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38	J. W. Everist,	1832	1833	254	J. M. Sheridan,	1875	1877
77	L. W. Bates,	1840	1842	258	G. J. Smith,	1876	Tr.
79	S. B. Southerland,	1841	1843	261	T. H. Lewis,	1876	1876
86	J. J. Murray,	1842	1845	262	J. W. Trout,	1876	1879
97	R. S. Norris,	1843	1854	265	S. J. Smith,	1877	1881
121	David Wilson,	1845	1847	270	D. W. Anstine,	1879	1882
124	H. J. Day,	1846	1849	271	F. C. Klein,	1879	1881
132	Jesse Shreeve,	1847	1849	274	J. L. Elderdice,	1880	1883
140	E. J. Drinkhouse,	1850	1852	275	G. R. McCready,	1880	1883
142	W. S. Hammond,	1851	1853	278	J. S. Bowers,	1881	1884
143	J. T. Murray,	1851	1853	279	J. W. Balderston	1881	1883
147	C. H. Littleton,	1852	1853	280	J. E. Nicholson,	1881	1875
149	H. C. Cushing,	1853	1853	282	J. M. Gill,	1882	1885
155	A. D. Dick,	1854	1856	284	S. F. Cassen,	1883	1886
159	W. G. Holmes,	1855	1856	285	J. H. Daugherty,	1883	1884
163	B. F. Benson,	1857	1859	281	E. O. Ewing,	1884	Tr.
164	W. M. Strayer,	1858	1860	286	E. A. Warfield,	1884	1886
167	J. E. Maloy,	1859	1861	287	J. W. Norris,	1884	1886
168	J. E. T. Ewell,	1859	1860	292	J. W. Kirk,	1885	1886
169	S. A. Hoblitzell,	1859	1860	293	B. W. Kindley,	1885	1887
173	J. L. Mills,	1860	1862	294	H. L. Elderdice,	1885	1885
180	J. W. Gray,	1861	1863	296	F. T. Benson,	1886	1887
182	J. B. Jones,	1861	1862	297	L. R. Dyott,	1886	1887
190	J. D. Kinzer,	1863	1865	298	Elmer Simpson,	1886	1887
192	W. D. Litsinger,	1863	1865	299	J. F. Wooden,	1886	1889
198	R. S. Rowe,	1865	1865	300	B. F. Jester,	1886	1886
200	J. M. Holmes,	1865	1867	301	G. D. Edmondston,	1886	1888
204	A. W. Mather,	1866	1868	302	B. P. Truitt,	1887	1889
206	J. T. Lassell,	1866	1866	304	E. H. Vanduyke,	1887	1889
209	D. L. Greenfield,	1868	1870	305	G. W. Haddaway,	1888	1890
218	J. L. Straughn,	1870	1872	308	H. W. D. Johnson,	1888	1891
225	F. T. Tagg,	1870	1871	309	J. H. S. Ewell,	1889	1891
226	W. A. Crouse,	1870	1870	310	G. R. Hodge,	1889	1891
228	W. J. Neepier,	1871	1873	312	W. S. Phillips,	1889	1892
229	R. L. Lewis,	1871	1873	313	B. A. Dumm,	1889	1891
230	A. A. Harryman,	1871	1873	314	C. E. McCullough,	1889	1891
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232	J. G. Sullivan,	1871	1873	316	H. S. Johnson,	1890	1892
234	J. L. Killgore,	1872	Tr.	317	Q. L. Morrow,	1890	1892
236	A. D. Melvin,	1872	1874	321	Robt. K. Lewis,	1891	1893
237	F. T. Little,	1872	1873	322	L. F. Warner,	1891	1893
238	S. B. Tredway,	1872	1874	323	J. W. Parris,	1891	1891
239	T. O. Crouse,	1872	1874	324	Avery Donovan,	1891	1892
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241	W. R. Graham,	1873	1874	326	Dorsey Blake,	1892	1893
242	W. J. D. Lucas,	1873	1876	327	L. A. Bennetr,	1892	1892
244	G. F. Farring,	1873	1876	328	C. M. Cullum,	1892	1893
245	F. H. Mullineaux,	1873	1876	329	G. R. Donaldson,	1892	1895
246	J. Weigand,	1874	1876	330	E. S. Fooks,	1892	1894
247	A. J. Walter,	1874	1877	331	Alonzo Green,	1892	1894
249	G. Q. Bacchus,	1874	1877	332	B. B. James,	1892	1895
252	W. W. White,	1875	1878	333	F. H. Lewis,	1892	1893
253	C. S. Arnett,	1875	1878				

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334	1892	1898	348	1894	1894
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338	1892	1892	351	1894	1896
339	1893	1896	353	1895	1893
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341	1893	1896	355	1895	1897
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343	1893	1895	357	1895	1897
344	1893	1895	358	1896	1897
345	1893	1895	359	1896	1897
346	1893	1895	360	1896	1896
347	1883	1891	361	1896	1897

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No.	Rec'd.	No.	Rec'd.
1	1895	7	1896
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3. TO COLLECT FUNDS FOR McCORMICK MONUMENT—E. J. Drinkhouse.
4. ON REPORT OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—F. T. Little, J. M. Sheridan, T. O. Crouse, John Mason, O. M. Ong, Gaven Spence.
5. TO CONFER WITH COMMITTEE ELECTED BY E. H. VAN DYKE—J. T. Murray, J. W. Trout, W. R. Graham.
6. TO REPORT AT CONFERENCE OF 1898 A PLAN TO INCREASE TO \$600 MARRIED MINISTERS' SALARY, NOW UNDER THAT AMOUNT—B. W. Kindley, Dorsey Blake, J. H. S. Ewell, Clyde Routzan, B. T. Truitt.
7. ON TRANSPORTATION—F. T. Little.

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- W. S. HAMMOND—*Binney's Theological Compend.*
- J. T. LASSELL—*The New Testament; Smith's Smaller Scripture History; English Grammar.*
- J. L. MILLS—*Constitution and Discipline of the M. P. Church; Miller on Clerical Habits and Manners: The Contrast, by L. W. Bates, D.D.*

FIRST YEAR'S CLASS.

- T. H. LEWIS—*Pope's Theology, Volume I.*
- D. L. GREENFIELD—*Kidder's Homiletics, and a Written Sermon, to be sent by the first of February.*
- J. M. HOLMES—*Nichols' Help to the Study of the Bible.*
- J. W. GRAY—*Bassett's History of the M. P. Church.*
- STUDENTS—A. A. Bichell, C. L. Daugherty, Wm. A. Melvin, Edgar T. Read and J. L. Ward. In Theology, W. R. McKnett and E. D. Stone.

SECOND YEAR'S CLASS.

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- S. B. TREDWAY—*Barrow's Sacred Geography and Antiquities.*
- W. M. STRAYER—*Fisher's Church History.*

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THIRD YEAR'S CLASS.

- B. F. BENSON—*Pope's Theology, Volume III.*
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- J. S. BOWERS—*Butler's Analogy.*
- A. W. MATHER—*Miller's Christian Ministry.*

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- T. H. LEWIS—*Old Testament Hebrew—Psalms 42-49, 84, 85, 87.*
- J. J. MURRAY—*New Testament Greek—Paul's Letter to Titus.*
- S. B. SOUTHERLAND—*Theory and Practice of our Church Government.*

Every Student is required to attend this Lecture and Examination, and also to answer the question: "Have you spent a portion of each day in private study of the Word and in prayer?"

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S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President.*

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DEAD ROLL.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day." 2 Tim., iv. 7, 8.

1. CHARLES RIGBY. Born in Talbot county, Md., 1782; died in Kent county, Md., August 12, 1830. Appointments: 1829-30, Missionary for the Eastern Shore.
2. JOSEPH SCULL. Born 1785; died at Easton, Md., December 23, 1830. Appointments: 1829-30, Missionary for the Eastern Shore.
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6. JAMES HANSON. Died August 19, 1834. Appointments: 1829, Mt. Olivet (A.); 1830, Pipe Creek (A.); 1831, Reisterstown; 1832, Anne Arundel; 1833, Kent; 1834, no appointment at his request.
7. WILLIAM KESLEY. Died Sept. 23, 1841. Appointments: 1830, Deer Creek, 1831, Anne Arundel; 1832, Reisterstown; 1833, Tabernacle; 1834, Reisterstown; 1835, Mt. Olivet; 1836, Queen Anne's; 1837, Agent of Book Concern; 1838, Prince William; 1839-40, Kent; 1841, Buttonwood, Phila.
8. ISAAC WEBSTER CLIPPINGER. Died at Cumberland, Md., May 25, 1842. Appointment: 1842, Cumberland (A.).
9. SAMUEL L. RAWLEIGH. Died Nov. 23, 1843. Appointments: 1834-35, Queen Anne's; 1836 8, Kent; 1839, Buttonwood, Phila.; 1840-1, Queen Anne's; 1842, Cecil; 1843, Pipe Creek (A.).
10. DANIEL DAVIES, M.D. Died Feb. 16, 1844. Appointments: 1833, Mt. Olive; 1834, Anne Arundel; 1835, Queen Anne's (A.); 1836, no appointment at his request; 1837, Editor METHODIST PROTESTANT; 1838, Charleston, S. C.; 1839, Anne Arundel; 1840, with the President; 1841, First Church, Phila. (A.); 1842 3, superannuated.
11. WILLIAM W. MADDUX. Died July 9, 1844. Appointments: 1838, Caroline; 1839, Northampton; 1840, New Leeds; 1841, Cecil; 1842, Dorchester; 1843-4, Deer Creek.
12. WILLIAM W. BALL. Died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Oct. 5, 1844. Appointments: 1842, Alexandria; 1843-4, Harper's Ferry.
13. WILLIAM H. BORDLEY. Born at Centreville, Md.; died at Charlston, S. C., Oct. 9, 1846. A. B., Washington College, 1822. Appointments: 1843, Queen Anne's (A.); 1844, Kent; 1845, E. Baltimore.
14. SAMUEL D. NORWOOD. Born in Anne Arundel county, Md., Mar. 1, 1820; died in Newcastle county, Del., Oct. 22, 1847. Appointments: 1844, Anne Arundel (A.), 1845, Smyrna; 1846, no appointment at his request; 1847, Deer Creek (A.).
15. ISAAC WEBSTER. Born in Harford county, Md., 1787; died in Westminster, Md., Feb. 4, 1851. Appointments: 1829-30, Reisterstown; 1831, Deer Creek; 1832-3, Pipe Creek; 1834-5, Williamsport; 1836-8, President; 1839, Queen Anne's; 1840, St. Johns; 1841-3, Kent; 1844, Brickmakers; 1845, no appointment at his request; 1846, Baltimore; 1847-8, Howard; 1849-50, superannuated representative to General Conference, 1-30, 1846.
16. LEVI ROGERS REESE. Born Feb. 8, 1806; died at Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 18, 1851. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore, Md. Appointments: 1832-3, Alexandria; 1834-5, St. Johns; 1836 7, Washington; 1838, Conference Missionary; 1839, Alexandria; 1840-1, Georgetown, D. C.; 1842, Pipe Creek, 1843-4,

President; 1845-6, West Baltimore; 1847-8, Ninth-Street; 1849, Cambridge; 1850-1, Bethlehem, Philadelphia. Secretary of Annual Conference 1833. Representative to General Conference 1846, 1850, and President. Chaplain to U. S. House of Representatives, 1836-7.

17. FREDERICK STIER. Born 1783; died at Fremont, O., October 15, 1851. Appointments: 1830 1, Pipe Creek; 1832, Georgetown, D. C.; 1833, East Baltimore; 1834, unstationed; 1839, Conference Missionary; 1849, Williamsport, Md.; 1841-2, Conference Missionary; 1843-5, no appointment at his request; 1846, Conference Missionary; 1847-50, no appointment at his request; 1851, Conference Missionary; Representative to General Conference; 1842, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions; 1850.

18. RICHARD ADKINSON. Born 1817; died at Easton, Md., March 9, 1851. Interred at Easton, Md. Appointments: 1841, Cecil (A.); 1842, Cumberland; 1843, Sussex; 1844, no appointment at his request; 1845, Alleghany; 1846-7, Jefferson; 1848-9, Sussex; 1850, Talbot; 1851, Caroline.

19. LEVIN A. COLLINS. Born 1814; died at Laurel, Del., June 17, 1853. Interred at Laurel, Del. Appointments: 1837, Deer Creek; (A.); 1838, Kent (A.); 1839-40, Sussex; 1841-2, Snow Hill; 1843-4, Cambridge; 1845-6, no appointment at his request; 1847, Caroline; 1848, no appointment at his request; 1849, superannuated.

20. JOHN SMITH REESE, M.D. Washington University, Baltimore, Md. Born April 7, 1790; died near Baltimore, Md., February 14, 1855. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1829, Eastern Shore; 1830-1, Alexandria; 1832, Eastern Shore; 1833-5, President; 1836-7, Pipe Creek; 1838, Williamsport; 1839-40, President; 1841, Pipe Creek; 1842, Georgetown; 1843, Pipe Creek; 1844, Howard; 1845-6, Alexandria; 1847, no appointment at his request; 1848-9, East Baltimore; 1850-1, no appointment at his request; 1852-4, President. Representative to General Conference, 1830, 1834, 1842, 1846, 1854.

21. FRANCIS GEORGE WRIGHT. Born at Uniontown, Md., July 15, 1823; died at Salisbury, Md., Feb. 23, 1859. Interred at Uniontown, Md. Appointments: 1849, Baltimore (A.); 1850-1, Carlisle; 1852, unstationed; 1858, Union.

22. NEVELL STEELE GREENAWAY. Born in England, May 7, 1824; died at Alexandria, Va., May 2, 1861. Interred at Alexandria, Va. Appointments: 1852-3, Snow Hill; 1854, Williamsport; (A.); 1855, Williamsport; 1856, Pipe Creek (A.); 1857, Philadelphia; 1858, Baltimore (A.); 1859, Alexandria; 1860, superannuated.

23. WILLIAM TURBERT WRIGHT. Born in Queen Anne's county, Md., May 18, 1808; died at Lisbon, Md., May 8, 1862. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1845, Snow Hill; 1846-7, Sussex; 1848-9, Kent; 1850-1, East Baltimore; 1852 3, Charleston, S. C.; 1854-5, Caroline, 1856-7, Talbot; 1858-60, Frederick; 1861 2, Howard.

24. WASHINGTON ROBY. Born in Montgomery county, Md., Oct. 14, 1816; died at Washington, D. C., July 31, 1862. Appointments: 1839, Harper's Ferry; 1840, Williamsport (A.); 1841, Talbot; 1842, Harper's Ferry; 1843-4, Alexandria; 1845-7, Kent; 1848-9, Pipe Creek (A.); 1850-1, Deer Creek; 1852, Queen Anne's; 1853 5, Talbot; 1856-7, East Baltimore; 1858-9, President; 1860, Georgetown; 1862, Ninth-Street. Representative to General Conference, 1854, 1862.

25. THOROUGHGOOD C. EWELL. Born June 16, 1832; died at Federalsburg, Md., Nov. 21, 1862. Appointments: 1856, New Market (A.); 1857, Trough Creek; 1858-9, Dorchester; 1860-1, Sussex; 1862, superannuated.

JOSIAH VARDEN. Born at Washington, D. C., July 25, 1806; died at Libertytown, Md., Jan. 16, 1863. Interred at West Baltimore Cemetery. Appointments: 1831, Eastern Shore (A.); 1832, Mt. Olive; 1833, Williamsport (A.); 1834, Pipe Creek; 1835, Tabernacle; 1836, Georgetown; 1837, Alexandria; 1838, Westminster; 1839, Talbot; 1840-1, East Baltimore; 1842, St. Johns; 1843-4, West Baltimore; 1845-6, Georgetown; 1847, West Baltimore; 1848-9, President; 1850-2, Sixth-Street, Cincinnati; 1853, superannuated. Representative to General Conference, 1846, 1850, 1854, 1858.

27. GEORGE D. HAMILTON. Born August 18, 1798; died at Baltimore, Md., April 5, 1864. Buried at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1831, Shippensburg; 1832, Deer Creek (A.); 1833, Snow Hill; 1834-6, Dorchester; 1837-8, Queen Anne's; 1839, Pipe Creek (A.); 1840, Pipe Creek; 1841-2, Sussex; 1843, Snow Hill; 1844 5, Baltimore; 1846-7, New Market; 1848-50, Caroline; 1851-2, Cambridge; 1853, Williamsport; 1854-8, superannuated; 1859, Clearfield; 1860-2, Union, Pa.; 1863-4, superannuated.
28. REUBEN TYLER BOYD. Born at Rockville, Md., July 3, 1794; died at Clarksburg, Md., February 21, 1865. Appointments: 1833, Shippensburg; 1834, Prince William; 1835, New Market; 1836-7, Snow Hill; 1838, Dorchester; 1839, New Leeds; 1840, transferred; 1849, Trough Creek; 1850-1, Alleghany; 1852-3, Caroline; 1854, Anne Arundel; 1855, Dorchester; 1856, superannuated; 1857, Warwick; 1858, Accomac; 1859-64, superannuated.
29. THOMAS HART BENTON AUSTIN. Born at Baltimore, Md., 1842; died at Baltimore, June 26, 1865. Appointments: 1863, Union (A.); 1864, Kent (A.); 1865, Howard (A.)
30. JAMES FRANCIS WHITESIDE. Born at Triadelphia, Md., July 1, 1828; died June 20, 1866. Interred at Stewartstown, Pa. Appointments: 1850, Baltimore (A.); 1851, New Market (A.); 1852, Union (A.); 1853-4, Trough Creek; 1855-7, Alleghany; 1858-60, Cecil; 1861, Baltimore; 1862-3, West Baltimore Circuit; 1864-6, New Market.
31. ELI HENKLE. Born in Pendleton county, Va., April 15, 1787; died in Baltimore county, Md., August 24, 1867. Appointments: 1829, Deer Creek; 1830-2, President; 1833, St. John's; 1834, superannuated; 1835, supernumerary; 1836-7, Anne Arundel; 1838-9, Pipe Creek; 1840, Baltimore; 1841-2, supernumerary; 1843, Westminster; 1844, Conference Missionary; 1845-7, President; 1848-50, Baltimore; 1851-67, superannuated. Representative to General Conference, 1830, 1834, 1846.
32. FRANCIS WATERS. A. B., Pennsylvania University; D.D. Washington College, 1822. Born in Somerset county, Md., January 16, 1792; died at Baltimore, Md., April 23, 1868. Appointments: 1838, Franklin; 1839, supernumerary; 1840, unstationed; 1841-6, supernumerary; 1847, Central Baltimore; 1848-50, Franklin; 1851-67, supernumerary. Author of the name "Methodist Protestant Church." Representative to General Conference, 1830; President, 1842, 1846, 1862, 1866.
33. THOMAS H. BURGESS. Born February 12, 1828; died July 11, 1868. Appointments: 1861, Harmony; 1862, no appointment, at his request; 1863, unstationed; 1867, Millsborough; 1868, Snow Hill.
34. THOMAS MAHLON WILSON. Born at Hagerstown, Md., March 1, 1814; died at Libertytown, Md., February 1, 1870. Interred at Central Chapel, Frederick county, Md. Appointments: 1842, Trough Creek (A.); 1843, supernumerary; 1844-5, Concord; 1846-8, Queen Anne's; 1849-50, Alexandria; 1851-2, Union; 1853-4, Pipe Creek; 1855-7, Frederick; 1858-69, superannuated.
35. LUTHER J. COX. Born in Queen Anne's county, Md., December 27, 1791; died July 26, 1870. 1869 elected to honorary membership. Representative (lay) to General Conference, 1838, 1866.
36. CHRISTIAN EVERSOLE. Born in Berkeley county, W. Va., May 6, 1820; died at Baltimore, Md., December 12, 1870. Interred at Little Georgetown, W. Va. Appointments: 1852, Alleghany (A.); 1853, Baltimore (A.); 1854, Deer Creek (A.); 1855, Kent (A.); 1856, Frederick (A.); 1857, Newtown (A.); 1858-9, Cambridge; 1860-2, Concord; 1863-4, Bedford; 1865, Williamsport; 1866-70, superannuated.
37. DANIEL BOWERS. Born in Frederick county, Md., March 16, 1832; died at Baltimore, Md., March 19, 1871. Interred at Chestertown, Md. Appointments: 1854, Kent (A.); 1855, Queen Anne's (A.); 1856-7, Cumberland; 1858, Talbot (A.); 1859-60, Philadelphia; 1861-3, Newtown; 1864-5, Georgetown; 1866-9, East Baltimore; 1870, Chatsworth. Secretary of Annual Conference, 1863. Alternate attending General Conference, 1867. On Editorial Committee of METHODIST PROTESTANT, 1866-9.

38. JOHN MORGAN. Born in Alexandria, Va., April 15, 1811; died at Montgomery, Ala., June 17, 1871. Appointments: 1844, Williamsport (A.); 1845-6, Williamsport; 1847-8, Pike Creek; 1849-50, Howard; 1851-2, Talbot; 1853-4, Union; 1855-6, Snow Hill; 1857, superannuated. Secretary of Annual Conference, 1852-4.
39. HENRY HAYGHE. Born at Baltimore, Md., January 5, 1844; died at Kennedyville, Md., December 17, 1871. Appointments: 1869, Howard (A.); 1870, Baltimore (A.); 1871, Kennedyville.
40. JOHN ELDERDICE. Born in Frederick county, Md., July 14, 1814; died at Baltimore, Md., July 9, 1874. Appointments: 1838, Cumberland; 1839, Baltimore; 1840-1, Anne Arundel (A.); 1842, Pipe Creek (A.); 1843-5, New Market; 1846, Carlisle; 1847-9, Deer Creek; 1850-1, Williamsport; 1852-3, Anne Arundel; 1854-6, Cecil; 1857-9, New Market; 1860, West Baltimore Circuit; 1861-2, Caroline; 1863-4, Cecil; 1865-6, Bedford; 1867-8, Cambridge; 1869, no appointment at his request; 1870-4, superannuated. Author of "Uncle Toby's" letters to METHODIST PROTESTANT.
41. JOHN ROBERTS. Born May 3, 1818; died at Baltimore, Md., September 20, 1875. Interred at Oak Grove Cemetery, Howard county, Md. 1843, Cambridge (A.); 1844, Alleghany (A.); 1845, Accomac (A.); 1846, Snow Hill; 1847-8, Harper's Ferry; 1849-50, Howard (A.); 1851, Pipe Creek (A.); 1852-3, Bethlehem; 1854-5, Kent; 1856, Williamsport; 1857-8, Alexandria; 1859, South Baltimore; 1860-2, Queen Anne's, 1863-64, Talbot; 1865-7, Frederick, 1868-70, Howard; 1871-3, Belair; 1874-5, Liberty. Secretary of Annual Conference, 1850. Representative to General Conference, 1866, 1867, 1870.
42. AMON RICHARDS. Born October 31, 1787. died July 12, 1876. 1870, elected to honorary membership.
43. ABRAHAM S. EVERSOLE, M.D. Born in Berkeley county, Va., July 10, 1813; died at Seaford, Del., February 3, 1877. 1839, Trough Creek; 1840, Caroline; 1841, Snow Hill (A.); 1842, Somerset; 1843, Lewes; 1844-5, Kent (A.); 1846, Prince William; 1847, transferred; 1851-2, Dorchester; 1853-4, Newtown; 1855-7, Union; 1858, Alleghany; 1859-60, Baltimore; 1861, Frederick (A.); 1862-3, New Market; 1864, Sussex; 1865, Caroline; 1866-7, Worcester; 1868, Delaware; 1869-71, Cecil; 1872, Peach Bottom; 1873, Seaford (A.); 1874-6, superannuated.
44. DANIEL EVANS REESE. D.D. Western Maryland College, 1868. Born at Baltimore, Md., February 17, 1810; died at St. Michael's, Md., April 23, 1877. 1830, Deer Creek (A.); 1831, Mount Olive; 1832, Eastern Shore (A.); 1833, Prince William; 1834, Tabernacle; 1835-6, Deer Creek; 1837, Harper's Ferry; 1838, Anne Arundel; 1839-41, unstationed; 1842-3, East Baltimore; 1844, Georgetown; 1845-6, Deer Creek; 1847-8, Cambridge; 1849-50, Pipe Creek; 1851-2, Alexandria; 1853-4, Ninth-Street; 1855, Salem, Phila.; 1856-7, Charleston, S. C.; 1858-9, West Baltimore; 1860-1, Pipe Creek; 1862-3, Georgetown; 1864-5, Jefferson; 1866-7, Ninth-Street; 1868-70, Talbot; 1871-3, President; 1874, East Baltimore; 1875, superannuated. Secretary of Annual Conference, 1835. Representative to General Conference, 1862. Secretary, 1867, 1870.
45. SAMUEL GUEST VALIANT. Born in Talbot county, Md., Dec. 21, 1852; died there July 11, 1877. 1870-1, Kent (A.); 1872, no appointment at his request; 1873, Alexandria; 1874, no appointment at his request; 1875-6, Laurel; 1877, superannuated.
46. WILLIAM C. AMES, D.D.S. Born in Clearfield county, Pa., 1839; died at Burrsville, Md., March 10, 1878. Interred at Burrsville, Md. 1869, Jefferson (A.); 1870-1, Potomac; 1872-3, Concord; 1874-6, Whaleyville; 1877, Caroline.
47. JOHN EDGAR READ. Born at Lauraville, Md., August 25, 1846; died at Oxford, Md., July 28, 1878. 1865, Queen Anne's (A.); 1866, Belair (A.); 1867, Jefferson (A.); 1868, Talbot (A.); 1869-71, Lexington Street; 1872, Talbot (A.); 1873-6, Talbot; 1877-8, Easton.

48. THOMAS M. BRYAN. Born in Cecil county, Md., February 1, 1818; died at St. Michael's, Md., May 11, 1879. 1846, Smyrna; 1847, Potomac; 1848, Clearfield; 1849, no appointment at his request; 1860, Accomac; 1851-2, Newtown; 1853-4, Dorchester; 1855-6, superannuated; 1857-8, Sussex; 1859-60, no appointment at his request; 1861-3, superannuated; 1864-5, West Baltimore Circuit; 1866, superannuated.

49. WILLIAM CORRIE LIPSCOMB. Born in King William's county, Va., Sept. 13, 1792; died at Washington, D. C., Dec. 2, 1879. 1869, elected to honorary membership. Representative (lay) to General Conference, 1830; and Secretary, 1834, 1838, 1842, 1850, 1858; and President, 1867.

50. THOMAS ASBURY MOORE. Born in Sussex county, Del., Jan. 14, 1824; died at Seaford, Del., July 2, 1881. 1845, Newtown (A.); 1846, Cambridge (A.); 1847, Talbot (A.); 1848, Union (A.); 1849-53, unstationed; 1854, Sussex (A.); 1855-6, Sussex; 1857-8, superannuated; 1859, Sussex; 1860, supernumerary.

51. DAVID NORWOOD GILBERT. Born in Harford county, Md., February 10, 1851; died at Kent Island, Md., August 15, 1881; interred at Wesley Chapel, Harford county, Md. 1873, Queen Anne's (A.); 1874, Cecil (A.); 1875, Anne Arundel (A.); 1876, Pocomoke; 1877, Prince William; 1878-80, Quantico; 1881, Kent Island.

52. ISAAC TUNNELL ADKINS. Born February 1, 1809; died in Sussex county, Del., October 19, 1881. 1865, Millsborough; 1866, no appointment at his request; 1867, Tyaskin; 1868, Milton; 1869-70, Lower Sussex; 1871-2, Heathsville; 1873-5, Accomac; 1876, Chincoteague; 1877, Potomac; 1878-9, Chincoteague; 1880, superannuated.

53. THOMAS LEE. Born in England, June 17, 1821; died at Rainsburg, Pa., July 16, 1882. 1851, Accomac; 1852, Salem; 1853-4 Alleghany; 1855, no appointment at his request; 1856-7, Reading; 1858-9, Caroline; 1860-2, Bedford; 1863-5, superannuated; 1866-7, Susquehanna; 1868, superannuated.

54. PETER LIGHT WILSON. Born in Berkely county, Va., October, 20, 1822; died at Johnsville, Md., January 10, 1883. 1842, Pipe Creek (A.); 1843-4, Cumberland; 1845, Pipe Creek (A.); 1846, Frederick; 1847, West Baltimore (A.); 1848-9, Bethlehem; 1850-1, Cumberland; 1852-4, Frederick; 1855-6 Ninth-Street; 1857-9, Jefferson; 1860-1, Ninth-Street; 1862-4, Pipe Creek; 1865-8, Broadway; 1869-73, College Agent; 1874, supernumerary; 1875-6, College Agent; 1877, supernumerary. Representative to General Conference, 1866, 1867.

55. THOMAS McCORMICK. Born in Loudon county, Va., January 5, 1792; died at Baltimore, Md., February 22, 1883. 1869, elected to honorary membership.

56. CHARLES THEODORE COCHEL. Born in Berks county, Pa., June 20, 1838; died at Deer Park, Md., July 25, 1884. 1859, Howard (A.); 1860, Newtown (A.); 1861, Harper's Ferry; 1862, Frederick City; 1863, Anne Arundel (A.); 1864, Salem, Philadelphia; 1865, Snow Hill; 1866, West Baltimore Circuit; 1867, Finksburg; 1869-70, Susquehanna; 1871, Union; 1872-3, Dorchester; 1874-7, Frederick; 1878-81, Cecil; 1882-3, Pipe Creek; 1884, First Church, Washington.

57. JAMES MARTIN ELDERDICE. Born in Frederick county, Md., Oct. 14, 1817; died at Barren Creek Springs, Md., Oct. 5, 1884. 1840, Baltimore (A.); 1841, Williamsport (A.); 1842, Talbot; 1843, no appointment at his request; 1844, Howard (A.); 1845-6, Cecil; 1847-8, Liberty; 1849-50, Concord; 1851-2, New Market; 1853-4, Williamsport (A.); 1854-6, Concord; 1857, Snow Hill; 1858-9, Trough Creek; 1860-2, Carlisle; 1863-4 Anne Arundel; 1865-8, Cecil; 1869-70, Sussex; 1871, Seaford; 1872-4, Leipsic; 1875-8, Bedford; 1879, Williamsport; 1880-1, Caroline; 1882-3, Sussex; 1884, Union.

58. ARTHUR DANIEL MURRAY. Born at Georgetown, D. C., Nov. 19, 1856; died at Baltimore, Md., Nov. 17, 1884. 1879, Eutaw; 1880, Frederick, (A.); 1881-2, Broadway; 1883, no appointment at his request; 1884, Georgetown (A.)

59. HENRY EDWARD MISKIMMON. Born in Harford county, Md., April 15, 1845; died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Feb. 12, 1885. Interred at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. 1866, Newton (A.); 1867, Talbot (A.); 1868-70, Kennedyville; 1871-4, Harper's Ferry; 1875-6, Ellicott City; 1877-8, Salisbury; 1879-80, Seaford; 1881-4, Heathsville.

60. JOSEPH ALEXANDER MCFADEN. Born in Augusta, Ga., January 11, 1825; died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., July 5, 1885. Interred at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. Appointments: 1847, Queen Anne's (A.); 1848, Williamsport, (A.); 1849, Kent, (A.); 1850, Jefferson; 1851-2, Concord; 1853, Brickmaker's; 1854-5, Pipe Creek (A.); 1856-7, Cambridge; 1858, Baltimore; 1859, West Baltimore Circuit; 1860-1, New Market; 1862-4, Union; 1865, Washington Street; 1866-73, superannuated; 1874, Seaford; 1875-85, superannuated.

61. ALFRED BAKER. Born June 4, 1813; died January 17, 1885. Appointments: 1841-3, Concord; 1844, Baltimore (A.); 1845-6, superannuated; 1847, Baltimore; 1848, superannuated; 1849, Patuxent; 1850-1, Frederick; 1852-6, superannuated; 1857, Frederick (A.); 1858, superannuated; 1864, Montgomery, 1865, no appointment at his request; 1866, Montgomery; 1867, no appointment at his request; 1868, Montgomery; 1869, no appointment at his request; 1870, supernumerary.

62. CHRISTOPHER BURNS MIDDLETON. A.B. Western Maryland College, 1876. Born at Washington, D. C., July 24, 1854; died at Alexandria, Va., Feb. 16, 1886. Appointments: 1876, Abingdon, Va.; 1877, no appointment at his request; 1878, Kent (A.); 1879-80, Hampden; 1881-2, East Baltimore; 1883, Atlanta, Ga.; 1884-5, Alexandria.

63. WILLIAM THOMAS DUMM. Born in Zanesville, Ohio, January 19, 1817; died at Johnsville, Md.; July 19, 1886; buried at Union Bridge, Carroll county, Md.; July 22, 1886. 1843-4, Deer Creek, Assis't; 1845, Williamsport; 1846, Potomac; 1847, Cumberland; 1848, Snow Hill; 1849, Queen Anne's; 1850, Kent, Assis't; 1851-2, Mount Zion; 1853-4, Deer Creek; 1855-6, New Market; 1857, Cecil; 1858-9, Carlisle; 1860-1, E. Washington; 1862-3, Salem, Philadelphia; 1864-5, Cumberland; 1866, Caroline; 1867, Salisbury; 1868-9, Finksburg; 1870-1, Frederick; 1872-4, Cecil; 1875-7, Howard; 1878, Stewartstown; 1879, superannuated.

64. DAVID ANTHONY SHERMER, M.D. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 5, 1824; died in Vienna, Md., December 4, 1886. 1844, Union, Assis't; 1845, Queen Anne's, Assis't; 1846, Lewes; 1847-9, Dorchester; 1850, Cambridge, Assis't; 1851-3, Howard; 1854-5, Brickmaker's; 1856-57, S. Baltimore; 1858-9, Queen Anne's; 1860-1, E. Baltimore; 1861-3, Jefferson; 1864-5, Liberty; 1866-7, Georgetown; 1868-70, Belair; 1871-4, Washington-Street; 1875-6, Broadway; 1877-9, Anne Arundel; 1880-1, Milton; 1882-4, Cecil; 1885-6, Dorchester.

65. DANIEL FITCHETT EWELL, M.D. Born in Accomac county, Va., January 24, 1817, died March 17, 1888, at Clayton, Del. 1838, Shippensburg, Assis't; 1839-41, Dorchester; 1842, Church Creek; 1843, Brickmaker's, Phila.; 1844-5, Union; 1846-8, Newtown; 1849, Accomac; 1850, Dorchester; 1851, no appointment at his request; 1852-5, unstationed; 1857-8, Anne Arundel; 1859-61, Warwick; 1862-5, Delaware; 1866, Washington-Street; 1867-70, Warwick; 1871, Talbot; 1872-84, superannuate; 1885, Powellsville; 1886, Talbot; 1887, Clayton.

66. WILLIAM FRANCIS LIVINGSTON. Born in Worcester county, Md., May 16, 1836; died November 29, 1888, at Westminster, Md. 1861, New Market; Assis't; 1862, Cecil, Assis't; 1863-71, no appointment; 1872-3, Williamsport; 1874-7, Concord; 1878-80, Deer Creek; 1881-2, Middleway; 1883-7, Potomac; 1888, superannuated.

67. CHARLES McFEELY THOMPSON. Born July 22d, 1843; died April 9, 1889. 1868, Whaleyville, Ass't; 1869, St. Michael's; 1870, Anne Arundel, Assis't; 1871, Norfolk; 1872-3, Seaford; 1874-5, Milton; 1876-8, Chesapeake; 1879-83, Susquehanna; 1884, Finksburg; 1885, Leipsic; 1886, Clayton; 1887-9, Harrington.

68. ROBERT THOMAS SMITH. Born in Baltimore, Md., Sept. 20th, 1850, died May 20, 1889, in Washington D. C. 1874, Belair, Ass't; 1875, Norfolk; 1876, All Saints; 1877-8 Crumpton; 1879-80, Kent Island; 1881 Cumberland; 1882-3, Baltimore; 1884, Eutaw; 1885-7, Rowlandville; 1888-9, without appointment.

69. AUGUSTUS WEBSTER. D.D. Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., 1848. Born in Harford county, Md., December 8, 1808; died October 26, 1890, in Baltimore, Md. 1832, Reisterstown, Assis't; 1823, Reisterstown; 1834-5, Alexandria; 1836, Agent for B. Con.; 1837-8, Georgetown, D. C.; 1839-40, Washington, D. C.; 1841-2, President; 1843, St. John's; 1844-5, no appointment at his request; 1846, unstationed; 1866, returned to honorary membership by invitation; 1866-82, loaned to St. John's; 1883-90, Pastor Emeritus, St. John's.

70. SAMUEL TUCKER FERGUSON. Born in Washington, D. C. January 5, 1840; died November 11, 1890, at Liberty, Md. 1864, Union, Assis't; 1865, Carlisle; 1866, New Market, Assis't; 1867, Prince William; 1868, Howard, Assis't; 1869, Queen Anne's; 1870, Pocomoke; 1871, Harmony; 1872-3, Frederick; 1874-5, Union; 1876-8, Finksburg; 1881-2, Bedford; 1883-6, Concord; 1887-90, Liberty.

71. JAMES THOMPSON. Born in County Down, Ireland, September 9, 1819; died December 25, 1890, at Westminster, Md. 1853, Union, Assis't; 1854, Howard, Assis't; 1855, Baltimore, Assis't; 1856, Newtown, Assis't; 1859, Queen Anne's, Assis't; 1858, Deer Creek, Assis't; 1859, New Market, Assis't; 1860, Howard, Assis't; 1861, Union, Assis't; 1862, Cambridge; 1863-4, Carlisle; 1865-6, East Washington; 1867-9, Bedford; 1870, South Baltimore; 1871-2, Howard; 1873-4, Bedford; 1875-7, Cecil; 1878-9, Concord; 1880-90, superannuated.

72. ROBERT WILKINS BERRYMAN. Born in Surry county, Va., March 30, 1816; died in same county, April 9, 1891; transferred from Virginia Conference 1876; supernumerary 1876-1891.

