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LECTURES
ON THE
DOCTRINE OF ELECTION.

BY
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RECOMMENDATIONS.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25, 1854.

Messrs. HIGGINS & PERKINPINE,—

I have read with some care the "Lectures on Election, by the Rev. Alexander C. Rutherford, of Greenock," and I consider the work to be an able exposition of the errors of the predestinarian theory, by one who has had every opportunity of understanding that theory, as held by its ablest advocates. The argument is clear and convincing; and, for general circulation, I deem this book one of the best on the subject with which it has been my fortune to meet.

Geo. R. Crooks, M.A.

PHILADELPHIA, January 4, 1854.

Messrs. HIGGINS & PERKINPINE,

I have read a work entitled "Lectures on the Doctrine of Election, by Alexander C. Rutherford, Minister of the Gospel, Greenock," and while I am not prepared to subscribe to all its minor positions, nor to justify all its severities of expression, many of which were prompted, I suppose, by circumstances not apparent to the reader, I unhesitatingly recommend it as an unanswerable refutation of the Calvinistic doctrines of election and reprobation, as placing the truth in a very clear and convincing light, and as eminently worthy to be republished and widely circulated, especially in view of the efforts now made to engage the public confidence for the unscriptural and dangerous tenets which it condemns.

Francis Hodgson, D.D.

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CONVENED AT READING, PA.,
On the 22d day of March, 1854.

BISHOP AMES presiding, assisted by BISHOP JANES.

Pennel Coombe was re-elected *Secretary*, J. W. Mecaskey, and G. W. Lybrand were appointed assistant *Secretaries*.

A. Wallace, and J. B. McCullough were appointed to prepare the Minutes for publication.

G. Oram, J. Cunningham, W. Cooper, J. Humphries, J. T. Hazzard, and V. Smith, were elected *Stewards*; and appointed a Committee on *Necessitous Cases*.

The following Committees were then called for and appointed by the President, viz:

On Sabbath Schools.—E. Miller, T. A. Fernley, and James McCarter.

On Bible Cause.—W. Urie, and J. A. Brindle.

On Education.—H. M. Johnson, I. T. Cooper, G. R. Crooks, F. Hodgson, A. W. Milby, H. Colclazer, H. E. Gilroy, J. Flannery, and H. R. Calloway.

On Post Offices.—J. L. Taft, M. H. Sisty.

On Finance.—M. D. Kurtz, W. Rink, C. F. Turner.

On Memoirs.—J. A. Roache, J. A. Massey.

On Temperance.—W. Barnes, R. H. Pattison, G. D. Bowen.

On Tract Cause.—H. Colclazer, D. W. Bartine, J. Mason, C. J. Crouch, J. B. Ayres, John Allen.

The Presiding Elders were constituted a committee on Missions.

E. Miller, H. Colclazer, T. C. Murphy, V. Smith, and G. R. Crooks were appointed a committee to confer with the Agent of the Pennsylvania Colonization Society.

J. D. Curtis, N. Heston, and J. Ruth were appointed a committee on Public Worship, during the session.

The first Question was then taken up, viz:

What Preachers have been received on trial?

Mark Bailey, Charlton T. Lewis, Samuel Irwin, John L. Heysinger, Henry H. Bodine, Jonathan S. Willis, Samuel W. Kurtz, James L. Killgore, Joseph N. Magee, Joseph Dare, Henry T. Johns, George Haycock, John Dyson, Safety Layton.

Question 2. *Who remain on trial?*

Henry H. Hickman, Wm. M. Warner, George A. Phoebus, Joseph S. Lame, James B. Merritt, George P. Leatherbury, Joseph Smith, Robert W. Todd, Samuel Dobson, Wm. M. Dalrymple, Thomas Childs, Charles R. Curry.

