M. E. CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

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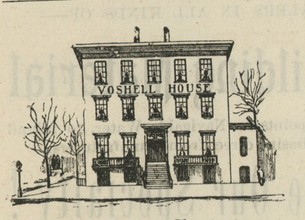
deficiency may be met. J. D. C. Hanna offered the following important resolutions:

"Resolved, That, whereas our conference ranks are being crowded to the detrement of our own members, with transfers from other conferences, and whereas, when members of this body are invited to the pastorate of churches other conferences, they find the doors of those churches closed against them unless an exchange can be effected; therefore be it resolved, that we respectfully but most earnestly request our bishop to make no transfers into our conference without a fair and equitable exchange.

This resolution was passed unanimously, but the bishop remarked that he would be guided by the existing rules of the discipline. A sharp debate ensued between the bishop, J. C. D. Hanna and W. L. S. Murray. The latter divines had received calls to other churches, but owing to certain circumstances they could not get in, and the subject of the resolution was to place the conference on an equality with others. The bishop stated that the matter could be fairly adjusted if the men to be transferred would consult the conference and ascertain whether the ranks are crowded, and that the laymen should also consider others.



Voshell House, Chestertown.

Robert Watt introduced a supplementary resolution to the effect that presiding elders should protect the ministers in the matter of transfers, and not consent to the transfer of any man into the conference without the consent of three-fourths of the cabinet.

A resolution by E. H. Nelson to omit the unfavorable missionary report from the minutes was lost.

A breeze wes created in the session this afternorn when the admission of J. W. Beachamp into the fourth class was taken up. This minister left his church on Chincoteague Island and became steward at Dover Conference Academy without the consent of the conference. His case was favorably reported by the conference relation committee, the report stating that the presiding elder had given his consent to the change. P. E. Corkran arose and contradicted this statement, whereupon Rev. V. S. Collins arose and said if he knew anything about it Dr. Corkran was the man who proposed Mr. Beachamp's name to the academy. This created considerable confusion, but Bishop Walden promptly put an end to the discussion by advising all changes to be made with great caution.

Strawboard Mill, Chestertown.

John G. Wooley addressed a tremendous audience in Christ Church at night on the temperance question, and J. W. Hamilton spoke at the M. E. Church before the Freedman's Aid Society.

WOOLEY THROWS A BOMB.

Hon. John G. Wooley, the National Temperance treasurer, delivered an address Saturday night in the Methodist Protestant Church. After referring to the evil of intemperance and the proper relation of the Christian to the prohibition party, he said in reference to Bishop Foster:

"This most distinguished man of the church, who spurns 'moderation,' counseled and voted not only moderation, but an abandonment of the subject in the interest of a candidate whose board of management contained the president of the National Whiskey Trust, and who received and expected the saloon vote, and whose chief supporter in the campaign in his own State was a saloon keeper and a landlord of brothels, and he knew it."

After stating that Bishop Newman calls himself an "Annihilist" in regard to intemperance, Mr. Wooley quoted from a Republican speech he said was made during the last campaign at Saratoga by Bishop Newman.

After quoting from Bishop Newman who in vigorous terms declared against the "rum traffic," Mr. Wooley said: "But the author of those sentiments scorned to unite with Christians, patriots and philanthropists upon the last election day. He joined with scoffers and place-hunters to concede the national election to the saloon and worked and voted and prayed no doubt for the defeat of Joshua Levering. He voted that the "Darkest blot upon our modern civilization" (quoting from the Bishop's speech) was a trifle in the last campaign. He voted that the "Abomination of the ages" (again quoting the Bishop) was a thing to ignore this year as against temporary financial embarrassments. He taught "Our children to hate" the liquor traffic by affiliating with liquor sellers to carry a party victory. He "United in a crusade against the liquor traffic" by going with the traffic on election day."

Mr. Wooley ended his discourse with this startling question and answer: "Is the church deficient in intelligence?" No. What then, honor?"