73. JAMES HENRY ELLEGOOD. Born in Laurel, Del., Jan. 15th, 1819; died near Seaford, Del., Sept. 9, 1892. 1850, Newtown, Assis't; 1851, Friendship; 1852, Prince William; 1853-4, Salem; 1855-6, Carlisle; 1856, Kent, Assis't; 1858, Caroline, Assis't; 1859, Berkeley; 1860-1, Cambridge; 1862-3, New Market, Assis't; 1864-6, Harmony; 1867-9, Caroline; 1870-1, Finksburg; 1872-3, Milton; 1874-6, Sussex; 1877, Quantico; 1878, superannuated.

74. THEODORE DENNY VALIANT. Born May 9, 1820; died June 6, 1894, at Deal's Island, Md. 1846, Dorchester; 1847, Pipe Creek, Assis't; 1848-9, Williamsport; 1850-1, Kent; 1852-3, Cumberland; 1854-5, West Baltimore; 1856-7, Salem, Philadelphia; 1858-60, Deer Creek; 1861, Salem, Philadelphia; 1862, Lexington; 1863-8 supernumerary; 1869-71, Centreville; 1872-5, Georgetown; 1876-7, Newark, N. J.; 1878, St. Michael's; 1879-82, President; 1883-5, Belair; 1886-8, Pipe Creek; 1889-94, superannuated.

75. EDWIN RUTHVEN MCGREGOR. Born June 3, 1817, in Western New York, near Lake Ontario; died March 8, 1895, Ballston, Va.; 1872-3, Liberty; 1874, Alexandria; 1875, Lexington-Street; 1876, Hampden; 1877, St. Michael's; 1878, Surry; 1879, Norfolk; 1880-82, Surry; 1883-4, Stewartstown; 1885-87, Frederick; 1888-9 Potomac; 1890-91, Assistant Editor of the METHODIST PROTESTANT; 1892-3, Potomac; 1894, Mt. Nebo.

76. JOHN BIRD WHALEY. Born at Whaleyville, Wicomico county, Md., June 4, 1867; died in Baltimore, Md., October 14, 1894. 1891-3, Professor in Theological Seminary; 1894, Professor in Western Maryland College.

77. JAMES KANE NICHOLS. Born in Berkeley county, Va., July 18, 1817; died May 5, 1895, at Johnsville, Md. 1826, Baltimore (A.); 1837, Dorchester (A.); 1838, Deer Creek (A.); 1839, Cumberland; 1840, Kent (A.); 1841, Prince William; 1842-4, Caroline; 1845-6, Pipe Creek (A.); 1847, Snow Hill; 1848, no appointment at own request; 1849, Williamsport (A.); 1850, loaned to Philadelphia; 1851, Reading; 1852-3, Cambridge; 1854, Williamsport; 1855, Harper's Ferry; 1856-7, Bethlehem; 1858-60, Newtown; 1861, Frederick; 1862-4, President;

1865-7, Belair; 1868-71, Jefferson; 1872-4, Vice-President Western Maryland College; 1875-6, Alexandria; 1877-8, Liberty; 1879, Libertytown; 1880, without appointment at own request; 1881-95, superannuated.

78. DANIEL WEBSTER BATES. Born in Medford, Burlington county, New Jersey, June 10, 1815; died at Edesville, Md., November 9, 1895. 1842, Wesley Chapel; 1843, Cecil; 1844, Snow Hill; 1845-6, Cambridge; 1847, Williamsport (A.); 1848-50, New Market; 1851-2, Baltimore; 1853-4, Salem, Phila.; 1855-7, Howard; 1858-9, Kent; 1860, Caroline; 1861-2, Anne Arundel; 1863-4, Washington-Street; 1865, Alexandria; 1866-8, Liberty; 1869-71, Baltimore; 1872-3, Stewartstown; 1874-6, Warwick; 1877-9, President; 1880-2, Chesapeake; 1883-5, superannuated.

79. JOHN WILLIAM CHARLTON. Born in Frederick county, Md., January 27, 1832; died at Lee Mont, Accomac county, Va., February 24, 1896. 1859, Frederick (A.); 1860, Snow Hill; 1861, Queen Anne's (A.); 1862-3, Cumberland; 1864, Broadway; 1865-6, Salem, Phila.; 1867-8, E. Washington; 1869-70, Anne Arundel; 1871-3, Laurel; 1874-6, Pipe Creek; 1877, College Agent; 1878, South Baltimore; 1879-80, Finksburg; 1881-3, Fawn Grove, 1884, Talbot; 1885-6, Seaford; 1887-9, Pipe Creek; 1893-4, Kempton; 1895, Accomac.

80. THOMAS EDGAR COULBOURN. Born September 1st, 1853, in Somerset county, Md., died in Pittston, Pa., March 11, 1896. 1880, Dorchester (A.); 1881-2, Georgetown (A.); 1883-4, Broadway; 1885-91, Lynchburg; 1892-96, Foreign Missionary Secretary.

81. RILEY SETH WILLIAMSON. Born 1863, Baltimore county, Md.; died May 9, 1896, at Centreville, Cumberland Valley, Bedford county, Pa. 1887, Preston; 1888-9, Grove; 1890-1, Franklin city; 1892-4, Milton; 1895-6, Bedford.

82. JOHN ROBERT NICHOLS. Born in Berkeley county, W. Va., June 4, 1815; died at Odenton, Anne Arundel county, Md., July 22, 1896. 1838, Snow Hill and Princess Anne (A.); 1839, Kent (A.); 1840, Accomac Mission; 1841, Brickmakers' Station, Phila.; 1842, Snow Hill and Newtown, (A.); 1843-4, Sussex; 1845-8, Brickmakers'; 1849, Reading; 1850-2, Williamsport; 1853-5, South Baltimore; 1856-9, East Washington; 1860-1, Kent; 1862-3, Sussex; 1864-5, East Baltimore; 1866-8, Starr; 1869-70, Broadway; 1871, Pipe Creek; 1872-4, Baltimore; 1875, Hampden; 1876, Liberty; 1877, N. W. Mission, Baltimore; 1878-9, Severn; 1880, All Saints; 1881, Hull-Street; 1882, Pittsville; 1883-4, Baltimore; 1885, Marley; 1886, Baltimore; 1887-90, Anne Arundel; 1891, Ellicott city and Nichols' Memorial; 1892-95, Nichols' Memorial.

83. JAMES THOMAS WARD. 1844, Williamsport; 1841, Pipe Creek, Assis't; 1842-3, Williamsport, Assis't; 1844, Williamsport; 1845, Cumberland; 1846-7, no appointment, own request; 1848, transferred; 1857-9, Pipe Creek; 1860-1, Alexandria; 1862-3, Liberty; 1864-5, Ninth-Street; 1866, supernumerary; 1867-1886, President Western Maryland College; 1887-1897, President Westminster Theological Seminary.

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FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.

APRIL 7, 1897.

The sixty-ninth session of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in Broadway Church, Baltimore, at 9 o'clock A.M., Wednesday, April 7, 1897, with President J. D. Kinzer in the chair.

After devotional exercises the President read his report, which was referred to Committee on President's Report. (A.)

Roll of members was called; names of John R. Nichols, J. T. Ward and R. S. Williamson were transferred to the dead roll.

Dead roll was called by W. R. Graham.

Wednesday evening, after Communion Service, was fixed as the time for Memorial Service.

Bar of the house was fixed at third window from pulpit.

Several cases of substituting names of alternates for delegates-elect on roll were referred to Committee on Credentials.

Papers relative to applications for admission to the itinerancy were referred to the Faculty of Instruction.

B. F. Jester was appointed Conference Postmaster.

A motion was offered by F. T. Tagg that ministers of other denominations visiting the Conference shall be invited by the Committee on Fraternal Relations to seats within the bar without introduction to the Conference, unless they come in an official relation.

Adopted.

A paper from Pocomoke Circuit was referred to Faculty of Instruction.

A communication from D. S. Stephens, of Kansas City University, and a letter from H. J. Heintz were read and referred to Committee on Education.

On motion of T. H. Lewis the item of the General Conference in reference to assessment for the Kansas City University was referred to Committee on Education.

Discussion of fixing time for Conference Sessions was suspended till afternoon. Conference took recess till 11 o'clock, at which time the Annual Missionary Sermon was delivered by F. C. Klein.

AFTERNOON.

The President requested pastors and delegates to turn over to him any money in hand for General Conference expenses.

Secretary read his report, which was referred to Board of Finance. (Report B.)

Report of Agent of President's Parsonage was referred to Board of Finance.

Motion to fix hours of Conference Sessions from 9 A.M., to 2 P.M., which had been substituted by motion to convene at 9, take recess from 12 to 2 and adjourn at pleasure, was again discussed.

T. H. Lewis moved to amend the substitute motion by making the hours 10 to 12 and 2 to 4. Amendment was accepted by J. M. Sheridan, who offered substitute motion.

Hour of the day having arrived for election of officers the rule was suspended to hear report of Committee on Credentials which was read and adopted, (Report C.)

On motion, J. W. Creager was enrolled as delegate from South Baltimore.

Motion to defer election of officers to determine hours of session was carried.

Moved to amend by making hours 9.30 to 12 and 2 to 4. Lost.

Amended substitute motion was then carried, making the hours 10 to 12 and 2 to 4.

Conference then proceeded to election of officers. S. F. Cassen and O. M. Ong were appointed tellers.

On second ballot A. D. Melvin was elected President, receiving 127 votes of 195 cast.

Assistant Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for H. L. Elderdice for Secretary.

Board of Stewards elected as follows:

Conference Steward, Louis Randall; Church Extension, Avery Donovan; Superannuated Fund, L. F. Warner; Foreign Missions, W. S. Phillips; Educational Steward, W. H. Litsinger; General Home Missions, A. S. Beane.

Election was suspended to allow pastors to deposit their reports.

A ballot was then taken for a Standing District Committee, and tellers allowed to retire and count the vote. Time for evening service fixed at 7.30 o'clock.

Adjourned with benediction by J. E. T. Ewell.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY.

APRIL 8, 1897.

Conference assembled at 10 A.M.

Devotional exercises conducted by E. S. Fooks.

Minutes of first day read and approved.

Roll of charges called for presentation of business.

Roll of committees called for submission of reports.

On motion, a paper from North Carolina Avenue was referred to a special committee of five.

A resolution was offered by L. W. Bates to amend Rule 28 of Manual. Adopted. (Resolution 1.)

A request from St. John's Independent Church for the loan of J. S. Bowers was referred to Committee on Fraternal Relations.

A letter from R. B. Whitehead referred to Committee on Christian Endeavor.

A letter in reference to the sale of church property at Whitmore referred to Committee on Church Extension.

Election of Standing District Committee resulted as follows: L. W. Bates, W. M. Strayer, William Dale, W. B. Usilton, W. G. Baker, W. J. C. Dulany.

Special Committee on paper from North Carolina Avenue appointed as follows: J. J. Murray, B. F. Benson, N. T. Meginnis, W. S. Hammond and T. B. Marche.

J. F. Cowan, T. J. Ogburn and G. A. Ogg were presented to the Conference, and 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon fixed as the time for hearing them.

Eleven o'clock Friday was made the order of the day for considering overtures from General Conference.

Decided to hold meeting of Superannuated Fund Society Friday afternoon, 2.30 o'clock.

A verbal message from R. S. Norris was delivered by J. M. Sheridan.

On motion of F. T. Tagg a committee was appointed to convey a message of sympathy from the Conference to Brother Norris.

A resolution was offered by A. W. Mather to add to the list of Standing Committees a Committee on Transportation. Adopted. (Resolution 2).

On motion it was decided to publish the Conference sermon by F. C. Klein in Conference Minutes.

Committee appointed to deliver message to R. S. Norris consisted of F. T. Tagg and H. T. Gernhardt.

E. D. Stone was appointed to collect for the sexton; W. R. McKnett to collect dues for Superannuated Fund Society, and G. A. Morris to collect dues for Church Extension Society.

Time was extended to hear a statement by F. T. Tagg in regard to erection of a tomb for Thomas McCormick. E. J. Drinkhouse was appointed a committee to collect funds for that purpose.

AFTERNOON.

Conference reassembled at 2 P. M.

Tellers reported J. W. Herring elected to Committee on Appeals. Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for David Wilson and Gavin Spence for the other two members of Committee on Appeals.

Committee on President's Report reported, and report was considered by items, beginning with the recommendations. (Report D).

Item 1 adopted.

Item 2 adopted.

Item 3 adopted.

Further discussion of the report was suspended for the order of the day, which was the hearing of the presentation of various interests by General Agents.

The President made a statement to the Conference in regard to hearing requests from ministers and delegates.

Mrs. Baynes, President of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, was introduced.

Rev. G. A. Ogg, Fraternal Messenger from the New York Conference, was heard.

Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Corresponding Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions, was introduced by the President, and addressed Conference.

Rev. W. M. Strayer, representing the Secretary of the Board of General Home Missions, next addressed the Conference.

T. B. Marche was excused by Conference from serving on Special Committee on North Carolina Avenue Paper.

On motion the Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY.

APRIL 9, 1897.

Conference convened at 10 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by H. E. Nelson.

Minutes of second day read and approved.

Roll of committees called.

President announced that G. W. Haddaway was substituted in his place as chairman of Church Extension Committee, and B. P. Truitt was added to the same committee.

Roll of charges called and business presented.

President substituted R. G. Nicholson for T. B. Marche on Special Committee for North Carolina Avenue.

Paper concerning the loan of Q. L. Morrow referred to Committee on Fraternal Relations.

Paper from Chatsworth concerning the loan of T. O. Crouse referred to Committee on Fraternal Relations.

Papers from Wye, Fairfax, Christ's Church, North Baltimore M. P. Mission, Millsboro, Powellsville and Ridgely, referred to Church Extension Committee.

Paper from St. John's M. P. Church referred to Faculty of Instruction.

Letter from the delegate from Seaford referred to Committee on Credentials.

Letter from Washington referred to Special Committee of North Carolina Avenue.

Report of Committee on President's Report was taken up. J. D. Kinzer moved the postponing of the consideration of this report. Carried.

Paper referring to All Saints' Church read. J. D. Kinzer moved the abandoning of this church and the attorney compensated for the same. Seconded. L. W. Bates amended that the first part of clause be stricken out. Seconded and carried.

Order of the day was taken up; viz., overtures from General Conference.

J. W. Kirk moved that Resolution 1 be adopted.

J. J. Murray moved that the second resolution be considered first.

Second proposition carried.

Vote by ayes and nays called for. Sustained.

The result was as follows: Ministerial, 27 for and 68 against; laymen, 26 for and 41 against. Eighty-one for being necessary it was lost.

Resolution 1 taken up.

J. B. Jones moved it be divided.

Moved that time of recess hour be extended. Carried.

After some discussion, J. T. Lassell moved to take a recess. Carried.

Benediction by W. S. Hammond.

A TERNOON.

J. W. Parris was called home and the conference substituted H. W. D. Johnson in his place as chairman of the Committee on Statistics.

J. T. Murray, by permission, submitted report of Book Directory. It was referred to Committee on Literature.

Papers from Reliance and Lynchburg referred to Church Extension Committee.

One from Bethany referred to Faculty of Instruction; one from Alexandria W. F. M. S. to Foreign Mission Committee, and one from Lynchburg to Finance Committee.

F. T. Tagg called for previous question.

J. W. Hering moved that the order of the day be postponed. Carried.

The motion to divide Resolution 1 was carried.

The first part was voted on and lost.

The vote was as follows: Ministerial, 29 for and 64 against; laymen, 15 for and 38 against.

The second part was voted on and carried.

The vote was as follows: Ministerial, 52 for and 44 against; laymen, 32 for and 30 against. (Report E.)

Paper from Quantico referred to Church Extension Committee.

Committee on Pulpit Supplies read their report. Adopted.

J. W. Hering moved the postponing of remainder of General Conference overtures. Carried.

The conference gave way to the Superannuate Society Meeting. (Report F.)

8 P.M. Anniversary of Church Extension was held.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY.

APRIL 10, 1897.

Conference assembled at 10 A. M.

Devotional exercises led by E. B. Taylor.

Minutes read and approved.

Roll of Charges and Standing Committee called in the order named.

Moved by F. T. Little to refer the name of Mrs. R. S. Williamson to Committee on Superannuated Claimants. Carried.

J. D. Kinzer offered the name of L. W. Bates for the same purpose. It was referred.

Letter from Washington referred to Special Committee on North Carolina Avenue interest.

Papers from Dover, Chincoteague, Baltimore Circuit, Hurlocks, Parksley, Accomac and Middleway, referred to Church Extension Committee.

Moved by F. T. Little that request of Maryland Tract Society for loan of J. T. Murray for another year be referred to Committee on Fraternal Relations. Carried.

The report of Educational Endowment Society was read and adopted. (Report G).

The report of Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary was read and referred to a Special Committee of three ministers and three laymen.

President named the following as that committee: F. T. Little, J. M. Sheridan, T. O. Crouse, John Mason, O. M. Ong and Gaven Spence.

Moved that the report of the Board of Governors be the order of the day on Monday at 2.30 P. M. Carried.

J. D. Kinzer moved report of the Aged People's Home be the order of the day Monday at 11 A. M. Carried.

S. J. Smith presented a paper from Washington, D. C., which was referred to Committee on Church Extension.

J. S. Bowers read report of Baltimore Church Extension Society, which was referred to Committee on Church Extension.

Articles 4 and 5 of President's report were taken up for consideration.

Article 4 was referred to the Committee on Church Extension. Article 5 was amended by adding that it should be printed in the Minutes and the President appoint a chairman where a vacancy occurs by removal.

David Wilson moved to extend time, as the hour of recess had arrived. Carried.

U. S. Fleming, of Pittsburg, Revs. J. C. Berrien and Oliver Helmstreet were introduced to the Conference.

E. H. Van Dyke requested a committee of six be appointed—three to be selected by the President and three by himself—to give their opinion on a personal matter.

The Chair decided he was out of order. An appeal was taken from the decision of the Chair. The appeal was sustained.

J. M. Sheridan moved that E. H. Van Dyke's request be granted. Carried.

Faculty of Instruction reported.

Benediction by F. T. Little.

AFTERNOON.

J. D. Kinzer moved to defer report of Faculty of Instruction. Carried.

Resolution presented by B. W. Kindley concerning the increase of married pastors' salaries which were less than \$600. Adopted, after amended, for the committee to report at next Conference.

The report of Faculty of Instruction was taken up and considered item by item. The whole report was adopted. (Report H).

The action in giving the surplus from General Conference assessment to Church Extension fund reconsidered.

F. T. Tagg moved that this sum be given to the agent of Church Extension interest. Carried.

J. J. McCauley offered a paper condemning race tracks, in Cecil county, Md. Adopted. (Resolution 3).

Report of Committee on Temperance was then taken up item by item.

Item 1 was adopted.

A motion to extend time of adjournment prevailed.

Items 2, 3, 4 and 5 were then adopted in the order named.

The report as a whole was adopted. (Report I).

The committee to be appointed by the President, at the request of E. H. Van Dyke, was announced. They were J. T. Murray, J. W. Trout and W. R. Graham.

J. D. Kinzer made a motion that the brethren elected to orders be ordained in this church to-morrow morning immediately after the sermon. Carried.

G. A. Morris, as collector for Church Extension Society, reported a collection of \$101.25. Report accepted.

Adjourned with benediction by David Wilson.

FIFTH DAY—MONDAY.

APRIL 12, 1897.

Conference assembled at 10 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by G. W. Hines.

Minutes read and approved.

Roll of committees called.

Report of Committee on Fraternal Relations was considered item by item. Each item adopted, and report adopted as a whole. (Report J).

A letter from J. L. Killgore referred to Committee on Superannuated Claims.

Report of Committee on Benevolent Agencies adopted after substituting the name of H. L. Schlincke for H. S. Johnson. (Report K).

E. J. Drinkhouse reported \$41.65 collected for Thomas McCormick's tombstone, and desired the privilege of handing the amount to F. T. Tagg. Granted.

The second overture from the General Conference was considered and adopted. (Report L).

It being the order of the day to hear report of Board of Managers of the Home for the Aged, the report was read and adopted. (Report M).

Report from Mrs. Hupfield, of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, was read and referred to Committee on Foreign Missions.

Ex-President Kinzer submitted report of General Conference expenses. Adopted. (Report N).

A resolution by R. S. Rowe to pay the Conference Steward \$15 and his assistant \$5 annually for their services was offered and adopted. (Resolution 4).

Committee on Church Extension recommended that the sum of \$4,100 be assessed on the District for that interest. Recommendation adopted. (Report O).

An invitation from West Baltimore Station for Conference to meet at that place next year was read and laid on the table under rule.

Conference took recess until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON.

On resuming, report of Committee on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted. (Report P).

Report of Committee on General Home Missions read and adopted. (Report Q).

C. L. Dougherty, W. O. Livingstone, W. A. Melvin, Edgar T. Read and J. L. Ward were presented to the Conference by the Faculty of Instruction, and formally received into the itinerancy by President Melvin.

Foreign Missionary Steward submitted his report, which was adopted. (See table).

The order of the day having arrived, the report of the Special Committee to whom the report of the Board of Gov-

ernors of the Theological Seminary had been referred, submitted a report. Report was adopted without dissent. (Report R).

Motion to hear Rev. Oliver Hemstreet at 4 o'clock Tuesday, carried.

Adjourned with benediction.

SIXTH DAY—TUESDAY.

APRIL 13, 1897.

Conference convened at 10 A. M.

Devotional service led by W. H. Litsinger.

E. J. Drinkhouse in Chair.

Minutes read and approved.

Roll of committees called.

Committee on Official Character reported. Report amended and adopted. (Report S).

Committee on Statistics reported. Report adopted. (Report T).

Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance was read, immediately after which Rev. Oliver Hemstreet, agent of the Sabbath Observance Association, addressed the Conference. Report was then adopted. (Report U).

Order of Business was suspended to hear Rev. J. C. Berrien, Secretary Board of Ministerial Education, who made a brief address.

Report of Committee on Education read, amended and adopted. (Report V).

Committee on Christian Endeavor Work reported. Report adopted. (Report W).

A letter from R. B. Whitehead, President of Denominational Christian Endeavor Union was read.

Report of Special Committee, to whom was referred the North Carolina Avenue Church matter, reported that nothing further could be done, as the case had been adjusted.

Report of Committee on Superannuated Claimants, read and adopted. (Report X).

Conference Steward submitted his report. He also made a recommendation. Report and recommendation adopted. (Report Y).

Took recess until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON.

Conference resumed Session.

W. S. Hammond in the Chair.

Report of Committee on Literature submitted and adopted. (Report Z).

W. S. Phillips tendered his resignation as Foreign Missionary Steward, which was accepted, and A. N. Ward was elected to the office.

Invitation of West Batimore Station for Conference to hold its next Session in that Church, was accepted by a rising vote.

On motion, the first Wednesday in April, 1898, 9 o'clock, A. M., was fixed as the time for convening of next Conference.

Report of Superannuated Fund Steward submitted and adopted. (Report A. A.).

Church Extension Steward asked for instruction in regard to disposition of \$100, which was to have been paid to Warwick Circuit

J. D. Kinzer offered a resolution not to pay said amount to Warwick Circuit. (See Resolution 5).

Conference directed Church Extension Steward to pay to Patapsco Mission only amount due for the time the mission was supplied with a pastor. (Resolution 6).

A resolution offered by W. S. Phillips was referred to Committee on Benevolent Agencies, to be embodied in the report of that Committee.

On motion, decided to pay Webster Mills Strayer, the attorney who investigated the condition of All Saints' Church, \$10 for his services.

On motion, the President was requested to read his Plan of Appointments this evening at 9 o'clock, and that the Committee who have reports to submit, advise the Conference as to the time when they could report.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions submitted and adopted. (Report B.B).

E. D. Stone reported \$19.04, collected for sexton, which was augmented by a basket collection of \$12.92.

H. T. Gernhardt made a verbal report of Committee appointed to convey a message of sympathy from the Conference to R. S. Norris, a sick member of the Conference.

On motion, decided to convene at 8 o'clock this evening.

The ex-President reported that the Committee on Church Extension would be ready to report at the opening of the evening session, and that the President would report at 9 o'clock.

Faculty of Instruction submitted an additional report. Adopted.

Motion to reconsider the motion of J. W. Kirk, in regard to J. J. Murray's resolution. Carried.

Motion to take the resolution from the table. Carried.

J. J. Murray asked to be heard at some latter time, which request was granted.

Church Extension Steward submitted his report, which was adopted. (Report C. C).

Four ushers were appointed to preserve the bar of the house at evening sessions.

Committee on Church Extension submitted a partial report, which was amended and adopted. (Report O).

J. McLane Brown appointed Conference Evangelist.

Recess until 8 P.M.

Evening Session.

Conference resumed Session at 8 o'clock. W. S. Hammond was called to the Chair.

On motion, President was requested to prepare extra copy of plan to be read downstairs.

Committee on Church Extension submitted report, which was considered by items:

Item 1 adopted. Item 2 amended and adopted. Item 3 adopted. Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, adopted. Report adopted as a whole. (Report O).

Board of Finance submitted report. Adopted. (Report C.C).

J. J. Murray spoke on resolution previously offered by him. Resolution laid on the table.

President was authorized to ordain F. H. Holland, H. F. Wright and J. F. Bryan at his pleasure.

Committee on Transportation appointed F. T. Little to serve next Conference.

Committee on Raising Pastors Salary to report next Conference, appointed B. W. Kindley, Dorsey Blake, J. H. S. Ewell, Clyde Routson, B. T. Truitt.

At the request of the President, a motion was made and carried that the Pastor of St. John's Church, Canton, be placed under the supervision of the Baltimore Church Extension Society.

Minutes read.

Report of Committee on Benevolent Agencies adopted as a whole.

Board of Finance for next year: J. M. Sheridan, S. J. Smith, W. W. Smith, T. H. Bartlett, U. S. Meginniss.

Collection of \$100 taken up at request of President for some Brother who would need it in the charge to which he would be assigned.

President read plan of appointments. (Report D.D).

Approved: A. D. MELVIN, *President.*

REPORTS.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN—At the close of another Conference year we gladly greet each other in Annual Session. The Lord has been with us in the joys and sorrows of the year. We have not done all we hoped to do, but we have been encouraged by many tokens of the Divine favor. We have done something to hasten the dawn of that happy day when "the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ."

We come, however, with decimated ranks. Some of our beloved brethren have fallen by the way, and their names will have to be transferred at this session to the roll of our previous dead.

Rev. John R. Nichols, the sweet singer, the intrepid evangelist, the successful soul winner through many years, peacefully closed his earthly life at Odenton, July 22, 1896. Rev. J. T. Ward, the loving brother, the unselfish generous helper of every good cause, the consecrated scholar and educator of our conference, passed to the heavenly home March 4, 1897.

These venerable men, unlike in their tastes and general equipment for the ministry and laboring in different spheres, were equally loyal to Christ and the church; and their memories will be lovingly cherished among us.

Rev. Riley S. Williamson, young, strong, consecrated with promise of many years of usefulness in the Conference, was called away May 9, 1896.

Death has also claimed some of the good women who have shared the trials of itinerant life among us.

Mrs. Reese, the widow of Rev. Dr. D. Evans Reese, died at her late home in St. Michaels, July 9, 1896.

Mrs. Whiteside, the widow of Rev. J. F. Whiteside, died at Cassville, Pa., November 25, 1896.

Mrs. Bates, the widow of Rev. Dr. D. W. Bates, died at the home of her son in Baltimore, January 26, 1897.

Mrs. Gill, the beloved wife of Rev. J. W. Gill, after protracted suffering, passed to the heavenly home, February 26, 1897.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

UNSUPPLIED CHARGES.

At the close of last session, Fox Hill, Campbell, Bethel, Leipsic, Prince George, Tyreeanna, Indian River, Patapsco and Williamsport were left un-supplied.

Rev. C. P. Goodrich was appointed pastor of Fox Hill. Rev. S. J. Liggan has again cared for Campbell. Rev. G. F. Kindley was appointed to Bethel. Leipsic has been cared for by the pastor of Dover, and the work has prospered. Prince George has been acceptably served by the pastor of Oak Grove. Rev. W. A. Melvin was appointed to Tyreeanna at the close of the college term. Rev. Mr. Johnson has preached on Indian River, and the Milton pastor has also looked after their welfare.

Rev. C. P. Zepp, a seminary student, was appointed to Patapsco for the summer months, and Rev. W. S. Simms has been pastor for the last five months. Rev. C. L. Daugherty, a seminary student, was appointed to Williamport for the months of vacation.

CHANGES.

Rev. H. L. Schlincke was, with the consent of all parties interested, moved from Felton to take the place of Rev. Riley S. Williamson, on Bedford charge, in June. Rev. E. B. Taylor was changed from Frederica to Felton, July 1st. Rev. W. O. Livingston, graduating from the College in June, was appointed to Frederica July 1st.

NEW WORK AND MATERIAL IMPROVEMENTS.

A new church, opening to us an encouraging field of work, has been built at Violetsville, under the supervision of the pastor of Fairview. A Methodist Protestant Church has been organized at Millsboro, Delaware. They desire, and I think, ought to have a pastor from the Conference. Rev. A. W. Betts, a local preacher, has been our only representative in that portion of the county. There is here, I believe, the most open and inviting field for church extension in the district. Fox Hill and Hampton, Virginia, are localities where a missionary would find a responsive field.

A handsome modern stone church has been built and paid for at Buckeyestown. An attractive new church, a credit to the enterprise and liberality of the community, has been built at Greenbackville. The splendid new church at Crisfield approaches completion. It will probably be finished by the middle of the summer. A new stone church of attractive architecture is being built at North Carolina Avenue, Washington. New and attractive churches have been built on Finksburg, Potomac, Baltimore Circuit and New Market. At Kennedyville, extensive improvement on church and parsonage property has been made. The burdensome debt upon Trinity Church has been paid, and the pastor has organized a new society a few miles distant, and is now preparing to build a church there. Debts have been paid on Clayton, Delmar, Georgetown, Frederica, and on other charges. Parsonages have been built in Chestertown, on Deer Park, and on Chincoteague. Parsonages have been purchased at West Baltimore and East Baltimore Stations.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The spiritual condition of the church is not what I have longed to see. The extraordinary political excitement of last autumn was a source of demoralization. Mass-meetings, in the interest of political candidates, directed attention

from spiritual ends, and, I fear, were the means of corrupting many of our members. Revival meetings in the pleasant months of September and October were almost impossible in many localities.

I think, however, the church has more recently come up in spiritual tone, and the aggressive work of the winter has brought encouraging results. Pastors have maintained integrity of the pulpit, and have generally been exemplary, but many seem to lack the missionary spirit. There are opportunities of extending our work and occupying vantage-ground which have been unimproved. Some men are always alert and eager to save a soul, or plant a church on mission ground, but this cannot be said of all.

The pastor is the Divinely appointed leader in all forward movements of the church. He should see from the watchtowers every opportunity to push the battle to the gates of the enemy. Success or failure, enlargement or contraction of the field, depends largely upon him. And in permanent results the dependence is upon the character of the man, more than upon attractive talents and mere literary entertainments. There is a premium upon character in this world, and no where else is it so high as in the church. Above attractive talents, above culture, above genius is the nobility of character in the Christian Ministry. With the finest talents, and the best culture, it is still true that the essential equipment for the ministry is in an appreciation of the greatness of the work, consecration of all our resources to it, and the rich inflow of the unselfish spirit of the Master. These make the man a tower of strength, and the church a mighty fortress against which the gates of hell shall not prevail.

Church extension ought to have the best thought of the Conference. Our life and growth are in this. We need only ministers with the spirit of evangelism, and a little money from this society to enable us to occupy new territory in many parts of the district. Here in the metropolis of the State, the birthplace of our church there is need of wise vigilance in availing ourselves of Providential openings. We have been gaining one church a year in Baltimore for nine years and this growth may continue if watchman upon the walls of our Zion are faithful and zealous in reaching out to the unsaved.

Christian Endeavor work has an evening devoted to it during our Annual Session. We have an army of our brightest young people enrolled under this banner. If the genuine spirit of endeavor work animate these young people the near future will show a great advance in all legitimate church enterprises. Let us make this annual convention an inspiration to all that is beautiful and ennobling to our young people.

The Maryland Branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society steadily pursues its work. These good women hear the voice of the Master, and quietly, and with persistence and abounding faith they go forward. They are doing what they can to send the Gospel to the ends of the earth. They should have the sympathy and active co-operation of every pastor.

The Baltimore Church Extension Society is an important agency in the growth of our church in the city. Through it new enterprises ought to be started, and young churches nursed into vigor, usefulness and independence.

The College grows in favor with the people, and despite the hard times, commands a patronage that is very gratifying. New buildings of pleasing architecture are being erected from year to year, and College Hill, as a seat of learning, is something to be proud of.

The Board of Governors will report the condition of the Seminary and their plans for the future. These plans are for your consideration and approval; or for your suggestions of something better. The Seminary is so vitally connected with the Conference that it cannot fail, I am sure, to have your sympathy and substantial support. If it is to live and do a necessary work for the church, it must have the cordial approval and co-operation of the ministers and laymen of this Conference. It had its origin here among you, and has so far been sustained chiefly by you. It belongs to you and the responsibility of its future is yours. The literature of the church is not sustained as it ought to be. Our people need instruction in reference to all the general interests of the church, and familiarity with all denominational enterprises, and they can only get this from our own periodicals. *The Methodist Protestant* is essential to the growth, intelligence and usefulness of the church in this district, and ought to have double the present number of subscribers.

Mrs. T. A. Reese continues her generous contributions to the ministers of the Conference, having put in my hands for distribution this year \$600. Pipe Creek Benevolent Society has distributed to men in the active work \$450, besides generous contributions to superannuates. St. John's Board of Benevolence has given help to ministers and churches, but I have no means of knowing the amount.

From the reports of pastors we have the following aggregates, as an approximation of the results of the year's work: Conversions, 3,314; accessions, 2,890; Christian Endeavor Societies, 174; enrolled members of these societies, 6,979; money raised for church and parsonage building and improvement, \$53,717; enrolled scholars in our Sunday-schools, 25,050.

I commend to your generous consideration the Church Home in Westminster. A report will be made to the Conference by the Board of Managers, and I trust all the interests of this benevolent enterprise will have your continued sympathy and care.

I call attention again to the law governing trustees in the purchase, sale, lease, etc. of church property. It is manifestly important that every member of Conference should understand this law, and uniformly give the same interpretation of it. The Maryland Conference has, on more than one occasion, defined the law, and this definition has been confirmed by the General Conference. I put this definition in the following language: "Trustees of Methodist Protestant Churches are competent to sell, buy, and contract for the church in any way, only when, after due notice from the pulpit, two-thirds of the whole qualified membership of the church are present, and concurrently vote for the proposition before the meeting."

I have received from Wm. J. C. Dulany, and hold subject to the order of Conference \$54.32. Mr. Dulany was appointed treasurer of the fund for General Conference expenses. Only part of the money was in hand when the

Conference met, and he generously advanced sufficient funds to meet the expenses. He has since been reimbursed by the collections in the district, and this amount was a surplus in his hands. Twenty-nine charges, however, have failed so far to report any part of the assessment paid.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the standing rule requiring the president to make appointments to camp-meetings be rescinded.

2. That pastors holding camp-meetings be advised to make them occasions for the promotion of Christian Endeavor, Temperance, Education, and an intelligent appreciation of the general interests of the church.

It is manifest to those who observe these meetings in recent years that environments are not favorable to the usual evangelistic efforts. Camp meetings have not lost their popularity, but great crowds attend them, as in the past. I believe the Church ought to wisely adapt herself to the changed circumstances, and use these occasions for instruction and the generation of enthusiasm in the moral and religious movements of the age. Let the pastor holding the meeting carefully make his plans, select his men for special work, and invite and arrange with them individually.

In this proposed change we would not in the least relax Conference authority over the meeting. Our present regulations for order and the proper observance of the Sabbath should be rigidly adhered to.

3. I recommend the selection by the Conference of an evangelist—an ordained minister of this body—who shall work under the advice and supervision of five persons, the President of the Conference to be chairman of the committee, and two other ministers, and two laymen to be selected by the Conference, and that \$300 be appropriated by the Church Extension Society toward his support.

4. I recommend that Sunday-school conventions be held according to the plan agreed upon two years ago. Though many of the pastors seem indifferent to this, and have failed to put into practice the suggestions of the Executive and the resolutions of Conference, this work is of first importance to the cause of Christ. Dullness, inefficiency and worn-out methods in the Sunday-school are fatal to the best interests of the Church. A small school, or one closed half the year, is indication of a feeble and dying church.

Now, more than ever in the past, the church that wins the children is the church of the future. The school, and the infant department of the school, is of vital importance in advancing the Kingdom of God. Here we need our wide-awake, attractive, pious men and women to capture the children and feed them as lambs of the flock. We need these conventions to develop talent wake up the sluggards and enlist our best workers in this department of the Church. There is a call to this work all over the District, and the church that is loyal to Christ must do it, and not coolly hand it over to outside organizations.

I have visited the entire district, except a few churches in Baltimore, which, because of sickness in recent weeks, I have been unable to visit. I have been

in about forty Quarterly Conferences, many business meetings, and have attended and participated in two interesting Sunday-school Conventions. I am indebted to Dr. Southerland, who kindly, at my request, took up my work during the session of the General Conference.

In the face of many discouragements, growing out of the financial condition of the country, pastors' salaries have in some cases been increased, and material improvements have been pushed to most gratifying results.

In conclusion, I record my grateful appreciation of the mercies of God in these years of travel and toil. To my brethren in the ministry and their wives, whose generous consideration and kindness have lightened the burdens and brightened the days of my sojourn with them, and to all, ministers and laymen, who have welcomed me as a brother to their homes, I owe a debt of gratitude I never can repay.

Invoking the blessing of God upon all the churches, and praying for His presence and guidance in all the business of the session,

I am your brother in the Gospel,

JOHN D. KINZER.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

April 1, 1896. Balance in hand.....	\$ 76 80
April 2, 1896. Conference Steward.....	277 65
April 1, 1896, to April 1, 1897. Sale of Minutes.....	7 00
	————— \$361 45

DISBURSEMENTS.