	White Members.	White Probationers.	Colored Members.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Colored Preachers.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Books.	Missionary Coll.	Bible Collection.	Education Coll.
<i>Reading District :</i>													
Reading, Ebenezer,	182	19					1	27	150	700	43 81		2 74
" St. Peters,	134	110			1		1	25	200	300			
Pottsville, 1st Church	212	23	2		3		2	75	340	1740	70 00	28 00	10 00
" 2d Church	115	23			3		1	33	215	650	41 66	4 00	3 20
Pottstown,	355	50	1		2		8	110	648	1377	174 61	17 63	7 26
Phoenixville,	406	56			3		5	86	308	1627		18 25	5 25
West Chester,	200	49			2		1	41	226	950	46 62	35 00	2 80
Norristown,	165	100			1		1	34	223	712	81 00	4 50	
Bethel & Evansburg,	103	13			3		4	23	99	580	16 61	5 88	3 15
Grove,	175	32			4		4	51	271	1096	53 00	7 05	5 00
Manayunk, Mt. Zion	244	27			5		2	78	688	2520	141 59	25 00	4 00
" Ebenezer,	175	32			3		2	45	300	1050	76 00	7 00	3 00
Germantown,	320	115	1	1			2	50	350	950	728 00	25 00	26 62
Chestnut Hill,	71	48			1		2	25	175	375	25 00	10 00	
Springfield,	373	80	1	1	8		8	78	360	1230	200 59	23 50	6 40
Waynesburg,	283	23			5		5	44	313	650	111 22	9 21	4 00
Lebanon & Read. Furn	182	23	11		1		2	57	220	1200	90 00	13 70	5 23
Tremont & Pine Gro.	56	15	1		1		1	20	105	600	26 00	4 00	2 00
Minersville,	90	45			1		3	44	250	800	85 50		4 00
Port Carbon,	127	20			1		1	34	206	275	108 51	30 00	3 56
Sch. Hav. & Port Clin.	36	7			2		2	28	175	450	9 00		
Middleport,	9				1		2	17	89				
Tamaqua & Tuscaro.	140	30			4		1	40	300	1350	125 00	22 00	5 00
Mauch Chunk,	131	36			1		7	111	506	2635	41 00	20 00	
	4287	976	18	3	41		68	1176	6717	23,817	2294 75	309 72	103 88
<i>Wilmington Dist.</i>													
Wilmington, Asbury	640	90			2		3	100	680	1950	114 53	16 85	9 52
" St. Pauls	200	8			3		1	180	450	333 25	95 50		10 29
" Union	300	90			2		1	27	207	420	90 10	7 18	3 56
" E. Zion			387	27			3	10	150				
New Castle	81	6			1		1	22	131	400	32 00	5 00	2 50
Delaware City	340	90	100		1	1	6	74	272	1218	34 88	10 00	5 00
Middletown & Cant- well's Bridge	174	37	57	12	1	2	2	24	130	500	52 25	6 00	3 95
Newark	471	42	10		2		7	74	438	1252	53 91	2 23	2 42
Elkton	348	35	11		3		3	33	191	500	175 92	8 74	5 87
North East	284	132	14	4	2		4	53	330	906	128 44	17 53	7 50
Port Deposit	213	18	118		2	2	1	32	117	800	83 16	10 17	8 50
Zion	360	26	11	4	6		5	53	320	600	92 84	13 32	8 25
Oxford	278	47	3	5	8		7	40	432	675	15 00	9 31	3 33
Fulton	300	48	3	6	10		10	109	620	1300	50 06	11 28	4 80
Strasburg	213	100		1	4		6	68	288	1354	82 85	7 75	4 53
Cochranville	268	59		1	8		7	74	378	1100	30 00	15 75	7 00
Brandywine	376	93		4	8		7	79	610	1000	114 85	13 76	7 44
Chester	170	86		1	1		1	27	200	600	32 87	4 00	2 75
" Circuit	232	16		2	2		3	35		825	101 00	10 87	
Mount Lebanon	220	15		1	1		3	36	287	328	83 29	5 77	2 14
Mount Salem	200	20			2		1	26	200	860	42 68	3 75	
Kennett Square Miss.	18	45					3	16	76	60			
	5686	1103	717	43	43	884	1047	6337	17,098	1743	88274	76	99 3

Quest. 14. *Where have the preachers been stationed?*

NORTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT, J. Castle, P. E.

- St. George's—F. Hodgson.
 Trinity—D. W. Bartine.
 Eighth street—W. Urie.
 Fifth street—J. A. Roache.
 St. Johns and Rising Sun—G. R. Crooks. One to be supplied.
 Kensington—P. Coombe.
 Sanctuary—Wm. Barns.
 New Market street—J. Y. Ashton.
 Twelfth street—W. H. Elliott.
 Hedding Church—A. Manship.
 Tabernacle Church—Wm. Major.
 Cohocksink—J. J. Jones.
 Emory—G. Dixon Bowen.
 North City Mission—J. Thompson.
 Summerfield—G. W. MacLaughlin.
 Port Richmond—W. C. Robinson.
 Zoar—To be supplied.
 Milestown—S. Townsend.
 Lehman's Chapel and Fairview—H. S. Atmore.
 Doylestown—W. W. McMichael.
 Frankford—G. Quigley.
 Bridesburg—D. R. Thomas.
 Bustleton—R. M. Greenbank.
 Holmesburg—J. H. Boyd.
 Bristol—M. H. Sisty.
 Attleborough—J. L. Taft.
 New Town—J. A. Watson. One to be supplied.
 Allentown—S. Irwin.
 Easton—J. R. Anderson.
 South Easton—M. A. Day.
 Richmond—W. B. Wood.
 Stroudsburg—J. F. Boon, J. Hubbard, sup.
 Cherry Valley—E. Townsend.
 J. P. Durbin, Corresponding Secretary of the M. E. Church, a member of Trinity Quarterly Conference.
 J. Cunningham, Agent of the Phila. Conf. Tract Society, a member of Fifth street Quarterly Conference.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT, T. J. Thompson, P. E.