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Sabbath morning dawned clear and bright, the sun breaking through the clouds and making the weather as balmy as on a May day. From hundreds of voices at the M. E. church came the praise of God in the grand old hymn "All hail the power of Jesus name" and this was echoed back from as many voices at Christ M. P. church. All day this volume of song and praise was ascending, the day closing with shouts of triumph and thankfulness expressed in "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The town was filled with visitors and the two churches were filled as never before. The special solos were exquisite and Chestertown held her high reputation in music.

Bishop Waldin preached a strong sermon on faith at the M. E. church in the morning and Dr. J. W. Hamilton an eloquent address on immortality at the M. P. church.

In the afternoon at 2.30 Revs. T. S. Holt and E. H. Collins were ordained Deacons by the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders; and Revs. H. A. G. Westerfield, Harry Taylor, C. W. and W. G. Strickland were ordained elders. A memorial service was held later.

Hon. John G. Wooley addressed a tremendous audience in Christ M.P. church at 4 P. M. on temperance.

At night the churches were, if possible, more crowded than during the day, scores of ladies and gentlemen sitting on the floor and standing in the aisles. Rev. Dr. J. A. Roache filled the pulpit at the M. E. church and Dr. Butts at the M. P. church, both delivering able sermons. Visiting ministers filled neighboring pulpits in many churches.

MONDAY.

Conference opened with devotional services conducted by Rev. G. W. Townsend. The memoirs of Revs. Jas. Conner and Merritt Hulburt passed yesterday were adopted and ordered to be printed in the minutes. Bishop Walden in his address spoke of his numerous callers who kept him up until after midnight, among the number being twenty-seven laymen. He spoke in the most complimentary terms of the laymen and suggested that the question of lay representation be submitted to the Quarterly conferences, and said he hoped that the next General conference would submit this question to this official body of the church. "Methodism," said he, "would be stronger if we had spiritual laymen in our annual conferences. We cannot take three steps without the laity, therefore we should have them in our deliberations." The Bishop also recommended a general Pastors' support fund.

An invitation for the next meeting of conference from the church at Lewis, Del., through the pastor Rev. D. H. Cochran was received and accepted.

Memoirs of Thomas Mallalieu and wife were adopted.

The Board of Stewards reported receipts to be $7,555; claims $15,000 to be distributed to 12 supernumeraries, 12 superanuates and 32 widows.

Prof. W. L. Gooding, of the Dover Conference Academy, was next inforduced and addressed the conference.

At this point Bishop Walden showed the difficulties under which the cabinet labored in making appointments one of which was the decrease in salaries. A man who had been getting $1,000 and saw his charge lower the same to $800 wanted a change, but he was of the opinion that he should not crowd someone else out but should remain where he was, etc. The Bishop then retired and Rev. T. E. Martindale was called to the chair.

The next question proposed was in reference to petitioning Congress for a change in the constitution, inserting therein a recognition of God and His providence.

The joint resolution as passed at the last conference proposed the following amendment:

"We, the people of the United States, devoutly acknowledging Almighty God as the source of all authority in civil Government, the Lord Jesus Christ as the ruler of nations and the revealed will of God as of supreme authority in civil affairs, in order to form a more perfect Union, etc."

The proposition now before the conference was to insert the words "trusting in Almighty God," so that the whole preamble thus amended shall read as follows:

"We, the whole people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, trusting in Almighty God, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Resolved, Secondly, that the said committee secure, if possible, a similar petition from the Lay Electoral Conference, and that our delegates to the next General Conference endeavor to secure a like petition from that body."

Rev. H. G. Budd opposed the new resolution and in a most able manner pointed out the reasons why it should be defeated. He stated first that the Divinity of God is already expressly recognized by the laws of our land; second, both proposed amendments if adopted, would be unconstitutional; thus, to accommodate the Deist, Unitarian and the Jew, the second proposed amendment will strike out of the first proposed amendment the name of Jesus Christ as a Divine Being.

Mr. Budd was not opposed to adding the words Almighty God to the constitution but wanted the amendment which named "the Lord Jesus Christ as the ruler of nations, etc., added or nothing. C. P. Swain, T. A. H. O'Brien and B. F. Price also engaged in the discussion of the amendment, the result being that it was laid on the table.