April 1, 1896, expressage on Secretary's trunk.....	\$ 50
April 2, 1896, expressage on Conference Stewart's chest.....	85
April 2, 1896, Secretary's salary for year ending April, 1896.....	50 00
April 4-22-25, 1896, Elders' credentials and Bibles.....	5 79
April 10, 1896, expressage on Secretary's trunk.....	85
May 8, 1896, printing and distributing 1,500 copies of Minutes.....	220 65
December 16, 1897, printing blanks, envelopes and Stewards' blanks.....	36 80
Expressage on Minutes for the year.....	3 05
Postage, stationery and Secretary's supplies for the year.....	7 17
	————— \$325 66
Balance on hand.....	\$ 35 79

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH L. ELDERDICE, Secretary.

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To the Maryland Annual Conference.

APRIL 7, 1897.

BRETHREN: Your Committee on Credentials report that we find the credentials of the delegates correct with the exception of the delegate from South Baltimore, J. W. Creager, who has no regular certificate, but a card from his pastor certifying to his election. The minutes of the meeting at which he was elected was also submitted to the committee which shows that he was elected.

We recommend the substitution of the names of the alternates at Lynchburg, R. C. Wood, and at Waltersville, W. J. Downey and David W. Lynch, of Frederica, for the Delegates who will not be present.

W. D. LITZINGER,
THOMAS B. MARCHE,
GEORGE W. TAYLOR.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your Committee on the President's Report submits the following:

1. We are deeply grieved that brethren have been called from their labor among us. They have left with us a record of loyalty to Christ and of devotion to the Church, and we thank God that, having been faithful unto death, they have received a crown of life.

2. The material improvements made in the year are to be seen in the fact that new work has been successfully begun at three points hitherto unoccupied by the Methodist Protestant Church, and at one of these places a new church has been built and paid for; six other churches have been built and two are under construction; extensive improvements have been made on one and debts have been paid on a number of others. Three parsonages have been built and two purchased.

3. We regret that the political excitement of last autumn so seriously interfered with the spiritual success of the churches, but we have reason for deep gratitude when the record is that over three thousand souls professed faith in Christ and nearly three thousand were added to the church.

4. We are heartily in accord with the views of the President on Church Extension, and desire to call special attention to the encouraging statement that one church a year for nine years has been gained in Baltimore, and we believe that increasing vigilance should be exercised for Church Extension, particularly in cities.

5. The Pipe Creek Benevolent Society, St. John's Board of Beneficence and Mrs. T. A. Reese, have continued their generous aid to our preachers and churches, and we feel that they are entitled to our sincere thanks.

6. We recommend, first, that the money in the hands of the President for General Conference expenses be turned over to the Church Extension Steward for distribution; second, that the standing rule requiring the President to

make appointments to camp meetings be rescinded; third, that pastors holding camp meetings be advised to make them occasions for the promotion of Christian endeavor, temperance, education and an intelligent appreciation of the general interests of the Church, and that they select the men for the special work; fourth, that the Conference select a suitable person as a Conference evangelist—an ordained minister of this body—who shall work under the advice and supervision of a committee of five persons, appointed by the Conference, consisting of three ministers and two laymen, the President of the Conference to be chairman of the committee, and that \$300 be appropriated by the Church Extension Society toward his support; fifth, that the Sunday-school conventions be held according to the plan agreed upon two years ago, and that the plan be published in the Minutes, and that the President of the Conference name the chairman of any District whose chairman has been removed by the Conference plan of appointments.

J. W. KIRK.
H. W. D. JOHNSON.
HARRY C. ROBERTS.

E—See page 25.

(1.) Overture.

WHEREAS, The General Conference of 1892 sent to the Annual Conferences an overture touching the eligibility of women to the office of elder and as representatives to General Conference; and,

WHEREAS, The overture has been practically disregarded and ignored in some instances because of the form in which it was presented, leaving the question of eligibility of women still undetermined; therefore,

Resolved, In order to settle the question beyond dispute, that the President and Secretary of this General Conference be and they are hereby instructed to send down to the various Annual Conferences, before their next session, the following overture, to be substituted for the first sentence of Item 2, Article VIII of the Constitution.

1. "The General Conference shall consist of an equal number of ministers, either male or female, and lay representatives, either men or women."

2. Resolved, That women be made eligible to the order of elder in the church.

J. T. MURRAY.
APRIL 9, 1897—3.45 P.M.

Minutes of the Superannuated Fund Society. Rev. J. T. Lassell, Presiding,

ORGANIZATION.

First Vice-President, - - - - - J. T. LASSELL,
Second Vice-President, - - - - - W. J. NEEPIER,
Third Vice-President, - - - - - A. W. MATHER.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

E. J. Drinkhouse, J. T. Murray, J. G. Clarke, C. A. Benjamin, J. M. Sheridan, J. W. Hering, F. T. Tagg, T. A. Murray. Treasurer, T. A. Murray. W. R. McKnett was appointed to collect the annual dues.

On motion of E. J. Drinkhouse, that money due the late Mrs. D. W. Bates be paid to her son J. W. P. Bates, also amount due Mrs. D. E. Reese be paid to her daughter, amount due Mrs. J. F. Whiteside be paid to her daughter, amount due J. R. Nichols to his Widow.

Recess until Monday, April 12, 7.30 P.M.

G. Q. BACCHUS, Secretary.
J. W. T. Sec'y pro tem.

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SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer, in account with Superannuated Fund Society.
Conference Year April 6th, 1896, to April 7th, 1897.

Distribution Account.

	DR.	
To amount income received from investments		\$3,917 65
" Conference Assessments received.....		365 35
		<hr/> \$4,283 00
	CR.	
By amount expenses as per vouchers.....	\$31 15	
" interest account.....	50 00	
		<hr/> \$81 15
" amount remitted to Conference Steward for October distribution, as per voucher.....		1,704 75
" amount remitted to said Steward Dec. 11, 1896.		30 00
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Balance for distribution, for which check herewith to order of Conference Steward.....		\$2,467 10

Investment Account.

	DR.	
To balance on hand April 1st, 1896.....	\$2,622 64	
" amount received from Conference Steward....	125 00	
" interest received on deposits.....	25 75	
		<hr/> \$2,773 39
" amount received from sale of Securities for reinvestment per order of Board of Managers.....		10,458 75
		<hr/> \$13,232 14
	CR.	
To amount invested in purchase of Ground Rents, per order of Board, as per Vouchers.....		13,228 88
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Balance on hand.....		\$3 26

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS A. MURRAY, Treasurer.

We certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, and find the same correct as per the foregoing report. We have also carefully examined the Securities belonging to the Society, and report that they are fully accounted for and properly deposited in the box of the Society at the Safe Deposit and Trust Company.

JOHN G. CLARKE,
F. T. TAGG,
Auditing Committee.

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REPORT TO THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE
MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY OF THE
METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH OF BALTIMORE CITY.

BALTIMORE, April 8, 1897.

DEAR BRETHREN:—As required by our Charter we submit our Twenty-sixth Annual Report.

The authorities of Western Maryland College furnish the information that for the present year \$5,000 has been paid of the indebtedness incurred for material improvements, on the waiver of our mortgage made two years ago, for fifteen thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be found needed.

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. KINZER, *President.*
E. J. DRINKHOUSE, *Secretary.*

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REPORT OF THE FACULTY OF INSTRUCTION.

1. We recommend the ordination of H. L. Schlinke, F. L. Stevens, A. N. Ward and C. E. Dryden, they being required to pledge in open Conference to continue their studies.

2. We recommend for reception into the itinerancy C. L. Daugherty, W. O. Livingstone, Wm. A. Melvin, Edgar T. Read and J. L. Ward, and that A. A. Bichell be placed in the hands of the President.

3. We report of the First Year's Class that N. O. Gibson, W. R. McKnett and E. D. Stone were each marked 100 in Homiletics, 100 in Nichol's Help to the Study of the Bible and 100 in Bassett's History of the Methodist Protestant Church; that N. O. Gibson was passed to the second year, and that W. R. McKnett and E. D. Stone are passed, provided they appear before the examiner in Theology and pass a satisfactory examination.

4. We report of the Second Year's Class J. F. Bryan, C. E. Dryden, F. A. Holland, H. O. Keen, G. H. Stocksdale, A. N. Ward, H. F. Wright and T. H. Wright are passed to the third year, provided they appear before the examiner in Church History and pass a satisfactory examination; that F. A. Holland

and H. F. Wright were each marked 100 in Sacred Geography; that H. E. Bennington and G. A. Morris were continued in the second year at their own request.

5. We report of the Third Year's Class that W. H. Litsinger, H. L. Schlinke, F. L. Stevens and T. P. Revelle were marked 100 in Theology; that Paul M. Strayer was marked 100 in Church History; that W. H. Litsinger and Paul M. Strayer were passed through the course; that F. S. Cain and F. L. Stevens must appear for examination in Church History next year; that H. L. Schlinke and T. P. Revelle must appear for examination in Church History and Miller's Christian Ministry; that H. E. Nelson is continued in this class at his own request. He passed in Hebrew and Greek.

6. We report of the Introductory Class that A. A. Bichell, C. L. Daugherty, W. O. Livingstone, Wm. A. Melvin, Edgar T. Read and J. L. Ward were passed into the First Year's Class.

7. We do not recommend T. David Wilkie for reception into the itinerancy.

8. We recommend C. P. Goodrich for employment by the President of the Conference if his services can be profitably used.

9. We recommend Harry Becker, G. Edward Brown, Casper Clough, Abner Doughty, W. Frederick Wright, Fred. Phillips and Frank P. Krauss to the Board of Ministerial Education for aid.

ADDITIONAL REPORT.

1. We recommend the ordination of H. F. Wright, if returned to Fairfax Circuit, of J. F. Bryan and F. A. Holland, at the request of the President; the usual pledge being given.

2. We call special attention to the rule on page 114 of the Manual, which says: "The Conference cannot encourage any of its members to expect support as married men, until they have served at least four years in the itinerancy." The disregard of this rule in the letter or spirit on the part of probationers, and more especially of beneficiary students on the way to this relation, is a peril against which we lift the voice of warning.

3. We ask the Conference to emphasize the need of greater care on the part of Quarterly Conferences and pastors, in recommending persons for aid from the Board of Ministerial Education, by passing the following:

"The Faculty shall make careful investigation in each case recommended by Quarterly Conferences, for aid from the Board of Ministerial Education, whether they have satisfied themselves of the gifts, graces and acquirements of the candidate by giving him actual trial in opportunities for public address, either by exercising under exhorters license, or in some way, and to an extent that will afford ground for an intelligent judgment, and give a reasonable encouragement of success in the ministry. If no assurance of personal knowledge on these points can be given in such recommendations the Faculty shall decline to pass the candidate on.

4. *Resolved*, That in all cases where men are recommended for ordination before they have passed through the regular course of study, on their promise to appear for examination each year until passed by the Faculty, that those

who fail to do so shall be reported to the Conference and required to explain the cause of their failure.

5. *Resolved*, That the resolution passed by the Conference in 1885, found on page 37 of the Minutes of the Faculty, and relating to the examination of students only at the Conference, be amended by adding: "except that students may be examined on a portion of any study during the year, if arrangements can be agreed upon by the examiner and students."

6. We report that T. H. Lewis, in addition to the Chair of Hebrew, has been appointed examiner in Theology, in the place of J. T. Ward, deceased.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President of Faculty*.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report:

1. Believing the rum traffic to be the greatest evil in the world, debauching manhood, engendering crime, hostile to prosperity, and frustrating the holy designs of the Church in the salvation of the world, we urge that it is the moral duty of all Christian people to array themselves in unbroken ranks against this universal foe, for its defeat and hasty death.

2. We believe every Christian citizen should not only pray for the overthrow of the liquor traffic, but give his suffrage to the party that has the moral courage to declare against its legal perpetuation.

3. Whereas we have reason to believe in many parts of our Conference District professing Christians are known to sign liquor dealers' petitions, and in some instances they have been elevated to official positions in the Church and in our institutions of learning; therefore, be it

Resolved, That so long as this state of affairs continues the Conference declarations concerning the business is negatived and the cause of Christ humiliated; that the renting of property for saloon purposes or signing liquor dealers' licenses should subject the offender to a speedy trial, and if found guilty to expulsion.

4. We commend the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Sons of Temperance, Sons of Jonadab, Good Templars, and any and all organizations having for their object the protection of our homes and country against the liquor traffic.

5. We recommend the continuation of the temperance anniversary on Tuesday evening before the annual session, and that the President appoint the speakers.

J. L. STRAUGHN, *Chairman*.

J—See page 28.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations having considered the papers referred to them by this Conference, respectfully report the following recommendations:

1. That the request of St. John's I. M. Church of Baltimore, for the loan of Rev. J. S. Bowers as pastor for the ensuing year, be granted.

2. That the request of Chatsworth Methodist Church of Baltimore, for the loan of Rev. T. O. Crouse as pastor for one year, be granted.

3. That the request of the Christian Citizenship Bureau for the loan of Rev. Quincey L. Morrow for one year, be granted.

4. That the request of the Board of Managers of the Maryland Tract Society, for the loan of Rev. J. T. Murray, D.D., as General Agent and Correspondent Secretary for one year, be granted.

5. We are pleased to have with us Rev. G. A. Ogg, Fraternal Messenger from the New York Conference, and respectfully recommend the appointment of a Fraternal Messenger to that body

6. That we are deeply grateful to the pastor of this church, Rev. F. H. Lewis and his committee for their thoughtful and constant provision for the comfort of the members of this body.

7. That the Conference thank the press of this city for the able and thorough reports made by them of the proceedings of the Conference.

DAVID WILSON, *Chairman*.

K—See page 28.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENT AGENCIES.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

1. That according to the report of the Conference Steward the sum of \$219.62 has been raised on the district for the Maryland Bible Society, to which amount may be added \$200 donated by Mrs. T. A. Reese, and \$50 by General Thomas, of Easton, Md., making a total of \$469.62. We recommend that Rev. C. E. McCullough, Rev. C. M. Cullum, Rev. E. S. Fooks, Rev. Louis Randall, Rev. H. L. Schlinke, W. W. Smith, Sr., Esq., John B. Thomas, Esq., and Albert Hughes, Esq., be made Life Directors of the Society, and Rev. F. C. Cain and Rev. A. H. Green be made Life Members of the same.

2. The Conference Steward also reports that \$233.19 has been raised on the District for the Maryland Tract Society, to which is added a donation of \$200 by Mrs. T. A. Reese, and \$20 by General Thomas, making a total of \$453.19. We recommend that Revs. E. C. Makosky, Louis Randall, B. M. Kindley, A. A. Harryman and John A. Wright be made Life Directors of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. HOBLITZELL, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That The Maryland Bible Society and The Maryland Tract Society be and that they are hereby assured of the sincere and hearty appreciation and sympathy of this Conference, and that we heartily commend their agents to the earnest co-operation of our pastors.

Life Directors selected by Mrs. Reese on contribution of \$200 for year 1896: Mrs. Maggie Council, Albert Hughes, Harry M. Mason and Frank Wright.

Dr. J. T. Murray contributed \$100 to Tract Society.

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(2) OVERTURE TO SEAT PRESIDENTS OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETIES IN QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

Item 43 of report of Judiciary Committee.

We recommend the following overture: To amend Article VI, Section 1, of the Constitution as follows: Insert the words "Presidents of Christian Endeavor Societies" after "Sabbath School Superintendents."

M—See page 29.

The Board of Managers of the Church Home in Westminster submits to the Conference the following report:

This home had its origin in this Conference, and belongs to the church. The Board of Managers was elected by the Conference, and, by its charter, is required to report to this body annually.

The Home was formally opened, and dedicated to its benevolent purpose July 15, 1896.

Two ladies are inmates of the Home at present, and other persons have applied or are making inquiries concerning admission.

The domestic management of the Home is in the hands of a competent Board of Lady Managers, and all the machinery of a quiet, comfortable home life is in operation.

It is a beautiful little home, comfortably and neatly furnished, and admirably managed. We would like our people from every charge in the District to see it, and be prepared to speak intelligently of it.

The report of the Treasurer, Dr. J. W. Herring, shows \$516.30 of the original indebtedness still unpaid, March 1.

To meet this there are:

Unpaid subscriptions amounting to.....	\$233 08
Amount yet to be secured in furnishing rooms.....	185 00
Cash in bank March 1.....	78 64
Total.....	496 72

Leaving a deficiency of only \$19.58.

The report of Mrs. E. O. Grimes in behalf of the lady managers, shows that \$185.51 have been contributed by the ladies, selected in local churches to represent the home. \$157.53 have been expended by them, leaving in the hands of the local Board a balance of \$27.78.

Only one hundred and eleven churches have reported the election of a lady to represent this home among them, and only thirty-five of this number have reported a collection for the home.

It is manifest that the churches of the District generally have not yet realized the responsibility of caring for this benevolent institution. Like any other home, the expense is inevitable and continuous, and can only be provided for by regular and generous contributions by the churches.

Some churches and individuals have done nobly, and will, no doubt, continue their generous deeds, but many have done nothing.

The reception room has been furnished as the "Weaver Memorial Room," by Mrs. P. T. Hall, of Washington. The dining-room was furnished by Mrs. W. P. Maulsby, of Westminster. Bed rooms were furnished by Starr Church, Baltimore; Allnut Memorial, Baltimore; Mrs. Anne S. Fairbanks, Baltimore; Congress Street, Washington; Mrs. Mary Shoemaker, Washington; Mrs. Kitty Copenhagen, Westminster; Western Maryland College, Westminster.

Mr. Gaven Spence, of Newark, N. J., donated to the institution silver knives and forks, table, desert and tea spoons—two dozen of each.

Mrs. A. H. Wentz, of Westminster gave a clock for the dining-room.

Mrs. Mary Dunning, of Washington, gave rocking chair, and Afghan sofa cushion was given by Mrs. H. A. Owings, a lady over eighty years old.

Uniontown, Carroll county, has sent many things to the home acceptable and useful.

We give these details that the Church may know what has been done, and as an indication of what will be needed for the future.

How easy it would be to sustain this home if all our churches would lend a helping hand! We must have sympathy and help from all our people if the home is to be supported. The ladies who have charge of the management and are responsible for current expenses, have no resources to depend upon except the income from the churches. It is necessary that they have at least an average of five dollars from each church in the District. Will the pastors and laymen here see that this amount is forwarded to Mrs. E. O. Grimes, Westminster? It is your home, brethren, and for the benefit of the aged and lonely in every part of the District. In the name of our Master we appeal to you in their behalf.

J. D. KINZER,
W. R. GRAHAM,
Committee.

Wm. J. C. Dulany Treasurer, in account with J. D. Kinzer, D.D., President. General Conference Collections from the charges in the Maryland Annual Conference, 1896.

	ASSESSMENTS.	RECEIPTS.
Accomac.....	\$ 12 00	\$ 12 00
Amelia.....	9 00	.....
Alexandria.....	15 00	15 00
Baltimore.....	11 00	.....
Barren Creek.....	5 00	.....
Bedford ..	12 00	12 00
*Broadway.....	12 00	.....
Bethany.....	2 00	2 00
Brooklyn.....	11 00	11 00
Amount carried forward.....	\$ 89 00	\$ 52 00

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 89 00	\$ 52 00
Cambridge.....	15 00	14 42
Caroline.....	15 00	12 00
Campbell.....	2 00	.....
Cecil.....	15 00	12 48
Cecil.....	17 00	17 00
Central.....	12 00	12 00
Centreville.....	11 00	11 00
Chesapeake.....	23 00	23 00
Chestertown.....	2 00	.....
Christ Church.....	11 00	.....
*Clayton.....	12 00	10 00
Concord.....	11 00	7 54
Conquest.....	15 00	11 20
Crisfield.....	6 00	50
Crumpton.....	11 00	11 00
Cumberland.....	5 00	.....
Chincoteague.....	11 00	11 00
Delmar.....	6 00	6 00
Deer Creek.....	9 00	8 25
Deer Park.....	12 00	.....
*Delta.....	12 00	12 00
Dorchester.....	2 00	.....
Dover.....	23 00	18 28
East Baltimore.....	17 00	17 00
Easton.....	20 00	20 00
Elizabeth.....	11 00	.....
*Eutaw.....	4 00	4 00
Fairfax.....	12 00	8 00
Fawn Grove.....	4 00	2 00
Fair View.....	13 00	13 00
Finksburg.....	17 00	17 00
First Church, D. C.....	12 00	8 00
Franklin City.....	12 00	12 00
Frederick.....	11 00	.....
Felton.....	5 00	.....
Frederica.....	29 00	29 00
Georgetown, D. C.....	11 00	11 00
Georgetown, Del.....	11 00	7 00
Grove.....	11 00	6 75
Greenwood.....	17 00	15 00
Hampden.....	11 00	5 75
Harper's Ferry.....	12 00	4 75
Harrington.....	15 00	.....
*Heathsville.....	.....	.....
Amount carried forward.....	\$ 602 00	\$ 429 92

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 602 00	\$ 429 92
Howard.....	11 00	6 75
Hurlocks.....	4 00	4 00
Holly Run.....	9 00	5 00
Jefferson.....	23 00	23 00
Kennedyville.....	11 00	6 00
Kempton.....	9 00	9 00
Kent Island.....	11 00	11 00
Laurel.....	17 00	16 00
Leipsic.....	4 00	.....
Liberty.....	15 00	10 00
Lisbon.....	15 00	15 00
Lynchburg.....	17 00	10 00
Mariners.....	12 00	6 00
Middleway.....	5 00	1 50
Milton.....	12 00	5 00
Mount Tabor.....	12 00	.....
Mount Nebo.....	9 00	5 00
*Marley.....	7 00	5 00
Newark.....	29 00	29 00
North Carolina Avenue.....	12 00	12 00
Nichol's Memorial.....	2 00	2 00
New Market.....	15 00	15 00
North Baltimore.....	9 00	9 00
Oxford.....	12 00	12 00
Oak Grove.....	9 00	6 80
Prince George.....	2 00	.....
Parksley.....	5 00	5 00
Pipe Creek.....	12 00	12 00
Pittsville.....	11 00	11 00
*Pocomoke.....	7 00	.....
Pocomoke City.....	23 00	23 00
Powellsville.....	9 00	8 43
Patapsco.....	2 00	.....
Payson Street.....	5 00	4 00
Potomac.....	7 00	.....
*Quantico.....	7 00	.....
Queen Anne's.....	9 00	5 00
Reliance.....	9 00	3 15
Rowlandsville.....	9 00	5 00
Remington.....	7 00	7 00
St. James.....	15 00	15 00
St. John's, Canton.....	4 00	4 00
St. Michael's.....	9 00	.....
Amount carried forward.....	\$ 1,045 00	\$ 756 55

Amount brought forward	\$ 1,045 00	\$ 756 55
St. Luke's.....	15 00	.....
Salisbury.....	12 00	12 00
Seaford.....	12 00	12 00
Snow Hill.....	11 00	11 00
Salem.....	7 00	7 00
South Baltimore.....	12 00	12 00
Starr.....	29 00	29 00
Stewartstown.....	5 00	5 00
Susquehanna.....	15 00	15 00
Sussex.....	12 00	12 00
Talbot.....	6 00	5 00
Trinity.....	17 00	17 00
Tyreeanna.....	2 00	.....
Union.....	15 00	15 00
Union Bridge.....	12 00	12 00
Belair.....	15 00	15 00
Mardela.....	5 00	5 00
Warwick.....	11 00	11 00
Washington Street.....	29 00	29 00
Waverly.....	4 00	.....
West Baltimore.....	29 00	20 75
Westminster.....	26 00	14 05
Williamsport.....	4 00	.....
Wilmington.....	5 00	.....
*West Wilmington.....	2 00	.....
Wye.....	5 00	4 00
Towson.....	2 00	.....
Waltersville.....	8 00	8 00
Lewistown.....	2 00	2 00
Totals.....	\$1,374 00	\$1,029 35
Unpaid.....		344 65
		\$1,374 00
Total amount received.....	\$1,029 35	
Total amount paid.....	975 03	
Balance.....	54 32	
By check herewith.....	54 32	

WM. J. C. DULANY, *Treasurer.*

BALTIMORE, March 20, 1897.

*Subsequent to the rendering of this report the following amounts were received:

Broadway.....	\$ 5 00
Clayton.....	3 00
Delta.....	1 00
Eutaw.....	5 00
Heathsville.....	3 00
Marley.....	3 00
Pocomoke.....	3 00
Quantico.....	2 00
St. Luke's.....	7 00
West Wilmington.....	2 00

Total.....\$33 00

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

We have given a patient hearing to all persons having business before our Committee, and after careful consideration, we beg leave to submit the following: That many of the charges receiving aid are in a hopeful condition and bid fair to become self-sustaining in the near future.

1. We recommend that the President of the Conference be authorized and empowered to sell the White Marsh Church, in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, if in his judgment it is deemed wise.

2. That the report of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society be adopted with one exception. That they be allowed to make use of all the money collected on the city charges be not granted. We recommend that \$550 be appropriated to the Baltimore City Church Extension Society, to be paid in full this year.

3. In reference to item of President's report referred to this committee. We recommend the employment of one of our ministers selected by the Conference as Conference Evangelist, said evangelist to be subject to the direction of a special committee, consisting of the President, as chairman, and four other members—two ministers and two layman. That the salary be fixed at \$700—\$200 of said amount to be appropriated by this Conference, the balance of \$500 to be collected from the charges where the evangelist may be called to labor. Any monies collected in excess of this amount, less necessary traveling expenses, to be turned over to the Treasurer of Church Extension Society.

4. That Milton Circuit be divided, and that Milton be made a station to be supplied with a married man, and that the three country appointments (Reynolds, Weigand's and Beaver Dam), constitute a Circuit to be known as Beaver Dam, to be supplied with an unmarried man.

(2) That Salem be attached to Warwick charge.

(3) That Bethel be attached to Sussex charge.

(4) That Denton and Ridgely be connected with Caroline Circuit, and said Circuit be supplied with two preachers.

(5) That Tyreeanna and Campbell be united, to be known as Campbell Circuit, to be supplied with an unmarried man.

(6) That Millsboro be commended to the care of the President.

(7) That Violetsville be attached to Fairview.

(8) That Evergreen be made a separate charge, to be known as Evergreen.

(9) That Jones' Memorial, of Baltimore Circuit, be attached to Eutaw.

(10) That Epworth, of Clayton charge, be connected with Crumpton.

We recommend the following appropriations:
Campbell, \$50; Christ Church, \$250; Crumpton, \$50; Chincoteague, \$75; Evergreen, \$200; Fairfax, \$75; Frederica, \$75; First Church, Wilmington, \$100; Hurlocks, \$70; Mardela, \$75; Middleway, \$100; North Baltimore, \$250;

Parksley, \$150; Powellsville, \$50; Potomac, \$75; Quantico, \$100; Queen Anne's, \$40; Reliance, \$50; Seaford, \$50; Second Church, Wilmington, \$75; Talbot (if supplied), \$50; Wye, \$100.

The above \$2,160 appropriated to the charges, with \$550 appropriated to the Baltimore City Church Extension Society and \$200 to Conference evangelist, make a total of \$2,860. Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HADDAWAY, *Chairman.*

We recommend that \$4,100 be assessed on the church extension, this amount being a little less than last year's assessment.

In reference to item of President's report referred to this committee, we recommend the employment of one of our ministers selected by the Conference as Conference evangelist, said evangelist to be subject to the direction of a special committee consisting of the President as chairman, and four other members, two ministers and two laymen. That the salary be fixed at \$700, \$200 of said amount to be appropriated by this Conference, the balance, \$500, to be collected from the charges where the evangelist may be called to labor. Any moneys collected in excess of the amount, less necessary traveling expenses, to be turned over to the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society.

GEORGE HADDAWAY, *Chairman.*

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REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report:

We realize the importance and responsibility resting upon the Sabbath Schools in the formation of Christian character, and the lack of thorough appreciation of and consecration to the work in the different charges, and, therefore, recommend:

1. That Sabbath School conventions be held in the several districts mapped out by the President of the Conference in his report.
2. That at least one sermon be preached during the Conference year at every appointment upon the importance and necessity of Sabbath School work.
3. That a weekly meeting of the teachers be held for the study of the Sunday School lesson.
4. That written reports of the condition and progress of the work be submitted by Superintendents to the official meetings of the church.
5. That, where practicable, a teachers' training class be had under the care of some competent person.
6. That the "Lesson Helps" be given to teachers and scholars for study at home, and that the Bible be used in connection with the "Lesson Helps" at the Sabbath Schools.
7. That our own Sabbath School Literature be used, including *The Morning Guide* and *Our Children*.
8. We earnestly recommend that our Sunday Schools provide Catechisms for the scholars, and make arrangements for their instruction therein by the pastor, or otherwise.

S. W. COE, *Chairman.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS.

The Maryland Conference, at the recent session, approved the recommendation that Sunday School conventions be held during the year, including all the charges, and I was authorized to determine boundaries (where they had not been fixed), and appoint committees to inaugurate this movement in behalf of our children. I name the following boundary lines and committees:

1. All charges east of the Susquehanna River and north of and including Queen Anne's county, Md., and Clayton, Del., to constitute the first district.
2. All charges in Maryland south of Queen Anne's county and north of the Wicomico River to constitute the second.
3. All charges in Delaware south of Clayton to constitute the third.
4. All charges on the Peninsula south of the Wicomico River to constitute the fourth.
5. All charges west of the Susquehanna River and east of Westminster and Lisbon, including Baltimore city, to constitute the fifth.
6. The charges in the District of Columbia and Virginia to constitute the sixth.
7. All charges west of and including Westminster and Lisbon to be included in the seventh.

The first three districts organized last year and are prepared to hold their conventions.

For the fourth district I appoint H. L. Elderdice, J. E. Nicholson and A. S. Beane to arrange for a convention.

F. T. Little, B. A. Dumm and F. L. Warner will be the committee for the fifth district.

W. R. Graham, F. T. Benson and W. B. Hartley will arrange for the sixth district.

W. M. Strayer, A. D. Melvin and Edward Reisler will be the committee for the seventh district.

These conventions will elect their own officers and perpetuate their existence.

It is assumed, of course, that these committees, after conference with other ministers and laymen, will select the best place and the best time in the year for such a convention. They will make a programme and make all necessary arrangements for the first meeting.

The object of these meetings will not be attained unless we get the laymen, especially the superintendents, into them. We need our wide-awake superintendents that, by suggestions and hints, they may teach the slow ones, and the incompetent ones ought to be there to learn.

One who sees all the schools of the district will not wonder that many of them are small. There is nothing in them to interest and attract children. Middle-aged and old people may be content with the methods and appliances of twenty-five years ago, but if we would win the children and train them up in the Methodist Protestant Church we must be abreast of the times. We want the best and freshest things in Sunday School work, and we want the best talent of the church enlisted in this department.

May 3, 1895.

J. D. KINZER.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on General Home Missions would respectfully report that the result of our investigation is that the work under the care of the Board is practically at a stand-still, the lack of the funds not only preventing aggressive operations, but requiring a struggle to hold the ground already occupied.

We would accordingly impress upon the church at large the absolute necessity of more stalwart efforts to assist the Board in their all-important work.

The amount of assessment last year on the district was \$1,428, with \$1,063.17 collected.

We recommend that the sum of \$1,500 be assessed for the ensuing year.

JESSE SHREEVE, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your most careful consideration of the condition, needs and policy of this institution we desire to strongly urge upon you. A special order should be made for this purpose. The necessity of an institution for preparing men for the Gospel ministry is absolute. If the pulpit of the Methodist Protestant Church is to maintain rank with that of other churches, and be respected and influential in the community, it must be filled with men who have been trained in schools specially devoted to that purpose. Technical training is required for proficiency in any profession or branch of industry; and, certainly, no one can be a "workman approved" in the highest calling and greatest work without careful preparation under competent instructors. It will be conceded by every observing, thoughtful man that training schools for those who are to enter the ministry of our church is an absolute necessity.

The question with us now is, how can we give greater efficiency and prestige to the seminary? What can be done to commend it to the full confidence of the church, and cause our people to rally to its support? The Board of Governors desires the Conference to take this subject in hand. We submit to you our best judgment within the possibilities presented to us. If what we propose seems expedient, let it have your endorsement. Modify it, or outline that which you think is better. In any event let whatever is done be *decided*, and have heart and purpose in it. Determine to make the seminary a satisfactory success, or to abandon it. No plan which may be made will build up an institution in a year or two. It must become what we desire by gradual advance; but as we have hope in the future of our denomination, we have hope in the future of the seminary. They are vitally linked together. We have a good start. We own five acres of land; there is upon that eligible site a good building, with accommodation for 20 students. The building is suitably furnished and is heated by steam. We have an invested fund of \$3,200, which is a good start on endowment. Twenty-five hundred dollars of this amount was bequeathed to us by Brother E. J. Hill, late of Washington City.

There were in the seminary classes last year seven students. How many will be entered for the next year cannot now be ascertained. The Board of Governors has realized the necessity for a more energetic conduct of affairs, and has arranged accordingly. We first endeavored to enlist a more active participation in the management from the members who reside in other Conference districts; and at the meeting at which our plans were formed we had the concurrence of members from North Carolina and West Virginia who were present, and of the one from New Jersey who would have been present had not the notice of the meeting failed to reach him. The prospect of broadening the influence of the seminary and increasing its efficiency is very encouraging if we can have the full co-operation of the Conference. To carry out our plans we will need the services of Rev. H. L. Eiderdice as President of the seminary, and of Rev. B. F. Benson for the chair of Systematic Theology. It will be necessary for the Conference to assume responsibility for the sum of \$1,800 dollars. It cannot assign these brethren to duty without reliable assurance that their salaries will be paid. The salaries will amount to \$1,800; other expenses will make the aggregate \$2,500. Other Conferences will be expected to assume, with Maryland, responsibility for the support of the institution. The Board will have under consideration, with advice of the Faculty, modifications of the curriculum. Upon this point we invite suggestions from the Conference. It has been determined to give students the benefit of free tuition; they will be at the expense only of boarding and books.

With the Conference we mourn the decease of our beloved, venerable and faithful president, Rev. J. T. Ward, D.D.

We express our appreciation of the services of Rev. L. W. Bates, D.D., who, at the close of the seminary year, will retire from the institution.

Respectfully,

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

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REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Your Committee, to which was referred the report of the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary, has given to that important paper careful consideration. We recognize the matter which this report presents as of eminent interest and importance to this Conference and to the church at large. We adopt as the sentiment of this committee the language of the report before us: "The necessity for an institution for preparing men for the Gospel ministry is absolute." This necessity we assume is not now, if it ever was, an open question among the great body of our ministry and membership. With the present advance of education and culture among all classes, making what used to be the peculiar advantage of the few the common possession of the many, a special and thorough training of candidates for the Christian ministry in institutions distinctly devoted to and amply equipped for that service, is impera-

tively demanded. The power and efficiency of any church are, to a considerable degree, dependent on right training of her ministry. It is, therefore, a matter of vital moment that we adopt the best and wisest policy and plans possible concerning our Theological School, and that we give to these plans and to those who may be charged with the execution of them our warmest sympathy, fullest endorsement and practical support.

But what are the best plans?

Your committee has canvassed the entire situation. Some of those most deeply and intelligently interested in the Seminary have been before us, and the utmost frankness of conference has obtained, and after all the light we can secure the majority of this committee endorse the plans outlined in the Report of the Board of Governors and recommend that their request for the assignment of Revs. H. L. Elderlice and B. F. Benson to service in the Seminary be granted.

2. We also recommend that the assessment of \$1,800 for Seminary purposes be continued and that vigorous effort be made by each pastor and delegate to secure in full the sum assessed on their charges.

3. We express the conviction that all candidates for the ministry receiving aid from the Board of Ministerial Education should be expected to spend at least one year in the Seminary prior to their admission to the Conference.

F. T. LITTLE,
T. O. CROUSE,
O. M. ONG,
GAVEN SPENCE.

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REPORT ON OFFICIAL CHARACTER.

Your Committee on Official Character beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined carefully all the reports which came into our hands and find the most of them satisfactorily correct. Five charges lifted, no collections for either Bible or Tract Society. Two charges, did not take any collection for Foreign Missions, but gave satisfactory reasons to your committee for not doing so. Several charges failed to have their Boards of Trustees incorporated.

In all the above failures to carry out the directions of the Conference, your committee believes the respective pastors had sufficient reasons in their own estimation for their apparent neglect of duty. Your committee, therefore, recommend the passage of their characters.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. T. EWELL, *Chairman.*

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Your Committee on Statistics report 148 itinerants; 73 unstationed ministers and preachers; 2,090 probationers, and 22,072 members. We have had during the year 3,322 conversions; 2,396 have been received on probation, 1,591 elected to membership, and 2,155 received into full membership; 426

probationers and 1,229 members were discontinued; 24 probationers and 295 members were removed by death. We have 280 preaching appointments, 278½ churches and 87 parsonages. \$1,207,031 00 is the value of church property, and \$114,156.97 the amount of debt. We have 261 Sunday-schools and 3,486 teachers. There are 20,524 volumes in Sunday-school libraries and 19,227 Sunday-school papers taken. There has been 876 conversions in Sunday-school and 3,604 new scholars were received.

H. W. D. JOHNSON.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance, after patiently considering the subject submitted to it, respectfully recommends the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions taken in part from the paper passed by the late General Conference on the same subject, viz.:

WHEREAS, There is an alarming tendency on the part of many citizens of our country to desecrate the Holy Sabbath Day by buying and selling and other transactions of business, and by pleasure excursions and other amusements; therefore,

Resolved, That we affectionately and earnestly exhort our people to keep the Lord's Day holy according to the Divine Commandment, by abstaining on that day from all unnecessary business, such as buying, selling, making business engagements, and from the demoralizing Sunday-excursions, whether on train, boat, bicycle or other vehicle, and to spend the day in a truly Christian manner, and thus by example teach others to regard the Lord's Day with reverence.

Resolved, That we cordially unite with all who love and reverence the Christian Sabbath to secure the enforcement of our present Sabbath laws, and wherever possible the enactment of still better laws, so that we, as a nation, may indeed be a people who sacredly observe the Christian Sabbath.

Resolved, That notwithstanding we see about us, on all sides, the myriad temptations to Sabbath desecration and consequent demoralization of the people, nevertheless we rejoice that the efforts of organized societies, aided by individual influence, have been attended with marked success in the suppression of shameless desecration of the Sabbath in certain localities within the environments of the metropolis of the State.