- Union—Wm. M. D. Ryan, J. Mitchell, sup.
 Nazareth—H. Colclazer.
 Ebenezer—M. D. Kurtz.
 Mariner's Bethel—A. Johns.
 Wharton street—J. Sewell, E. R. Williams, sup.
 St. Paul's—P. J. Cox.
 Salem—E. Miller, S. Higgins, and J. Henry, sup.
 Western Church—J. W. Mecaskey.
 Broad street—C. F. Turner.

Young Men's Central Home Mission—To be supplied.
 South City Mission—To be supplied.
 J. Wesley—To be supplied.
 West Philadelphia, Asbury—J. McCarter.
 Mantua—J. Dickerson.
 Haddington—C. R. Currey.
 Monroeville—To be supplied.
 Radnor—H. Sutton, Mark Bailey.
 Marion Square—L. C. Pettit.
 Village Green—H. G. King, J. S. Lame.
 Crozierville—I. T. Cooper.
 Lancaster, 1st Church—Wm. Bishop.
 " 2d Church—G. W. Brindle.
 Safe Harbor—D. L. Patterson.
 Kelly Mission, Lancaster Co.—J. B. Dennison.
 Columbia—W. Cooper.
 Marietta—S. Patterson.
 Mount Joy and Bainbridge—John T. Gracey.
 Harrisburg—A. Cookman.
 Dauphin and Hummelstown—S. R. Gillingham, Henry H. Hickman.
 Halifax—J. S. Cook.
 Dickinson College—H. M. Johnson, Professor; C. I. Thompson,
 agent, both members of Harrisburg Quarterly Conference.

READING DISTRICT, John D. Curtis, P. E.

Reading, Ebenezer—J. Ruth.
 " St. Peters—T. A. Fernly.
 Pottsville, First Church—S. Annear, J. Neil, Sup.
 " Second Church—A. Longacre.
 Pottstown—A. Freed, J. F. Meredith.
 Phoenixville—C. J. Crouch, one to be supplied.
 West Chester—C. Karsner.
 Norristown—J. Humphries.
 Bethel and Evansburg—E. Reed.
 Grove—J. Carlisle.
 Manayunk, Mount Zion—H. R. Calloway.
 " Ebenezer—J. H. Alday.
 Germantown—N. Heston.
 Chesnut Hill—T. Snowden Thomas.
 Springfield—J. H. Turner, Henry H. Bodine.
 Waynesburgh—S. G. Hare, one to be supplied.
 Lebanon and Reading Furnace—H. B. Manger, J. Dare.
 Tremont and Pine Grove—Wm. H. Burrell.
 Minersville—J. E. Meredith.
 Port Carbon—J. W. Arthur.
 Schuylkill Haven and Port Clinton—L. B. Beckley.
 Middleport—To be supplied.
 Tamaqua—G. Oram.
 Mauch Chunk—J. B. McCullough, S. W. Kurtz.
 J. W. Wiley—Missionary to China.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT, A. Atwood, P. E.

Wilmington, Asbury—R. Gerry.
 “ St. Paul’s—J. Mason, J. H. Wythes, Sup.
 “ Union—J. B. Maddux.
 “ Seventh Street—H. A. Hobbs.
 “ E. Zion—to be supplied.

New Castle—J. N. King.

Delaware City—T. Sumption, one to be supplied.

Middletown and Cantwell’s Bridge—R. H. Pattison.

Newark—J. Flanery, C. T. Lewis.

Elkton—E. J. Way.

—Bethel—Wm. Rink.

North East—J. Shields, T. B. Miller.

Port Deposit—H. F. Hurn.

Zion—H. Sanderson, one to be supplied.

Oxford—J. Cummins, J. Dyson.

Fulton—J. Edwards, F. B. Harvey.

Strasburg—V. Grey, Abel Howard.

Cochranville—T. Newman, J. L. Killgore.

