bible, book divine,
Precious treasure, thou art mine?"

Its adaptation to Christian growth is one of its sweetest attributes. Prof. Leonard Wood says: "When I commenced my duties as professor of theology I feared that the frequency with which I should have to pass over the same portions of Scripture would abate the interest in my own mind in reading

them; but after more than fifty years of study it is my experience that with every class my interest increases." Bro. Kinzer told me that he used to hear Dr. Webster quote passages with an enthusiasm which showed they inspired him with the richness of the truth they contained, but which to Bro. Kinzer were at that time almost barren and meaningless. Since then Bro. Kinzer has grown up to these passages, and he now sees the radiant truth and power in them which years ago made the heart of the venerated and saintly Dr. Webster leap for joy.

Dr. Drinkhouse, whose growing experience as a Christian is apparent to all, quoted a passage a few days ago with a deep appreciation of its appropriateness and fullness of meaning, but which years ago had little or no meaning for him: "Be not silent unto me, O God, lest if Thou be silent unto me I shall fall into the pit." Once the silence of God would not have been regarded as serious, now it would be followed by insufferable anxiety and distress. To the growing Christian this book is real; it is unreal only to the unspiritual. To you it comes with a divine power when you preach it to the hopeless and the sinful. It enables you to comfort your heart in sorrow's darkest night with "Thus He saith," and it gives you the royal privilege to anticipate the last Epiphany of the Saviour's glorious coming, not with compo- sure only, but with heavenly joy. It has been your talisman through all your struggling years. Its inspiring promises have preserved you from de- spair, in the midst of insupportable discouragements. It has put a light into your hands which enabled you to find the lost, and even to illumine the valley of the shadow of death for the departing soul. It will be a lamp to your feet and a light to your pathway forever.

SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY.

The Superannuated Fund Society met April 8th, J. L. Mills, First Vice President, in the chair.

B. W. Kindley was elected Secretary pro tem.

The following resolution was offered by J. R. Caton:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Superannuated Fund Society be in- structed to notify, at once, all persons who have made annual subscriptions to the funds of the Society, of the amounts due upon such subscriptions, and to draw upon the subscribers for the amount thereof.

The resolution was adopted.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY, MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE, WITH JOHN G. CLARKE, TREASURER—DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT.

1886.		DR.		
July 7.	To Cash for Rent of Safe Deposit Box			\$ 15.00
October 12.	To Cash paid Rev. J. O. Crouse, Steward			1,976.30
1887. March 30.	To Cash Check on Nat. Exchange Bank, Baltimore			2,409.78
				\$4,401.08
1886.		CR.		
March 17.	By Cash for 6 months' Ground Rent, Estate John S. Miles		\$ 30.00	
June 1.	By Cash for 6 months' Dividend, Balt. & Ohio R.R. Stock		312.00	
"	" " " Interest, Cinn., Wash. & Balt. R.R. Bonds		157.50	
"	" " " " Wil., Col. & Augusta " " "		75.00	
"	" " " " Ground Rent, A. McElmoyle		30.00	
June 23.	" " " " Interest on John Fangmeyer's Note		360.00	
July 3.	" " " " Char., Col. & Aug. RR. Bonds		140.00	
"	" " " " Col. & Augusta " " "		70.00	
"	" " " " Pittsb. & Connell. " " "		280.00	
"	" " " " Union " " "		105.00	
July 12.	" " " " Ground Rent, A. Eichner		27.00	
July 15.	" " " " " W. W. Janney		26.15	
July 20.	" " " " " Estate Wm. Hunt		26.15	
July 22.	" " " " " Schminke & Co.		36.00	
Aug. 9.	" " " " 6 mos. Div. Far. & Mech. Nat. Bank Stock, Georget'n.		24.00	
"	" " " " " Interest Atlantic & Charlotte RR. Bonds		35.00	
Aug. 17.	" " " " " Ground Rent, J. A. Hamman		45.00	
Oct. 12.	" " " " " Interest Virginia Midland RR. Bonds		212.50	
Nov. 1.	" " " " " Cinn., Wash. & Balt. RR. Bonds		157.50	
Nov. 29.	" " " " " Ground Rent, Estate John S. Miles		30.00	
Nov. 3.	" " " " " for Dividend Annapolis, Wash. & Balt. RR. Stock, net.		23.87	
Dec. 2.	" " " " " additional Div. " " " " " "		5.58	
Dec. 6.	" " " " " 6 mos. Dividend Balt. & Ohio RR. Stock		312.00	
Dec. 8.	" " " " " Ground Rent, Mrs. C. J. Swingle, Washington		30.00	
Dec. 15.	" " " " " " A. McElmoyle		30.00	
Dec. 17.	" " " " " " Max & Sam'l Meyers		36.00	
Dec. 22.	" " " " " Interest John Fangmeyer's Note		360.00	
Dec. 28.	" " " " " Ground Rent, A. Eichner		27.00	
1887.				
Jan. 4.	By Cash for 6 mos. Dividend Annap., Wash. & Balt. RR. Stock		111.00	
Jan. 5.	" " " " " Int. Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Bonds		75.00	
"	" " " " " Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta " "		140.00	
"	" " " " " Columbia & Augusta " "		70.00	