We heartily endorse all organizations that aim to preserve the sanctity of the Sabbath and the suppression of vice and crime.

We iterate the recommendation of the last Annual Conference that pastors preach occasionally upon this important subject.

We heartily recommend the services of Rev. Oliver Hemstreet (General Agent of the Sabbath Association of Maryland) to our pastors.

Respectfully, your committee,

JAMES T. LASSELL, *Chairman.*

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

This Conference with satisfaction again invites the attention of the church within its borders to Western Maryland College. It is matter for just pride and congratulation that we have an institution of learning in which the children of our people may receive a culture, adequate to equip them fully for life without going beyond the limits of their own State or the influences of their own altars. The past year has been a prosperous one. The number of students enrolled has been maintained.

The one important material improvement has been the addition to the imposing group of college buildings of Alumni Hall. The first story of this structure has been completed and the cost provided for. It is the wise policy of the management, having provided the facilities necessary for the present work and comfort of a great school, to direct all its energies to internal improvements, the increase of its teaching force, and the enrichment of the instruction afforded. This has been effected by the employment of distinguished specialists in science and letters in such lecture courses as belong to university tuition. Aside from the advanced instruction conferred by this means, its value, in educational stimulus to faculty and students and in giving the school public repute, is beyond estimation.

It ought not to be necessary to appeal to the pastors and churches for their strenuous and untiring exertions to secure the patronage upon which the institution, so long as it remains unendowed, must depend for its life. They are its best agents. They need not now appeal to members of our own communion alone on the ground of loyalty, but to all on the ground of superiority of the school itself. It is demonstrated that the church is able to sustain an institution of learning of high grade. It is proved that the talent and means can be commanded to maintain such a school. The inspiration there is in investing energy in a cause whose success is assured, and whose results are being richly realized, should displace the timidity and hesitation which were pardonable while the days of experiment were not yet past. Possessing such a school, it behoves us to have the wisdom to use it for the purpose for which it is one of the best of instruments—to win men to Christ and to the church we love.

A letter has been received from the Chancellor of the Kansas City University, Dr. D. S. Stephens, giving a statement of the condition and prospects of that enterprise. One building has been erected and furnished at a cost of thirty thousand dollars. The Homeopathic College, the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and the School of Elocution and Oratory of Kansas City have been affiliated with the university, the roster of students being one hundred and fifty in all. The chancellor is sanguine of the enhancement in value of the large tracts of land bequeathed by Dr. Mather, and of the assured growth of the institution. The last General Conference gave its broad endorsement to the enterprise and commended it to the generosity of the denomination at large, on the ground that "a missionary movement for the propagandism of our form of Methodism." It recommended that a collection be lifted in

its behalf throughout the church. Our pastors are requested to call the attention of their congregations to this action of the General Conference, and appeal to them for such liberality in response as may be consistent with the prior claims upon them of our own College and Seminary at Westminster.

H. C. CUSHING, *Chairman.*

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Your Committee on Christian Endeavor beg leave to submit the following:

We are glad to report that the Christian Endeavor movement, as a child of Providence should, still grows in our Conference. The report of the year shows the following gratifying figures: Number of societies, Young Peoples', 136; Junior, 33; making a total of 169 societies. Membership, 7,411, an increase of 900 members over last year. The different societies have contributed during the year \$3,500 to the various interests of the church. 200 conversions are reported as a direct result of the societies' work.

While in the main this report is full of hope, we cannot but feel that 200 conversions as the result of the labor of 7,000 young people is disproportionate, while on the other hand the financial exhibit is most remarkably liberal, showing an average of 50 cents per member. Correlating these two facts, the fear comes over us that we may be making the mistake of using the Society as a scheme of finance rather than as a blessed agency for the salvation of the young life about the church by the active endeavor of the young life already in the church. Let us always remember that we cannot so easily and surely kill the Christian Endeavor Society for all spiritual purposes as by organizing it upon a financial basis. The object of the Society first, last and all the time is not to raise money, but to make intelligent, enthusiastic, working Christians. When this is attained let these working Christians give as God ministers to each the ability.

Every church in the District should have an active Endeavor Society. We have almost reached this aim. Only six charges now are without such a Society. It is our earnest hope that by our next annual session these will have fallen into line.

Our Denominational Convention will be held in Adrian, Mich., June 10th to 13th. Your committee feel that this may be made a mighty stimulus to our young people if it is properly sustained by the church at large. Let the representation from Maryland be in harmony with the greatness of our numbers and the abundance of our enthusiasm. In this connection your committee suggest that the Conference hear the reading of President Whitehead's stirring appeal in its behalf addressed to the retiring President of the Conference, and now in the hands of this Committee.

Your Committee also suggests that a more general organization of Junior societies would result in enlarged usefulness among the children of the church. The motto, "A Junior society wherever there is a Sunday-school," we believe to be a wise motto for the church to adopt.

The judgment of your committee is that our Annual Conference Rally can be made more effective by having a specially prepared programme announced before the coming of the service. We therefore recommend that, as usual, Thursday evening of next Conference be set apart for this purpose, and that the President of the Conference Union arrange the programme at least one month in advance of the meeting and publish it in the columns of the METHODIST PROTESTANT.

We renew the recommendation of last year that full and complete reports of the societies be inserted in the Conference Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
F. T. BENSON, *Chairman.*

X—See page 31.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATES.

Your Committee on Superannuates respectfully submits the following report:

1. We recommend that Mrs. R. S. Williamson be placed on the list of Claimants without an appropriation, this being her request.
2. We recommend that the sum of \$4,000 be assessed on the district for distribution.
3. We recommend the following appropriations:

Rev. L. W. Bates.....	\$400 00	Mrs. C. Eversole.....	125 00
“ W. A. Crouse.....	200 00	“ D. F. Ewell.....	125 00
“ H. C. Cushing.....	300 00	“ S. T. Ferguson.....	400 00
“ H. J. Day.....	150 00	“ D. N. Gilbert.....	275 00
“ J. W. Everest.....	100 00	“ Thomas Lee.....	125 00
“ W. G. Holmes.....	175 00	“ W. F. Livingston.....	150 00
“ J. L. Kilgore.....	400 00	“ J. A. McFaden.....	200 00
“ W. J. D. Lucas.....	375 00	“ E. R. McGregor.....	100 00
“ R. S. Norris.....	350 00	“ C. B. Middleton.....	300 00
“ S. B. Southerland.....	550 00	“ H. E. Miskimmon.....	200 00
“ J. A. Weigand.....	400 00	“ J. R. Nichols.....	300 00
Mrs. W. C. Ames.....	150 00	“ J. K. Nichols.....	100 00
“ T. M. Brian.....	150 00	“ J. E. Reed.....	150 00
“ J. W. Charlton.....	300 00	“ John Roberts.....	250 00
“ C. T. Cochell.....	125 00	“ D. A. Shermer.....	100 00
“ T. E. Coulbourn.....	400 00	“ C. M. Thompson.....	225 00
“ W. T. Dumm.....	250 00	“ S. G. Valliant.....	175 00
“ J. M. Elderdice.....	300 00	“ P. L. Wilson.....	125 00
“ J. H. Ellegood.....	150 00		

Mrs. D. Bowers relinquishes her claim on the fund for this year.

4. The fund paid last year \$74.10 on each \$100 appropriated.

F. T. LITTLE, *Chairman.*

Y—See page 31.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE STEWARD.

GENERAL INTERESTS.

	Assessed.	Paid.	Comparative Table.	
			Income over 1896.	Decrease from 1896.
Bible.....	\$	\$ 469 87	\$ 2 20	\$
Tract.....		453 34	23 01	
Conference.....	381 00	291 15	13 50	
Ministerial Education.....	611 00	852 89		111 82
Theological Seminary.....	1,182 00	1,389 55		85 43
Superannuates.....	4,000 00	2,831 43	43 21	
Church Extension.....	4,171 00	3,196 12	246 81	
General Home Missions....	1,428 00	1 063 17	27 49	
Foreign Missions.....	2,828 00	1,477 79		411 72
Special for Foreign Mis- sions.....		4,245 41	1,747 41	
President's Salary.....	2,357 00	2,332 28		38 92
	\$16,958 00	\$18,603 00	\$2,103 63	\$647 89

Net increase over 1896, for general interest.....\$1,455 74

LOCAL INTEREST.

	Assessed.	Paid.	Increase over 1896.	Decrease from 1896.
Pastors' Salaries.....	\$ 68,331 63	\$ 66,801 90	\$	\$ 174 40
Rental Value of Parson- ages.....	8,512 00	8,512 00		2,881 00
Current Expenses.....	34,331 39	34,331 39	4,829 37	
Building & Improvements.	48,196 86	48 196 86	5,820 63	
Paid on Debt.....	12,589 54	12,589 54		1,100 63
Special.....	2,568 50	2,568 50	918 71	
	\$184,719 11	\$183,189 38	\$11,568 71	\$4,156 03

Total amount raised for the year.....\$193,595 48

Net increase over last year for Local Interests..... 7,412 68

Net increase for all purposes as compared with last year... 8,868 42

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS RANDALL, *Conference Steward.*

So many errors occurring in the Pastors' Reports arising from a misunderstanding of the recommendation of the Board of Finance in their report at last Conference, we recommend that the last clause of that report be eliminated.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS RANDALL, *Conference Steward.*

Z—See page 31.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Literature respectfully report as follows:

1st. We have examined the report of the Baltimore Book Directory and we heartily endorse its views concerning the capability and efficiency of the editor of the *Methodist Protestant*, Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D. We also recognize the business qualifications of the agent, W. J. C. Dulany, and highly appreciate his services.

2d. We regret the loss of subscribers and advertisements, and would call the attention of the Conference to the fact that more than one hundred subscribers have been lost in the Maryland District. This loss is to be accounted for largely by the financial depression through which we are passing, but the condition should stimulate to an earnest canvass on the part of ministers and laymen, that the subscription list of the official organ may be speedily increased.

3d. We call attention to the changed and improved form of the Sunday-school literature, edited by Rev. J. F. Cowan, D. D., and urge its use in all our Sunday-schools.

4th. It is our conviction that the insertion in the *Methodist Protestant* of at least one column of Sunday-school matter in the form of suitable comments on the Sunday-school lesson would meet a demand now existing in the church and make the paper more acceptable to many readers.

5th. We commend the recent occasional publication in the *Methodist Protestant* of pictorial illustrations and suggest their more frequent use in the future if the cost be not an insuperable difficulty.

6th. We congratulate the church on the fact that Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, D. D., has finished the manuscript of his church history, bringing it down to 1897, and that the work will be published in two excellent volumes sometime during the present year.

R. L. LEWIS, *Chairman.*

AA—See page 31.

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATED FUND STEWARD.

<i>Claimants.</i>	<i>Am't Allowed.</i>	<i>Am't Paid.</i>
Rev. W. A. Crouse.....	\$ 200 00	\$ 148 20
" H. C. Cushing.....	300 00	222 30
" H. J. Day.....	150 00	111 15
" J. W. Everest.....	100 00	74 10
" W. G. Holmes.....	175 00	129 67
" J. L. Killgore.....	400 00	296 40
" W. J. D. Lucas.....	375 00	277 87
" R. S. Norris.....	350 00	259 35
" J. R. Nichols.....	400 00	296 40

Rev. S. B. Sutherland.....	550 00	407 55
" J. A. Weigand.....	400 00	296 40
Mrs. W. C. Ames.....	125 00	92 62
" D. W. Bates.....	150 00	111 15
" T. M. Brian.....	150 00	111 15
" J. W. Charlton.....	300 00	222 30
" C. T. Cochell.....	125 00	92 62
" T. E. Coulbourn.....	400 00	296 40
" W. T. Dumm.....	250 00	185 25
" J. M. Elderdice.....	350 00	259 35
" J. H. Ellegood.....	175 00	129 67
" C. Eversole.....	125 00	92 62
" D. T. Ewell.....	125 00	92 62
" S. T. Ferguson.....	450 00	333 45
" D. N. Gilbert.....	275 00	203 77
" Thos. Lee.....	125 00	92 62
" W. F. Livingstone.....	200 00	148 20
" J. A. McFaden.....	200 00	148 20
" E. R. McGregor.....	125 00	92 62
" C. B. Middleton.....	300 00	222 30
" H. E. Miskimmon.....	200 00	148 20
" J. K. Nichols.....	150 00	111 15
" J. E. Read.....	200 00	148 20
" D. E. Reese.....	250 00	185 25
" John Roberts.....	250 00	185 25
" D. A. Shermer.....	100 00	74 10
" C. M. Thompson.....	250 00	185 25
" S. G. Valiant.....	175 00	129 67
" P. L. Wilson.....	125 00	92 62
" J. W. Whiteside.....	100 00	74 10
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	\$9,150 00	\$6,780 09

STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 3 85
Received of T. A. Murray, Treasurer, Oct. 15, 1896.....	1,704 75
Received of T. A. Murray, Treasurer, Dec. 14, 1896.....	30 00
Received of T. A. Murray, Treasurer, April 9, 1897.....	2,101 75
*District collections.....	2,831 43
Offering from temperance service.....	26 22
Paid subscriptions from anniversary, April, 1896.....	35 00
Anniversary collections.....	75 06
Annual dues.....	92 25
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	\$6,900 31

* \$365.35 of District collections received through Thos. A. Murray, Treasurer.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid T. A. Murray for investment.....	\$ 110 06
Distributed to claimants, October, 1896.....	1,738 50
Distributed to claimants, April, 1897.....	5,041 59
Expenses of Steward	3 00
Expenses of Corresponding Secretary.....	1 65
Bank expenses.....	35
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	\$6,895 15

Balance on hand..... \$ 5 16
Per centum, .741.

Amount of claims..... \$9,150 00

L. F. WARNER, *Sup. Fund Steward.*

BB—See page 32.

Greetings of the Maryland Branch Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Methodist Protestant Church to the Maryland Annual Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, Sixty-ninth Session:

We submit the following for the year ending April 1, 1897. With "onward and upward" as our motto we are gaining. The interest in our work was never greater than now. We are prospering. God be praised for His goodness to us. A few Christian Endeavor Societies are supporting scholarships and Bible Readers. The Junior Society of Christian Endeavor is assisting us in various ways, one helping to support a Bible Reader at Nagoya, Japan. A much needed home is to be built at Nagoya, the said home to be called the "Mrs. M. A. Murray Home," in memory of our dear sister, who has gone to live with Jesus. The Maryland branch has special interest in this matter.

We recommend this new home, as well as all our other interests, to you, asking you to assist to the utmost. Financially we are in good condition. We thank you for your kindness to us during the year and solicit special effort in our behalf for the coming year "Unto God be all the praise."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HY. HUPFIELD,

Cor. Sec. Maryland Branch W. F. M. S.

BALTIMORE, April 8, 1897.

Annual Report of the Washington and Alexandria Branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, year ending March 31st, 1897.

TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Central Church Auxiliary	\$ 40 00
First Church "	16 75
Congress Street "	65 74
Alexandria "	26 35
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Total.....	\$148 84

MARY C. ONG, *Corresponding Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions report the following:

We have had before us Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Mrs. W. W. Baynes, President Maryland Branch, Women's Foreign Missionary Society. We have received information from them and all other available sources, and with profound gratitude to the "Lord of the harvest" we submit evidences of prosperity. Our church has in Japan five church edifices, one parsonage—Lafayette Cottage—three organized churches, two others about to be organized, twenty Sunday-schools, one Conference having ten charges and thirty-one appointments, five American and four Japanese ministers, four Japanese preachers, two evangelists and five theological students. There has been a gratifying increase in the receipts from Children's Day. The presence of Miss Forrest and Rev. E. H. Van Dyke at this Conference has given us pleasure, and we are glad to know that Brother Van Dyke will return to Japan for another term of service. More workers and more money are needed. The women on all our charges should be organized into auxiliaries, and to this end the pastors should render hearty co-operation. The careful observance of Children's Day is vitally important. No charge should fail to hold Children's-Day services, and every effort should be made to awaken and intensify interest in the great cause of Foreign Missions through this potent means. We recommend the consolidation of the Committees on Home Missions and Foreign Missions, and that this united committee be called the Committee on Missions. Respectfully submitted.

T. H. LEWIS, *Chairman.*

CC—See page 33.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Board of Finance respectfully submits the following report:

We have examined the statement of the Agent and Treasurer of the President's Parsonage and find it correct. We have audited the accounts and examined the financial report of the Secretary of the Conference and find them correct.

We also report the accompanying tables of assessments for the general interest of the Church.

W. M. POISAL, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL STEWARD FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING APRIL, 1896, AND ENDING APRIL, 1897.

SEMINARY.

Amount assessed on District.....	\$1,882 00
Amount paid	1,389 55
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Deficit.....	\$ 492 45

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Amount assessed on District.....	\$611 00
Amount paid	522 89
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Deficit.....	\$ 88 11

In addition to the amount named above as paid to the Board of Ministerial Education for general distribution, St. John's Independent Methodist Church paid \$330 for the education of two young men at Western Maryland College who are preparing for the ministry. The Seminary money was paid to Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D. The money for Ministerial Education was paid to Rev. J. C. Berrien, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education. Itemized account will appear in the Conference Steward's report.

H. S. JOHNSON, *Educational Steward.*

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND CONFERENCE.

We report that the present trustees are J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, Roland Watts and T. A. Murray, whose terms expire in 1899.

F. T. Little, S. J. Smith, Joseph H. Elliott and C. A. Benjamin, whose terms expire in 1898.

J. D. Kinzer, A. W. Mather, Daniel Baker and John G. Clarke, whose terms expire in 1897.

We recommend that two ministers and two laymen be elected to fill the vacancy.

J. L. MILLS, *President of the Board.*
THOMAS A. MURRAY, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Total amount of money received by the Church Extension Society for the year ending April 7, 1897..... \$390 00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES.

Paid C. A. Benjamin, Treasurer Baltimore City Church Extension Society..... 88 00
Balance paid to Missionary Steward..... \$302 00

D. W. ANSTINE,
O. M. ONG,
Auditing Committee.

MINUTES OF CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF MARYLAND CONFERENCE.

The Church Extension Society held its annual meeting Tuesday, April 13, W. J. Neepier in the chair.

The Treasurer being absent, the Chairman appointed D. W. Anstine and O. M. Ong to audit Treasurer's account.

The following officers were elected:

President, W. J. Neepier; First Vice-President, S. B. Tredway; Second Vice-President, W. B. Kindley; Secretary, J. H. S. Ewell; Treasurer, T. H. Bartlett.

W. R. McKnett was appointed to collect dues.
Auditing Committee reported.

The report was accepted with the understanding that the Treasurer's report be printed in the Minutes.

The anniversary of the Society was held Friday night, April 9, and was in charge of B. P. Truitt. \$33.88 was received and \$43 more were subscribed.

Adjourned.

J. H. S. EWELL, *Secretary.*

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

	Yrs.
Accomac.....	Avery Donovan, 2
Amelia.....	C. P. Goodrich, 1
Alexandria.....	F. T. Benson, 5
Baltimore.....	T. H. Wright, 3
Bedford.....	H. L. Schlineke, 2
Belair.....	S. B. Tredway, 2; J. L. Ward, 1
Bethel.....	
Broadway.....	F. H. Lewis, 4
Bethany.....	J. F. Bryan, 2
Brooklyn.....	B. A. Dumm, 2
Beaver Dam.....	F. S. Cain, 1
Cambridge.....	G. Q. Bacchus, 1
Caroline.....	H. W. D. Johnson, 2; C. E. Dryden, 1
Campbell and Tyreanna.....	W. A. Melvin, 2
Cecil.....	A. W. Mather, 2
Central.....	D. L. Greenfield, 1
Centreville.....	G. W. Haddaway, 4
Chesapeake.....	C. K. McCaslin, 3
Chestertown.....	J. M. Gill, 2
Christ Church.....	W. H. Litsinger, 2
Clayton.....	J. E. Nicholson, 1
Concord.....	Elmer Simpson, 1
Conquest.....	A. J. Walter, 1
Crisfield.....	R. S. Rowe, 2
Crumpton.....	G. D. Edmonston, 1
Cumberland.....	J. M. Yingling, 1
Chincoteague.....	H. E. Bennington, 3
Delmar.....	J. A. Wright, 5
Deer Creek.....	C. H. Littleton, 5
Deer Park.....	G. J. Hill, 2
Delta.....	C. E. McCullough, 1
Dorchester.....	C. M. Cullum, 2
Dover and Leipsic.....	T. P. Revelle, 3
East Baltimore.....	J. M. Sheridan, 3
Easton.....	W. M. Poisal, 3
Elizabeth.....	J. W. Trout, 5

Eutaw.....	W. S. Phillips,	1
Evergreen.....	N. O. Gibson,	2
Fairfax.....	H. F. Wright,	2
Fawn Grove.....	J. T. Lassell,	2
Fairview and Violetsville.....	H. E. Nelson,	1
Finksburg.....	S. W. Coe,	5
First Church, Washington.....	J. W. Gray 1; David Wilson, Supernumerary,	2
Fox Hill.....	G. H. Stocksdale,	1
Franklin City.....	J. H. Daugherty,	1
Frederick.....	G. F. Farring,	5
Felton.....	E. B. Taylor,	2
Frederica.....	W. O. Livingstone,	2
Georgetown, D. C.....	W. S. Hammond,	2
Georgetown, Del.....	J. H. S. Ewell,	4
Grove.....	W. B. Judefind,	1
Greenwood.....	A. S. Beane,	1
Hampden.....	W. J. Neepier,	1
Harper's Ferry.....	B. B. James,	1
Harrington.....	J. L. Straughn,	4
Heathsville.....	C. S. Arnett,	1
Howard.....	W. J. Floyd,	5
Hurlocks.....	G. M. Clayton,	2
Holly Run.....	J. F. Wooden,	2
Jefferson.....	W. M. Strayer,	6
Kennedyville.....	Jessie Shreeve,	3
Kempton.....	J. L. Elderdice,	1
Kent Island.....	E. S. Fooks,	2
Indian River.....		
Laurel.....	F. C. Klein,	3
Lewistown.....	Emanuel Pierce,	2
Liberty.....	W. D. Litsinger,	2
Lisbon.....	B. P. Truitt,	2
Lynchburg.....	E. A. Warfield,	3
Mardela.....	A. H. Greene,	2
Mariner's.....	L. A. Bennett,	1
Middlewav.....	F. L. Stevens,	2
Milton.....	G. R. Hodge,	3
Mount Tabor.....	Edgar T. Reed,	1
Mount Nebo.....	J. G. Sullivan,	1
Marley.....	A. A. Harryman,	1
Newark.....	L. R. Dyott,	8
North Carolina Avenue.....	Louis Randall,	1
New Market.....	S. F. Cassen,	2
North Baltimore.....	A. N. Ward, 2; E. J. Drinkhouse, supernumerary,	2
Oxford.....	J. W. Balderston,	2
Oak Grove and Prince George.....	G. R. Donaldson,	1

Parksley.....		
Pike Creek.....	E. D. Stone,	2
Pittsville.....	B. W. Kindley,	2
Pocomoke.....	E. O. Ewing,	1
Pocomoke City.....	G. J. Smith,	1
Powellville.....	J. D. Kinzer,	1
Patapsco.....	G. A. Morris,	1
Payson Street.....		
Potomac.....	G. W. Hines,	3
Quantico.....	J. W. Norris,	4
Queen Anne's.....	H. S. Johnson,	2
Reliance.....	C. P. Nowlin,	1
Rowlandsville.....	A. D. Dick,	1
Remington.....	J. E. Maloy,	4
St. James'.....	H. O. Keene,	3
St. John's (Canton).....	J. L. Mills,	6
St. Michael's.....	A. A. Bichell,	1
St. Luke's.....	S. A. Hoblitzell,	1
Salisbury.....	J. B. Jones,	1
Seaford.....	L. F. Warner,	2
Snow Hill.....	S. J. Smith,	1
Salem.....	Dorsey Blake,	1
South Baltimore.....	R. K. Lewis,	2
Starr.....	J. E. G. Ewell,	2
Stewartstown.....	F. T. Little,	9
Susquehanna.....	E. C. Makosky,	2
Sussex.....	F. H. Mullineaux,	2
Talbot.....	G. R. McCready,	2
Trinity.....	C. L. Daugherty,	1
Union.....	D. W. Anstine,	2
Union Bridge.....	B. F. Jester,	1
Waltersville.....	J. J. Murray,	7
Warwick.....	W. R. McKnett,	2
Washington Street (Alnutt Memorial).....	W. W. White,	1
Waverly.....	J. M. Holmes,	2
West Baltimore.....	J. W. Parris,	1
Westminster.....	J. W. Kirk,	5
Williamsport.....	W. R. Graham,	2
Wilmington.....		
West Wilmington.....	G. L. Wolf,	2
Wye.....	F. A. Holland,	1
	R. L. Lewis,	1

Conference Evangelist, J. M. Brown, 1.
 President of Western Maryland College, T. H. Lewis, 12.
 President of Theological Seminary, H. L. Elderdice, 1.
 Professor in Seminary, B. F. Benson, 1.
 Editor of *Methodist Protestant*, F. T. Tagg, 6.

LOANED.

Board Foreign Missions—E. H. Van Dyke, 8.
 St. John's, Baltimore—J. S. Bowers, 7.
 Chatsworth, Baltimore—T. O. Crouse, 8.
 Maryland Tract Society—J. T. Murray, 8.
 To Christian Citizenship Bureau—Q. L. Morrow, 1.

SUPERANNUATES.

J. W. Everest, 30; S. B. Southerland, 13; R. S. Norris, 10; H. J. Day, 28;
 J. A. Weigand, 5; W. J. D. Lucas, 6; J. L. Killgore, 6; W. A. Crouse, 5; H.
 C. Cushing, 3; W. G. Holmes, 3; L. W. Bates, 1.

A REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION STEWARD TO THE
 MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE, APRIL 13, 1897.

Amount assessed on district.....	\$4,247 16
Appropriated for 1896 and 1897.....	\$2,700 00
Back pay.....	1,547 16
	<u>\$4,247 16</u>

Funds for distribution.....	\$3,196 12
Annual dues.....	101 75
Anniversary.....	45 88
Received from T. H. Bartlett above receipts.....	45 00
	<u>\$3,388 75</u>

LESS AMOUNT PAID.

Baltimore City Church Extension.....	\$605 50
A. D. Melvin, on salary.....	73 79
A. D. Melvin, traveling expenses.....	32 08
A. D. Melvin, printing, etc.....	39 83
	<u>751 20</u>

Amount for distribution.....	\$2,637 55
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DEFICIENCIES AT LAST CONFERENCE.

Parksley.....	\$ 85 97
Barren Creek—E. S. Fooks.....	28 66
Christ Church—A. N. Ward.....	114 62
Crumpton—J. G. Sullivan.....	57 31
Dover—T. P. Revelle.....	57 31
First Church, Wilmington—G. J. Smith.....	42 99
Frederica—G. M. Clayton.....	57 31
Fairfax—H. E. Nelson.....	57 31

Amount carried forward.....	\$ 61 48
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Amount brought forward.....	\$ 61 48
Federalsburg—G. H. Stocksedale.....	57 31
Hurlock—G. J. Hall.....	57 31
Middleway—Elmer Simpson.....	57 31
Nichols' Memorial—J. R. Nichols.....	103 16
North Baltimore—G. M. Gill.....	286 55
Potomac—G. W. Norris.....	42 99
Queen Anne—C. E. McCullough.....	28 66
Reliance—A. J. Walter.....	28 66
Salem—C. P. Nowlin.....	22 93
Seaford—S. B. Treadway.....	28 66
Second Church, Wilmington—G. A. Morris.....	57 31
St. Michael's—W. S. Phillips.....	25 80
Tyreeanna—H. F. Wright.....	25 80
Towson—T. H. Wright.....	42 99
Talbot—E. B. Taylor.....	22 93
Wye—B. F. Benson.....	57 31

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	<u>\$1,447 16</u>
Amount in hand after paying all claimants Federalsburg appropria- tion, 1895.....	\$1,190 39
	<u>40 00</u>
Balance for distribution for the year ending April 1, 1897.....	\$1,230 39

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1896-'97.

Mission.	Pastor.	Appropriation.	Paid.	Due.
Parksley	—E. D. Stone.....	\$150 00	\$ 79 72	\$ 70 28
Chincoteague	—E. B. Bennington.....	75 00	39 86	35 14
Patapsco	—W. S. Simms, \$40; Chas. M. Zepp, \$25.....	65 00	34 54	30 46
Queen Anne	—J. W. Brown.....	50 00	26 58	23 42
Quantico	—H. S. Johnson.....	100 00	53 15	46 85
2d Church, Wilmington	—G. A. Morris... ..	75 00	39 86	35 14
Potomac	—J. W. Norris.....	75 00	39 86	35 14
Fairfax	—H. F. Wright.....	100 00	53 15	46 85
1st Church, Wilmington	—G. L. Wolf... ..	50 00	26 58	23 42
Hurlock	—G. M. Clayton.....	75 00	39 86	35 14
Frederica	—E. B. Taylor, \$20; W. O. Livingstone, \$80.....	100 00	53 15	46 85
Mardela	—H. H. Green.....	75 00	39 86	35 14
Dover	—T. P. Revelle.....	200 00	106 30	93 70
Reliance	—A. J. Walter.....	50 00	26 58	23 42

Amounts carried forward	\$1,240 00	\$659 05	\$580 95
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Amounts brought forward.....	\$1,240 00	\$ 659 05	\$ 580 95
St. Michael's—W. S. Phillips.....	50 00	26 58	23 42
Christ Church—W. H. Litsinger.....	200 00	106 30	93 70
Wye—B. F. Benson	100 00	53 15	46 85
Crumpton—J. G. Sullivan.....	100 00	53 15	46 85
Middleway—F. L. Stevens	150 00	79 70	70 30
North Baltimore—A. N. Ward.....	200 00	106 30	93 70
Baltimore—T. H. Wright.....	75 00	39 86	35 14
Evergreen—N. O. Gibson.....	200 00	106 30	93 70
Warwick
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	\$2,315 00	\$1,230 39	\$1,084 61

Total amount for distribution..... \$2,677 55

Distributed .. \$2,677 55

Per centum, .5315

AVERY DONOVAN, *Steward.*

RESOLUTIONS.

RULE 28.

1—See page 21.

Resolved, That Rule 28 governing the Annual Session be amended to read as follows:

“At 11 o'clock on the first day of each session of the Annual Conference, the President, or his substitute, shall preach a sermon on some of the following subjects, namely: Foreign Missions, Church Extension, including Home Missions, Superannuated Fund, Seminary, including Ministerial Education.”

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

2—See page 22.

Resolved, That there be added to the list of standing committees a Committee on Transportation, and that the expenses of this committee be paid by this Conference.

RACE-TRACK GAMBLING.

3—See page 28.

WHEREAS, Race-track gambling is now permitted by law in the State of Maryland, and

WHEREAS, Those who made the name of Gloucester infamous, and who have been driven out of New Jersey, New York and other States of the Union, are now making Cecil county the scene of their nefarious operations, to the great detriment of the morals of the people of said county;

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church that all laws permitting race-track gambling should be repealed, and a law enacted prohibiting it.

CONFERENCE STEWARD.

4—See page 29.

WHEREAS, The duties of the Conference Steward and his assistant are arduous and confining, and by reason of these duties they are deprived of participation in the sessions of Conference; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Conference Steward be paid a salary of \$15, and his assistant \$5, for their services during each annual session of the Conference.

WARWICK CIRCUIT.

5—See page 31.

WHEREAS, Warwick Circuit having failed to comply with the conditions upon which \$100 were appropriated to them;

Resolved, They are not entitled to said appropriation.

PATAPSCO MISSION.

6—See page 31.

WHEREAS, One hundred dollars having been appropriated last year to Patapsco Mission, and as they were part of this year without a pastor;

Resolved, The Steward pay only the amount due for the part of the year they were supplied.

INCREASE OF SALARIES.

7—See page 27.

Resolved, That the President of the Conference appoint a committee of three ministers and two laymen to consider and devise a plan to increase the salary of every charge to \$600, that pays to a married pastor less than that amount.

OBITUARY.

MRS. DR. D. EVANS REESE.

On the ninth of July last her life on earth ended. It was then, as the roses were beginning to fade, that we closed the earnest eyes and folded the patient hands in their eternal rest. Though for many years her's had been an invalid's life—shut out from the glow and color of life, shut in to monotonous days and weary helplessness—still to those whose privilege it was to minister to dear Mrs. Reese, it seemed a life signally peaceful and patiently brave. Not the peace alone with a long and enforced retirement from the busy world brings, but that higher peace of a steadfast, courageous spirit, which bowed without question to Supreme things and never lost its brave loyalty to the end.

Her room was the heart of the little cottage; the *home* of the house. Within its door to the very last all comers were sure of a bright welcome, and the youngest of her friends often marvelled at her interest in life's ways, and were accustomed to words and comments from her lips which evinced a rare judgment and unerring comprehension of the matter under discussion.

Despite the long years of invalidism there was no suggestion, either in her personality or about her room, of that atmosphere which one looks for when there is helplessness and increasing weakness. On the contrary, an attractive cheerfulness drew one to her side. A patient, brave soul looked forth from the eyes and the gentle voice held in it no note of peevishness.

Always accepting necessary service with a gentle deprecation of the possible trouble it might be to those serving her, but never claiming any service, however slight. Ah, yes; a strong, true life was lived in that quiet room, unknown and uncomprehended by most of those whose footsteps passed her door, whose voice reached her through her curtained windows.

Twice, during the years spent in St. Michael's, sorrow and death had laid compelling hands upon her. Her noble husband, the Rev. Dr. D. Evans Reese, dropped her hand to face eternal years, and but four years since a son, the Rev. W. W. Reese, of the Presbyterian Church, entered into rest. Three daughters survive her—Mrs. Bantz, of St. Louis; Mrs. Phelps, of New York; and Miss Mary Reese, whose home is in the old town of St. Michael's. Between this honored mother and her children a fond love always existed, but between her and her youngest child, Mrs. Phelps, there seemed to be, as Mrs. Reese herself often said, a tie of spirit as subtle and sacred as it was rare.

It was the sad privilege of these last-named daughters to be with their dear one during her last illness. More than half a year has elapsed since we laid

her away in the Baltimore Cemetery beside the husband who had preceded her by twenty of our earthly years. The day of burial dawned in cloud and rain, but when we bore the precious body into that city of the dead to its final resting-place an arching sky of tenderest blue, like a reverently-spoken Amen, bent above the mourners' heads as they laid their tribute of flowers upon the mound at their feet. And as they turned away from that newly-made grave, white with roses, amid which a cross of immortelles rested, more than one heart recalled the sublime words which the dear one lying so still beneath had murmured so often in her last illness, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

NEW YORK, February 12, 1897.

L. C. B.

MRS. MARY H. WRIGHT WHITESIDE.

Mrs. Mary H. Wright Whiteside, daughter of the late Dr. Jesse Wright, and widow of the late Rev. J. T. Whiteside, of the M. A. Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, died at her home in Cassville, November 25, 1896. Her father was one of the pioneers of the church in this section, and she was well grounded in the faith and doctrines of the Methodist Protestant Church. She was married to Rev. J. F. Whiteside, September 6, 1854. Her conversion was in youth, and ever after she endeavored to live the life of a Christian. She had been in delicate health for several years, and when she fell November 6 and fractured her hip her vitality was not sufficient for her to rally from the shock, and after two weeks and five days of helplessness and pain, she passed away to be with God and loved ones. The church here has lost a true friend and a Christian worker. As long as she was able nothing but sickness or unavoidable absence from home kept her away from her place in the sanctuary. She was a mother in the truest sense of the word, sacrificing comforts to give her children an education, and ever on the alert to guide them in the way that would bring most honor to Christianity and the church. Two daughters, Mrs. Dr. B. Oscar Doyle, of Louisville, Ky., and Sarah Whiteside, M.D., of Cassville, mourn her departure.

MRS. SARAH J. P. BATES.

On January 26, 1897, at the residence of her son, Dr. J. W. P. Bates, Baltimore city, Mrs. Sarah J. P. Bates, widow of the late Daniel W. Bates, D.D., entered into rest. This truly good woman was born at Mount Holly, N. J., September 13, 1811. On her father's side the family was English; on her mother's side, Scotch. She was reared in the Protestant Episcopal Church, though never a communicant in it. The precise date of her conversion is not known, but it was in her girlhood, and soon thereafter she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was married June 16, 1836, and after two years' residence in Medford and Mount Holly, moved with her husband to Philadelphia. There husband and wife united with the Methodist Protestant Church at Eleventh and Wood streets, Rev. Thomas H. Stockton, pastor. Shortly after

this her husband was received into the Maryland Conference and began his long, faithful and useful ministry. The conditions and labors of the itinerant preacher of our church in those days were in many particulars far more rigorous and taxing than now. Circuits were large, the difficulties of travel from one charge to another were great, parsonages were unknown, and the salaries paid very meagre. But through the hardships of those earlier years, as in the latter part of her husband's ministry, she was a faithful and sympathetic helpmeet. Her health was frail, and at times it seemed that she could not live long to cheer and bless the good man with whom she had cast in her earthly lot. This was especially true when they were sent to Snow Hill Circuit in 1844; but the climate there proved so beneficial that her condition was greatly improved, and through the kind providence of God she was spared to comfort even the last days of her honored husband and to survive him more than a year. It would be impossible within the limits of this brief sketch to follow her through the changing residences and vicissitudes of an itinerant minister's wife. This may be said, however, with perfect confidence: Wherever she went she soon won her way into the esteem and affection of the people, and the memory of her modest worth, gentle manners, native refinement, unostentatious but deep piety still lingers like sweet perfume in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. She was not a conspicuous worker in church activities, but was always in fullest sympathy with everything that tended to advance the interests of the church. She was a careful and industrious housewife—such a woman as King Lemuel had in mind when he wrote concerning the virtues of a good wife, "She looketh well to the ways of her household and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." Her piety was earnest but tranquil—a habit rather than impulse; it shed a mild and engaging beauty over her countenance and manners that impressed with enduring influence those who were favored with an intimate acquaintance with her. In the freedom of conversation she often gave testimony to her faith in her Saviour, and there was a certain distinction of manner that told even more forcefully than her words that she had been with Jesus and learned of Him. With her peculiar mildness and modesty there were united frankness and firmness. There was never boldness or violence in the maintenance of her opinions and purposes, but there was a quiet air of determination about her that indicated the strength and equipoise of her character. The writer came to know her intimately when he was appointed to Chesapeake Circuit, succeeding her husband in the pastorate. Dr. Bates had superannuated, but continued to reside on his farm adjoining the parsonage grounds. For several years my intercourse with this venerable and excellent man and his wife was close and confidential. That intercourse it is pleasant to remember. I was impressed with the sterling, simple goodness of both, and thank God it was my privilege to know them and enjoy the intimate association with them I did. But it is no depreciation of the character of Dr. Bates to say that my recollection of Mrs. Bates is peculiarly tender, affectionate and soothing. She was one of the fairest examples of the virtues and graces of sanctified womanhood I have ever known. As might be expected

the end of this beautiful life was tranquil and hopeful. For about four weeks she was confined to her bed, with no organic disease, however, but the gradual failing of her vital powers. Her mental faculties were preserved to the last. She talked freely and fearlessly of her departure. Patience, cheerfulness, gratitude to God for His long-continued goodness, and to her son for his tender devotion, ardent anticipations of her reunion with her husband and the two children she had buried in their infancy, a devout and well-established trust in her Saviour—these were the sentiments that characterized her last days. The thought of death did not depress or perturb her in the least. Her submission to the will of God seemed entire. Her funeral services were held at the residence of her son, and were conducted by Rev. J. M. Holmes, Rev. J. D. Kinzer, D. D., President of the Conference, Rev. F. T. Little and the writer participating. Her body rests in the cemetery at Wesley Chapel, Kent county, Md.