Revs. T. E. Martindale, J. France, V. S. Collins, R. H. Adams and W. E. Avery were appointed trustees of Conference Academy to fill vacancies.

S. J. Morris, president of Freedman's Aid Society, read his report in which he stated there were 500 black babies born every day and asked, "What will we do about it?" This provoked great laughter and in passing upon the report a motion to strike out was carried.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Opened with Rev. T. E. Martindale in chair. The auditing committee reported and their report was accepted. The treasurer, Rev. C. A. Grise, reported $38,601 receipts and paid out the same.

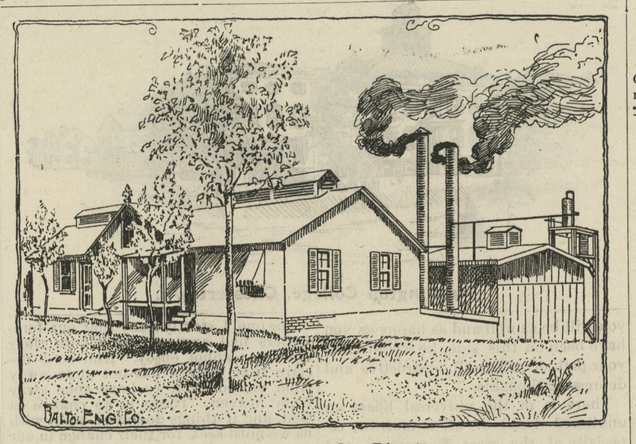
Rev. W. L. S. Murray was named as one of the board of Deaconness' work in place of Merritt Hulburd.

A collection was taken for sextons and publishing in book form the minutes which amounted.

Board of Stewards recommended the following which was passed: Whereas our conference claimants should be recognized as still in the pastorate of the church, and are therefore entitled to as liberal a support as their needs demand. Therefore resolved, that the Board of Stewards of our se~eral pastoral charges be requested in recognition of this relation, to make a liberal apportionment for the support of these veterans; that the presiding elders be requested to bring this matter to the attention of their several quarterly confer ences and secure apportionment on the basis of $9,000 for the conference.

Rev. V. S. Collins presented the following resolution which was passed unanimously: In view of the rapid growth of the vice of gambling and its increasing baneful effects, it is with deep regret that we face the fact that the State of Maryland is in the grasp of the gang of race track gamblers that once made the name of Gloucester infamous. The present law of the State legalizes all of the worst forms of race track gambling practically all the year round, and anywhere in the commonwealth in which respect Maryland stands with California and Louisiana alone among the States of this nation. This army is now in Cecil where the people are already waging a war of desperate extermination against the invader. The conference resolved to recognize the fight that of the whole State and conference. That we will labor to secure a law prohibiting race-track gambling throughout the entire State. That we urge all our ministers and people to see to it that only such legislative candidates as are in favor of such a law shall receive their votes.

Rev. A. S. Mowbray made a stirring speech on the race-track saying among other things that the majority of people of Elkton, including young ladies and children, were being ruined by this infamous business.



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W. R. Mowbray, statistical secretary, read his report from which we gleaned the following figures:

		Increase.	Decrease.
1. Church Members.			
Probationers	5,569	.....	590
Full Members	37,093	517	
Local Preachers	118	.....	3
Deaths	542	 20	
II. Baptisms.			
Number of Children	2,437	.....	67
" Adults	339	61	
III. Sunday Schools.			
Schools	391	.....	1
Officers and teachers	6,140	... .	202
Scholars	44,546	149	
IV. Church Property.			
Churches	390	.....	
Probable value	1,579,800	550	
Parsonages	138	4	
Probable value	278,700	4,450	
Paid for bld'g and improv'g churches and parsonages	38,884	2,594	
Paid on old indebtedness of church property	14,686	.....	6,741
Present indebtedness	1,108,077	1,829	
5. Minist'l Support.			
Paid Pastor and House Rent	131,283	.....	1,071
Deficiency	2,081	433	
Paid Presiding Elders	$7,023	$ 25	$
Paid Bishops	1,411		57
Paid Conf. Claimants	5,665		258
6. Benevolent coll's	....		....
Missions	23,137		834
Church Extension	2,005		62
Sunday School Union	418	2	
Tract Society	407		2
Freedman's Aid	1,275	20	
Conference Academy	1,216	192	
Childrens Fund	1,039		113
American Bible Society	591		8
W. F. M. Society	1,561	158	
W. H. M. Society	2,343	492	
Conf. Educational	346		75
Phila. Hospital	90		18
Domestic Missions	871		78
Members in Epworth League	9,558		