Brandywine—G. W. Lybrand, one to be supplied.

Chester—Wm. Mullen.

“ Circuit—Wm. H. Brisbane.

Mount Lebanon—J. Hand, J. Talley, Sup.

Mount Salem and Kennett Square—T. W. Simpers, Wm. L. Dalrymple.

Delaware College—Wm. L. Boswell, Professor, member Newark Quarterly Conference.

EASTON DISTRICT, Wm. McCombs.

Smyrna—T. C. Murphy.

“ Circuit—D. Lambden, J. N. Magee.

Dover—H. E. Gilroy, H. T. Johns.

Frederica—S. M. Cooper, Reuben Owen.

Vernon—J. Bell, one to be supplied.

Milford—Wm. L. Grey.

Denton—T. J. Quigley, one to be supplied; G. Lacy sup.

Greensborough—J. B. Ayres, one to be supplied.

—Wye—S. W. Thomas.

Talbot—B. F. Price, J. B. Merritt, S. Grace sup.

Easton—J. T. Hazzard, R. W. Good.

Centreville—W. E. England, J. S. Willis.

Kent Island—Wm. B. Walton.

Sudlersville—G. Haycock, G. P. Leatherbury, G. Barton sup.

Kent—J. A. Massey, J. Gregg.

Millington—J. Aspril, W. M. Warner.

SNOW HILL DISTRICT, D. Dailey, P. E.

Seaford—S. Pancoast, T. Childs.

—Federalburg—I. R. Merrill.

Dorchester—J. Hargis, J. F. Chaplain.

Church Creek—R. E. Kemp, J. O’Neil; one to be supplied.

Cambridge—V. Smith, G. A. Phoebus, J. Turner sup.

Quantico—C. L. Steinman.

Salisbury—S. C. Palmiter, S. Layton.

Princess Ann—A. W. Milby, J. L. Heysinger.

Annamessex—J. A. Brindle; one to be supplied.

Accomac—C. Hill; one to be supplied.

Northampton—Adam Wallace.

New Town—Wm. Merrill, W. Quinn sup.

Snow Hill—J. Allen, J. W. Hammersly.

Berlin—J. Pastorfield, D. Titlow.

Worcester—J. B. Quigg.

Lewes—J. Hough, C. Shock.

Georgetown—J. H. Lightburn.

Laurel—J. Smith, S. Dobson.

D. D. Lore and G. D. Carrow, Missionaries to Buenos Ayres, S. A.

Quest. 15. *What has been collected for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?*

North Philadelphia District.			South Philadelphia District.		
	Confer. Coll.	Ten Cent Coll.		Confer. Coll.	Ten Cent Coll.
St. George's	\$32 89	\$63 63	Union	\$92 00	\$210 63
Trinity	37 14	71 47	Nazareth	22 00	74 40
Eighth Street	15 00	60 03	Ebenezer	29 00	65 00
Fifth Street	50 10	60 22	Mariner's Bethel	16 25	16 52
St. John's	20 06	31 33	Wharton Street	11 12	45 25
Kensington	27 00	45 00	St. Paul's	18 60	29 56
Sanctuary	9 43	4 66	Salem	42 00	73 14
New Market St.	7 00	14 05	Western Church	15 36	25 09
Twelfth Street	54 50	35 00	West Phila., Asbury	15 00	16 00
Cohocksink	10 60	11 30	" " Mantua	3 88	5 07
Emory	10 08	11 77	Haddington	2 90	4 00
Hedding	15 00	10 00	Monroeville Mission		7 00
Summerfield	3 55		Radnor	20 00	29 70
Port Richmond	20 00	15 00	Village Green	12 21	26 00
Zoar & John Wesley	5 80		Crozierville	7 73	14 00
Milestown	16 13	14 25	Lancaster, 1st Ch.	22 00	24 00
Lehman's Chapel } and Fairview }	3 73	6 44	" 2nd do.	4 12	7 72
Doylestown	5 61	6 25	Safe Harbor	6 33	1 56
Frankford	16 80	18 73	Columbia	12 00	15 50
Bridesburg	1 50	7 13	Marietta	5 00	6 28
Bustleton	14 00	7 00	Mt. Joy & Bainb.	9 00	10 00
Holmesburg	4 00	5 45	Harrisburg	15 00	23 57
Bristol	12 65	15 60	Dauphin & Hum- melstown }	5 00	4 50
Attleborough	10 00	10 00	Halifax	12 24	15 81
New Town	14 69	15 91			
Allentown	8 78	10 40			
Easton	11 50	8 28			
South Easton	3 49	3 48			
Richmond	5 50	10 25			
Stroudsburg	4 40	3 94			
Cherry Valley	4 78	6 85			
Donation by Rev. } Jas. Neill }		10 00			
	455 71	593 42		398 74	750 30

Reading District.