T. O. CROUSE.

REV. JAMES THOMAS WARD, D. D.

Exit! Sorrowful word, very sorrowful to a multitude of surviving admirers and friends.

Enter! Blissful word to admirers and friends on the other shore. Heavenly reunions there, but sad separations here, when this brother, beloved, passed off the earthly stage of more than half a century's philanthropic and Christian activities. And the spectators of his beneficent career, with tenderly pulsing hearts of recollections, now stand lingering with tearful gaze on the scene of his touching farewell and final departure.

If large acquaintance and close association can qualify us who subscribe to this memorial for a just estimate, we have this qualification. Doctor Ward was the Conference class-mate of one of us fifty-six years ago; another took a place by his side only one year later; another was again and again his parishioner in the early and in the later church life of both; another was a college student under his presidency; and another his townsman for thirty years, his associate trustee from the foundation of Western Maryland College, and through all these years had ample opportunity by official intercourse, by social and church minglings, and by constant observation to know him well. It was not difficult to read him thoroughly. He was frank, open as the day, transparent. A sincere lover of God and of men, he had nothing to prompt concealment from either. What he seemed to be, that he was; artless, unaffected, sincere, affectionate, devout and true as steel to everything that commended itself to his intelligence as right and good.

From our various and intimate relations to him we surely may speak with confidence of our ascended brother, our friend; and at the same time the friend, indeed, of every man, and well-entitled, also, with patriarchal Abraham, to be called "the friend of God."

Doctor Ward! The enunciation of this name, while awaking tenderest memories in his life associates and nearest circle, commands attention and interest throughout the Methodist Protestant Church, in which for many years

his royal gifts of mind and heart made him a conspicuous figure. And to weave a crowning chaplet for his character it may be truly said his name has culmination of attention, interest and respect in Westminster, where, as citizen, educator and preacher, he was admirably read of the entire community for a quarter of a century and more. In this case, clearly contrary to the ancient proverb, the prophet had honor in his own country.

In confirmation, as well qualified in the premises, the following is from the member of the committee of that locality:

"While Doctor Ward was as guileless as a child, he was at the same time a splendid type of the sturdiest Christian manhood. His religious convictions were so clear and so well assured that nothing could shake the foundation upon which he stood. Gentleness of spirit and firmness of conviction and purpose were beautifully blended in his life. The impression which he made upon this community is truly wonderful. No man who ever lived here has by his personal life given such a moral and religious uplift to the community. All the religious denominations of the town, without a single exception, testify in the warmest expressions to this fact. The real power of his life was in his goodness. He was a man of culture—broad culture. Few men surpassed him in mental endowment and equipment; but it was his great sympathetic heart by which he touched men, and it is this heart-touch which embalms his memory so precious in the affections of all who knew him."

There is something in the laws of heredity—often much. James Thomas Ward was well born. His parents were among the excellent of the earth. His father, Rev. Ulysses Ward, an unstationed minister of the early Methodist Protestant Church, a prosperous man of business and of reputable social standing in Washington city—a man likewise benevolent and philanthropic. The moral resemblance between him and his son was striking. Every impulse of the latter, as all know who knew him, was kindness and charity. To the full extent of his ability, if not beyond it, his was an open hand to every good cause. Much of his patrimony as well as of his own earnings was thus dispensed to the church and the community.

Converted in his thirteenth year, he promptly united with the church of his father and mother, and the church through whose instrumentality he had been brought to Christ, and thus the sun of his nobler life having had its rising, steadily moved upward, shining more and more luminously unto the perfect day of his divinely appointed subsequent life.

The whole of these added years, exceeding half a century, was fully consecrated to God and the best interests of his fellow-men. Realizing that to preach the Gospel was his mission in the world, he passed out of a home of affluence and entered the itinerant ranks of the Methodist Protestant Church, a church at that time scarcely advanced beyond its infancy, an ecclesiastic experiment in Methodism, with only a few church buildings, no parsonages, poor, with nothing to attract in all it had except a pure Gospel under the auspices of American and Scriptural ideas of government. Such was the church choice, for a long life, as it proved to be, of James Thomas Ward, as he came out of that elegant city home and went forth contentedly and gladly to preach, amid the hardships of itinerant life, a religion which was such a

joy to himself. Nor did he preach in vain, as Pipe Creek, Williamsport, Cumberland, Philadelphia, Alexandria, Liberty and Washington can testify.

Later his good life had appropriate and beautiful rounding in preparing young men and maidens for useful careers in the world, many of the former going forth into the sacred ministry which had been for so many years his own loved employ. That was the cap sheaf of his rich harvesting for God and humanity. Could Christian zeal, purpose, ambition, if you will, have had a loftier, purer aim? Could there have been to the devotement of human energy a higher mark, or a grander consummation?

As suggested by another member of the committee, a former student under Doctor Ward's college presidency, "Doctor Ward's name and memory will, of course, always be connected with the founding and progress of Western Maryland College, and however great this institution may become, it will always be remembered that he gave his life for it and to it." He also gave his loving interest to all his students, and they paid him back with full measure of reverence and affection, and to-day, as it always has been, to his students wherever scattered, whether engaged in religious or secular pursuits, and to the families which they represent as well, the name of Doctor Ward is "as ointment poured forth."

Doctor Ward as a preacher was strictly orthodox. An intense Bible student and fully competent to understand the revealed Word of God, he was of the class of pulpit men who, under God, convert souls from the error of their way and bring them into the kingdom of grace. He was higher than the "higher critics," so called, because his work was the highest of all in the saving interpretation of the merciful scheme of human salvation.

In the pulpit his style was plain, practical and intensely earnest. He did not aspire to the masterful sway of the pulpit orator. The auditors of Cicero, it is said, rapturously exclaimed, "How eloquent he is!" while those who heard Demosthenes cried out, with flushed faces and burning indignation, "Let us go and fight Philip!" With Demosthenes, rather than with Ciceronian effect, Doctor Ward's hearers paid him the highest of all tributes to a preacher of the Gospel by being prompted to immediate action for a nobler life. And yet, while plain and simple in preaching, there was such a charm in the preacher that he held the pulpit for nine years which had previously been the rostrum of that peerless pulpit orator, Thomas H. Stockton. And to this may be added, his was a welcome pulpit presence in Westminster in our own church and in other churches of the town, likewise, under all the various pastors for three times nine.

It is not a syllable in excess when in a word the committee say, no more Christlike light in human investiture have they ever known to be contributed to the brilliant galaxy of the redeemed who encircle the throne of God. Fit companion he for the *noblesse* of the skies.

" 'Tis only noble to be good."

And by common consent our departed friend was the good Doctor Ward.

An apposite incident: Many years ago, when Doctor Ward was a pastor in Philadelphia, his little daughter, aged four years, died, and he sorrowed as a

loving father would at such a time, but in writing the obituary of his child he introduced the following quotation:

"Even for the dead I will not bind
My heart to grief; for is it not as if
The rose that climbed my garden wall
Had bloomed the other side."

The sentiment seemed to be a suitable expression of the feelings of his old ministerial associates, who, left lonely by his departure, nevertheless regard his removal—a little in advance of themselves—as suggesting so much in relation to those with whom it is "far better" that to rejoice in hope is wiser than to bind (their) hearts to grief.

Doctor Ward received his degree in divinity from Adrian College, Michigan, in 1871, and that of F. S. Sc. from the Society of Science, Art and Literature, London, England, in 1887.

Our beloved brother died at his home in Westminster on the evening of 11th of March, 1897. The funeral services were held there in our church at noon, 15th March. The attendance was immense, the entire town was represented, and a number of our ministers and members from a distance were also present. It was a most impressive assembly. The church was changed into a mausoleum, containing the dead body of an eminent and honored citizen, and about the casket, as personally bereaved, gathered all the people who could crowd within sight or hearing. A dirge, low, tender, solemn, yet breathing Christian faith and hope, arose and echoed soothingly over the sacred scene, making all indescribably impressive to universally subdued and reverent hearts. A fit beginning of an hour in closest contact with the awe inspiring providence of God. Then followed the regular services under the direction of Rev. Dr. W. R. Graham, pastor of the church, and which included prayer by Rev. Mr. Miller, of the Lutheran Church; reading of the funeral ritual by one of this committee; sermon by the pastor, and supplementary brief addresses by two of Doctor Ward's long and intimate Conference associates. A letter of respect and condolence was read by the pastor from the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, then in session in Baltimore. By invitation Doctor Hering made a brief address. Prof. W. R. McDaniel read a paper expressing the sense of the Faculty of Western Maryland College in the common bereavement by the death of its ex-president. Then the pall-bearers, consisting of the representatives severally of the family, the Faculty and Board of Trustees of the college, and the Maryland Annual Conference, led the way with their sacred burden to Westminster Cemetery, where, after a Christian committal of "earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust," the mortal part of a man who had "faithfully served his generation by the will of God," and who was universally respected and loved, was hidden from human sight. How comforting the faith which can say: "I believe in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting."

S. B. SOUTHERLAND,
L. W. BATES,
J. J. MURRAY,
J. W. HERING,
DANIEL BAKER,
HENRY SWOPE,

March 24, 1897.

Conference Committee.

REV. R. S. WILLIAMSON.

Rev. Riley Seth Williamson was born near Calverton, Baltimore county, Md., in 1863, and died at Centreville, Cumberland Valley, Bedford county, Pa., May 9, 1896. He became a member of East Baltimore Station by certificate from the M. E. Church in 1885. His piety and zeal soon secured the admiration and confidence of the entire membership of that charge. When he modestly stated his conviction that he had been called to the work of the ministry there seemed to be very serious difficulties in his way. Even his most devoted friends, who were willing to assist him, saw the embarrassment, and failed to suggest any means of relief. A less courageous man would have been discouraged, but he never faltered. With unquestioning trust "born of the Spirit" he pressed forward until he accomplished his cherished purpose. After such preparation as he was able to make he joined the Maryland Annual Conference in 1887, and served the following charges in the order here named: Grove, known as Preston, when he received his first appointment; Franklin City, Milton and Bedford. On all of them he left numerous proofs of his zeal, faithfulness and usefulness. He had "a mind to the work," and his heart was in it. A member of the committee writes: "The traits of character in Brother Williamson which impressed me were his piety, earnestness and industry. He was a young man of deep piety, and had the confidence of all who knew him. His earnestness manifested itself in everything he did, and nowhere more than in his effort to save souls and build up the church where he labored. He was thoroughly industrious; he knew not what it was to be idle. By his industry he overcame obstacles in his early life that would have discouraged one with less industry and perseverance. Added to these was the genial, warm-hearted spirit that made him a favorite with all, and drew around him a large circle of admiring friends." Another, a layman, writes: "Without seeking to depreciate any of your former pastors, all of whom we dearly loved, it seems that none succeeded in getting a deeper hold upon the affections of the people than did Brother Williamson. He was a kind, consecrated, industrious minister of the Gospel, and a great favorite wherever he went. All the young men of the town of all denominations and all the children were devoted to him." A warm, personal and fully-trusted friend of Brother Williamson, and a member of the committee, furnished the following: "Riley Williamson did his work well. In the nine short years of his ministry three churches were dedicated to God through his efforts, and hundreds of souls were converted through his instrumentality. After a year of hard, but successful work on Bedford Circuit, he returned from Conference with his plans laid for a mighty warfare against sin and Satan, and he entered the struggle with almost feverish anxiety. He was ever foremost in the fight. On Sunday morning, May 5, he preached his last sermon in Centreville Church, and within an hour retired to the couch from which he never again rose. On the following Wednesday he became delirious, and never regained consciousness. During all the wanderings of his fever-stricken brain he never forgot the precepts of the Gospel of Christ. In the solemn stillness of the night he uttered his last prayer. It was a part of the Lord's prayer, closing with the words, 'Thy will be done on earth as it is

in heaven.'" The writer continues: "All day Saturday his soul 'wrestled 'neath the shadow of the mountain,' and as the sun sank behind the mighty Alleghenies the Lord of hosts called him, and our brother swept through the gates of the New Jerusalem."

On March 12, 1890, Brother Williamson married Miss Laura B. Schlincke, of Baltimore. She proved worthy of the man—a devoted, consecrated wife. With her two little children, too young to appreciate their loss, she is commended to the care of our Father.

W. S. HAMMOND,
J. M. SHERIDAN,
G. W. HADDAWAY,
G. W. ADKINS,
T. J. WRIGHT,
D. Z. WILSON,

Committee.

REV. JOHN ROBERT NICHOLS.

The third son of the late John and Susanna Nichols, was born in Berkeley county, Virginia, (now West Virginia), on the fourth day of June, A. D. 1815. He was converted just about the time that the Methodist Protestant Church was being formed and organized, near Hagerstown, Md., at a meeting held by two unstationed ministers, and united with the church in October, 1832. His first seventeen years he spent on a farm and at school, after which he became a clerk and then taught school.

He was received into the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in April, 1838, and filled fifty-eight consecutive annual appointments, as follows: 1838, Snow Hill and Princess Anne Circuit, as associate with Rev. A. G. Grove; 1839, Kent Circuit, with Rev. Wm. Kesley; 1840, Accomac Mission, Virginia; 1841, Brickmakers' Station, Philadelphia; 1842, Snow Hill and Newton (second term), with Rev. L. A. Collins; 1843-4, Sussex Circuit, Delaware; 1845-6-7 and 8, Brickmakers', (second term); 1849, Reading, Pa.; 1850-1 and 2, Williamsport Circuit; 1853-4 and 5, South Baltimore; 1856-7-8 and 9, East Washington, D. C.; 1860-1, Kent Circuit (second term); 1862-3, Sussex Circuit, Del., (second term); 1864-5, East Baltimore Station; 1866-7 and 8, Starr Church, Baltimore; 1869-70, Broadway, Baltimore; 1871, Pipe Creek Circuit; 1872-3 and 4, Baltimore Circuit; 1875, Hampden Station; 1876, Liberty Circuit; 1877, N. W. Mission, Baltimore; 1878-9, Severn Mission, Anne Arundel county, Md.; 1880, All Saints' Mission, Howard county, Md.; 1881, Hull Street Mission, Baltimore; 1882, Pittsville Circuit; 1883-4, Baltimore Circuit (second term); 1885, Marley Circuit; 1886, Baltimore Circuit (third term); 1887-8-9 and 90, Anne Arundel Circuit; 1891, Ellicott City and Nichols' Memorial; 1892-3-4 and 5, Nichols' Memorial.

He was ordained both deacon and elder at the Conference held at Alexandria, Va., in 1840. During the first thirty years of his ministry he received upwards of three thousand persons into membership of the churches which he served, making an average of a little over one hundred annually, and there-

after the Lord continued to own and signally bless his ministry, although the number of annual accessions to the church was not so large. Six or seven churches and two or three parsonages were erected under his administration.

At the Conference held at Georgetown in 1852, Mr. William Dulany, the delegate from West Baltimore Station, informed him that he had been selected for their pastor for the ensuing year by a unanimous vote at the male members' meeting, and that they had positively refused to make a second choice. The president, Rev. John S. Reese, however, reappointed him to Williamsport Circuit. At the following Conference (1853) a strong pressure was brought to bear on President Reese to appoint him to South Baltimore Mission. At the same time there were a number of delegates from other points urging his appointment to their charges, whereupon the president said to the Conference. "If you want Brother J. R. Nichols for South Baltimore you will have to take him out of my hands and appoint him, as I am not willing to take the responsibility." The Conference then (by vote) appointed him to South Baltimore Mission. This, perhaps, is the only instance in the history of Conference where the Conference itself and not the president has made the appointment.

Among those who were converted under his ministry were the following, who subsequently became ministers in the Methodist Protestant Church, viz.: J. W. Charlton, James Russell (local), W. M. Strayer, Edward S. Grant (local), A. D. Melvin, W. J. Floyd, A. W. Green and Frank Cain.

Rev. John Robert Nichols and Elizabeth Wood, of Philadelphia, Pa., were married by the Rev. J. W. Everest on January 20, 1842. They had born unto them five sons and one daughter; two sons and the daughter died in early childhood. He died at his home at Odenton, Anne Arundel county, Md., on Wednesday, July 22, 1896, leaving to survive him a widow and three sons, James W. Nichols, of Alexandria, Va.; William A. Nichols and Charles W. Nichols, of Philadelphia. The funeral services were held the following Saturday afternoon in the Nichols' Memorial Church, Odenton, Dr. W. S. Hammond officiating, assisted by Revs. J. B. Jones, F. T. Little, J. W. Gray, S. J. Smith, J. F. Wooden and F. T. Benson, after which the body was laid to rest in the graveyard adjoining the church. The church, which has a seating capacity of 300, was crowded, and there were as many more outside who could not get in.

W. A. Nichols writes that on July 21, mother notified us that father was critically ill, and we had better come home and see him. Brother Charles and I took the first train that we could go on and reached his bedside that afternoon; our older brother had arrived there a short time ahead of us. Such a change since parting with him only a short time before; when he looked so well as to cause us to think that he would be spared to us for some years to come, but now he was so weak that he could only speak in a faint whisper. I said to him: "Father, how are you?" He replied (I had to put my ear very close to his mouth in order to hear it): "I think that I am pretty well; how are you?" That was all he could say. Several times he seemed to want to talk, but he was too weak to do so. We remained with him all night, and the next morning at 11.18 o'clock he "fell asleep." I use these words advisedly, for he passed away just as an infant goes to sleep on its mother's breast; no struggle nor noise of any kind; not even the death gurgle or rattle so frequently heard

when one is dying. He was conscious up to the last. I do not think that he suffered any pain after we got there.

Father, when talking to me more than a year ago, about the death of his brother, Rev. James K. Nichols, D.D., said he hoped when he came to die that he would be permitted to leave some dying testimony of his love for and trust in Jesus. He, however, owing to his inability to talk, was debarred from doing so, but he has left us a glorious *living* testimony thereof. His entire life, *day by day*, as far back as I can remember, *was so consistent, so beautiful, so Christlike*, as not to leave a shadow of a doubt as to his hearty and joyous welcome into the realms above, where his Lord said unto him: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." I doubt if there ever was a man who followed in the footsteps of his Saviour more closely than he did. It can be truly said of him that he served his day and generation well.

On his eightieth birthday he wrote, among other things, as follows: "Now to-day, I am eighty years old, and I say to my wife and children, notwithstanding my many failures, mistakes, hardships and blunders, I thank my God this day that He ever permitted me to become a ministerial worker in His vineyard. I regret my failures, but rejoice in my successes, praising God for all that is past, and *trusting Him for all that is to come, knowing that He is faithful and true*. I am now filling my fifty-eighth consecutive appointment, which will end the first of April, 1896. With my long experience in the work of the ministry, being conversant with all its advantages and disadvantages, I say to all my dear ones to-day, if I had my life to live over again I would repeat my life-work, but by the help of the Divine Spirit I would do more and better work. I say to you, my dear children, at the close of this eightieth birthday message, not knowing how long my blessed Master intends me to linger here below *at this mile post*, I am thankful to say *my Jesus is precious to my soul. My hope is full—oh, glorious hope of immortality*. When you read this sketch you have my spiritual reckoning, latitude and longitude at this writing. The Lord bless you all, Amen! Trust at all times your father's God."

Endowed with a constitution capable of great and long-sustained exertion, he was abundant in labors, and devoted to the cause of his Master; those labors were a delight to himself as well as a benefit to all that were wise enough to profit by them. His sermons and exhortations, delivered with fervor, left no one in doubt respecting the sincerity and earnestness of the preacher. His prayers were the outpourings of a warm heart that claimed and expected things he asked. As truly as any one he could say:

"My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentation
I hear the sweet tho' far off hymn
That hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my heart,
How can I keep from singing."

The personnel of our Conference from the beginning has represented a variety of useful gifts. But, on the whole, we have never had a more distinct

or practical personality than John R. Nichols. Comparatively, what camp-meeting grove, or which of our older churches, or what Conference session has not memories of him that will never grow dim? A pleasant, amiable, affectionate brother whom all were glad to meet. An evangelist of Scriptural model, a revivalist of the original Methodist type. Preaching, exhorting, praying, and particularly singing, constituted his life, and at the same time often proved to be salvation to o her lives. It is questionable whether any preacher of any of the Methodisms has made better proof of his ministry in the conversion of souls. Abundant in labors he literally was out in his Lord's service.

Otogenarian that he was at the last Conference, and of course showing it in his "crown of glory" in gray hair (and also in his faded face and shrunken form), who can forget his songs, strong and sweet voiced, as he by request filled gaps in the business sessions? We shall sadly miss this dear brother. But absent from us, he is present with the Lord and with his former loved church associates.

Superannuated in the church below last spring he is now happy in the activities of the church above.

L. W. BATES,
S. B. SOUTHERLAND,
J. J. MURRAY,
W. J. C. DULANY,
C. A. BENJAMIN,
J. D. CATHELL.

MRS EMMA C. GILL.

After prolonged and intense suffering, Mrs. Emma C. Gill, wife of Rev. John M. Gill, pastor of Christ Church, Chestertown, Md., found blessed release, February 26, 1897. Mrs. Gill was the daughter of the late Joshua and Margaret Yingling, and was born in Westminster, Md. At an early age she united herself to the Methodist Protestant Church in her native town, of which her parents were prominent and consistent members. She identified herself with all the work of her church, and was so bright and cheerful in her Christian life that she soon became a universal favorite in the congregation. Some women are just as truly called to be wives of ministers as their husbands are called to preach the Gospel. This was undoubtedly the case with Emma Yingling. John M. Gill, a tall, young Virginian, called of God to the Christian ministry, went to Westminster and took up his studies. Visiting the church one sabbath, the young student glanced up into the choir loft and saw Miss Yingling, who sang contralto in the choir. Turning to the fellow-student at his side, he said, "Do you see that lady in the choir? she is the one that is to become my wife," and so it was thought at that time he did not even know her name. The marriage took place at the home of her sister, Mrs. Dr. Keller, in Baltimore, June 3, 1885, Revs. Dr. J. T. Ward and Dr. J. T. Murray officiating. The years have proven that she was called as well as chosen to be a wife in all that the

term implies to the faithful itinerant. In each of the charges they served she won the affection of the people. She led in every good cause for the promotion of the interests of the church committed to the pastor's care, and displayed rare tact in getting everybody to work harmoniously without attracting any special attention to herself. Her means, her time, her talents were all generously employed to further the Master's cause. She was the counsellor and mentor of her husband in all things. Quick in perception and true in her intuitions, her judgment seldom proved wrong. She exemplified in her life the dicta of the wise man concerning the virtuous woman, for her price was above rubies, and the heart of her husband safely trusted in her. He had no need of spoil. She did him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She was essentially womanly. Her husband sought her opinions, but she never pursued him with undesired and unprofitable advice. At the same time she looked well to her household, and made a home for her loved ones where happiness reigned supreme. And when the first shadow fell upon that home, in the death of the first born, she parted with dear little John with a submission to the Heavenly Father's will so beautifully complete that not even a murmur escaped her lips. When the hand of affliction was at length laid upon her husband, and the inroads of disease became so great that he must needs go to the hospital and submit to painful surgical operations, and that, too, at a time when he had just entered upon the difficult, taxing duties of the new missionary enterprise in North Baltimore, a work that required heroic faith and consecration, and the employment of every power of body, mind and soul. Then it was that Mrs. Gill displayed those rare qualities of gentleness, patience, faith, undaunted courage, unflinching devotion to duty, that bring about a mastery of the situation and wrest success from apparent failure. In her own quiet, undemonstrative, beautiful way, she clung about the suffering form of her husband, waited upon him, nursed him, expended her strength to cheer him in his pain and woo him back to health again. Stimulating the courage of the sick pastor and the waning faith of his little flock by the steady persistence of her own unflinching confidence in the overruling providence of God, she would hasten from the bedside in the hospital ward to the little hall over the grocery store on Lanvale street that she might be found in place at the Sunday-school and public service, speaking a word for this interest and then for that, finding some one to do this and another to do that work, always bright, cheerful, courageous. Her spirit became infectious, and she thus accomplished a work and won a place in the hearts of that faithful band of Methodist Protestants, the fruitage of which will not be known until time unveils eternity. Then came the change to Chestertown. Her friends thought that both she and her husband, having less work to do, would be benefitted by the change. They found warm and hearty welcome from that generous and responsive people, and soon won the respect and affection of the whole community. She took hold of the work there with her accustomed interest and energy, but it was soon seen that she was failing. Organic heart trouble, of which from childhood she had been the victim, developed alarming symptoms. No one doubts now that she had been a great sufferer for years, but so little mention did she make of her own pain that

her last illness came as a severe shock to all but her most intimate friends. She, however, knew her condition, and when told by the physicians there was no hope of recovery she experienced no shock, no alarm, no words of lamenting escaped her. Her love for husband and child was so deep that she seemed to live by the sheer force of will, even after the doctors thought she must die. When, before the last attack came, friends would warn and beg her not to exert herself so, she would smile and say, "That is all right; the Lord won't take me till my time comes and my work is done." Perhaps she worked all the harder because of her knowledge of the shortness of her time. Life does not consist of length of days. Two score may be a riper age than three score years and ten. We live in what we do, not what we leave undone. At one time during her last illness she passed into a comatose state, from which she was aroused with great difficulty. She must have caught glimpses of the glory beyond, for she said with a sigh, "I was almost gone; why did you call me back? Now I must go through it all again." After some time she said, "The Lord has brought me back that I may say a word to my dear ones." Then she was able to talk to her husband and her little boy, as she had not been able to talk with them during those days of her extreme suffering. She then gave directions for her interment, and planned for the future of those two so dear to her. Thinking of the utmost particulars, she even requested that her ring should be made into a pin and worn by her husband until her son became of age, and then by her son thereafter in remembrance of her. And all this she did with as much composure as if she was preparing to leave her home on earth for only a brief visit and then return again. But her sufferings increased, and she begged her friends not to keep her here any longer by their petitions, but to pray for her departure, as she realized that her work was done and she desired to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. Those who ministered to her saw the bright Christian spirit triumphing again and again over pain the most excruciating, saw brain, heart and nerves strung to one wild discord of intense agony, and they came to the point where they were willing to let real love take the place of the more selfish affection that would keep her here to suffer, and they united their prayers with hers that the Lord would come quickly. At length, about 7 o'clock on the morning of the 26th of February, surrounded by the loved ones of earth, in the beautiful new parsonage in Chestertown, her weary spirit took its flight to that far more beautiful home in heaven, where she is forever with the Lord. We laid her body—the discarded tent of many a weary homeward march—to rest in the cemetery at Westminster, Md., March 2, the funeral service having been previously held in the church of the town, in charge of Rev. J. T. Murray, D.D., assisted by Rev. W. E. Graham, D.D., and Rev. F. T. Little. A woman, clear minded, pure hearted, affectionate; a wife, industrious, frugal, companionable; a mother, loving, tender, wise; a Christian, consistent, devoted, laborious for good, Emma C. Gill was remarkable among that host of eminent women—the wives of the Maryland Annual Conference.

F. T. LITTLE,
ROLAND WATTS.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES.

Collections for Local Interests and Totals for all

Purposes for the Year Ending April, 1897.

No.	CHARGES.	PREST'S SALARY.		PASTR'S SALARY.		Rental Value of Parsonages	Total Assess
		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		
1	Accomac.....	20.00	20.00	650.00	650.00	60.00	730.00
2	Alexandria.....	25.00	25.00	700.00	700.00	200.00	925.00
3	Allnut Memorial.....	50.00	50.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	360.00	1,610.00
4	Amelia.....	15.00	15.00	350.00	350.00	30.00	395.00
5	Baltimore.....	25.00	15.00	750.00	480.00	175.00	950.00
6	Bedford.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	60.00	680.00
7	Belair.....	25.00	25.00	850.00	850.00	150.00	1,025.00
8	Bethany.....	5.00	5.00	400.00	400.00	.....	405.00
9	Bethel.....	5.00	2.50	25.00	20.00	.....	25.00
10	Broadway.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	240.00	860.00
11	Brooklyn.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	500.00	75.00	593.00
12	Cambridge.....	25.00	25.00	770.00	770.00	100.00	895.00
13	Campbell.....	5.00	3.00	100.00	104.64	.....	105.00
14	Caroline.....	25.00	25.00	600.00	600.00	75.00	700.00
15	Cecil.....	25.00	25.00	640.00	640.00	100.00	765.00
16	Central.....	30.00	30.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	420.00	1,450.00
17	Centreville.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	700.00	200.00	820.00
18	Chesapeake.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	500.00	100.00	618.00
19	Chestertown.....	40.00	40.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	250.00	1,290.00
20	Chincoteague.....	10.00	10.00	375.00	375.00	75.00	460.00
21	Christ Church, Balto.	5.00	5.00	*460.00	*460.00	.....	465.00
22	Clayton.....	18.00	18.00	700.00	700.00	120.00	838.00
23	Concord.....	20.00	20.00	480.00	425.00	45.00	545.00
24	Conquest.....	18.00	18.00	400.00	490.00	35.00	553.00
25	Crisfield.....	25.00	25.00	900.00	900.00	120.00	1,045.00
26	Crumpton.....	12.00	12.00	300.00	234.00	75.00	387.00
27	Cumberland.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	500.00	150.00	668.00
28	Deer Creek.....	12.00	12.00	325.00	325.00	*60.00	397.00
29	Deer Park.....	15.00	15.00	375.00	375.00	61.00	420.00
30	Delmar.....	18.00	18.00	600.00	600.00	125.00	743.00
31	Delta.....	20.00	20.00	550.00	550.00	125.00	695.00
32	Dorchester.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	575.00	75.00	695.00
33	Dover.....	5.00	5.00	500.00	500.00	.....	505.00
34	East Baltimore.....	40.00	40.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	240.00	1,280.00
35	Easton.....	32.00	32.00	800.00	800.00	200.00	1,032.00
36	Elizabeth City, N. J.	35.00	35.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	.....	1,235.00
37	Eutaw.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	500.00	180.00	698.00
38	Fairfax.....	8.00	8.00	250.00	250.00	.....	258.00
39	Fairview.....	8.00	8.00	300.00	351.00	.....	308.00
40	Fawn Grove.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	75.00	695.00
41	Felton.....	18.00	18.00	375.50	*325.00	.....	393.50
42	Finksburg.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	100.00	720.00

No.	Total Paid.	Current Expenses.	Building and Improve-ments.	Paid on Debt.	Special.	Total Paid for Local Interests.	Total Paid for General Interests.	Total Paid for all Purposes.
1	730.00	160.00	365.00	485.00	12.00	1,740.00	197.67	1,438.67
2	925.00	976.10	.....	.....	15.00	1,901.10	182.81	2,073.91
3	1,610.00	855.00	.....	.....	145.07	2,468.00	540.07	2,978.14
4	395.00	20.00	180.00	83.00	.....	678.00	77.05	740.05
5	670.00	175.00	560.00	.....	4.00	1,405.00	86.00	1,495.00
6	680.00	70.00	165.11	.....	27.00	915.11	88.00	1,010.11
7	1,025.00	440.00	449.00	500.00	24.00	2,414.00	169.50	2,581.00
8	405.00	160.00	51.00	.....	2.00	616.00	35.00	648.00
9	20.00	25.85	35.00	.....	.....	83.35	.....	83.35
10	860.00	750.00	150.00	425.00	40.00	2,185.00	155.71	2,360.71
11	593.00	175.10	100.22	260.00	38.75	1,128.32	101.77	1,250.84
12	895.00	270.00	12.00	90.00	14.42	1,267.00	167.77	1,424.19
13	107.64	.....	.....	.....	.....	107.64	.....	107.64
14	700.00	100.00	.....	.....	12.00	800.00	130.00	917.00
15	765.00	250.00	100.00	.....	51.04	1,115.00	211.27	1,352.31
16	1,450.00	556.00	49.00	.....	17.00	2,055.00	293.54	2,325.54
17	920.00	495.00	25.00	.....	37.00	1,440.00	190.73	1,647.73
18	618.00	*150.00	70.00	.....	33.00	838.00	199.17	1,052.17
19	1,290.00	400.00	3,770.00	.....	347.00	5,460.00	332.38	6,099.38
20	460.00	80.00	230.00	.....	.....	770.00	47.00	817.00
21	465.00	769.52	38.50	66.00	.....	1,339.02	42.00	1,376.02
22	838.00	250.00	125.00	275.00	3.00	1,488.00	193.86	1,666.86
23	490.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	490.00	74.75	564.75
24	543.00	79.00	100.00	255.00	6.54	722.00	103.00	814.54
25	1,045.00	331.60	2,500.00	.....	11.20	3,876.60	140.20	4,003.00
26	321.00	112.00	210.00	.....	.....	429.00	30.95	459.99
27	668.00	207.94	.....	.....	31.00	875.94	166.56	1,055.50
28	397.00	62.00	.....	.....	6.00	459.00	50.97	503.97
29	451.00	180.00	500.00	.....	8.25	1,131.00	43.25	1,167.50
30	743.00	350.00	100.00	645.00	46.00	1,838.00	125.75	1,991.75
31	695.00	155.41	90.13	128.63	1.00	1,069.17	87.25	1,137.42
32	670.00	103.00	65.00	.....	12.00	838.00	72.00	902.00
33	505.00	340.00	.....	.....	.....	845.00	55.00	895.00
34	1,280.00	*901.54	400.00	136.61	33.28	2,718.15	336.63	3,048.06
35	1,032.00	500.00	.....	.....	42.00	1,532.00	1,030.00	2,647.00
36	1,235.00	1,096.92	.....	320.00	151.90	2,751.92	328.28	3,997.10
37	698.00	125.00	69.00	.....	5.00	892.00	123.00	1,002.00
38	258.00	25.00	214.00	.....	4.00	497.00	73.50	566.50
39	359.00	*111.40	450.00	.....	2.00	920.40	59.00	973.40
40	695.00	125.00	185.00	.....	8.00	1,005.00	131.10	1,124.10
41	343.00	75.75	.....	.....	.....	418.75	64.00	464.75
42	720.00	245.00	1,827.35	.....	23.00	2,792.35	214.65	3,010.00

Collections for Local Interests and Totals for all

Purposes for the Year Ending April, 1897.

