

of the Report, as it was contended that to fix any amount, was an interference with the right of the laity, but on the other hand it was argued that the minimum sum was only mentioned, the laymen might add as much more as they thought proper.

Judge JONES said he was sure that the people were well able to sum up to the standard laid down, though they had not power to compel enforced payments, still he thought that with the increased extensiveness of living and the demands made upon the resources of Ministers, that it was high time there was a great advance made in respect to their allowances. With many people, voluntary contributions, in fact, voluntary withholding, he thought that there was just as much injustice in not paying the baker and butcher, as there was in not paying the Minister.

Mr. WARDEN, Mr. WASHINGTON, and Mr. BOWLES, all agreed that it would be better to allow the scale to remain as it was and not fix any sum as either maximum or minimum, and they thought that in so doing more would be secured, as they were of opinion that in some instances \$800, is not greater than \$650 in other places.

Mr. J. PATTON, Mr. NARAWAY, and Mr. PEARSON, in succession, and urged that greater pains should be taken to educate the people to give. Mr. P. said that ministers should be in as good circumstances as the best of their people. The salaries paid at present, with very few exceptions, would be repudiated in good business houses. The recommendation of the Committee was adopted. The minimum not to be less than \$750, including \$800 salary.

The next part of the report relating to single ordained Ministers and Probationers. The Committee recommended \$200 and \$150 respectively, besides travelling expenses and board. An amendment was moved, which, although it prevailed, that the amounts should be \$250 and \$180. Some were for making the amounts even larger.

Dr. DOUGLAS said that, with piety, such were the inducements held out in the walks of commerce for young men of ability, that it was difficult to secure a sufficient supply for the ministry. The demands of the Church could not be met, and it was time when the golden gates were being flung open elsewhere, that the Church should be disposed to mete out simple justice to its ministers.

Rev. G. S. HURSTIS said, that as Superintendents were expected to see that their colleagues behaved well and wanted for nothing, he desired to know if that meant that his colleagues were always to be paid whether the superintendents were paid or not. Dr. JEFFERS replied by no means, but on a proportionate scale. Dr. KEEZ, however, argued that the increased allowance to unmarried ministers would simply mean in the end, that the Superintendents' world be largely deficient, and that would be a great hardship, as it would affect in some instances, at least, great sufferings upon large families. He did not speak for himself, but on behalf of those whom he knew would be affected.

Professor BURWASH gave the result of his experience when he entered the ministry; he gave up his situation as school teacher for a much smaller salary, and also had larger expenses which he would have avoided had he not entered the ministry. There was horse and travelling equipments required, and a large expenditure must also be made in books; so that, young men, as he knew, were often seriously embarrassed.

Respecting the envelope system as a mode of raising the means of support, several explanations were given by those who had adopted it, and they were very eulogistic respecting it, as that in every instance the income of the circuit had largely increased. Dr. JEFFERS opposed the system, and argued that nothing could surpass the old Methodist regulation, not that he meant that none should give more than one penny per week and a shilling per quarter, but that each member should be asked how much they could give.

Rev. J. LATHERS said that the system recommended was neither more nor less than just laying by in store as God had prospered them.

Judge WILMOT defended the system, but reminded the Conference that collections were still taken up, and urged that in Sabbath-schools there should be a collection, in order that the children might be trained to give.

Rev. J. CANNON thought that it was not well to recommend the envelope system too strong, only as he was afraid, from his own experience, it would be found that if a minister reproved sin very faithfully, those outside the church would not be likely to support him; and when the means were lacking there would be a temptation for the minister to speak less strongly against iniquity, he thought it was dangerous to have to depend too much upon those who were without.

As the hour was getting late some wanted to adjourn, but it was decided to elect representatives to the Conferences of sister churches. A few nominations were made, and the elections followed by ballot: to the General Conference of the M. E. Church, United States, Rev. J. A. Williams and John Macdonald, Esq., were elected; to the General Conference of the M. E. Church South, Rev. Dr. Douglas and Judge Wilmot were elected.

In consequence of the ballots of the former having consumed much time, it was mutually agreed, that for the other Conferences the nomination of the President should be adopted. In the M. E. Church Canada, Revs. W. Williams and James Gray were appointed.

To the Primitive Methodist Church, Rev. Dr. Green and R. Wilkes, Esq., M.P., were appointed.

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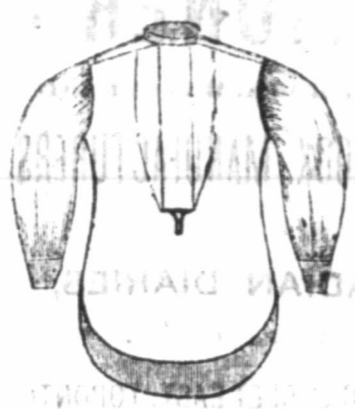
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