	Confer. Coll.	Ten Cent Coll.
Reading Ebenezer	\$21 00	\$15 82
" St. Peter's		
Pottsville, 1st Ch. & St. Clair }	20 00	12 00
" 2nd do.	6 09	5 00
Pottstown	15 63	19 01
Phoenixville	15 00	20 25
West Chester	14 00	10 50
Norristown	7 48	11 79
Bethel & Evansburg	5 07	8 14
Grove	6 60	11 30
Manayunk, Mt Zion	20 50	19 00
" Ebenezer	5 54	8 00
Germantown	40 00	33 50
Chestnut Hill Mission	9 00	5 00
Springfield	14 24	15 25
Waynesburg	8 86	14 50
Lebanon & Reading Furnace Mis. }	6 30	18 00
Fremont & Pine Grove }	2 50	2 50
Minersville	9 00	10 50
Port Carbon	8 89	13 00
Schuylkill Haven & Port Clinton }	1 50	1 00
Tamaqua & Tuscarora Miss. }	13 18	9 25
Manch Chunk	5 00	8 00
	<u>253 46</u>	<u>271 31</u>

Easton District.

	Confer. Coll.	Ten Cent Coll.
Smyrna	\$14 62	\$19 15
" Circuit	14 55	23 55
Dover	20 00	30 53
Frederica	16 40	17 06
Vernon Mission	4 25	7 50
Milford	6 00	10 00
Denton	9 00	8 75
Greensborough	12 00	6 00
Talbot	18 26	25 32
Easton	20 87	35 00
Centreville	8 42	8 50
Kent Island	2 00	2 71
Sudlersville	12 00	10 05
Kent	23 22	13 78
Millington	25 35	33 00
Donation by Mrs. Hughlett		20 00
	<u>206 94</u>	<u>270 90</u>

Wilmington District.

	Confer. Coll.	Ten Cent Coll.
Wilm'gton, Asbury	\$21 41	\$33 71
" St. Paul's	24 26	28 03
" Union	10 50	14 50
" E. Zion		7 00
New Castle Mission	5 15	5 00
Delaware City	17 05	22 47
Middleton & Cantwell's Bridge	8 35	15 35
Newark	20 00	8 75
Elkton	15 00	21 00
North East	22 00	16 00
Port Deposit	27 76	15 00
Zion	20 00	14 14
Oxford	8 03	8 00
Fulton	15 13	11 49
Strasburg	10 62	10 50
Cochranville	10 85	10 20
Brandywine	16 24	13 12
Chester Mission	7 25	15 00
Chester Circuit	4 35	8 38
Mount Lebanon	5 77	6 09
Mount Salem	9 00	12 25
	<u>278 72</u>	<u>295 78</u>

Snow Hill District.

	Confer. Coll.	Ten Cent Coll.
Seaford	\$10 00	\$30 00
Federalsburg	4 25	12 67
Dorchester	23 00	45 00
Church Creek	9 68	4 50
Hoopers & Elliot's Island	3 50	15 00
Cambridge	13 40	11 39
Quantica	13 41	
Salisbury	10 05	17 43
Princess Ann	13 35	
Annamessex	43 00	
Accomac	23 41	43 00
Northampton	15 20	10 62
New Town Mission	10 00	
Snow Hill	7 00	6 68
Berlin	10 00	8 60
Worcester Mission	2 00	4 00
Lewes	10 75	12 00
George Town	4 18	8 95
Laurel	5 77	2 86
Mite Soc.—Quantico		15 88
" Salisbury		17 00
" Princess Ann		19 25
" Annamessex		45 00
	<u>232 60</u>	<u>329 83</u>

RECAPITULATION.

	Confer. Coll.	Ten Cent Coll.
North Philadelphia District	\$455 71	593 42
South do do	398 74	750 30
Reading do do	253 46	271 31
Wilmington do do	278 72	295 76
Easton do do	206 94	270 90
Snow Hill do do	232 60	329 83
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	1826 17	2511 54
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Total of Conf., Ten Ct. & Mite Monies	4337 71	
Interest of Chartered Fund	35 00	
" Centenary "	436 00	
Excess	8 92	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total distributed	\$4817 63	

CLAIMANTS.