No.	CHARGES.	PREST'S SALARY.		PASTR'S SALARY.		Rental Value of Parsonages	Tot'l Asses
		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		
43	First Church.....	\$ 30.00	\$ 25.00	*800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 240.00	1 070.00
44	Fox Hill.....	5.00	5.00	190.00	190.00	.....	195.00
45	Franklin City.....	20.00	20.00	515.00	500.00	60.00	595.00
46	Frederica.....	10.00	10.00	300.00	300.00	.....	310.00
47	Frederick.....	20.00	20.00	425.00	425.00	.....	445.00
48	Georgetown, D. C.....	50.00	50.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	500.00	1,750.00
49	Georgetown, Del.....	18.00	18.00	600.00	600.00	78.00	696.00
50	Greenwood.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	500.00	75.00	593.00
51	Grove.....	18.00	18.00	450.00	406.00	75.00	543.00
52	Hampden.....	32.00	32.00	955.25	955.25	150.00	1,137.25
53	Harper's Ferry.....	18.00	12.00	500.00	500.00	.....	518.00
54	Harrington.....	20.00	20.00	700.00	700.00	75.00	795.00
55	Heathsville.....	25.00	25.00	600.00	600.00	100.00	725.00
56	Holly Run.....	15.00	15.00	500.00	450.00	100.00	615.00
57	Howard.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	500.00	100.00	618.00
58	Hurlock.....	10.00	10.00	310.00	310.15	75.00	395.00
59	Indian River.....	5.00	5.00	60.00	60.00	.....	65.00
60	Jefferson.....	40.00	40.00	800.00	800.00	180.00	1,020.00
61	Kempton.....	15.00	15.00	440.00	440.00	75.00	530.00
62	Kennedysville.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	500.00	75.00	593.00
63	Kent Island.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	500.00	80.00	598.00
64	Laurel, Del.....	32.00	32.00	800.00	800.00	125.00	957.00
65	Leipsic.....	8.00	8.00	300.00	300.00	.....	308.00
66	Lewistown.....	10.00	10.00	375.00	250.00	.....	385.00
67	Liberty.....	25.00	25.00	575.00	575.00	100.00	700.00
68	Lisbon.....	25.00	25.00	600.00	600.00	75.00	700.00
69	Lynchburg.....	30.00	30.00	900.00	900.00	.....	930.00
70	Mardel.....	10.00	10.00	350.00	277.73	60.00	420.00
71	Mariner's.....	20.00	15.00	600.00	600.00	75.00	695.00
72	Marley.....	12.00	12.00	375.00	359.00	.....	387.00
73	Middleway.....	10.00	8.50	175.00	175.00	60.00	245.00
74	Milton.....	20.00	20.00	550.00	500.00	75.00	645.00
75	Mt. Nebo.....	15.00	15.00	300.00	246.00	125.00	440.00
76	Mt. Tabor.....	20.00	20.00	500.00	500.00	.....	520.00
77	North Baltimore.....	15.00	15.00	424.00	424.00	.....	439.00
78	N. C. Ave., Wasu'.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	.....	620.00
79	Newark.....	50.00	50.00	1 200.00	1 200.00	480.00	1,730.00
80	Newmarket.....	25.00	25.00	700.00	700.00	100.00	825.00
81	Oak Grove.....	15.00	15.00	325.00	325.00	60.00	400.00
82	Oxford.....	20.00	20.00	550.00	550.00	150.00	720.00
83	Parksley.....	10.00	10.00	250.00	250.00	.....	260.00
84	Pataisco.....	5.00	5.00	42.88	42.88	.....	47.88

No.	Total Paid.	Current Expenses.	Building and Improve-ments.	Paid on Debt.	Special.	Total Paid for Local Interests.	Total Paid for General Interests.	Total Paid for all Purposes.
43	\$ 1,065.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 350.00	\$	\$ 17.00	\$ 815.00	\$ 112.75	\$ 919.70
44	195.00	109.00	9.08	30.25	.....	343.33	22.75	361.08
45	580.00	150.00	1,000.00	100.00	8.00	1,830.00	62.00	1,870.00
46	310.00	75.00	.....	.....	.....	385.00	22.80	407.80
47	445.00	*240.00	.....	50.00	27.00	835.00	159.00	1,001.00
48	1,750.00	1,124.57	278.88	.....	169.34	3,153.45	491.25	3,764.04
49	696.00	238.58	62.00	400.00	11.45	1,407.58	160.70	1,561.73
50	593.00	100.00	106.83	.....	33.45	799.83	143.99	959.27
51	499.00	68.95	.....	.....	7.00	567.95	58.40	615.80
52	1,137.25	277.15	54.00	654.69	56.75	2,123.29	238.06	2,385.10
53	512.00	132.00	55.00	.....	11.75	699.00	83.00	781.75
54	795.00	174.00	300.00	.....	29.75	1,269.00	119.36	1,398.11
55	725.00	75.00	400.00	.....	300.00	1,200.00	127.00	1,315.00
56	565.00	30.00	124.25	.....	7.00	719.25	65.55	776.80
57	618.00	100.00	100.00	.....	675.00	818.00	132.50	939.55
58	395.15	75.00	140.00	.....	4.00	610.15	62.00	656.15
59	65.00	8.00	.....	.....	.....	73.00	21.99	89.99
60	1,020.00	225.00	18,000.00	.....	98.00	19,245.00	521.10	19,824.10
61	530.00	100.00	70.00	.....	10.00	700.00	117.34	812.34
62	583.00	60.00	1,100.00	.....	.....	1,753.00	93.86	1,846.86
63	598.00	150.00	135.00	27.50	11.00	910.50	184.00	1,087.50
64	957.00	135.69	231.00	.....	66.00	1,323.69	301.60	1,609.56
65	308.00	103.00	108.00	.....	.....	519.00	38.55	549.55
66	260.00	68.00	.....	.....	2.00	328.00	62.50	382.50
67	700.00	304.67	44.52	.....	10.00	1,049.19	243.50	1,277.69
68	700.00	125.00	182.00	70.00	32.00	1,077.00	302.00	1,386.00
69	930.00	577.00	41.45	.....	35.55	1,548.45	192.25	1,746.25
70	347.73	.....	36.00	.....	5.00	383.73	30.00	406.73
71	690.00	100.00	40.00	75.00	6.00	905.00	50.50	946.50
72	371.00	127.50	275.00	.....	7.00	501.25	45.75	542.00
73	243.50	20.00	50.00	.....	1.50	293.50	37.90	324.90
74	595.00	125.00	250.00	.....	5.00	970.00	90.50	1,045.50
75	383.00	134.25	.....	.....	*5.00	520.98	89.22	566.20
76	520.00	249.82	293.00	.....	3.00	1,062.82	95.55	1,159.37
77	439.00	679.12	.....	.....	9.00	1,778.57	100.00	1,873.07
78	620.00	190.00	1,502.68	.....	10.00	2,312.68	90.60	2,393.28
79	1,730.00	2,400.00	225.00	.....	29.00	4,355.00	420.00	4,754.00
80	825.00	370.00	3,865.00	.....	15.00	5,060.00	218.00	5,268.00
81	400.00	51.00	12.00	.....	6.80	463.00	88.00	542.80
82	720.00	410.00	.....	.....	12.00	1,130.00	190.00	1,312.10
83	260.00	142.00	.....	100.00	5.00	502.00	57.10	554.10
84	47.88	20.67	.....	.....	.....	76.88	38.00	84.88

Collections for Local Interests and Totals for all

Purposes for the Year Ending April, 1897.

No.	CHARGES.	PREST'S SALARY.		PASTR'S SALARY.		Rental Value of Parsonages.	Tot'l Assess
		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		
85	Payson St., Balto...	10.00	10.00	400.00	400.00	.....	410.00
86	Pipe Creek.....	20.00	20.00	500.00	500.00	96.00	616.00
87	Pittsville.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	377.66	50.00	568.00
88	Pocomoke.....	12.00	10.89	400.00	347.67	50.00	462.00
89	Pocomoke City.....	40.00	40.00	850.00	850.00	150.00	1,040.00
90	Potomac.....	12.00	12.00	400.00	400.00	120.00	532.00
91	Powellsville.....	15.00	13.65	375.00	375.00	35.00	425.00
92	Prince George, Vh.	5.00	5.00	60.00	60.00	.....	65.00
93	Quantico.....	12.00	12.00	300.00	300.00	75.00	377.00
94	Queen Anne.....	15.00	15.00	400.00	400.00	120.00	535.00
95	Reliance.....	15.00	15.00	400.00	378.00	75.00	490.00
96	Remington.....	12.00	12.00	400.00	*400.00	.....	412.00
97	Rowlandville.....	15.00	15.00	405.00	315.14	75.00	495.00
98	St. James'.....	25.00	25.00	600.00	600.00	100.00	725.00
99	St. Johns, Canton...	8.00	6.25	300.00	289.00	.....	308.00
100	St. Luke's.....	25.00	25.00	900.00	900.00	360.00	1,285.00
101	St. Michael's.....	15.00	15.00	450.00	450.00	100.00	565.00
102	Salem.....	12.00	12.00	360.00	360.00	100.00	472.00
103	Salisbury.....	20.00	20.00	700.00	700.00	150.00	870.00
104	Seaford.....	20.00	20.00	675.00	675.00	100.00	795.00
105	Snow Hill.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	500.00	125.00	643.00
106	South Baltimore.....	20.00	20.00	700.00	700.00	300.00	1,020.00
107	Starr.....	50.00	50.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	240.00	1,490.00
108	Stewardstown.....	10.00	10.00	500.00	505.00	75.00	585.00
109	Sussex.....	20.00	20.00	528.00	528.00	72.00	620.00
110	Susquehanna.....	25.00	25.00	600.00	600.00	100.00	725.00
111	Talbot.....	10.00	10.00	225.00	225.00	.....	235.00
112	Trinity.....	30.00	30.00	700.00	700.00	75.00	805.00
113	Tyreeanna.....	5.00	5.00	141.00	141.00	.....	146.00
114	Union.....	25.00	25.00	700.00	607.88	75.00	800.00
115	Union Bridge.....	20.00	20.00	500.00	500.00	120.00	640.00
116	Warwick.....	18.00	18.00	400.00	507.00	50.00	468.00
117	Waltersville.....	15.00	15.00	400.00	400.00	.....	415.00
118	Waverly.....	8.00	8.00	500.00	*500.00	180.00	688.00
119	West Baltimore.....	50.00	50.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	300.00	1,550.00
120	Westminster.....	45.00	45.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	240.00	1,285.00
121	Williamsport.....	8.00	.....	75.00	75.00	.....	.....
122	Wilmington.....	10.00	10.00	500.00	500.00	.....	510.00
123	West Wilmington.....	5.00	5.00	325.00	325.00	.....	330.00
124	Wye.....	10.00	10.00	300.00	300.00	125.00	435.00
125	Chatsworth, Ind.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
126	St. John's, Ind.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		2,357.00	2,332.28	68,331.63	66,801.90	8,512.00	79,200.63

No.	Total Paid.	Current Expenses.	Building and Improve-ments.	Paid on Debt.	Special.	Total Paid for Local Interests.	Total Paid for General Interests.	Total Paid for all Purposes.
85	410.00	333.00	.....	185.00	9.00	928.08	90.05	1,017.03
86	616.00	215.22	275.00	.....	12.00	1,106.22	230.44	1,336.66
87	445.66	120.00	35.00	320.00	11.00	920.66	99.74	1,019.40
88	408.56	200.00	35.00	.....	3.00	463.56	43.88	486.06
89	1,040.00	250.00	370.00	.....	38.00	1,660.00	356.71	2,014.71
90	532.00	50.00	700.00	.....	.....	1,282.00	66.85	1,348.85
91	423.65	13.93	16.60	7.43	.....	419.18	42.80	457.76
92	65.00	10.00	100.00	.....	.....	175.00	11.00	181.00
93	387.00	27.00	113.00	.....	2.00	527.00	68.94	585.94
94	535.00	86.00	35.00	254.42	5.00	910.42	123.50	1,023.92
95	468.00	52.50	8.00	52.00	3.15	580.50	62.25	630.90
96	412.00	394.00	300.00	.....	24.00	1,106.00	75.11	1,193.11
97	405.04	50.00	.....	.....	.....	490.14	60.00	555.14
98	725.00	136.00	20.00	.....	15.00	881.00	217.57	1,088.57
99	295.25	405.04	35.00	197.87	35.50	933.16	58.00	1,016.41
100	1,285.00	902.08	50.00	.....	7.00	2,237.08	115.20	2,384.28
101	565.00	95.00	61.00	.....	.....	721.00	103.29	825.29
102	472.00	102.00	27.00	.....	7.00	601.00	97.00	693.00
103	870.00	323.96	40.00	.....	22.10	1,233.96	130.12	1,365.18
104	795.00	137.00	72.50	.....	12.00	1,029.50	106.50	1,127.50
105	643.00	202.00	90.00	.....	49.90	985.00	136.00	1,101.15
106	1,020.00	703.64	115.00	1,600.00	17.00	3,438.64	165.00	3,606.64
107	1,490.00	1,283.25	150.00	.....	134.69	2,923.25	396.20	3,404.14
108	590.00	182.00	250.00	175.00	5.00	1,197.00	129.67	1,321.67
109	620.00	112.60	.....	241.50	22.00	974.10	139.67	1,115.77
110	725.00	160.76	240.17	.....	33.00	1,125.93	244.74	1,378.67
111	235.00	34.00	.....	.....	5.00	269.00	36.30	300.30
112	805.00	495.00	170.00	2,800.00	17.00	4,270.00	162.00	4,419.70
113	146.00	.....	90.00	.....	.....	236.00	38.00	269.00
114	707.88	90.00	65.00	.....	15.00	862.88	158.38	1,011.26
115	640.00	179.36	267.36	150.00	13.16	1,116.72	179.45	1,289.33
116	575.00	100.00	36.00	12.00	11.00	723.00	120.00	886.00
117	415.00	162.96	87.00	.....	35.50	664.96	128.00	813.46
118	688.00	356.50	155.00	80.00	10.00	1,259.50	72.25	1,332.75
119	1,550.00	2,621.10	1,113.31	.....	80.76	5,284.41	685.51	6,000.68
120	1,285.00	580.23	255.92	.....	14.05	2,121.15	.....	2,438.88
121	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
122	510.00	425.00	50.00	296.00	.....	1,231.00	70.41	1,341.41
123	330.00	213.16	.....	204.62	27.82	747.78	39.80	809.90
124	435.00	48.00	42.00	184.00	14.00	709.00	94.75	807.75
125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	236.00	236.00
126	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	623.95	623.95
		77,646.19	34,331.39	48,196.86	12,589.54	2,568.50	18,263.00	193,595.48

Collections for General Interests

For the Year Ending April, 1897.

No.	CHARGE.	Bible.	Tract.	CONFER'CE.		MIN. EDU'N.		THEOL. SEM'Y.		SUPERAN'TES.	
				Assess	Paid.	Asses	Paid.	Assess	Paid.	Assess	Paid.
44	Fox Hill.....	.50		3.00	1.00	5.00	2.00				
45	Franklin City.....			2.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	8.00	1.00	17.00	
46	Frederica.....			3.00	1.00	5.00	3.00	16.00	9.00	34.00	8.00
47	Frederick.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	5.00	3.00	16.00	9.00	34.00	18.00
48	Georget'n, D. C.	5.00	5.00	8.00	8.00	13.00	13.00	40.00	40.00	86.00	86.00
49	Georget'n, Del..	.54	2.50	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	14.00	30.00	30.00
50	Greenwood.....	.57	.72	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	10.00	30.00	23.75
51	Grove.....		1.00	3.00	1.00	5.00	3.00	14.00	8.35	30.00	10.00
52	Hampden.....	1.00	1.00	5.00	3.00	8.00	4.00	24.00	4.00	53.00	10.00
53	Harper's Ferry..	.50	.50	3.00	2.00	5.00	3.00	14.00	8.00	30.00	14.00
54	Harrington.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	10.00	34.00	15.00
55	Heathsville.....	.50	.50	4.00	2.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	16.00	42.00	13.00
56	Holly Run.....	.50	.50	2.00	1.00	4.00	4.00	12.00	6.00	25.00	10.00
57	Howard.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	4.00	14.00	12.00	30.00	30.00
58	Hurlock.....	.25	.45	2.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	8.00	2.00	17.00	9.00
59	Indian River.....									5.00	5.00
60	Jefferson.....	5.00	12.25	6.00	6.00	10.00	10.00	32.00	32.25	68.00	68.00
61	Kempton.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	3.00	12.00	10.00	25.00	15.00
62	Kennedyville....	1.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	4.00	14.00	10.00	30.00	20.00
63	Kent Island.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	14.00	30.00	30.00
64	Laurel, Del.....	8.70	1.25	5.00	2.00	8.00	8.00	24.00	27.45	53.00	28.65
65	Leipsic.....	.15	.15	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	7.00
66	Lewistown.....	.50	.25	2.00	1.25	3.00	2.00	8.00	4.00	17.00	8.00
67	Liberty.....	4.50	5.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	20.00	42.00	42.00
68	Lisbon.....	30.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	20.00	42.00	42.00
69	Lynchburg.....	6.00	1.00	5.00	2.25	8.00	5.00	24.00	5.00	51.00	16.00
70	Mardela.....	.25	.25	2.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	8.00	2.00	15.00	3.50
71	Mariner's.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	16.00	2.00	34.00	4.00
72	Marley.....	.55	.20	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	2.00
73	Middleway.....	.10	.10	2.00		3.00	1.00	8.00	2.00	17.00	3.00
74	Milton.....	2.50	1.00	3.00	1.00	5.00	3.00	16.00	4.00	34.00	14.00
75	Mt. Nebo.....	.25	.30	2.00	1.50	4.00	2.00	12.00	6.20	25.00	6.20
76	Mt. Tabor.....	.50	.50	3.00	2.00	5.00	3.00	16.00	10.00	34.00	34.00
77	North Balto. M.	.50	.50	2.00	1.00	4.00	3.00	12.00	5.00	25.00	10.00
78	N. C. Avenue....	.05	.05	3.00	.50	5.00	9.50	16.00	.50	30.00	25.00
79	Newark.....	3.00	3.00	8.00	8.00	13.00	13.00	40.00	40.00	86.00	70.00
80	New Market.....	1.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	6.00	5.00	20.00	18.00	42.00	34.00
81	Oak Grove, Va..			2.00	1.00	4.00	3.00	12.00	8.00	25.00	18.00
82	Oxford.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	34.00
83	Parksley.....	.25	.25	2.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	8.00	4.00	17.00	8.00
84	Patapsco.....			1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	3.00	8.00	8.00
85	Payson St., Bltc	.25	.25	2.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	8.00	3.75	17.00	7.00
86	Pipe Creek.....	2.00	7.70	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	34.00

No.	CHUR. EXTEN.		GEN. HOME MIS.		FOREIGN MIS.		Special for Foreign Missions.	PRESID'T'S SAL.		TOTAL.	
	Assess	Paid.	Assess	Paid.	Assess	Paid.		Assess	Paid.	Assess	Paid.
44	4.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	8.25	5.00	5.00	22.75	22.75
45	35.00	15.00	12.00	5.00	24.00	6.00		20.00	20.00	149.00	62.00
46	18.00	2.00	6.00	1.00	12.00	3.00	2.80	10.00	10.00	74.00	22.80
47	35.00	19.00	12.00	7.00	24.00	13.00	67.00	20.00	20.00	151.00	159.00
48	88.00	88.00	20.00	30.00	60.00	43.73	122.55	50.00	50.00	385.00	491.25
49	32.00	32.00	11.00	11.00	22.00	22.00	22.66	18.00	18.00	160.70	160.70
50	32.00	32.00	11.00	9.40	22.00	15.00	26.55	18.00	18.00	162.84	143.99
51	32.00	5.00	11.00	4.25	22.00	3.60	3.45	18.00	18.00	136.00	58.40
52	55.00	47.00	20.00	4.00	40.00	2.00	124.06	32.00	32.00	232.00	231.06
53	32.00	21.00	11.00	6.00	22.00	6.00	10.00	18.00	12.00	135.00	83.00
54	35.00	25.00	12.00	5.00	24.00	4.00	31.36	20.00	20.00	149.00	119.36
55	44.00	14.00	15.00	7.00	30.00	9.00	44.00	25.00	25.00	186.04	137.00
56	26.00	12.00	9.00	5.00	18.00	5.00	6.55	15.00	15.00	118.55	65.55
57	32.00	32.00	11.00	6.00	22.00	5.00	20.50	18.00	18.00	137.00	132.50
58	18.00	12.00	6.00	2.00	12.00	8.00	5.30	10.00	10.00	76.70	62.00
59	1.08	1.08					10.91	5.00	5.00	21.99	21.99
60	72.00	72.00	24.00	25.00	48.00	48.00	202.60	40.00	40.00	317.25	521.10
61	26.00	20.49	9.00	7.00	18.00	5.20	37.65	15.00	15.00	156.14	117.34
62	32.00	14.86	11.00	7.00	22.00	10.00	6.00	18.00	18.00	137.00	93.86
63	32.00	32.00	11.00	11.00	22.00	4.00	65.00	18.00	18.00	135.00	184.00
64	55.00	31.37	20.00	20.00	40.00	40.00	102.18	32.00	32.00	349.13	301.60
65	14.00	7.00	5.00	1.00	10.00		10.25	8.00	8.00	71.00	38.55
66	18.00	9.00	6.00	6.00	12.00	10.00	11.50	10.00	10.00	88.25	62.50
67	44.00	44.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	23.38	54.62	25.00	25.00	243.50	243.50
68	44.00	44.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	84.00	25.00	25.00	302.00	302.00
69	53.00	8.00	18.00	10.00	36.00	20.00	94.00	30.00	30.00	315.00	192.25
70	18.00	4.00	6.00	1.00	12.00	1.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	74.50	30.00
71	35.00	5.00	12.00	2.00	24.00	3.50	14.00	20.00	15.00	165.00	50.50
72	21.00	5.00	7.00	5.00	14.00	1.00	15.00	12.00	12.00	89.75	45.75
73	18.00	10.00	6.00	3.20	12.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	8.50	78.20	37.90
74	35.00	16.00	12.00	6.00	24.00	5.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	152.50	90.50
75	26.00	5.72	9.00	5.00	18.00	2.00	11.00	15.00	15.00	124.55	89.22
76	35.00	20.00	12.00	7.00	24.00	3.10	13.45	20.00	20.00	149.00	95.55
77	26.00	26.00	9.00	5.00	18.00	6.00	28.50	15.00	15.00	112.00	100.50
78	35.00	16.00	12.00	1.00	24.00	8.50	9.50	20.00	20.00	90.60	90.60
79	88.00	70.00	30.00	30.00	60.00	40.00	93.00	50.00	50.00	381.00	420.00
80	44.00	44.00	15.00	12.00	30.00	30.00	46.00	25.00	25.00	186.00	218.00
81	26.00	12.00	9.00	7.00	18.00	8.00	16.00	15.00	15.00	111.00	88.00
82	35.00	35.00	12.00	12.00	24.00	24.00	38.10	20.00	20.00	151.00	190.00
83	18.00	10.00	6.00	3.00	12.00	6.00	12.60	10.00	10.00	76.60	57.10
84	9.00	9.00	3.00	3.00	6.00	6.00		5.00	5.00	38.00	38.00
85	18.00	5.50	6.00	8.00	12.00	5.00	44.30	10.00	10.00	76.00	90.05
86	35.00	40.00	12.00	12.00	24.00	24.00	74.74	20.00	20.00	149.00	230.44

Collections for General Interests.

No.	CHARGE.	Bible.	Tract.	CONFERENCE.		MIN. EDUCA'N		THEOL. SEM'Y.		SUPERAN'TES.	
				Assess	Paid.	Assess	Paid.	Assess	Paid.	Assess	Paid.
87	Pittsville.....	.50	.50	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	14.00	30.00	10.00
88	Pocomoke.....	.50	.50	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	5.00
89	Pocomoke City.	3.10	4.18	6.00	6.00	10.00	10.00	32.00	32.00	68.00	68.00
90	Potomac.....			2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	6.00	21.00	13.00
91	Powellsville.....			2.00	2.00	4.00	3.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	5.00
92	Prince Geo., Va.			1.00	.25	2.00	1.00	4.00	1.00	8.00	1.00
93	Quantico.....	1.70	.50	2.00	1.20	2.00	2.00	10.00	4.50	21.00	12.00
94	Queen Anne's...	.25	.25	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	12.00	12.00	25.00	25.00
95	Reliance.....	.50	.50	2.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	12.00	5.00	25.00	5.00
96	Remington.....	.25	.25	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	5.00	21.00	15.00
97	Rowlandville....	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	12.00	6.00	25.00	9.00
98	St. James'.....	8.57	2.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	18.00	42.00	42.00
99	St. John's (Can.)	.50	.50	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	6.00	5.00	14.00	7.00
100	St. Luke's.....	.50	.50	4.00	3.50	6.00	4.00	20.00	10.00	42.00	22.00
101	St. Michael's....	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.50	4.00	4.00	12.00	10.00	25.00	25.00
102	Salem.....	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	10.00	21.00	21.00
103	Salisbury.....	1.00	1.60	3.00	2.40	5.00	3.00	16.00	10.00	34.00	12.00
104	Seaford.....	3.00	.50	3.00	1.00	5.00	3.25	16.00	8.25	34.00	20.00
105	Snow Hill.....	1.25	.80	3.00	2.00	5.00	4.00	14.00	9.20	30.00	23.00
106	South Baltimore	1.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	35.00
107	Starr.....	6.20	6.00	8.00	5.00	13.00	10.00	40.00	30.00	86.00	60.00
108	Stewartstown...	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	8.00	17.00	17.00
109	Sussex.....	2.04	1.50	3.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	14.00	34.00	24.00
110	Susquehanna....	1.64	2.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	20.00	42.00	42.00
111	Talbot.....	.25	.25	2.00	1.00	3.00	1.50	8.00	8.00	17.00	2.00
112	Trinity.....	1.60	1.00	5.00	1.00	8.00	3.00	24.00	7.60	51.00	23.00
113	Tyreanna.....			1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	8.00
114	Union.....	1.00	1.35	4.00	1.50	6.00	5.00	20.00	10.00	42.00	11.00
115	Union Bridge....		10.95	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	34.00
116	Warwick.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	3.00	14.00	7.00	30.00	16.00
117	Watersville.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	12.00	12.00	25.00	25.00
118	Waverly.....	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	6.00	4.00	14.00	10.25
119	West Baltimore	2.79	12.06	8.00	8.00	13.00	17.64	40.00	40.00	86.00	86.00
120	Westminster....	5.00	30.21	7.00	5.00	11.00	7.00	36.00	36.00	76.00	45.43
121	Williamsport....			2.00		2.00		6.00		14.00	
122	Wilm'g'n, 1st C.	.50	.50	2.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	8.00	5.00	17.00	10.00
123	W. Wilmington	.74	.56	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	8.00
124	Wye.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	8.00	17.00	17.00
125	Chatsworth, Ind	15.00	10.00		2.00		10.00		13.00		40.00
126	St. John's, Ind.	9.72	8.00		.50		*330.00				76.73
		469.87	453.34	381.00	291.15	611.00	852.89	1,882.00	1,389.55	4,000.00	2,831.43

* St. John's Independent Church paid \$330.00 for the education of two young men at Western Maryland College who are preparing for the ministry, and was not for general distribution.

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No.	CHUR. EXTEN.		GEN. HO. MIS.		FOREIGN MIS.		Special for Foreign Missions.	PRESID'T'S SAL.		TOTAL.		
	Assess	Paid.	Assess	Paid.	Assess	Paid.		Assess	Paid.	Assess	Paid.	
87	32.00	16.60	11.00	4.00	22.00	5.00						
88	21.00	5.00	7.00	1.50	14.00	3.00	23.14	18.00	18.00	136.00	99.74	
89	72.00	72.00	24.00	24.00	48.00	48.00		12.00	10.88	97.00	43.88	
90	21.00	11.00	7.00	6.00	14.00	14.00	49.43	40.00	40.00	356.71	356.71	
91	26.00	7.15	9.00	3.00	18.00	3.50		12.00	12.00	89.00	66.85	
92	9.00	1.00	3.00	.75	6.00	1.00	1.50	15.00	13.65	111.00	42.80	
93	21.00	17.00	7.00	2.50	14.00	4.00		5.00	5.00	38.00	11.00	
94	26.00	26.00	9.00	2.50	18.00	20.00	11.54	12.00	12.00	102.74	68.94	
95	28.00	11.00	9.00	9.00	18.00	20.00	10.00	15.00	15.00	123.50	123.50	
96	21.00	15.00	7.00	2.00	18.00	5.00	15.25	15.00	15.00	112.00	62.25	
97	26.00	9.00	9.00	6.00	14.00	11.00	6.61	12.00	12.00	89.00	75.11	
98	44.00	44.00	15.00	5.00	18.00	9.00		15.00	15.00	112.00	60.00	
99	14.00	14.00	5.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	23.00	25.00	25.00	219.57	217.57	
100	44.00	25.00	15.00	4.00	10.00	10.00	7.75	8.00	6.25	61.00	58.00	
101	26.00	26.00	9.00	9.00	18.00	4.87	13.13	25.00	25.00	187.00	115.20	
102	21.00	21.00	7.00	9.00	14.00	7.15	19.64	15.00	15.00	111.00	103.29	
103	35.00	35.00	12.00	12.00	24.00	6.00	27.12	20.00	20.00	97.00	97.00	
104	35.00	18.00	12.00	9.00	24.00	2.00	21.50	20.00	20.00	151.00	130.12	
105	32.00	32.00	11.00	11.00	22.00	10.00	25.00	18.00	18.00	137.05	136.25	
106	35.00	35.00	12.00	12.00	24.00	15.50	12.50	20.00	20.00	150.00	165.00	
107	88.00	75.00	30.00	23.00	60.00	40.00	91.00	50.00	50.00	375.00	396.20	
108	18.00	18.00	6.00	6.00	12.00	12.00	51.67	10.00	10.00	78.00	129.67	
109	35.00	25.00	12.00	12.00	24.00		33.63	20.00	20.00	152.54	139.67	
110	44.00	44.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	55.10	25.00	25.00	189.64	244.74	
111	18.00	2.00	6.00	6.00	12.00	5.30		10.00	10.00	76.50	36.30	
112	53.00	18.00	18.00	12.00	36.00	24.00	41.50	30.00	30.00	269.10	162.70	
113	9.00	9.00	3.00	3.00	6.00	6.00		5.00	5.00	38.00	38.00	
114	44.00	44.00	15.00	8.00	30.00	5.00	46.53	25.00	25.00	234.88	158.38	
115	35.00	35.00	12.00	12.00	24.00	24.00	19.50	20.00	20.00	159.95	179.45	
116	32.00	20.00	11.00	6.00	22.00	10.00	35.00	18.00	18.00	172.00	120.00	
117	26.00	26.00	9.00	9.00	18.00	18.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	128.00	128.00	
118	14.00	14.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	16.00	8.00	8.00	61.00	72.25	
119	88.00	88.00	30.00	24.41	60.00	60.00	293.61	50.00	50.00	389.85	685.51	
120	79.00	52.00	27.00	12.00	54.00	22.00	89.04	45.00	45.00	335.00	348.68	
121	14.00		5.00		10.00			8.00				
122	18.00	8.00	6.00	2.00	12.00	11.00	18.41	10.00	10.00	76.00	70.41	
123	9.00	9.00	3.00	3.00	6.00	6.00		5.00	5.00	39.30	39.30	
124	18.00	18.00	6.00	6.00	12.00	12.00	16.75	10.00	10.00	94.75	94.75	
125		25.00		10.00		75.00	36.00				236.00	
126		20.00					185.00				623.95	
		4,17.100	3,196.12	1,428.00	1,063.17	2,828.00	1,477.79	4,245.41	2,357.00	2,332.28	17,658.00	18,263.00

Membership Statistics

No.	CHARGES.	No. Unstationed Min. & Pres.	Probationers.	Members.	PROBATIONERS.						
					No. on Roll at last Conference.	Rec'd during the year.	Elected to Membership	Withdr'n by Certificate	Discontin'd	Deceased.	Now on Roll
1	Accomac		12	304	15	57	52		8		12
2	Alexandria	2	32	193	27	27	14		7	1	32
3	Amelia			216	2	8	10				
4	Baltimore			188		24	20		4		
5	Bedford	1	38	241						2	38
6	Belair			229	22	41	41				
7	Bethany	2	58	90	20	53	13		5		58
8	Bethel		4	11	4						4
9	Broadway	1	2	201	8	35	37		14		2
10	Brooklyn		4	100	2	14	10		2		4
11	Cambridge	1	14	219	37	12	15		20		14
12	Campbell			98		18	18			1	
13	Caroline		20	233	62	14	14		42		20
14	Cecil			321	30	14	1				
15	Central	2	4	118	4	7	7				4
16	Centreville		20	164	21	11	7		5		20
17	Chesapeake	1	23	119	6	17					23
18	Chestertown			182	1		1				
19	Chincoteague		21	77	5						21
20	Christ Church		12	114	7	50	38		7		12
21	Clayton	1	168	259	137	56	23		2		168
22	Concord		3	256	1	10	8				3
23	Conquest		30	236	24	25	15		4		30
24	Crisfield			213	48	12	38	2	20		
25	Crumpton		2	118		2					2
26	Cumberland		2	125	6	2	6				2
27	Deer Creek		14	217	10	4					14
28	Deer Park	2	4	200	6	37	38		1		4
29	Delmar		18	165	8	8	8				18
30	Delta		36	129		36					36
31	Dorchester			332		36	36				
32	Dover	1		96		6	6				
33	East Baltimore	1	17	203	3	19	5				17
34	Easton			200	7						
35	Elizabeth		22	245	13	22	13				22
36	Eutaw		1	67	4		3				1
37	Fairfax	2	12	121							12
38	Fair View		15	119	15	4	4	1	1	1	15
39	Fawn Grove		15	293		32					15
40	Felt n	1	32	190		17					32

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No.	FULL MEMBERS.							BAPTISMS		SABBATH SCHOOLS.				CONVERSIONS.	
	No. on Roll last Conference.	Rec'd from Probation.	Received by Certificate.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd	Deceased.	Now on Roll	Adults.	Infants.	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Scholars Rec'd.	Scholars now on Roll	In School.	In Congregation.
1	270	52	11	2	26	1	304	11	12	3	48	53	275	27	30
2	186	14		2	5	4	193	6	24	1	28	43	242	15	25
3	210	10	1	1	4		216	5	5	3	26	11	131		11
4	164	20	6		4		188	1	30	4	18		200		5
5	256		3		10	8	241	1	37	6	44	25	260		76
6	171	63	2	5	2	2	229	17	4	4	40	40	216	11	38
7	78	13	5		1	12	90	1	8	1	20	60	250	24	64
8	11						11		3		7	5	35		
9	170	37	6	6	8	2	201	3	16	1	36	200	500	30	15
10	87	10	3	2	3	4	100	1	20	1	22	30	156	14	14
11	215	12	3	3	3	2	219	2	14	3	46	36	327		15
12		18	2	7		2	98	10		1	8		26		31
13	229	14		2	2	3	233		3	3	44		250		15
14	295	1	2	2	2	3	321	3	5	5	61	20	250		15
15	133	5	2	3	4	1	118		6	1	11	10	72		24
16	160	7	15	3	1	4	164		12	1	21	33	135		5
17			1	2	3	119		10	2	30	33	160		15	
18	266	1	1	5	8	4	182	2	7	1	42	20	280		19
19	79			2		77		1	7	1	20		120	10	76
20	61	44	17	3	3	2	114	2	9	1	17	40	250	27	37
21	230	23	6	3			259	30	70	4	32	30	280		102
22	272	11		1	10	7	256	2	10	3	39	8	167	7	8
23	229	11	1	4	7	1	236	1	1	4	42	21	287		90
24	270	38	2	3	9	3	213	1	12	1	32	75	339		10
25	118						118		12	2	16	3	123	1	1
26	116	6	7	3	1		125		21	1	23	25	126		3
27	225			2		6	217	4	6	2	28	10	161		8
28	187	38	2	4	20	3	200		21	4	40	40	400		25
29	244		3	1	79		165	1	10	1	27	25	250	3	15
30	129		6	5		1	129	1	11	2	30	30	202	12	31
31	296	34	2	2			332	1	40	4	51	25	322	14	22
32	88	6	2				96		7	1	15	10	155		6
33	244	5	10	8	45	3	203	1	16	1	25	86	278		6
34	194	15	7	4	9	3	200		1	1	25		170	7	10
35	241	13	8	3	12	2	245	1	15	1	43	65	401	20	2
36	73	3		4	4	1	67		4	1	12	12	87		
37	111	15	1	1	3	2	121	11	2	3	36	20	180	16	12
38	46	4	2	68		1	119		2	2	15	75	175		10
39	333		2	5	30	7	293	4	17	3	41		365		37
40	187		3				190		30	4	32	25	235	4	13

Membership Statistics

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No.	CHARGES.	No. Unstationed Min & Prea's,	Probationers.	Members.	PROBATIONERS.						Now on Roll
					No. on Roll at last Con- ference.	Recei'd dur- ing the year.	Elected to M'mbership	Withdr'n by Certificate	Discontin'd	Deceased.	
41	Finksburg	1	22	389	19	71	65	3	22	22	
42	First Church...	1	.....	172	56	.....	30	26	.....	.....
43	Fox Hill.....	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
44	Franklin City.	1	.....	320	40	40	40	40	.....	.....
45	Frederica	85	.....	141	59	27	4	11	3	85
46	Frederick	23	.....	164	13	21	11	.....	.....	23
47	Georget'n, D.C.	1	.....	277	.....	7	7	.....	.....	.....
48	Georget'n, Del.	2	.....	290	98	23	8	21	.....	92
49	Greenwood.....	39	.....	176	67	1	29	.....	.....	39
50	Grove.....	27	.....	214	25	13	7	4	.....	27
51	Hampden	5	300	332	2	300	24	2	.....	300
52	Harper's Ferry	9	.....	138	70	3	30	30	1	9
53	Harrington	20	.....	241	120	108	108	16	.....	20
54	Heathsville	1	.....	405	.....	8	8	.....	.....	.....
55	Holly Run.....	11	.....	120	8	3	.....	.....	.....	11
56	Howard.....	5	.....	181	3	13	8	4	.....	5
57	Hurlock.....	4	.....	119	1	4	1	.....	.....	4
58	Indian River...	12	.....	39	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
59	Jefferson.....	.....	.....	100	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
60	Kemptown	2	11	335	.....	22	12	.....	.....	11
61	Kennedyville...	3	.....	134	1	3	1	.....	.....	3
62	Kent Island.....	2	.....	140	1	12	10	.....	.....	2
63	Laurel.....	1	17	200	35	5	13	10	.....	17
64	Leipsic .....	.....	.....	64	14	14	14	.....	.....	.....
65	Lewistown.....	2	1	124	.....	7	6	.....	.....	1
66	Liberty	10	.....	255	.....	11	1	.....	.....	10
67	Lisbon	14	.....	326	37	37	42	138	.....	14
68	Lynchburg.....	1	.....	141	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....
69	Mardela.....	1	3	178	.....	7	4	.....	.....	3
70	Mariners.....	4	.....	178	.....	10	3	1	2	4
71	Marley.....	4	.....	81	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	4
72	Middleway.....	1	10	116	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	10
73	Milton.....	2	50	248	55	38	37	2	4	50	
74	Mt. Nebo	1	.....	74	10	5	3	.....	.....	1
75	Mt. Tabor .....	.....	.....	95	.....	7	7	.....	.....	.....
76	Newark.....	2	14	289	8	22	16	.....	.....	14
77	New Market...	46	.....	315	10	39	2	1	.....	46
78	N. Baltimore...	.....	.....	102	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
79	N. C. Avenue..	1	.....	95	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
80	Oak Grove .....	.....	.....	153	3	4	5	2	.....	.....

