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Proceedings of the East Baltimore Conference.

REV. JOHN A. DEMOTER, Reporter.

Lewisburg, Feb. 29, 1860.

The Third Session of the East Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church commenced its session this morning at 9 o'clock.

Rev. T. A. Morris, D. D., the presiding Bishop of the above house, opened the same with Divine service by reading the Scripture lesson from 2 Thess. 2 chap. and the Conference waited in singing the 24th Psalm, concluding.

Second session, etc.

After which, the Bishop offered up prayers giving thanks for preservation, mercy, and blessings, and invoking Divine aid and assistance during the session. Praying also for blessings upon the Church, and the inhabitants of the town.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll of members, and a large attendance was indicated by the responses.

THE ORGANIZATION.

On motion, the conference proceeded to the election of a Secretary by ballot.

John H. C. Ross was declared elected.

Mr. Bush was appointed to employ such assistants as he needed.

The Secretary announced T. B. Sergeant and R. D. Chambers as Assistant Secretaries, and Henry S. Mendenhall as Recording Secretary.

On motion of Rev. T. Mitchell the Conference approved of the "Conference Record," and of J. A. Beamer as the Reporter.

On motion of T. B. Sergeant, the Reporters had all facilities given them.

The hour for the session was fixed for quarter past 8 A. M., adjourned at 12 M.

Committee on preaching during Conference. Rev. W. H. Rice, P. Record, W. Hardin, J. S. Pease.

BREAKFAST.

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Who came on trial? The names of the following persons were called, represented by the Presiding Elders and reported on by the Committee—*their characters were passed*: J. Wesley Brown, J. E. Amos, J. Fletcher Brown, David C. John, John A. Morris, James G. Moore, John B. Patterson, Wm. W. Rainey, Wm. A. Hough, Edm. J. Gray, Thomas J. Gentry, Thomas Cull, M. L. Smith, J. D. Brown, J. H. King, John P. Swanner, S. H. C. Smith, A. Stevenson, Smith, R. C. Hough, Henry Bingham.

Reuben Sowell, Wm. Elliott, and John W. Clark were dismissioned at their own request.

Mr. Sager's sermon was marked by his usual power. After it, several traveling and one local Elder were ordained.

The sermon of Mr. Ridgway was a masterpiece of pulpit eloquence—a beautiful specimen of theological cabinet-work, full of pathos and experimental truth, and elicited the most marked attention.

The spacious Methodist house was filled to overflowing, during the three services, by deeply interested audiences. In the evening, several brethren participated in exhortation and prayer—the benediction was pronounced by the venerable Father Ewing—and the exercises were animated with fervent responses and with the singing by the mass of various familiar hymns. Very many pronounced it one of the best, grand, old-fashioned, primitive Methodist Sabbath meetings.

From the other appointments, as far as we have reports, much satisfaction was expressed.

THIRD DAY.

Bishop Morris called up the following list of Preachers who had served the Conference two years as probationers: John B. Mann, J. V. Craig, J. R. Collier, G. W. Heyd, J. F. Cole, M. K. Foster, J. C. Hughey, P. E. Ever, J. H. Metford, J. C. Cleaver, and J. B. Akers.

J. B. Scarboro was discontinued at his own request. John Williams, a Welsh Preacher, was confirmed on trial.

The Bishop proceeded to ask the usual questions, as given in the Book of Discipline, and prescribed by the General Conference.

After which, reports were made by the Examining Committee and the Presiding Elders, and they were severally elected to Membership and to Deacon's orders.

The hour of 10 having arrived, the Bishop proceeded to the administration of the Sacramental services. During the same, the number of communicants was male 223, female 43.

At 11 o'clock the experienced meeting was opened by the Bishop. During the same, John Bowen, Wm. Monroe, J. W. Hedges, J. W. Brown, J. Miller, Jas. Ewing, J. H. Brown, J. Thomas, R. S. Vincent, H. Silver, J. Myord, and P. Record, spoke of their religious life, &c.

FOURTH DAY.

The recommendation of local preachers for Diacon's Orders, was called for, and the following were elected: Geo. T. D. Collins, and Wm. Elliott of Baltimore District; Frederick Cuffman, Alexander Maxwell, Wm. H. Leib, Charles B. Keyworth, and Hezekiah Crout, of West Baltimore District; Lot Wainwright, Joseph Watson and John C. Kinney of Northumberland District; and Wm. H. Leibig, of Carlisle District.

The recommendation of Local Deacons for Elder's Orders, was called, and the following were elected: Hugh Chalk of Northumberland District.

A telegraphic despatch from New York, announced the arrival there of Robert S. Mayley, a member of this Conference, and now a Missionary to China.

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EFFECTIVE ELDERS.

The Bishop called for effective Elders and the passage of their characters.

T. B. Sergeant, Presiding Elder of Baltimore District, represented his District in brief. He laid the same when he entered, in good order and well-conditioned.

The statistics may present an apparent decrease; this is owing to the depriving of that District of several strong appointments.

Mr. Randolph, the Treasurer of this Society, gave a statement in reference to the same. The object of the organization was to collect funds for the support of the worn-out preachers, their widows, and the orphans of deceased preachers. The amount collected up to this date, has been \$2,600, the interest of which is annually sent up to the Conference for distribution.

The amount sent up at this session, was \$1500, which sum was placed in the hands of Committee on Necesitous cases.

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