	Amt. rec'd from Con. fund.	Amt. rec'd. from Cent'y. fund	Total by each.
John Lednum	\$58 00		\$58.00
John Talley	29 00		29 00
George Wiltshire	100 00	\$15 00	115 00
Enos R. Williams	125 00	15 00	140 00
Samuel Grace	80 00	15 00	95 00
John Henry	120 00	10 00	130 00
John D. Long	260 00	15 00	275 00
Henry G. King	200 00	20 00	220 00
Matthew Sorin	200 00	20 00	220 00
George Barton	170 00	10 00	180 00
Peter Hallowell	130 00		130 00
Mrs. Roberts	2 63		2 63
" Williams	29 00		29 00
" Smith	20 00		29 00
" Bayne	33 00		33 00
" Willett	36 00		36 00
" Rider	130 00	20 00	150 00
" Finley	130 00	20 00	150 00
" Leonard	110 00	15 00	125 00
" Gardiner	160 00	15 00	175 00
" Henderson	50 00		50 00
" Hill	29 00		29 00
" Taylor	34 00		34 00
" McClenehan	100 00	10 00	110 00
" Shields	220 00	20 00	240 00
" Bissey	80 00	6 00	86 00
" Drain	105 00	10 00	115 00
" Spry	125 00	15 00	140 00
" Best	80 00	10 00	90 00
" Connelly	125 00	20 00	145 00
" Harmer	105 00	10 00	115 00
" Allen	200 00	20 00	220 00
" Quinby	90 00	15 00	105 00
" Lybrand	85 00	15 00	100 00
" Potts	85 00	15 00	100 00
" Rusling	85 00	10 00	95 00
" Nicholson	85 00	10 00	95 00
" Wiggins	85 00	15 00	100 00
" Foulke	85 00	15 00	100 00
" Campbell	100 00	10 00	110 00
" Ridgley	100 00	10 00	110 00
" Yanscoick	85 00	10 00	95 00
" Warfield	100 00		100 00
Bro. Allen's Child	12 00		12 00

COURSE OF STUDY AND COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

First Year.

1. Bible--Doctrines.
2. Watson's Institutes, (first part.)
3. Wesley's plain account of Christian Perfection.
4. English Grammar and Mitchell's Modern Geography.
5. Essay or Sermon.

Committee.—T. C. Murphy, T. A. Fernley, A. Manship.

Second Year.

1. Bible—Sacraments.
2. Watson's Institutes, (second part.)
3. Peck's Christian Perfection, (12mo. ed.)
4. Fletcher's Appeal.
5. Methodist Discipline.
6. Essay or Sermon.

Committee.—G. R. Crooks, J. W. Arthur, J. R. Anderson.

Third Year.

1. Bible—History and Chronology.
2. Watson's Institutes, (third part.)
3. Butler's Analogy.
4. Ruter's Church History.
5. Newman's Rhetoric, and Hedge's Logic.
6. Essay or Sermon.

Committee.—Wm. H. Elliott, C. Hill, J. B. Maddux.

Fourth Year.

1. Review of the whole course.
2. Watson's Institutes, (fourth part.)
3. Claude's Essay on the composition and delivery of a sermon.
4. Horpe's Introduction.
5. Essay or Sermon.

Committee.—Allen John, J. R. Merrill, B. F. Price.

Committee to Examine Local Preachers.

1st. *Local Deacons.*—J. Hand, R. H. Pattison, J. Ruth.

2nd. *Local Elders.*—D. Lambdin, J. A. Watson, and J. Shields.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

Dickinson College.—J. D. Curtis, S. Patterson.

Pennington Seminary.—J. A. Roche, P. J. Cox.

Wilmington Female Collegiate Institute.—J. Mason, R. Gerry.

Dickinson Seminary.—G. Oram, S. Annear.

Missionary Sermon.—I. T. Cooper, James Sewell, alternate.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

1. Resolved, That the Presiding Bishops, from time to time, of the Philadelphia Conference, be requested to appoint annually, two committees of examination, of three members each, for the purpose of examining in separate classes, the Local Preachers who may be candidates for Deacons' and Elders' orders.

2. That no Local Preacher shall be considered eligible to Deacon's and Elders orders, until he shall give satisfactory evidence to the conference of his having pursued the course of study which has been recommended by the Bishops.

3. That it shall be the duty of the Committees of Examination to appoint a suitable hour, on the first Friday, succeeding the commencement of each Conference session, for the purpose of examining the aforesaid candidates, and to give suitable notice of the same in the Christian Advocate and Journal.

4. That it shall be the duty of the Presiding Elders of the several Districts, and the Preachers having charge of circuits and stations to give notice to our local brethren within their respective bounds, of the action of this Conference on this subject.