No.	FULL MEMBERS.						BAPTISMS.		SABBATH SCHOOL S.				CONVERSIONS.		
	No. on Roll at last Con- ference.	Rec'd from Probation.	Rec'd by Certificate.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd	Deceased.	Now on Roll	Adults.	Infants.	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Schol- ars received.	Scholars Now on Roll.	In School.	In Congre- gation.
41	341	65	6	1	16	6	389	14	4	57	37	472	80	30
42	172	30	2	4	27	1	172	12	1	15	15	250	2
43	32	6	38	2	1	14	20	68
44	280	40	320	20	15	4	45	40	290	45
45	121	4	1	3	141	1	1	14	20	130	34
46	156	11	2	1	164	6	36	4	4	57	62	393	25
47	284	7	3	5	4	277	2	28	2	28	51	172	.....	9
48	279	8	3	5	4	290	7	58	3	40	57	352	.....	40
49	149	29	1	.....	1	176	2	7	2	25	25	173	.....	5
50	210	7	2	2	1	214	3	9	4	45	13	162	10	13	
51	273	24	8	3	41	3	332	35	1	41	27	630	150	150	
52	113	30	3	2	6	138	.....	10	1	15	17	124	.....	3
53	175	108	.....	20	.....	241	21	10	2	35	55	324	8	8
54	403	8	.....	6	.....	405	3	2	4	35	15	420	.....	8
55	88	.....	5	3	.....	120	4	19	3	20	.....	115	.....	2
56	202	8	.....	24	5	181	1	22	3	35	.....	240	.....	14
57	123	1	.....	2	3	119	.....	2	3	21	12	97	.....	8
58	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
59	115	5	.....	19	1	100	.....	12	2	20	.....	125	.....	6
60	333	12	.....	2	8	335	3	8	4	64	16	418	9	15
61	136	1	.....	2	1	134	1	13	1	18	.....	80	10	.....
62	123	10	6	1	6	140	.....	15	2	20	.....	175	.....	40
63	233	13	8	6	43	5	200	10	1	21	8	185	2	5	
64	51	14	.....	.....	.....	64	.....	2	1	9	5	65	.....	14
65	154	6	1	1	34	2	124	28	2	26	10	275	2	9	
66	259	1	1	5	1	255	1	7	4	67	26	253	10	2	
67	289	42	.....	1	4	326	.....	23	5	60	60	340	.....	38
68	125	2	2	3	7	3	141	.....	1	17	6	104	.....	2
69	171	4	5	.....	2	178	.....	7	3	50	6	176	6	4
70	186	2	.....	3	5	2	178	.....	10	1	18	.....	.....	2
71	8	.....	1	1	.....	81	.....	3	34	58	219	.....	.....	4
72	124	.....	1	4	3	2	116	.....	1	2	10	7	.....	9
73	222	37	.....	2	4	2	248	.....	30	20	280	20	25	.....
74	88	3	1	1	2	74	3	4	1	19	10	96	7	1
75	97	7	2	8	95	4	1	19	10	96	7	1
76	283	16	5	5	6	4	289	6	2	1	34	40	242	7	28
77	315	2	2	2	3	315	1	2	4	53	48	388	27	40	
78	73	18	13	.....	2	102	.....	1	12	26	60	1	.....	2
79	105	3	2	4	1	95	1	4	1	19	20	84
80	152	5	.....	2	1	153	3	1	15	8	72	3	.....	1

Membership Statistics.

No.	CHARGES.	No. Unstationed Min. & Prea's	Probationers.	Members.	PROBATIONERS.						
					No. on Roll at last Conference.	Rec'd during the year.	Elected to M'bership	Withdrawn by Certificate	Discontin'd	Deceased.	Now on roll.
81	Oxford.....			172	10	10					
82	Parkley.....		5	63	34	23		4	1	5	
83	Patapsco.....	1	18	33		5	5			18	
84	Payson Street..		16	58	10	10	2		2	16	
85	Pipe Creek.....			168	1	18	18				
86	Pittsville.....	1	39	181	36	6	3			39	
87	Pocomoke.....	1	9	234	1	16	6			9	
88	Pocomoke City	1	25	298	27	19	20		1	25	
89	Potomac.....	2	4	137		5				4	
90	Powellsville...		13	177	1	12				13	
91	Prince George.	1		64		6	6				
92	Quantico.....		7	150	11	15	15		4	7	
93	Queen Anne.....		67	136	14	87	34			67	
94	Reliance.....	1	3	151	6	3	6		1	3	
95	Remington.....		13	150	7	94	78		7	13	
96	Rolandville.....			80							
97	St. James'.....		14	172	12	9	5		2	14	
98	St. John's.....	1	14	69	41	14	28		13	14	
99	St. Luke's.....	2	2	130	2	14	13			2	
100	St. Michael's..	1	15	126	24	3	5		4	15	
101	Salem.....			102	3	3				1	
102	Salisbury.....		33	227	27	29	21		1	33	
103	Seaford.....		34	172		34				34	
104	Snow Hill.....	2	5	286	2	4	1			5	
105	S. Baltimore...	2	3	160	2	17	14	1	15	8	3
106	Starr.....	2		275	5	3	8				
107	Stewartstown..		19	229	8	42	31			19	
108	Susquehanna...		9	212	6	17	14			9	
109	Sussex.....		7	256		38	31		1	7	
110	Talbot.....		6	38						6	
111	Trinity.....		27	177	3	39	14			27	
112	Tyreeanna.....	1		77		4	4		1		
113	Union.....	2	11	249	11	9	3		7	11	
114	Union Bridge..		1	135	1	5	4			1	
115	Waltersville...		7	189	14	4	11			7	
116	Warwick.....		7	66	2	6			1	7	
117	Washington St.	1	18	450	31		10			18	
118	Waverly.....	1	13	114	5	21	10		5	13	
119	W. Baltimore..	4	74	411	46	40	5		7	74	
120	Westminster...	2	9	229	1	8				9	
121	W. Wilmingt'n		11	68	12	8	1		8	11	
122	Williamsport..			78							
123	Wilmington...	1	26	116		70	40		4	26	
124	Wye.....		1	83	9				2	7	
125	Evergreen.....		7	35		18	11			7	
	Itinerants.....			148							
	Total.....	73	2090	22072		2396	1591	10	426	24	
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No.	FULL MEMBERS.							BAPT'SMS		SABBATH SCHOOLS.			CONV'RS.		
	No. on Roll last Conference.	Rec'd from Probation.	Received by Certificate.	Withdrawn by Certificate.	Discontin'd	Deceased.	Now on Roll	Adults.	Infants.	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Scholars Rec'd.	Scholars now on Roll	In School.	In Congregation.
81	178	10	4	1	17	2	172	...	14	1	31	20	125	...	12
82	41	23	3	...	1	1	63	...	2	1	14	20	90	...	...
83	32	...	...	...	...	...	33	1	16	2	18	...	103	6	1
84	73	2	3	...	19	1	58	...	12	1	19	50	168	5	5
85	149	18	4	1	1	3	168	4	1	2	34	20	150	6	5
86	181	3	...	...	...	3	181	1	5	3	41	41	302	2	3
87	230	6	4	4	2	2	234	5	2	4	31	20	163	...	17
88	306	20	5	5	23	5	298	15	8	2	37	10	250	18	5
89	138	...	2	...	15	1	137	2	32	2	22	...	142	3	4
90	183	1	...	3	...	3	177	3	6	4	25	6	162	11	5
91	69	6	...	1	...	8	64	6	...	2	14	10	50	4	2
92	147	15	...	6	2	4	150	3	11	5	32	10	170	...	16
93	110	34	16	2	20	4	136	6	8	3	26	60	170	46	160
94	157	6	...	1	9	2	151	...	9	2	20	...	145	3	...
95	91	78	10	2	19	2	150	4	18	1	15	20	100	8	145
96	123	...	...	...	43	2	80	5	10	3	25	...	150	...	7
97	179	4	...	6	1	4	172	1	9	2	25	20	155	...	14
98	42	28	9	6	1	6	69	...	4	1	17	94	219	3	3
99	116	14	3	...	...	1	130	2	30	1	33	80	386	10	4
100	149	5	1	...	26	2	126	1	14	2	24	29	124	3	...
101	102	...	1	...	...	1	102	...	6	1	18	9	103	...	...
102	213	21	10	3	12	2	227	8	15	2	27	152	38	6	30
103	191	2	4	11	11	3	172	...	7	1	12	...	116	9	27
104	309	1	8	4	32	3	286	1	13	2	16	15	153	...	7
105	158	14	5	1	15	8	160	1	30	1	28	39	180	...	10
106	318	8	11	15	38	9	275	2	57	1	30	20	250	7	15
107	200	31	1	1	...	2	229	18	3	2	32	90	265	...	42
108	204	14	...	2	4	...	212	9	21	3	33	20	151	13	4
109	324	31	12	2	76	...	256	9	17	4	57	15	310	23	40
110	42	...	2	...	3	3	38	...	4	2	14	2	35	...	6
111	176	14	5	8	3	7	177	2	10	2	23	50	201	17	30
112	77	4	...	2	...	1	77	2	...	2	16	1	91	4	4
113	173	3	5	4	1	5	249	...	20	4	50	137	353	...	14
114	130	4	3	3	...	3	135	3	...	2	21	5	162	...	5
115	180	11	5	2	...	5	189	3	33	1	19	4	182	...	18
116	67	...	1	...	...	66	...	2	2	2	19	7	78	...	22
117	471	10	14	7	38	4	450	1	16	1	38	17	435	...	2
118	125	12	3	6	19	1	114	1	15	1	18	72	154	10	25
119	432	5	17	18	17	3	411	2	18	1	47	236	560	26	24
120	233	...	2	3	...	3	229	1	3	1	27	15	126	3	5
121	66	1	1	1	1	1	68	1	7	1	19	15	220	...	9
122	78	...	...	...	...	78	...	3	...	3	...	...	97	...	...
123	80	40	10	2	10	2	116	3	12	1	10	20	100	...	151
124	91	...	1	5	1	1	83	...	8	1	8	6	50	1	...
125	21	11	4	...	...	1	35	...	1	18	110	...	7	...	11
	.....	1639	416	391	1224	295	...	311	1555	263	3486	3604	25200	876	2446
	.....	1752	695	362	934	215	.....	351	1419	261	3489	3259	23837	666	2612

Report of the Foreign Missionary Steward.

CHARGES.	Paid on Assessment.	Children's Day.	W. F. M. S.	Special.	TOTAL.	
					Assess.	Paid.
Accomac	\$24.00	\$39.00			\$24.00	\$63.00
Alexandria	15.00	25.71	\$26.35		30.00	67.06
Amelia		21.05			18.00	21.05
Baltimore	5.00	20.00			30.00	25.00
Barren Creek	1.00	5.00			12.00	6.00
Bedford	8.00	16.00			24.00	24.00
Belair	20.00	28.00			30.00	48.00
Bethany	2.50	3.57			6.00	6.07
Bethel					6.00	
Broadway	24.00		6.00		24.00	30.00
Brooklyn	10.00	14.27			22.00	24.27
Cambria						
Cambridge	23.50	17.00		2.50	30.00	43.00
Campbell					6.00	
Canton (St. John's)	10.00	7.75			10.00	17.75
Caroline	6.00	14.00			30.00	20.00
Cecil	11.00	43.27		1.00	30.00	55.27
Central	36.00	26.54	40.00		36.00	102.54
Centreville	24.00	33.13	6.60		24.00	63.73
Chatsworth (Ind.)	75.00		36.00			111.00
Chesapeake	19.00	31.25	43.42		22.00	93.67
Chestertown	33.56	33.82	8.00		48.00	75.38
Chincoteague	10.00				12.00	10.00
Christ's Church	6.00	3.50			6.00	9.50
Clayton	22.00	46.63	11.83		22.00	79.86
Concord	2.00	16.45			24.00	18.45
Conquest	4.00	9.00			22.00	13.00
Crisfield	10.00	37.00			30.00	47.00
Crumpton		10.00		.50	14.00	10.50
Cumberland	22.00	26.56			22.00	48.56
Deer Creek	14.00				18.00	14.00
Deer Park	1.00	13.00			14.00	14.00
Delmar	5.00		17.75		22.00	22.75
Delta		16.75		6.50	24.00	23.25
Dorchester	1.00	22.00			24.00	23.00
Dover	6.00	16.00			6.00	22.00
East Baltimore	37.50	10.50	74.60		48.00	122.60
Easton	35.00	15.00	50.00		40.00	100.00
Elizabeth City	42.00	28.28		10.35	42.00	80.63
Ellicott City						
Eutaw	18.00	15.00			22.00	33.00
Evergreen		7.00				7.00
Fairfax	5.00	17.00			10.00	22.00
Fairview	4.10	2.40	3.50		10.00	10.00
Fawn Grove	10.00	32.85			24.00	42.85
Felton	2.00	8.00			22.00	10.00
Federalburg						
Finksburg	24.00	56.00			24.00	80.00
First Church	1.00	25.00	16.75		36.00	42.75
Foxhill	1.00	8.25				9.25
Franklin City	6.00				24.00	6.00

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					Assess.	Paid.
Frederica	.20	\$2.80			\$12.00	\$3.00
Frederick	\$13.00	30.00			24.00	80.00
Georgetown, D. C.	60.00	40.00	\$37.00		60.00	166.25
Georgetown, Del.	22.00	15.50	26.25	\$40.00	22.00	44.66
Greenwood	14.00	8.80	7.16		22.00	40.55
Grove	3.60	3.45	17.75		22.00	7.05
Hampden	2.00	35.06	87.66		40.00	124.72
Harper's Ferry	6.00	10.00			22.00	16.00
Harrington	4.00	20.00	11.36		24.00	35.36
Heathsville	9.00	44.00			30.00	53.00
Holly Run	5.00	6.55			18.00	11.55
Howard	5.00	20.50			22.00	25.50
Hurlocks	8.00	5.30			12.00	13.30
Indian River		10.91				10.91
Jefferson	48.00	117.00	85.60		48.00	250.60
Kempton	5.95	37.65			18.00	43.60
Kennedyville	6.00			10.00	22.00	16.00
Kent Island	4.00	18.00	47.00		22.00	69.00
Laurel, Del.	40.00	71.30	20.88	10.00	40.00	142.18
Leipsic		10.25			10.00	10.25
Lewistown	10.00	11.50			12.00	21.50
Liberty	30.00	48.00			30.00	78.00
Lisbon	30.00	84.00			30.00	114.00
Lynchburg	20.00	60.00	34.00		36.00	114.00
Mariner's	3.50	14.00			24.00	17.50
Marley	1.00	15.00			14.00	16.00
Middleway	.50	10.00			12.00	10.50
Milton	5.00	15.00			24.00	20.00
Mt. Nebo	2.00	11.00			18.00	13.00
Mt. Tabor	3.10	3.00		10.45	24.00	16.55
Newark	40.00	23.50	29.50	40.00	60.00	133.00
Newcastle						
New Market	30.00	46.00			30.00	76.00
Nichols' Memorial						
N. Balto. Mission	6.00	15.00	13.50		18.00	34.50
N. C. Avenue	8.50	9.50			24.00	18.00
Oak Grove	8.00	16.00			18.00	24.00
Oxford	24.00	14.00	12.25	12.85	24.00	63.10
Parkley	5.00	12.60			12.00	17.60
Patapsco	6.00				6.00	6.00
Payson St., Balto.	14.00	11.00	7.50		12.00	32.50
Pipe Creek	24.00	19.74	55.00		24.00	98.74
Pittsville	5.00	23.14			22.00	28.14
Pocomoke		3.00			14.00	3.00
Pocomoke City	48.00	27.43			48.00	75.43
Potomac	14.00				14.00	14.00
Powellville	3.50	1.50			18.00	5.00
Prince George, Va.	1.00				6.00	1.00
Quantico	4.00	11.54			14.00	15.54
Queen Anne	20.00		10.00		18.00	30.00
Reliance	5.00	15.25			18.00	20.25

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					Assess.	Paid.
Remington Avenue.....		\$11.00	\$6.61		\$14.00	\$17.61
Rowlandville.....	\$9.00				18.00	4.06
Salem.....	2.52	18.48			14.00	21.00
Salisbury.....	6.00	17.08	10.04		24.00	33.12
St. James'.....	18.25	11.75	23.00		30.00	53.00
St. John's (Ind.).....			170.00			170.00
St. Luke's.....	4.87	13.13			30.00	18.00
St. Michael's.....	7.15	18.00	1.64		18.00	26.79
Seaford.....	2.00	21.50			24.00	23.50
Snow Hill.....	10.05	25.00			22.00	35.00
South Baltimore.....	23.50	4.50			24.00	28.00
Starr.....	40.00	23.50	67.50		60.00	181.00
Stewartstown.....	12.00	22.39	29.28		12.00	63.67
Susquehanna.....	30.00	43.10	12.00		30.00	85.10
Sussex.....		33.63			24.00	33.63
Talbot.....		5.30			12.00	5.30
Towsou.....						
Trinity.....	24.00	41.50			36.00	65.50
Tyreeanna.....	6.00				6.00	6.00
Union.....	5.00	46.53			30.24	51.53
Union Bridge.....	24.00	9.50		10.00	24.00	43.50
Waltersville.....	18.00	15.00			18.00	33.00
Warwick.....	10.00	35.00			22.00	45.00
Washington St.....	60.00	26.07			60.00	86.07
Waverly.....	10.00	11.00			10.00	21.00
West Baltimore.....	60.00	157.34	136.27		60.00	353.61
Westminster.....	22.00	9.04	28.00	52.00	54.00	111.04
Williamsport.....					10.00	
Wilmington, 1st.....	11.00	18.41			12.00	29.41
Wilmington, 2d.....	6.00				6.00	6.00
Wye.....	12.00	11.75	5.00		12.00	28.75
Total.....	1,696.30	2,498.20	1,332.55	206.15	2,854.00	5,733.20
Report of 1896.....	1,889.51	2,498.00	1,555.00	379.05	2,898.00	6,321.56
Increase.....		.20				
Decrease.....	\$193.21		\$222.45	\$172.90	\$44.00	\$588.36

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CHARGES.	No. of Ap- pointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Church Pa- pers Taken.	Our S. S. Pa- pers Taken.	Volumes in S. S. Library.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Debt.	Insured?
Accomac.....	3	3	1	26	300				
Alexandria.....	1	1	1	18	312		\$ 7,000	\$ 485.00	Yes.
Amelia.....	3	3	1	17	100	128	9,000	350.00	Yes.
Baltimore.....	4	4	1	10			2,700	150.00	Partly.
Bedford.....	6	6	1	37	260	350	8,000	390.00	Yes.
Belair.....	4	4	1	27	150	200	12,600	83.00	No.
Bethany.....	1	1		2		350	12,000	500.00	Partly.
Bethel.....	1	1		1	24	33	3,175		Yes.
Broadway.....	1	1	1	13			1,000		Yes.
Brooklyn.....	1	1	1	9	135		25,000	8,500.00	Yes.
Cambridge.....	3	3	1	19	260		15,000	4,430.00	Yes.
Campbell.....	5	4					7,500	1,000.00	Yes.
Caroline.....	4	4	1	20	275	400			No.
Cecil.....	5	5	1		190	350	6,000		Partly.
Central.....	1	1	1	23	150	500	13,000	300.00	Yes.
Centreville.....	1	1	1	29	150		100,000	31,500.00	Yes.
Chesapeake.....	2	2	1	21		140	16,500		Yes.
Chestertown.....	1	1	1	42	280	260	8,500		Yes.
Chincoteague.....	1	1	1	1	85	140	37,000	350.00	Yes.
Chr st Church.....	1	1		5	330	125	3,000	550.00	Yes.
Clayton.....	4	4	1	15	125	160	2,700	1,481.44	Yes.
Concord.....	4	4	1	12			6,600	500.00	Yes.
Conquest.....	4	4		20	269		3,500		Partly.
Crisfield.....	1	2	1	9	337		7,000	255.00	Yes.
Crumpton.....	2	2	1	6	75	90	20,000	6,140.00	Yes.
Cumberland.....	1	1	1	32	190	300	5,600		Yes.
Deer Creek.....	3	3	1	9		275	5,000		Yes.
Deer Park.....	4	4	1	2	275	375	6,250	140.00	Yes.
Delmar.....	1	1	1	24	150	75	7,800	500.00	Partly.
Delta.....	2	2	1	5	215	120	6,000	650.00	Yes.
Dorchester.....	4	4	1	12	150		7,000	1,519.00	Yes.
Dover.....	1	1		16	177	225	10,500		Yes.
East Baltimore.....	1	1	1	24	275	121	6,000	1,700.00	Yes.
Easton.....	1	1	1	40		350	23,500	1,000.00	Yes.
Elizabeth, N. J.....	1	1		14	435	414	15,000		Yes.
Eutaw.....	1	1	1	11	171	30	15,000	5,426.00	Yes.
Evergreen.....	1	1				85	4,000		Yes.
Fairfax.....	3	3		6	140		1,500	500.00	Yes.
Fairview.....	2	2		4	140	125	4,500	150.00	Yes.
Fawn Grove.....	3	3	1	13	339	250	2,700	375.00	Partly.
Felton.....	4	4		10	200	100	6,000		Partly.
Finksburg.....	4	4	1	38	350	300	3,750		No.
First Church.....	1	1	1	10	200	300	15,000	400.00	Partly.
Fox Hill.....	1	1		6	49		17,000		Yes.
Franklin City.....	4	4	1		355	150	500		No.
Frederica.....	1	1		3			7,000	2,000.00	Partly.
							2,200	40.00	Yes.

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Frederick	4	4	...	20	260	555	\$ 6,200		Partly.
Georgetown, D. C.	1	1	1	42	350	500	18,500		Yes.
Georgetown, Del.	3	3	...	30	95	75	5,100	\$ 350.00	Yes.
Greenwood	2	2	1	17	150	150	5,200		Partly.
Grove	4	4	1	8	...	...	6,500		No.
Hampden	1	1	1	10	...	...	14,000		Yes.
Harper's Ferry	1	1	1	14	120	200	6,000		No.
Harrington	2	2	1	33	250	...	8,000		Yes.
Heathsville	6	6	1	43	125	275	19,000	100.00	No.
Holly Run	4	4	1	15	80	200	6,300	88.00	Partly.
Howard	4	3	1	20	...	300	7,200		Yes.
Hurlocks	3	3	1	5	135	119	4,000	1,100.00	Yes.
Indian River	1	1	...	...	...	...	600		No.
Jefferson	3	3	1	14	100	300	2,500		Yes.
Kemptown	4	4	1	15	60	250	5,000		Partly.
Kenedyville	1	1	1	17	100	175	6,000	200.00	Yes.
Kent Island	2	2	1	17	...	100	10,800		Partly.
Laurel	1	1	1	18	153	...	10,500		Yes.
Leipsic	1	1	...	2	75	...	3,000		Yes.
Lewistown	3	3	...	8	...	150	2,500		Partly.
Liberty	4	4	1	33	229	455	11,200		Yes.
Lisbon	5	5	1	32	225	800	10,000		Yes.
Lynchburg	1	1	...	12	62	275	15,500	1,875.00	Yes.
Marcela	3	3	1	19	160	...	6,000	400.00	Partly.
Mariner's	1	1	1	3	180	...	5,200	600.00	Yes.
Marley	3	3	...	12	180	64	3,000		Yes.
Middleway	4	4	1	4	...	...	2,000	1,650.00	Partly.
Milton	4	4	1	8	60	150	6,000		No.
Mt. Nebo	1	1	1	7	45	50	4,600	8.00	Yes.
Mt. Tabor	1	1	...	10	137	250	8,000		Yes.
Newark	1	1	...	38	475	500	36,000		Yes.
New Market	4	4	1	22	379	235	13,500	900.00	Yes.
N. Baltimore	1	1	...	22	60	...	20,000	2,815.00	Yes.
N. C. Avenue	1	1	...	16	50	...	20,000	5,000.00	Yes.
Oak Grove	1	1	1	13	79	68	1,500		No.
Oxford	1	1	1	15	190	125	6,000		Yes.
Paiks'ey	2	2	...	10	100	34	4,000	1,000.00	Partly.
Patapsco	2	1	...	...	...	...	1,000		...
Payson Street	1	1	...	12	100	25	1,900	75.00	Yes.
Pipe Creek	2	2	1	23	132	500	10,000		Yes.
Pittsville	3	3	1	21	350	350	11,000	55.00	Partly.
Pocomoke	4	4	1	10	211	...	850		Partly.
Pocomoke City	2	2	1	40	250	300	15,000		Yes.
Potomac	2	2	1	17	...	350	6,000	600.00	Yes.
Powellsville	4	4	1	9	160	200	5,116	50.00	Partly.
Prince George	2	2	...	2	35	40	800		No.

Property Statistics for the Year Ending April, 1897.

CHARGES.	No. of Ap- pointments.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Church Pa- pers Taken.	Our S. S. Pa- pers Taken.	Volumes in S. S. Library.	Value of Church Property.	Amount of Debt.	Insured?
Quantico	5	5	1	3	110	...	\$ 3,600	\$ 50.00	Partly.
Queen Anne	3	3	1	33	81	50	3,800	600.00	Partly.
Reliance	2	2	1	9	125	50	4,000	259.00	Partly.
Remington	1	1	...	3	200	250	1,200		Yes.
Rowlandville	3	3	1	6	...	200	5,000		Yes.
St. James'	2	2	1	23	160	240	8,500		Yes.
St. John's	1	1	1	15	150	137	1,500	327.13	Yes.
St. Luke's	1	1	1	5	450	300	12,000	5,175.00	Partly.
St. Michael's	2	2	1	21	152	250	7,000		Yes.
Salem	1	1	1	10	...	125	4,000		Yes.
Salisbury	2	2	1	35	200	267	10,000		Yes.
Seaford	2	2	1	12	154	...	2,700	225.00	Yes.
Snow Hill	3	3	1	18	160	...	4,500	1,000.00	Yes.
South Baltimore	1	1	1	10	280	200	23,000	1,600.00	Yes.
Starr	1	1	1	30	280	400	45,000		Yes.
Stewartstown	2	2	1	14	240	225	6,000	200.00	Partly.
Susquehanna	3	3	1	30	150	615	11,000		Yes.
Sussex	4	4	...	15	400	...	4,800	217.40	Yes.
Talbot	2	2	...	7	...	...	1,000		...
Trinity	2	2	1	28	200	...	8,000		Yes.
Tyreeanna	2	2	...	7	...	...	2,090		No.
Union	4	4	...	23	300	310	6,800		Partly.
Union Bridge	2	2	1	21	100	314	10,500	900.00	Yes.
Waltersville	1	1	...	26	75	...	...		Yes.
Warwick	2	2	1	11	181	100	4,500		No.
Washington Street	1	1	1	34	575	225	54,000		Yes.
Waverly	1	1	1	12	70	300	3,000	280.00	Yes.
West Baltimore	1	1	1	85	602	500	36,500	8,000.00	Yes.
Westminster	1	1	1	45	161	275	25,500	787.00	Yes.
West Wilmington	1	1	...	1	100	...	3,500	2,164.00	Yes.
Williamsport	1	1	...	...	...	...	...		...
Wilmington	1	1	...	5	100	...	7,000	3,400.00	Yes.
Wye	1	1	1	7	50	...	3,000	642.00	Yes.
Total	280	278	87	1,963	19,227	20,524	1,207,031	114,156.97	...

Christian Endeavor Report.

CHARGES.	No. SOCIETIES		MEMBERSHIP.			Conversions.	Number Meetings.	Cash Contribution.
	Young People.	Junior.	Active.	Associate.	Honorary.			
Rowlandville.....	1		50	12			52	\$ 3.00
Brooklyn.....	1	1	49	1	2	7	52	7.40
Cecil.....	3		96	26	2	4	52	16.00
Bethany.....	1	1	185	10	2	15	52	40.00
Queen Anne.....	2		65	26		10	52	25.00
Lisbon.....	4		100	7	3		52	
Union.....								
Oak Grove.....	1		30	10			40	
Mariners.....	1							
Harrington.....	1	1	20	10			35	
Cumberland.....	1	1	58	6			52	28.36
St. Michael's.....	1	1	77	13	1	2	52	
Christ Church.....	1	1	112			16	104	86.50
Elizaheth.....	1	1	85	14	8	1	51	10.00
North Baltimore.....			28			1	69	35.00
Franklin City.....	3		90	10			52	75.00
Salisbury.....	1	1	68			6	52	18.00
Potomac.....	2	1	87	59		4	52	40.00
Marley.....	1		28	4			52	4.71
Salem.....	1		48	6	2		42	5.50
Holly Run.....								
First Church.....	1		20	5	10		25	
Union Bridge.....	1		16	5	3		40	9.62
Second Church.....	1	1	35				65	25.82
Bedford Circle.....	1		20	1			12	2.50
Harper's Ferry.....	2		90	15			104	45.00
Stewartstown.....	2	1	141	10			52	80.00
Alexandria.....	1	1	86	28		2	150	8.00
Dorchester.....	1		18				52	
Powellsville.....	1		24	7	1		52	1.60
Alnutt Memorial.....	1		75	39	43		64	97.34
Wye.....	1		17				25	27.15
North Carolina Ave.....	1		25	3			52	50.00
Lewistown.....	3		55	15		2	135	45.00
Fawn Grove.....	3		108	25	15		52	27.50
Central.....	1		30	5			55	97.29
St. James'.....	1		41	4	12		52	12.00
New Market.....	4		120	3			52	9.39
Howard.....	2		47				52	
Belair.....	2		70	8		10	52	50.00
Grove Circuit.....	2		75	20			52	

Christian Endeavor Report—Continued.

CHARGES.	No. SOCIETIES		MEMBERSHIP.			Conversions.	Number Meetings.	Cash Contribution.
	Young People.	Junior.	Active.	Associate.	Honorary.			
Pittsville.....	1		31	3				
Concord.....	1		10	15			22	\$ 14.75
Jefferson.....	1		70	14	15		52	
South Baltimore.....	1		20				75	400.00
Broadway.....	1		60	14	5	10	40	10.00
Centreville.....	1	1	65		5		71	35.00
Georgetown, D. C.....	1	1	122	28	12		60	
Conquest.....	1		23	1	2		88	325.00
Laurel.....	2	1	136	10	1	1	12	2.00
Waltersville.....	1		48				127	76.88
Chestertown.....	1		50		2		52	12.90
Georgetown, Del.....	1		22	1	2		52	50.00
Remington.....	1		55	19	7	8	65	31.00
Waverly.....	1	1	45			6	70	43.70
Mardela.....	1		30	15	1	2	120	5.00
Eutaw.....	1	1	48				52	
Milton.....	1		25				45	80.00
First Church.....	2	1	72	9	2		52	
Finksburg.....	4		139	40	7		52	30.00
Chesapeake.....	2		45	16			250	140.00
Frederica.....	1	1	66	9	2	9	72	15.00
Fair View.....							24	1.00
Snow Hill.....	1		53	3	13			
Oxford.....	1	1	100				52	42.23
Frederick.....	1		44	30	10	3	120	42.93
Crisfield.....	1	1	73	10	4	4	70	22.00
Middleway.....							50	27.00
East Baltimore.....	1		36	5				
Payson Street.....	1	1	35	5		5	60	7.95
Kent Island.....	2		65	25			52	30.00
Deer Park.....	2		75	15			52	
Mt. Nebo.....	1		35				52	22.00
Clayton.....	3		85	11	2		50	45.00
Dover.....	1	1	75				100	6.00
Susquehanna.....	3		73	9	8	5	104	20.00
Pocomoke City.....	1	1	110	24	10	13	90	18.00
Trinity.....	1		77				118	50.00
Kemptown.....	1	1	54	30	15	9	52	10.00
Delmar.....			10	5	10	2	52	.75
Reliance.....	1	1	45			1	30	10.00
Pipe Creek.....	1		50	15	15	6	90	14.00

Christian Endeavor Report—Concluded.

CHARGES.	No. SOCIETIES		MEMBERSHIP.			Conversions.	Number Meetings.	Cash Contribution.
	Young People.	Junior.	Active.	Associate.	Honorary.			
Caroline	2		40				52	\$ 12.00
Lynchburg	1	1	75	3			52	12.26
Greenwood	2	1	144	17	7	1	105	21.48
Westminster	1		80	21	17		64	57.16
Seaford	1		63	31			52	11.13
Liberty	1		12				6	.40
Quantico	1		18	3			52	
Baltimore	1		63	10	20	2	52	
Tyreanna	1		15	7	2		52	115.63
Deer Creek	2		55	35			52	12.00
Felton	1		10				147	180.00
West Baltimore	1		160	6	12	12	52	20.00
Evergreen	1		21	8	9			
St. Luke's				10	6	3	52	
Cambridge	1		20				52	243.37
Kennedyville	1		36	1			20	
Bethel	1		15	8			62	32.50
St. John's	1	1	40	5		2	52	50.00
Easton	1		55				52	40.00
Hampden	1		108		1		25	
Parksley	1		55		2		52	
Mt. Tabor	1	1	90	2		7	52	10.45
Fairfax	1	1	147	20	5	8	52	20.50
Newark	1	1	64	2	10		108	88.53
Delta	1		29	8			60	10.00
Total	136	33	6081	986	344	201		3,560.18

Assessments for the Year beginning April, 1897.

CHARGES.	President's Salary.	Conference.	Seminary.	Ministerial Education.	Superannuates.	Foreign Missions.	General Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Accomac	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Amelia	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Alexandria	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Baltimore	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Barren Creek	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	15.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Beaver Dam	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	15.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Bedford									
Belair	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Broadway	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Bethany	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.00	9.00	38.00
Brooklyn	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Cambridge	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Caroline	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Campbell	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.00	9.00	38.00
Cecil	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Central	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Centreville	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Chesapeake	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Chestertown	40.00	6.00	32.00	10.00	68.00	48.00	24.00	72.00	300.00
Christ Church	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.00	9.00	38.00
Clayton	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Concord	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Conquest	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Crisfield	30.00	5.00	24.00	8.00	51.00	36.00	18.00	53.00	225.00
Crumpton	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.00	21.00	89.00
Cumberland	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Chincoteague	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Delmar	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Deer Creek	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.00	21.00	89.00
Deer Park	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Delta	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Dorchester	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Dover	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
East Baltimore	35.00	5.00	28.00	9.00	59.00	42.00	21.00	61.00	260.00
Easton	35.00	5.00	28.00	9.00	59.00	42.00	21.00	61.00	260.00
Elizabeth	35.00	5.00	28.00	9.00	59.00	42.00	21.00	61.00	260.00
Eutaw	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Fairfax	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.00	14.00	61.00
Fawn Grove	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Fairview	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.00	14.00	61.00
Finksburg	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
First Church	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Franklin City	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Frederick	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Felton	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Frederica	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Georgetown, D. C.	50.00	8.00	40.00	13.00	86.00	60.00	30.00	88.00	375.00

Assessments for the Year Beginning April, 1897.

CHARGES.	President's Salary.	Conference.	Seminary.	Ministerial Education.	Superannuates.	Foreign Missions.	General Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Total.
Georgetown, Del.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Grove.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Greenwood.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Hampden.....	35.00	5.00	28.00	9.00	59.00	42.00	21.00	61.00	260.00
Harper's Ferry.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Harrington.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Heathsville.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Howard.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Hurlock.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Holly Run.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Jefferson.....	40.00	6.00	32.00	10.00	68.00	48.00	24.00	72.00	300.00
Kennedyville.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Kempton.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Kent Island.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Laurel, Del.....	32.00	5.00	24.00	8.00	53.00	40.00	20.00	55.00	237.00
Leipsic.....	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.00	14.00	61.00
Lewistown.....	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.00	14.00	61.00
Liberty.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Lisbon.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Lynchburg.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Mariner's.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Middleway.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Milton.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Mt. Tabor.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Mt. Nebo.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.00	21.00	89.00
Marley.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.00	21.00	89.00
Newark.....	50.00	8.00	40.00	13.00	86.00	60.00	30.00	88.00	375.00
N. C. Avenue.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
New Market.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
N. Balto. Mission.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Oxford.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Oak Grove.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Pr. George, Va.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.00	9.00	38.00
Parksley.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Pipe Creek.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Pittsville.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Pocomoke.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Pocomoke City.....	40.00	6.00	32.00	10.00	68.00	48.00	24.00	72.00	300.00
Powellsville.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Patapsco.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.00	9.00	38.00
Payson Street, Balto.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Potomac.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.00	21.00	89.00
Quantico.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Queen Anne.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Reliance.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Rowlandville.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Remington.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.00	21.00	89.00

Assessments for the Year Beginning April, 1897.

CHARGES.	President's Salary.	Conference.	Seminary.	Ministerial Education.	Superannuates.	Foreign Missions.	General Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Total.
St. James'.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
St. John's, Canou.....	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.00	14.00	61.00
St. Michael's.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
St. Luke's.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Salisbury.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Seaford.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Snow Hill.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.00	32.00	135.00
Salem.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.00	21.00	89.00
South Baltimore.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Starr.....	50.00	8.00	40.00	13.00	86.00	60.00	30.00	88.00	375.00
Stewartstown.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Susquehanna.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Sussex.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Talbot.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Trinity.....	30.00	5.00	24.00	8.00	51.00	36.00	18.00	53.00	225.00
Tyreeanna.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.00	9.00	38.00
Union.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	15.00	44.00	186.00
Union Bridge.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	12.00	35.00	149.00
Warwick.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Washington Street.....	50.00	8.00	40.00	13.00	86.00	60.00	30.00	88.00	375.00
Watersville.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.00	26.00	111.00
Waverly.....	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.00	14.00	61.00
West Baltimore.....	50.00	8.00	40.00	13.00	86.00	60.00	30.00	88.00	375.00
Westminster.....	45.00	7.00	36.00	11.00	76.00	54.00	27.00	79.00	335.00
Williamsport.....	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.00	14.00	61.00
Wilmington.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
West Wilmington.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Wye Station.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.00	18.00	74.00
Bethel.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.00	9.00	38.00
TOTAL.....	2,351	376	1,874	595	3,978	2,830	1,415	4,150	17,453

ADDRESSES OF TREASURERS.—1. Church Extension—T. Harry Bartlett, 2422 E. Baltimore street, Baltimore, Md. 2. Superannuated Fund—T. A. Murray, Esq., 212 Law Building, Baltimore, Md. 3. Ministerial Education—John H. Clancy, 89 Fourth street, Pittsburg, Pa. 4. General Home Missions—Nathan R. Jones, Grant street and Seventh avenue, Pittsburg, Pa. 5. Seminary—J. W. Hering, Esq., Westminster, Md. 6. Foreign Missions—Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Summerfield, N. C.

Make all orders and checks for Foreign Missions payable to T. J. Ogburn, treasurer. Make all post-office orders payable at Greensboro, N. C.