Jan. 5. By Cash for 6 mos. Int. Pittsburgh & Connellsville Bonds.....	280.00
“ “ “ “ “ Union “	105.00
Jan. 10. “ “ “ “ Div. Far. & Mech. Nat. Bank, Georgetown.....	24.00
Jan. 13. “ “ “ “ Int. Atlantic & Charlotte RR. Bonds.....	35.00
Jan. 22. “ “ “ “ Ground Rent, Estate Wm. Hunt.....	26.15
Feb. 3. “ “ “ “ “ W. W. Janney.....	26.15
Feb. 9. “ “ “ “ “ J. A. Hamman.....	45.00
Feb. 22. Net proceeds of Rent Georgetown property, C. A. Upperman, Agt.	158.03
March 7. By Cash for 12 mos. Ground Rent President's Parsonage.....	56.25
“ “ “ “ “ Int. on Loan “ “ Repairs	33.75
March 9. “ “ for 6 mos. Int. Virginia Midland RR. Bonds.....	212.50
	\$4,401.08

This account and vouchers therefor examined and found to be correct.

J. E. T. EWELL,
HORACE BURROUGH, } *Auditing Committee.*
J. A. CHAS. KAHLER, }

BALTIMORE, March 30th, 1887.

SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY, MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE, WITH JOHN G. CLARKE, TREASURER—INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

1886.	DR.	
June 4. To Cash paid for \$2,000 First Mortgage 7 per cent. Bonds of Columbia & Augusta Railroad, at 107 1/4—\$2,150, and commission \$5...		\$2,155.00
1887.		
March 30. To Balance.....		114.00
		\$2,269.00
1886.	CR.	
March 24. By Balance on hand.....		\$ 362.75
March 29. By Cash from Farmers and Mechanics' National Bank, Georgetown, D. C., difference in exchange of \$625 Stock in the old Bank, for \$600 in the new organization.....		25.00
April 16. By Cash from Rev. T. Q. Crouse, Steward.....		160.00
June 4. By Cash from the sale of 15 Shares Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad Stock, at \$1.15, amounting to \$1,725, less \$3.75 commission.....		1,721.25
		\$2,269.00

1887.
March 30. By Balance in hands of Treasurer, \$114.

This account, with vouchers therefor, examined and found to be correct.

J. E. T. EWELL,
HORACE BURROUGH, } *Auditing Committee.*
J. A. CHAS. KAHLER, }

BALTIMORE, March 30th, 1887.

C. H. Day was appointed to collect the annual dues.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: First Vice-President, J. L. Mills; Second Vice-President, A. W. Mather; Recording Secretary, B. W. Kindley; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather.

The Secretary was authorized to cast the ballot for the old Board of Managers, which resulted in the re-election of—E. J. Drinkhouse, Pastors of West Baltimore, South Baltimore and Broadway, Horace Burrough, J. H. Elliott, J. A. C. Kahler, J. G. Clarke.

No further business, the Society adjourned.

B. W. KINDLEY, *Secretary.*

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Home Missionary Society met in the M. P. Church, at Easton, on Thursday, April 7th, 1887, with President W. M. Strayer in the chair.

On motion, W. M. Strayer was re-elected President, and J. M. Brown, Secretary.

The following Vice-Presidents were also elected: First Vice-President, J. D. Kinzer; Second, J. L. Mills; Third, J. E. Maloy.

On motion of A. W. Mather, W. H. Silk was elected Treasurer.

The Board of Managers was elected as follows: The Pastors of Lafayette-Avenue (West Baltimore), Starr, Mt. Lebanon (East Baltimore), and Washington Street Churches, and J. N. Gilbert, C. H. Bartlett, W. H. Silk and W. J. C. Dulany.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's report received and referred to the Auditing Committee—J. M. Sheridan, G. D. Edmondston and J. R. Caton. Report correct.

Report of Board of Managers read and adopted.

J. F. Wooden appointed to collect annual dues.

On motion, Society then adjourned.

J. M. BROWN, *Secretary.*

Board of Managers report that the only item of business transacted during the year was the grant of a deed of the Society's property in Frederick City to the Jefferson Circuit Benevolent Society.

The Board further reports that it has no knowledge that the interest due the Society upon its mortgage on the church property in Belair has been paid.

W. M. STRAYER, Chairman.
D. L. GREENFIELD, Secretary.

APRIL 12th, 1887.

Home Missionary Society met. W. M. Strayer in chair.

J. M. Brown, Secretary, resigned, and H. L. Elderdice elected.

J. F. Wooden reported he had collected \$71.25 annual dues and turned the same over to Missionary Steward, J. S. Bowers. Report adopted.

On motion, adjourned.

HUGH L. ELDERDICE, *Secretary.*

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. But when the report of a committee has been under discussion, the motion to lay on the table shall not prevail until the chairman of the committee shall have been heard once on the subject, if he desires to speak.

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.

2. 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 fellowship, 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 per-

sons, 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.

SUPERANNUATED 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?