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The Dover District shows 10,081 full members and $282,800 probable value of churches; Easton, 7,400 members and $265,200 in churches; Salisbnry, 10,596 members aud $248,150 in churches; Wilmington, 9,016 members and $100,- in churches. For pastors support the total by districts were thus: Dover, $27,461; Easton, $22,685; Salisbury, $29,761; Wilmington, $32,413.

C. W. Prettyman, R. W. Todd and J. V. Van Burkalow were named as committee on resolution of thanks and the following visiting committees named:

Dickinson College.—G. W. Wilcox, H. G. Budd, J. S. Mullin, Jr., A. L. Dryden.

Woman's College.—V. S. Collins, C. W. Prettyman, W. P. Jackson, J. H. Baker.

Drew Theological Seminary.—H. W. Ewing, Wm. Salisbury, Medford Cahoon.

Boston University.—S. M. Morgan, R. I. Watkins, H. T. Pickles, S. H. Baynard.

Morgan College.—G. W. Burke, C. A. Hill, Walter Thompson, H. C. Dodson.

Princess Anne Seminary.—E. C. McNichol, J. P. Otis, J. E. Ellegood, J. T. Matthews.

Conference Academy.—C. R. Swayne, T. A. H. O'Brien, A. G. Cox, A. Vandiver.

The remainder of the session was occupied in hearing reports briefly mentioned in above table.

J. W. Prettyman, Harry Taylor, J. W. Talley, W. O. Bennett came forward as candidates for admission into the itinerancy of the church and were admitted on trial.

C. I. Stengle was favorably reported, continued in the studies of the second year, and credited with studies in which he passed the third year.

The report on Sabbath Observance by Rev. S. M. Morgan contained a clause in reference to camp-meetings as follows: One to eliminate the Sabbath, another to enclose from Saturday night to Monday and only tent holders attend services; third no traffic whatever nor no visiting ministers allowed to come in Sunday and preach. This caused considerable comment, Revs. S. M. Morgan, G. L. Hardesty, and Presiding Elder Smith defending the rigid rule while Dr. W. L. S. Murray, W. B. Guthrie, S. R. Maxwell opposed it. Rob't Watt moved to strike out all that part of the report making the individual pledge himself to stand by the report; this motion was lost and the rigid rule was passed. This is almost a death blow to camp-meetings. A committee of three from each State were named who shall have the special law repealed licensing camp-meetings to traffic on Sunday.

W. W. W. Wilson, of New York Conference preached in Christ M. P. Church at night, the service closing with a grand pentacostal service.

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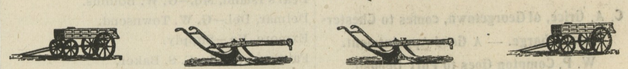

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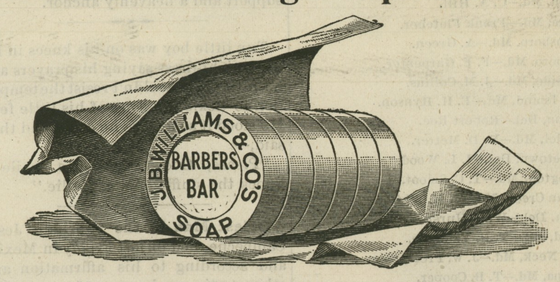

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