

## CONFERENCES.

### Washington Methodist Episcopal Conference.

[Reported for the Baltimore Sun.]

The Washington Annual Conference of the M. E. Church assembled yesterday morning in Orchard Street M. E. Church, in its thirteenth annual session. Rev. Bishop Thomas Bowman opened the session at half past eight o'clock, a large audience being present. The bishop spoke on the use of the sacramental services, and a collection was taken for the poor. The bishop, assisted by the presiding elders, then administered the sacrament, the conference and congregation partaking of it. Over 800 persons communed.

The business of the Washington Conference began, Bishop Bowman presiding, C. G. Key, secretary; N. M. Carroll and D. P. Johnson, assistants.

N. Watkins offered a resolution, which was adopted, to appoint a committee of seven, to which all matters pertaining to memorializing the next General Conference should be referred. The committee appointed are as follows: J. D. N. Hall, James Thomas, R. P. Bell, W. S. Wilson, J. B. Scott, R. Steele and N. Watkins.

Nine o'clock A. M. was fixed upon for the assembling of the conference, and the hour of 12 M. for adjournment. John E. Williams and Francis Brill were appointed marshals.

Regular committees were appointed.

Rev. Messrs. Parker and Jolly, fraternal delegates from the Delaware Conference, were presented and delivered addresses. Rev. Messrs. Draper, Walker and A. B. Wilson responded in behalf of the Washington Conference.

The report of the Centenary Biblical Institute was presented and referred to the committee on education. Eleven o'clock to-morrow morning was fixed for the time of the missionary services, Rev. Robert Steele to preach the sermon.

A centennial sermon was directed to be delivered at 11 o'clock A. M. next Monday, by Rev. Richard P. Bell.

The following were introduced to the Conference: Rev. Bishop Ames, Rev. Messrs. Hesse, Hildt, Carroll, of the M. E. Book Depository, Jolly, Rounds, president of the Centenary Biblical Institute, Franco, Kibert, Lawrence, Evans, Holiday, Doeh, Parker, Draper, Brown, and Bishop Wayman, of the African M. E. Church. Bishop Bowman presented and introduced Father Truman Pratt, the centenarian and founder of Orchard Street M. E. Church.

By unanimous consent Father Pratt was assigned a seat within the bar of the conference. Adjourned.