The above does not apply to our colored brethren.

FINANCIAL PLAN.

The Committee appointed at the last session of the Conference, to consider and report upon certain resolutions proposing plans for the more effectual relief of the superannuated and the supernumerary preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers, present the following report :

1. At each session of the Annual Conference, there shall be a joint board of Stewards composed of travelling preachers and laymen.

2. There shall be one lay steward from each district, who shall be elected by the district steward's meeting, when assembled for the purpose of estimating the allowance of the Presiding Elder, and shall hold his office until the next meeting of the district stewards.

3. There shall be an equal number of stewards elected by the Conference from among the travelling preachers, who shall continue in office until the close of the ensuing annual Conference.

4. The lay stewards shall attend the annual Conference, and shall have a right to speak on questions relating to their official business.

5. The joint board shall elect its own chairman.

6. The chairman may call a meeting of the joint board in the interval of the sessions of the Conference, if he deem it necessary.

7. It shall be the duty of the stewards—

(1.) To ascertain by whom claims are made upon the funds at their disposal.

(2.) To inquire who may be justly recognized as claimants, and whose are the most necessitous cases.

(3.) To report the results of these inquiries to the Conference at an early period of its session.

(4.) To estimate the probable amount necessary to meet the wants of the claimants for the ensuing year, and to divide the same among the several circuits and stations within the bounds of the Conference.

(5.) To report their distribution to the claimants to the annual Conference, subject to its action.

(6.) To stimulate the liberality of the churches by circulars, and such other measures as they deem expedient.

8. In order to prevent a vacancy in the joint board, each district meeting shall also elect an alternate, and if still, by death or any other cause, a vacancy should occur, the Presiding Elder of the district in which the vacancy occurs, shall appoint a steward to fill it until the next district meeting.

9. The chairman of the district meeting shall immediately forward to the chairman of the joint board a certificate of the election of the Conference Steward, with his address, so that the chairman of the joint board may correspond with him, if necessary, in order to promote the object of his appointment.

10. The chairman of the joint board shall, upon being informed of the election of the lay stewards, transmit their names to the Christian Advocate and Journal, to be published for the information of the church.

11. The preacher in charge of each circuit and station, shall be required to lay before his board of stewards the amount assigned to his

charge, and shall co-operate with them in efforts to raise said amount, which shall be sent to the next annual conference.

Finally, in order that this plan may go into immediate operation, the Conference shall, during its present session, appoint one lay steward from each district, who shall be requested to meet with the present stewards as soon as possible after the close of the conference.

The present Board of Stewards are,—J. Cunningham, Wm. Cooper, G. Oram, J. Humphries, J. T. Hazzard and V. Smith.

The following lay brethren were appointed from the several districts, viz.:

N. Philada. District—Thos. Rowland. S. Philada. Dist.—Thos. T. Tasker. Reading Dist.—Israel V. James. Wilmington Dist.—William Torbert. Easton Dist.—Richard Semmons. Snow Hill Dist.—Dr. R. W. Williams.

Extract from the Journal of the Philadelphia Annual Conference.

The Chair then presented the following from the Troy Conference, viz: "At the session of the Troy Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, held at Schenectady, N. Y., commencing May 11th, 1853, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the General Superintendents be requested to present to the several Annual Conferences for their approval preparatory to the action of the ensuing General Conference, the following rule on Slavery, viz: The buying or selling of human beings—except with a view to their emancipation,—and the voluntary or mercenary holding them in bondage."

On motion, the Conference refused to concur, by a rising and coant vote of yeas 148, nays, none.

RESOLUTIONS.

I. That the conference and ten-cent collections be handed to the Stewards on the second day of Conference; and that the preachers be and are hereby requested to bring their money in as large sums as possible, neatly put up and marked with the amount, the name of the appointment and of the preacher, and the object to which it is to be appropriated.

II. That the members of this Conference who may be in charge of circuits or stations, be and are hereby requested to bring to the next Conference, for the use of the Stewards, a written statement of the number and circumstances of all the claimants upon the Conference funds, who may reside in their several charges, and that particular attention be paid to the number and age of all the children entitled to a share of our collections.

III. *Whereas*, the religious welfare of our youth in our seminaries of learning, is to the Church ever the object of first importance; and *Whereas*, By general agreement of most of our colleges and some of the churches, the fourth Thursday in February is annually observed as a day of prayer for colleges, therefore, *Resolved*, That we will, as far as practicable, observe and recommend to our people to observe the concert of prayer for colleges.

