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FIFTIETH SESSION

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FOURTH DAY CONTINUED.

The memorial of the church at Alexandria for the return of their pastor, Rev. W. T. Graham, was referred to the Missionary committee.

Rev. J. Cry, at his own request, was placed on the unstationed list.

The committee, on [illegible] reported, favoring the request of St. John's Street M. P. Church for the return of Rev. T. H. Lewis to Baltimore circuit, the request made for the transfer of Rev. J. Murray, Rev. R. L. Lewis and Rev. S. Mills, referred to the President, to be decided under the law laid down in the discipline [illegible]. The second part of the report was read for adoption. Hon. G. W. Hutton, Dr. Southerland, Wm. Charles, J. Jas. Keener and Dr. Wilson participating in it. The first part of the report was adopted. The second part rejected. [illegible] Dr. J. J. McCoy, on motion of Dr. J. T. Murray, was [illegible] on unanimous request. Also Rev. J. L. Mills.

The committee on Temperance reported strong resolutions against the manufacture and use of intoxicating liquors [illegible]

The Conference opened with religious service by Rev. R. S. Rose, Rev. T. K. Nicols in the chair. The Lexington Street church business was resumed and discussed by Dr. D. V. Murray, Dr. Drinkhouse, Dr. Bates, D. L. Greenfield and others, without reaching a conclusion, the matter was allowed to lie on the letters and addresses of Fraternal Messengers.

Letters were read from D. W. H. Williams, A. G. Grey, of North Carolina, Rev. W. M. Betts, of Georgia, Nestor, of West Virginia, Rev. William Collier, of Pittsburg, and Rev. G. W. Sterrett, of Pennsylvania, conveying the greetings of their respective conferences. Rev. Dr. Payne, of Pennsylvania Conference, was introduced and presented the greetings of his conference. Dr. G. R. McElroy, President of Allan College, and Fraternal Messenger from the Pittsburg Conference, was introduced and addressed the Conference specially respecting African College, supplying interesting statistics. Rev. Joshua Cliff, Fraternal Delegate from West Virginia Conference was introduced and made an interesting address.

At the suggestion of Dr. Bates, arrangements were made to have Capt. Leonard, of the Steamer Kent, wait for the Conference, should it not conclude the business and adjourn until after 9 o'clock Wednesday night.

The report of the committee on official character was adopted.

Dr. Southerland introduced Rev. J. B. Walker, Fraternal Messenger from the Ohio conference. Mr. Walker addressed the conference at length. Rev. T. E. Clark, editor of the Methodist *Recorder* and Fraternal Messenger from the Pittsburg conference, was introduced and made an eloquent and beautiful address. The President of the conference responded to the addresses of the Fraternal Messengers.

Rev. R. S. Rose offered a resolution condemning the practice of mortgaging churches.

The President, in his address, having made the charge, that funds subscribed to liquidate the debt of Broadway church had been misapplied, and the facts having been explained, asked leave to withdraw the report in order to make it conform to the exact facts of the case. This was opposed, and an interesting debate followed. The matter was referred to a committee with power to investigate everything about the Broadway property.

SIXTH DAY.

The conference opened with religious service, Dr. Nicols in the chair, Wm. Hammond, secretary.

The committee on boundaries reported, recommending that Central, All Saints and Simpsonville form a Mission to be called All Saints; that Seven Mt. Williams, and Gildion, appointments in Anne Arundel county, be made a Mission, to be called Seven; that Mount Pleasant, in Somerset county, be set off and called Crisfield station; that the request of the brethren at Chester, Pa., to organize a station be granted, and that they be supplied with a pastor. All the recommendations of the reports were adopted, except the third, which was referred to the President.

The consideration of the Lexington street question was resumed, eliciting another lengthy debate, which resulted in a modification of the original report of the committee, after voting down numerous amendments. This report assures the erection of a new Methodist Protestant church in the northwest part of Baltimore city.

The President's expenses, incurred in visiting Norfolk in official business, were ordered to be paid.

Dr. Drinkhouse called up the question of conference entertainment. Mr. Stayers resolution, that each minister and delegate pay his own expenses, was laid on the table.

Rev. J. B. Walker addressed the conference and desired to be introduced to all the delegates, to facilitate his plan for working to pay off the Western Md. College debt.

The report of the committee on suffrage was called up by Dr. Wilson. A resolution was adopted, extending suffrage to women, 25 years of age, and to the age to constitute eligibility to be Lay Delegate to Annual Conference, 27 years of age, and to constitute eligibility to the office of steward, trustee, or delegate to the Annual Conference, must serve as an Elder two years before a minister can be elected President of the conference.

The report on Sabbath schools and the bible cause were adopted. $327.80 were collected during the year for the bible cause. The proposition to sell Asbury church was referred to the President. Rev. J. H. Ellegood was placed on the superannuated fund. Rev. Francis Brown was continued on his pastoral connection with the Charleston S. C. Methodist Protestant church. Rev. Edward R. Washington, of Charleston, was recommended for other orders.

Rev. T. D. V. Hiatt presented the report of the committee on literature. It exonerated W. J. C. Dulany & Co. from the charge of printing incorrectly the journal of the General Conference.

A [illegible] report of the committee on stewards was read, the gross receipts arising from conference, including collections $[illegible], amount of salary allowed, $[illegible], amount of all [illegible] $[illegible], leaving a balance of $[illegible] to be apportioned. The report of the superannuated fund showed a balance of $[illegible] and $4,000 on the cash basis. The report was adopted, and the money distributed to the beneficiaries.

A collection of $40 was taken up for Rev. A. W. Milton, the steward of the missionary fund, [illegible]. The Maryland tract society was indorsed. At the request of the President of the Virginia conference, this conference recommended Henry Ryan Chapter, Baltimore city, Baltimore and Berkley circuit, Charles City and Quinton circuit, the subject of the President.

The report of the committee on adjournment was read [illegible]

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