IV. That the collections ordered by this Conference be taken at the following periods of the Conference year, viz: 1. Tract cause in June—2. Bible in July or August—3. S. School in September—4. Education in October—5. Missionary in December—6. Conference in February or March—7. Ten-cent during the year at the discretion of each pastor.

MEMOIR OF REV. LEVI STORKS.

The Rev. Levi Storks was born in Milford, Del., Dec. 11th, 1796. When quite young, his father moved to Salisbury, Md., where he was brought up. He afterwards went to reside in Baltimore, and was there convinced of sin. To use his own words, he was "through the abundant mercy of God, converted Feb. 28th, 1819; sanctified July 23d, 1821, commenced preaching, April, 1824;" and was received on trial in the Philadelphia Conference the same year, and sent to Milford Circuit. He subsequently filled the following appointments:—in 1825-6 he was on Dorchester circuit; 1827-8, Cambridge; 1829, Annapessex; 1830-1, at St. George's Philadelphia; and 1832-3, on Talbot circuit. On Feb. 4th, 1834, he was married to Miss Ann G. Nicholson, a most amiable and pious lady, who lived but a few years after their marriage. He was sent to Port Deposit, circuit, in 1834, where he remained but six months, when, bro. J. Rusling's health failing, he was removed to Wilmington, Del., to assist him.

In 1835, he travelled Queen Anne's circuit; and on its being divided, he was returned to Centreville, a part of his former charge. In 1837-8, he was appointed to Denton circuit; in 1839, to Dover; 1840-1 to Kent; in 1842, at Sanctuary, Philadelphia; 1843, to Cohocksink; in 1844-5, to Easton, Md; 1846, to Elkton; and 1847, to Chester, Pa., where, on the 12th October, he was married to Miss Eliza McKeever, who survives him.

In 1848-9, he was stationed at Mariner's Bethel, Phila. For want of health he became supernumerary in 1850; but in 1851 resumed his labors, and was appointed to Cecil circuit. Thence he was sent in 1852, to North East Circuit, to which he was returned in 1853; and here, after an illness of five days,

" His body with his charge laid down,
And ceased at once to work and live."

On the first of October 1853, he calmly resigned his spirit to his God, and sweetly fell asleep on the bosom of Jesus, in the fifty-seventh year of his age, and thirtieth of his ministry. He was buried at North East, Md.

We know not "what a day may bring forth." On the Sabbath previous to our brother's death, his health appeared to be as good as usual. He preached three times during the day, with undiminished interest.

God, who allows to his servants various forms of trial, that their patience may be perfected, that their graces may be matured, that their example may be rendered more illustrious, had a short time before taken away a dear son; and, on closing his last Sabbath upon earth, the father very pathetically referred to his late bereavement; but while his heart felt so keenly the stroke, in a spirit of profound submission, he exclaimed "it will be but a little while before I shall follow him." These were the last words of public ministration that fell from the lips of this servant of God, whose eventful life was rapidly drawing to a close;—the last expression of a faithful pastor to his beloved flock.

When his system began to fail, and the pains of his body premonished him of the near approach of his dissolution, he said "this sickness is unto death." He remarked to a brother, who visited him "perhaps after a little, I shall not be able to speak, but, tell all who inquire, that

it is well with me." Such was the blessed assurance he left to his companion and his charge, such is the reflection that should animate the hearts of his brethren in the ministry, who for a long series of years, have been accustomed to see him go in and out before them.

Death, to such a man as Levi Storcks must necessarily be gain. All the powers of his intellect and heart were consecrated to God. His private life, his social intercourse, his public ministry—were all calculated to impress the conviction, that he had exalted conceptions of Christian dignity and of ministerial responsibility. He was a man of good intellect, a plain, practical, pungent, and occasionally powerful preacher. His manner and matter were both adapted to rouse the conscience and fire the heart. His single care, in every position which he occupied, either in the vigor of health, or when enfeebled by disease, appeared to be the conversion of souls to the Redeemer; and great was his mental anguish, when this object was not attained.

His devotion to his work was honored by the Divine blessing. In nearly every appointment, many were converted through his instrumentality, and wherever he was known, his name was "as ointment poured forth."

"Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing." To the faithful minister of Christ, there is reserved no ordinary inheritance. His is the brightest crown; his cares, his toils, his sufferings shall not be forgotten.

The privations to which he has submitted, the griefs which he has patiently borne, as well as the services which he has been enabled to render in his generation, shall come into grateful remembrance amid the highest manifestations of the Divine glory in the heavens. "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever."

Bro. Storcks has left a devoted wife who, while she sorrows for his death, may be cheered by the hope, and sustained by the power of that religion, which he so efficiently preached to others.