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CHARGES.	Amount of Assessment.	Amount paid.	CHARGES.	Amount of Assessment	Amount Paid.
Accomac.....	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	Franklin City.....	\$ 12.00	\$ 5.00
Alexandria.....	15.00	10 00	Frederica.....	6.00	1.00
Amelia.....	9.00	4.00	Frederick.....	12.00	7.00
Baltimore.....	15.00	5.00	Georgetown, D. C...	30.00	30.00
Barren Creek.....	6.00	1.00	Georgetown, Del....	11.00	11.00
Bedford.....	12.00	12.00	Greenwood.....	11.00	9.40
Belair.....	15.00	10.00	Grove.....	11.00	4 25
Bethany.....	3.00	3.00	Hampden.....	20.00	4.00
Bethel.....	3.00	.....	Harper's Ferry.....	11.00	6.00
Broadway.....	12.00	12.00	Harrington..	12.00	5.00
Brooklyn.....	11.00	5.00	Heathsville.....	15.00	7.00
Cambria.....	.....	.....	Holly Run.....	9.00	5.00
Cambridge.....	15 00	10.36	Howard.....	11.00	6.00
Campbell.....	3 00	.....	Hurlock.....	6.00	2.00
Canton (St. John's)	.....	.....	Indian River.....	.....	.....
Caroline.....	15.00	10.00	Jefferson.....	24.00	25.00
Cecil.....	15.00	11.00	Kempton.....	9.00	7.00
Central.....	18.00	18.00	Kennedyville.....	11.00	7.00
Centreville.....	12.00	12.00	Kent Island.....	11.00	11.00
Chesapeake.....	11.00	11.00	Laurel, Del.....	20.00	20.00
Chestertown.....	24.00	24.00	Leipsic.....	5.00	1.00
Chincoteague.....	6.00	3.00	Lewistown.....	6.00	6.00
Christ's Church.....	3.00	3.00	Liberty.....	15.00	15.00
Clayton.....	11.00	11.00	Lisbon.....	15.00	15.00
Concord.....	12.00	1.80	Lynchburg.....	18.00	10.00
Conquest.....	11.00	8.00	Mariner's.....	12.00	2.00
Crisfield.....	15.00	5.00	Marley.....	7.00	5.00
Crumpton.....	7.00	1.90	Middleway.....	6.00	3.20
Cumberland.....	11.00	11.00	Milton.....	12.00	6.00
Deer Creek.....	7.00	2.00	Mt. Nebo.....	9.00	5.00
Deer Park.....	9.00	4 75	Mt. Tabor.....	12.00	7.00
Delmar.....	11.00	10.00	Newark.....	30.00	30.00
Delta.....	12.00	5.00	Newcastle.....	.....	.....
Dorchester.....	12.00	2.00	New Market.....	15.00	12.00
Dover.....	3.00	3.00	Nichols' Memorial..	.....	.....
East Baltimore.....	24.00	18.00	N. Balto. Mission...	9.00	5.00
Easton.....	20.00	13.00	North Carolina Ave.	12.00	1.00
Elizabeth City.....	21.00	34.00	Oak Grove.....	9.00	7.00
Ellicott City.....	.....	.....	Oxford.....	12.00	12.00
Eutaw.....	11.00	6.00	Parksley.....	6.00	3.00
Fairfax.....	5.00	5.00	Payson-St., Balto...	6.00	8.00
Farview.....	5.00	5.00	Pipe Creek.....	12.00	12.00
Fawn Grove.....	12.00	6.00	Pittsville.....	11.00	4.00
Felton.....	11.00	6.00	Pocomoke.....	7.00	1.50
Federalburg.....	.....	.....	Pocomoke City.....	24.00	24.00
Finksburg.....	12.00	17.65	Potomac.....	7.00	6.00
First Church.....	18.00	3.00	Powellsville.....	9.00	3.00

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Patapsco.....	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	Susquehanna.....	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Prince George, Va...	3.00	.75	Sussex.....	12.00	12.00
Quantico.....	7.00	2.50	Talbot.....	6.00	6.00
Queen Anne.....	9.00	.....	Towson.....	.....	.....
Chatsworth, Ind.....	.....	10.00	Trinity.....	.....	.....
Fox Hill.....	.....	2.00	Tyreeanna.....	18.00	12.00
Reliance.....	9.00	2.00	Union.....	3.00	3.00
Remington Avenue.	7.00	6.00	Union Bridge.....	15.00	8.00
Rowlandville.....	9.00	5.00	Warwick.....	12.00	12.00
Salem.....	7.00	7.00	Washington Street .	11.00	6.00
Salisbury.....	12.00	12.00	Washington Street .	30.00	30.00
St. James'.....	15.00	15.00	Watersville.....	9.00	9.00
St. John's, M. P....	5.00	4.00	Waverly.....	5.00	5.00
St. Luke's.....	15.00	6.70	West Baltimore.....	30.00	23.71
St. Michael s.....	9.00	9.00	Westminster.....	27.00	12.00
Seaford.....	12.00	9.00	Williamsport.....	5.00	.....
Snow Hill.....	11.00	11.00	Wilmington, 1st....	6.00	2.00
South Baltimore....	12.00	20.00	Wilmington, 2d.....	3.00	3.00
Starr.....	30.00	23.00	Wye.....	6.00	6.00
Stewartstown.....	6.00	6.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	Deficiency.....	363.83	1,063.17

Respectfully submitted.

A. S. BEANE, Steward.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

No.	NAME.	APPOINTMENTS.	P. O. ADDRESS.
1	Anstine, D. W.	Trinity,	Marion Station, Somerset Co., Md.
2	Arnett, C. S.	Heathsville,	Heathsville, Northum'land Co., Va.
3	Bacchus, G. Q.	Cambridge,	Cambridge, Dorchester Co., Md.
4	Balderston, J. W.	Oxford,	Oxford, Talbot Co., Md.
5	Bates, L. W.	Superannuate,	Westminster, Carroll Co., Md.
6	Beane, A. S.	Greenwood,	Greenwood, Sussex Co., Del.
7	Bennington, H. E.	Chincoteague,	Chincoteague Isl'd, Acco. Co., Va.
8	Bennett, L. A.	Mariner's,	Crisfield, Somerset Co., Md.
9	Benson, B. F.	W. T. Seminary,	Westminster, Carroll Co., Md.
10	Benson, F. T.	Alexandria,	Alexandria, Va.
11	Blake, Dorsey	Snow Hill,	Snow Hill, Worcester Co., Md.
12	Bowers, J. S.	St. John's, Ind.,	115 N. Liberty st., Baltimore, Md.
13	Brown, J. McLain	Conference Evang't	Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md.
14	Bryan, J. F.	Bethany,	1760 E. North ave., Baltimore, Md.
15	Bichell, A. A.	St. John's, Canton,	3101 Foster ave., Can'n, Balto., Md.
16	Cain, F. S.	Beaver Dam,	Harbeson, Sussex Co., Del.
17	Cassen, S. F.	New Market,	Maryland Line, Baltimore Co., Md.
18	Clayton, G. M.	Hurlocks,	Hurlock, Dorchester Co., Md.
19	Crouse, W. A.	Superannuate,	Westminster, Carroll Co., Md.
20	Crouse, T. O.	Chatsworth, Ind.,	428 N. Pine st., Baltimore, Md.
21	Cushing, H. C.	Superannuate,	Sudley Springs, P. W. Co., Va.
22	Coe, S. W.	Finksburg,	Finksburg, Carroll Co., Md.
23	Cullum, C. M.	Dorchester,	Vienna, Dorchester Co., Md.
24	Daugherty, J. H.	Franklin City,	Greenbackville, Accomac Co., Va.
25	Day, H. J.	Superannuate,	923 N. Carey st., Baltimore, Md.
26	Dick, A. D.	Reliance,	Reliance, Dorchester Co., Md.
27	Donovan, Avery	Accomac,	Lee Mont, Accomac Co., Va.
28	Donaldson, G. R.	Oak Gro. & Pr. Geo.	Alliance, Surry Co., Va.
29	Drinkhouse, E. J.	Supernumerary,	2331 N. Calvert st., Baltimore, Md.
30	Dryden, C. E.	Caroline,	Denton, Caroline Co., Md.
31	Dumm, B. A.	Brooklyn,	Brooklyn, Anne Arundel Co., Md.
32	Dyott, L. R.	Newark,	67 Court st., Newark, N. J.
33	Daugherty, C. L.	Talbot,	Trappe, Talbot Co., Md.
34	Edmonston, G. D.	Crumpton,	Crumpton, Queen Annes Co., Md.
35	Elderdice, H. L.	W. T. Seminary,	Westminster, Carroll Co., Md.
36	Elderdice, J. L.	Kempton,	Kempton, Frederick Co., Md.
37	Everest, J. W.	Superannuate,	Royal Oak, Talbot Co., Md.
38	Ewell, J. E. T.	South Baltimore,	1214 Light st., Baltimore, Md.
39	Ewell, J. H. S.	Georgetown, Del.,	Georgetown, Sussex Co., Del.
40	Ewing, E. O.	Pittsville,	Pittsville, Wicomico Co., Md.
41	Farring, G. F.	Frederick,	New Market, Frederick Co., Md.
42	Floyd, W. J.	Howard,	Clarksville, Howard Co., Md.
43	Fooks, E. S.	Kent Island,	Kent Island, Queen Annes Co., Md.
44	Gill, J. M.	Chestertown,	Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.
45	Graham, W. R.	Westminster,	Westminster, Carroll Co., Md.
46	Gray, J. W.	First Church,	500 Va. ave., S. E., Wash., D. C.
47	Gibson, N. O.	Evergreen,	114 Orbison av, Rol'd P'k, B'to., Md.
48	Green, Alonzo H.	Mardela,	Mardela Spr's, Wicomico Co., Md.
49	Greenfield, D. L.	Central,	1205 M st., N. W., Wash'n, D. C.
50	Goodrich, C. P.	Amelia,	Ammon, Amelia Co., Va.
51	Haddaway, G. W.	Centreville,	Centreville, Queen Annes Co., Md.
52	Hammond, W. S.	Georgetown, D. C.	1236 31st st., W., Washing'n, D. C.

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53	Harryman, A. A.	Marley,	Marley, Anne Arundel Co., Md.
54	Hill, G. J.	Deer Park,	Smallwood, Carroll Co., Md.
55	Hines, G. W.	Payson Street,	1926 Hollins st., Baltimore, Md.
56	Hoblitzell, S. A.	St. Michaels,	St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.
57	Hodge, G. R.	Milton,	Milton, Sussex Co., Del.
58	Holland, F. A.	West Wilmington,	12 5th ave., Wilmington, Del.
59	Holmes, J. M.	Wash'n St. (Alnut	2028 E. Lombard st., Balto., Md.
60	Holmes, W. G.	Superan'te, Mem.)	Mardela Springs, Wicomico Co., Md.
61	Jester, B. F.	Union,	Sharptown, Wicomico Co., Md.
62	Johnson, H. S.	Quantico,	Quantico, Wicomico Co., Md.
63	Johnson, H. W. D.	Caroline,	Burrsville, Caroline Co., Md.
64	Jones, J. B.	Erie and Park aves.,	Phila., Pa.
65	James, B. B.	Harper's Ferry,	Harper's Ferry, W. Va.
66	Judefind, W. B.	Grove,	Grove, Caroline Co., Md.
67	Keen, H. O.	Remington,	1030 York Road, Baltimore, Md.
68	Killgore, J. L.	Superannuate,	57 Barney st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
69	Kindley, B. W.	Pipe Creek,	Uniontown, Carroll Co., Md.
70	Kinzer, J. D.	Pocomoke City,	Pocomoke City, Worcester Co., Md.
71	Kirk, J. W.	West Baltimore,	1622 Harlem ave., Baltimore, Md.
72	Klein, F. C.	Laurel,	Laurel, Sussex Co., Del.
73	Lassell, J. T.	Fawn Grove,	Fawn Grove, York Co., Pa.
74	Lewis, R. L.		Federalsburg, Caroline Co., Md.
75	Lewis, T. H.	W. Md. College,	Westminster, Carroll Co., Md.
76	Lewis, R. K.	Salem,	Westover, Somerset Co., Md.
77	Lewis, F. H.	Broadway,	115 S. Washington st., Balto., Md.
78	Litsinger, W. D.	Liberty,	Libertytown, Frederick Co., Md.
79	Litsinger, W. H.	Christ Church,	1632 Baker st., Baltimore, Md.
80	Little, F. T.	Starr,	128 S. Poppleton st., Balto., Md.
81	Littleton, C. H.	Deer Creek,	Chestnut Hill, Harford Co., Md.
82	Lucas, W. J. D.	Superannuate,	Denton, Caroline Co., Md.
83	Livingston, W. O.	Frederica,	Frederica, Kent Co., Del.
84	Makosky, E. C.	Stewartstown,	Stewartstown, York Co., Pa.
85	Maloy, J. E.	Rowlandville,	Rowlandville, Cecil Co., Md.
86	Mather, A. W.	Cecil,	Bay View, Cecil Co., Md.
87	McCready, G. R.	Sussex,	Laurel, Sussex Co., Del.
88	McCullough, C. E.	Delta,	Delta, York Co., Pa.
89	McKnett, W. R.	Waltersville,	Bivalve, Wicomico Co., Md.
90	Melvin, A. D.	President,	42 Parkin st., Baltimore, Md.
91	McCaslin, C. K.	Chesapeake,	Edesville, Kent Co., Md.
92	Mills, J. L.	St. James',	Hanesville, Kent Co., Md.
93	Morris, G. A.	Powellville,	Powellville, Wicomico Co., Md.
94	Morrow, Q. L.	Citizenship Bureau,	Snow Hill, Worcester Co., Md.
95	Mullineaux, F. H.	Susquehanna,	Level, Harford Co., Md.
96	Murray, J. J.	Union Bridge,	Union Bridge, Carroll Co., Md.
97	Murray, J. T.	Tract Society,	730 N. Fulton ave., Baltimore, Md.
98	Melvin, W. A.	Camp'll & Tyreanna	Knolls; Campbell Co., Va.
99	Neeper, W. J.	Hampden,	229 Falls Rd., Hampden, Balto., Md.
100	Nelson, H. E.	Fair'w & Violetsv'le	13 Fairview av., Carroll, Balto., Md.
101	Nicholson, J. E.	Clayton,	Clayton, Kent Co., Del.
102	Norris, J. W.	Potomac,	Ballston, Alexandria Co., Va.
103	Norris, R. S.	Superannuate,	1515 E. Biddle st., Baltimore, Md.
104	Nowlin, C. P.	Queen Annes,	Ruthsburg, Queen Annes Co., Md.
105	Parris, J. W.	Waverly,	18 Ind'p't st., Waverly, Balto., Md.
106	Pierce, Emanuel	Lewistown,	Lewistown, Frederick Co., Md.

NO	NAME.	APPOINTMENTS.	P. O. ADDRESS.
107	Phillips, W. S.	Eutaw,	Harford & Lake Aves., Balto., Md.
108	Poisal, W. M.	Easton,	Easton, Talbot Co., Md.
109	Rowe, R. S.	Crisfield,	Crisfield, Somerset Co., Md.
110	Randall, Louis	N. C. Avenue,	329 E st., S. E., Washingt'n, D. C.
111	Reed, E. T.	Mount Tabor,	3208 Wisconsin av., W., Wash., D.C.
112	Revelle, T. P.	Dover and Leipsic,	Dover, Kent Co., Del.
113	Schlincke, H. L.	Bedford,	Cumberland Val., Bedford Co., Pa.
114	Sheridan, J. M.	East Baltimore,	1524 E. Biddle st., Baltimore, Md.
115	Shreeve, Jesse	Kennedyville,	Kennedyville, Kent Co., Md.
116	Simpson, Elmer	Concord,	Roxbury, Franklin Co., Pa.
117	Smith, G. J.	Pocomoke,	West, Somerset Co., Md.
118	Smith, S. J.	Seaford,	Seaford, Sussex Co., Del.
119	Southerland, S. B.	Superannuate.	813 N. Fulton ave., Baltimore, Md.
120	Stevens, F. L.	Middleway,	Middleway, Jefferson Co., W. Va.
121	Stocksdale, G. H.	Fox Hill,	Rip Raps, Eliz. City Co., Va.
122	Stone, E. D.	Parksley,	Parksley, Accomac Co., Va.
123	Straughn, J. L.	Harrington,	Harrington, Kent Co., Del.
124	Strayer, W. M.	Jefferson,	Buckeystown, Frederick Co., Md.
125	Sullivan, J. G.	Mount Nebo,	Slate Hill, York Co., Pa.
126	Tagg, F. T.	Editor,	8 E. Baltimore st., Baltimore, Md.
127	Taylor, E. B.	Felton,	Felton, Kent Co., Del.
128	Tredway, S. B.	Belair,	Belair, Harford Co., Md.
129	Trout, J. W.	Elizabeth,	48 4th st., Elizabeth, N. J.
130	Truitt, B. P.	Lisbon,	Lisbon, Howard Co., Md. [Japan.
131	Vandyke, E. H.	Missionary,	25 Nishi Kusabukacho Shidzuoka,
132	Walter, A. J.	Conquest,	Atlantic, Accomac Co., Va.
133	Ward, A. N.	North Baltimore,	1504 Linden ave., Baltimore, Md.
134	Warfield, E. A.	Lynchburg,	Lynchburg, Va.
135	Warner, L. F.	Salisbury,	Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md.
136	Weigand, J. A.	Superannuate,	Westminster, Carroll Co., Md.
137	White, W. W.	Warwick,	Warwick, Cecil Co., Md.
138	Wilson, David	Supernumerary,	207 E. Capitol st., S.E., Wash., D.C.
139	Wooden, J. F.	Holly Run,	Wellham's X Roads, A. A. Co., Md.
140	Wolf, G. L.	Wilmington,	313 E. 3rd st., Wilmington, Del.
141	Wright, J. A.	Delmar,	Delmar, Sussex Co., Del.
142	Wright, T. H.	Baltimore,	Towson, Baltimore Co., Md.
143	Wright, H. F.	Fairfax,	Glenbrook, Fairfax Co., Va.
144	Ward, J. L.	Belair,	Wilna, Harford Co., Md.
145	Yingling, J. M.	Cumberland,	99 Bedford st., Cumberland, Md.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

"After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things." ACTS 15: 16, 17.

Man gains the secrets and utilizes the products and resources of nature only by compliance with pre-existent laws and conditions.

The great achievements of our age have accomplished nothing beyond discovering, solving, constructing what was ever attainable, demonstrable, producible.

That they have deepened the conviction that a dominant Intelligence's wisdom and power pervade the universe was the designed resultant, but whatever are its effects in holding the faith or rousing the impulses of men its producing causes are inadequate. And yet that conviction is basal, in accord with human reason, for man's natural belief is in one God. The multiplicity of deities found in the world does not disprove this. Rather does it presuppose a common belief subsequently diversified by separations, migrations and changes in customs, vocations consequent upon new influences and surroundings. The diversities accentuate the authority of the original belief, while they indicate the drift to the instincts and passions until extremes are found in the pagan and savage. Just as the lower phases of depravity supervene in him who yields to the seductions of an enervating climate and its insidious conditions, so on a vaster scale peoples have receded from the safe anchorage of faith in a Supreme Being until their remote descendants came to bear but slight resemblance to them. Thus the rude and barbarous are not the product of original savagery, but represent a decadence in knowledge, morals and the arts and comforts of a higher life back to which it is possible for them to be restored, inasmuch as the ascendancy of intellect, of moral qualities, of refining agencies follows a return to the natural belief in God. The ancestors of the nation whose voice has often shaped the world's affairs were a degenerate people whose sturdy qualities, developed through struggles for life and supremacy, largely form the strength of English character to-day, ennobled by allegiance to God and the principles of right. Such tremendous changes have their causes in more than simple belief in one God reached by nature's revealings and man's natural abilities. Nature is the voicings of God's will in externals, and man is the divine image dismantled, shorn of power and glory. Those voicings have never furnished the solution of the grave problems of life inseparably connected with the character and authority of God, and man's thoughts and efforts have not penetrated beyond, only found their culmination in those revealings. Since worship, however, is not extinct anywhere on the earth, and even savages manifest their yearnings in methods the direct outgrowth of their degen-

eracy the conclusion is irresistible that nature's teachings have been augmented by explicit enunciations of the divine will, that man originally knew God. It follows then that gross conceptions, base superstitions, low standards of morals, corrupt practices, false systems and horrible rites are the outcome of separation from the original source of light and life, and have not arisen from the incompleteness or insufficiency of this revelation, or from its inability to mould the life of men. That the best elements of the foremost nations were and are dominated by it prove its excellence and potency in producing vigorous growth in the essentials of moral greatness, and the permanencies of national life. Human history, therefore, is not a mere chronicle of events, the laudation of men of noble mind, the execration of the impious, or of enterprises born of worthy motive or the lust of power, but it demonstrates God's sovereignty as "the ruler over the nations" leading the race to highest attainments, because throughout human progress is seen His great purpose unerringly approaching consummation through divinely energized agents and directed activities. We are thus dealing with facts which rest upon historic evidences, the truest processes of reasoning, yea, man in touch with God in the holiest things of his being and existence.

That Haran company sought the realization of a divine pledge whose provisions extended to man in the remotest future, but the paramount fact thereby established was that the coming nation's origin and mission depended upon the direct interposition of God in his development of the purpose set forth in His original promise to man. The bartering away of that defenseless brother's life and liberty, his elevation to authority, the settling of his kindred in Egypt, and their subsequent enslavement were apparently human affairs, but they form the background which makes more luminous the unfolding of God's purpose traceable in the preservation of a slave's child, his training in the king's palace, and in all the epoch-making events which followed. No scene in history has equaled in impressiveness, in momentous possibilities the one when that great multitude, girded for a journey, staff in hand, ate "roast lamb and bitter herbs," and then with pulse beats quickening made their way from their slave quarters, away from the lash and grievous burdens onward to home, independence and manifest destiny in the land given of God. Its interpretation to us is God's controlling hand, and their responsiveness to His promises and leadings.

That tribal connections simplified the national organization is conceded, but it was altogether built on absolute adhesion to God, submission to His authority and acceptance of His mandates. Hence the written law, minutiae of duties, the tabernacle, the priesthood, services, sacrifices emanated from Him, and fashioned the social, governmental and religious life of the nation in accord with His sovereign will. Most assuredly their selection involved the whole race, but vital results depended upon the fulfilling of their specific mission, the favoring conditions of the world and the determining counsel of the Almighty, who, through human instrumentalities, was rearing the tabernacle of David which reached its highest stage under that king, and when the added glories of the temple, and the wisdom and fame of his great son conveyed knowledge of God unto distant lands.

It is further evident that their attainments in civilization and its accompaniments were not the supreme object. They were to have no superiors in conceptions of God, in the principles regulating life, in developing the highest type of manhood; yea, all things were to be subservient to religion's claims, which, in turn, would sanctify, enrich and advance every feature of individual and national life worthy of consideration and perpetuation. The nation was thus to occupy a commanding position, and not be merely a religious organization lacking strong bulwarks, ample resources for growth and territorial expansion befitting a people honored of God above all others. Nevertheless, what a sad spectacle they present in vacillations between worship of God and idols, with alternating seasons of prosperity and subjugation, and only a part surviving to maintain their heritage and religious life. But the passage of centuries could not adversely affect "the great purpose of God in redemption," because looking forward equalled our looking backward to the source of life and salvation, the divine promise being substantially fulfilled when uttered. Nor was that nation permitted to defeat that purpose. They might condemn or deface, abandon or destroy their distinguishing institutions, but God had declared "I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up," but in imperishable form, and with race-reaching agencies. The prediction to David "Thine house and thy kingdom shall be established forever" meant little if it did not explicitly refer to the Messiah. Prophets corroborated the fact, the angel announced it to Mary—"He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there shall be no end," and the Jews declared "we have heard out of the law that Christ abideth forever." The inevitable conclusion is that David's dynasty would be perpetuated under higher standards, broader provisions, world-influencing results in the kingdom of His Greater Son Jesus. That nation was not intended to be tentative, but its cherished ceremonial was, for the types and services which led heart and life Godward through the certainty of Messiah's coming were ever destined to be displaced by that which would gain being, strength and power, in part, from the indestructible things of David's tabernacle. "But when the fulness of the time was come," the tapers of the long night of preparation paled before the world's light heralded by angelic choir, with peace engirdling the earth, and its avenues prepared for the imparters of its energizing power.

1. A characteristic belief or hope fostered under the Mosaic and projected into the Gospel system requires some notice.

Abraham's elevation to be "the father of the faithful" in whom were "all families of the earth to be blessed" presaged the Messiah's lineage. Jacob's parting words "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah until Shiloh come, and unto him shall the gathering of the people be" indicated his leadership. The prophecy "there shall come a star out of Jacob, and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel" emphasized His mission and kingship. "Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end upon the throne of David" outlined the character and duration of His reign. "Out of thee shall He come forth that is to be ruler in Israel" localized His authority. But "there shall be a root of Jesse, to it shall the Gentiles come," and "the Gentiles shall come unto Thee from the ends of the earth" pointed to a race-embracing kingdom with

its power centralized in the Messiah and in the Jewish nation. It was, therefore, not difficult for that people, in their peculiar conditions, to misconstrue prophecies so as to sustain popular ideals until Jewish hearts were thrilled with the hope of a conquering Messiah's coming to rear anew in unequalled might and glory the throne of their great king. The hope which thus swayed that liberty-loving people, proud of their history and achievements, could only be intensified by the added pangs which came from their subjugation by an alien power, and destitute of a king, portentous events seemingly imminent, and religious life feeling the effects of reactionary movements, the most reasonable solution to them was the Messiah's coming, Jerusalem the favored capital of ever-extending dominions. If perchance the coming Messiah should fail to bring to fruition their hopes concerning national affairs then surely their God-appointed, time-honored institutions would be still further exalted, and Jerusalem would forever remain the world's centre unto which, as their prophet declared, "many nations shall come, and say, Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob: and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

There was little to repress this or those deep-seated prejudices which came from training in exclusive conditions, practices endeared by strongest ties, traditions which centered life and energies to their nation and its unfulfilled mission, and engendered resentment against aliens oftentimes the agents of their calamities and woes. That marked traces of the popular belief and prejudices are seen in Christ's followers is not surprising. He was of David's line, He honored the nation's institutions, upheld the law, observed national customs, confined his labors almost exclusively to his fellow-countrymen, commanded His disciples "Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not," and avowed of Himself "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel," thus responding to their ideal Messiah. All that was not without cause which the Apostle set forth to the Jews "It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you," and further, "Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers." On the other hand the whole scope of His life and redemptive work appears in His statement after His resurrection, "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer—And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem," and in his last commission "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," which had abundant foreshadowing in the Old Testament, the Holy Ghost's utterances through Simeon, Christ's own teachings, and was verified by labors among the Gentiles. Nevertheless, the popular belief, national prejudices obtruded themselves into the early church at a most critical stage, and imperiled vital interests. Not that Gentiles should be denied the Gospel, but that their reception without Jewish rites should not be permitted. The previous recognition of some had stirred deepest feelings, crossed national pride, because it sounded the death-knell of Judaism. The natural impulse was to resist being identified with alien peoples under such dishonoring conditions, for God had enjoined their rites, their life was exclusive, and

national aspirations and evident destiny all opposed the surrender of distinctly Jewish fundamentals for a course repugnant to old beliefs, customs and hopes. They contended for the observance of Mosaic institutions by union with the essentials of the new faith. But this could not be, hence the Jerusalem Council convened. It was called upon to certify to the world-wide brotherhood of man, that "there is no respect of persons with God," that the Saviour provided is mighty to save all, and to indicate the divine purpose as to union of all believers on the requisites of faith and practice. It lifted the church from ceremonies to a living Christ, from elaborated sacerdotalism to "one Mediator between God and man," and insisted upon the necessary things of the Christian life, and upon maintaining inviolate Gospel truths and ordinances as the means for the extension of the kingdom over the earth. And consequently it recognized the obliteration of racial distinctions and territorial boundaries, that "the field is the world;" the message, salvation by faith in Jesus; the chief agency, a consecrated ministry duly empowered; the requirements of converts such as Christ decreed and reason commends; the resources, the active support of believers to promote the cause to which all in common pledge sacred honor and life.

It is very clear to my mind that the text supports neither the belief of Judaism's permanency nor its re-establishment, nor does it apply to the event supposed by some to be impending, neither to its present foreshadowings nor resulting circumstances. James authoritatively declared, the Council concurring, that the prophecy was then fulfilled. That should satisfy us, especially since causes can be adduced. The Jewish nation had fulfilled its mission in that it had preserved God's revelation through perils, apostacies and subjugations; had produced heroic characters whose faith, prowess and lives in the midst of invasions and corrupting forces have challenged the admiration and emulation of men of every age, and had shared in bequeathing to the world its long-expected Saviour, through whom "Shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." Having been raised up for that object what else remained for the nation to accomplish?

The question may well be raised here, why the insistence upon superior favors, distinctions for the descendants of those who cried, "His blood be on us and on our children?" Why should the Jews at any future time be elevated above Gentiles who have already maintained the kingdom longer than the Jews possessed the Mosaic system? The gospel levels distinctions to a uniting brotherhood, and now and forever it must be true "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, their is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye are Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." "Therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God." What God designs concerning that scattered yet marvelously preserved people, still one in faith and hope of restoration, which a New York leader recently declared "We cannot, we will not abandon," cannot be the rehabilitation of Judaism, nor can we conclude that the triumph of the Gospel depends upon future developments of that people. I conceive conditions are satisfied by their ability to share with others the blessings of the Gospel, for they can be brought

to Christ, their increased movement to Him of late being the effect of the wide sweep of Christian activities which ought to have reached them years ago instead of relentless persecutions at the hands of rulers and subjects. No special provisions are made for them, and they inherently possess nothing in excess of Gentiles, for lineal descent cannot supercede the faith that saves; yea, that makes us "Abraham's seed," consequently it is difficult to see how they will fare better under grace than Gentiles who are "Allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel."

2. It is to be noted that while the prophesy, "I will build again the tabernacle of David which is fallen down," was fulfilled in the rearing of Christ's kingdom, the predominant object was "that the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord." The Christian church, therefore, exists for the sole purpose of laboring with God for the regeneration of mankind. And yet, despite her origin, her matchless power, her high missions, invincible Leader she became corrupt, bedecked herself in gaudy trappings, adopted gorgeous ceremonies, assumed temporal power, and left the cardinal principles of the faith. But when Europe was priest-ridden, the truth hid from the people, worldliness and apathy prevalent God raised up a man to stem the flood. When later England, no longer enslaved to papal authority, fostered ritualism, sacerdotalism, and had "a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof," God raised up men to inject new life out of which came the church reconstructed, energized, moving back to her ancient moorings. Even then she largely perverted her mission, stunted her growth by narrowness, prejudices and ignoring the claims of the heathen world until men, called of God, like Carey pressed beyond all opposition in conscious belief that God would not, if he could, "convert the heathen without your aid or mine." To the everlasting confusion of the church be it said that what the first laborers among Gentiles encountered from Jewish brethren was heaped, in varying degree, upon Missionaries in modern times by fellow-Christians, who professed to believe "God hath made of one blood all men," and repudiated it by acting out the assertion "My mind assents, but my heart will not;" and that Jesus "is the propitiation—for the sins of the whole world," yet ignored it by vigorously protesting against sending the Gospel to foreign lands. We are prone to overlook those days of trouble when the declarations of a modernized Jerusalem Council were needed to adjust matters and impel the church onward to new conquests. Hear Bishop Horsley declaring "The command of our Saviour to preach the gospel to all nations, did not, as he conceived, apply to us." Consider the Marquis of Hastings dismissing a Chaplain in India for distributing tracts alleging "That the man who should be so rash as to do such an act would let off a pistol in a powder magazine." Weigh the influence of the action of the General Assembly in Scotland when it resolved "That the idea of converting the heathen was highly preposterous," which was atoned for by the Kirk sending out Alex. Duff twenty-eight years after. Conceive what was revealed by the member of the Massachusetts Legislature who opposed granting the American Board's Charter in the declaration "We have no religion to spare." So too of Captain Cook's opinion of suggested Missionary work in the

Pacific Islands, "It is very unlikely that any measure of this kind will be seriously thought of as it can serve neither the purpose of public ambition nor private avarice, and without such inducements I may pronounce that it will never be undertaken." But the church was committed to the world-wide diffusion of the gospel in accord with Divine intent, promise and command, and men were found ready to take it through whose agency savages and cannibals of many isles became trophies of Him whose kingdom is to embrace "all tribes, kindred and nations." If indifference and opposition to Foreign Missions had only disappeared before overmastering conceptions of God's purpose, of man's needs and possibilities what a glorious record would be unrolled this morning. But alas! the greatest cause known to men has suffered most at the hands of its nearest of kin, for the malice and deeds of its open enemies have aroused latent powers of endurance, resistance and aggression, but the persistent disregard of solemn vows and appeals for aid by Christians have paralyzed energies, restricted operations and checked advance.

It cannot be conceded that there are any grounds for opposition to Foreign Missions, else we declare God has imposed upon the church that which is impracticable, unreasonable or injurious. He who arrays himself against this God-assigned work must fall back upon ignorance, prejudice, selfishness, rebellion in explanation thereof. Misconceptions of personal duty to this cause do not justify, and condemnation of it equals the assumption of sovereign prerogatives which brook no dissent from individual judgment, howsoever formed.

I do not believe any man has the right to withhold his support from Foreign Missions for any reason whatsoever save a release from God who has made it our imperative duty to help save the world. If there is serious objection to workers, methods or aught else, let duly constituted authorities act, but let there be no cessation of effort anywhere. Men on Mission Boards and in the field are only human, but they represent our delegated authority, they represent us, and loyalty to manhood, fidelity to church connection, allegiance to God, all demand that we stand by the enterprise until the end. Just and considerate criticisms, anything proffered to aid, instead of injecting in churches elements of suspicion, want of confidence, further error and hostility, are always welcomed by those honored of the church with the responsibilities and duties of that department. To me passive or active opposition is a fearful thing, because it blights the essential and nourishes the destructive forces operating in the formation of individual character, and ever tends to the subversion of the very object for which the church was called into being.

3. Unquestionably the unconcern and open rejection of the church's claims for aid in her further extension, which are so much in evidence, rest upon something real or imaginary which we do well to consider. Among the things presented in explanation of indifference to foreign missions are the difficulties in heathen lands from conditions and people. From personal labors in the home and the foreign fields I assert that heathendom presents nothing more antagonizing than what exists in America, save in very exceptional cases. Objectors overlook discordant factors from all nations among us, underestimate the power of Catholicism, infidelity of subtlest minds, evils of great cities, demoralizing effects of an unrestrained press, the intolerable liquor traffic, vile corruptions in our body

politic, vice flaunting its hideous face and power, the masses practically un-reachable, the upper classes retiring to social functions, and so on down the list. But is there a man among us indifferent or opposed to church work on that account? Nay. We believe in our country's future, in the gospel, in the church as the conservator of national life, in the loyalty of our people to truth, in the assimilation of what is among us to make a united people working out a career of helpful benefactions to the world, and so we labor satisfied that the tide will turn.

I know many expatiate extensively upon the superior intelligence of the heathen in advanced lands, their astuteness, metaphysical cast of mind, love of abstract questions, depth of penetrating powers, and general mental equipment which make them practically invulnerable. But do our friends recall that the heathen are on the wrong side, that the best of them are searchers after truth, that the religious element is not extinct, and that "devout Buddhists are the most earnest listeners of Christianity," and, I may add, make the best Christians? The struggle is truth against error, the "power of God" against sophistries, philosophies, and with God, the gospel, the church right they will win, and if we do not believe it the time has come for us to hand in our credentials. Indeed, I scarcely know which is demanded pity or censure. Whence comes all this blare about heathen excellences, impregnable barriers? Surely not from such horns as were blown in the march around Jericho. What are the deductions therefrom? That the gospel, in winning the present day Christians, dealt with numskulls, and that heathendom has produced better systems, therefore better men, than Christendom. But who believes it? They are of the same stock—twisted, gnarled, stunted, deformed, "dead in trespasses and sins," with a veneer which charms and also befools travellers until they learn of the ignorance, superstitious practices and unmentionable immoralities. Of all things, they need the Christian religion. They have been surfeited with moral tales and such things, and Dr. Williams, after forty years' life in China, in close touch with all classes, says: "They have had morality and honesty preached to them now for two thousand years, and there isn't in China to-day a man who would lend the emperor a dollar on his own name." I know that not one received a silver dollar from my hand without immediately testing its purity by clinking it. As to the subterfuge that we should not interfere with, insolently obtrude upon other nations to alter their belief, worship, manner of life, and kindred things, it is enough to reply that, as a rule, such people never hesitate to avail themselves of every opportunity to change governments, tradal methods, houses, clothing, food, anything to extend commerce, the dream and life-work of the so-called civilizer, but too often unblushing profligate.

But that which appears to be more serious and weighs more with those who do not support foreign missions is the sacrifice of workers, the delayed and meagre results abroad. I would not minimize facts, but I insist that with all that can be set forth there is not the shadow of reason for any Christian being in conflict with God's command and work. I have not been able to learn of losses exceeding those I now present. Of six missionaries sent to Sierre Leone three died and one was murdered within two years; the Moravian band of nine

to Guinea died within two years; in the first twenty years of the Church Missionary Society's operations fifty-three missionaries, including wives, died at their post; out of a company of five, four died within six months, and of another band of six, two died within two months, but hear the testimony: "There never was wanting another man to take the colors," and "scarcely any mission has been more blessed." Death in those early days came often and quickly when traveling facilities were limited, medical aid rare, and other difficulties beset the path of missionaries which, while not eliminated now, have been reduced to a minimum.

That losses occur through break-downs, withdrawals, unfitness, is to be expected as concomitant features of human labor duplicated in commercial life, governmental affairs and benevolent undertakings.

The sacrifice of modern Stephens proves that these times equal apostolic in gifts of unflinching faith, heroic courage, sustaining and triumphing grace, and have enriched the home church with greater zeal and the foreign field with more consecrated heralds. But we must not forget, as one states, that "in less than forty years not less than seventeen expeditions were sent from Europe, whose object was to ascertain the source and termination of the Niger; to which eleven leaders and eight other men of education, besides scores of attendants sacrificed their lives. The greatest minds of Europe deemed the object worthy of the cost, while the world admired and praised the devoted enthusiasm of these martyrs to the spirit of geographical research." What of North Pole expeditions, and many other attempts to add to the knowledge, inventions, wealth, comfort and luxury of modern life which have required the immolation of hosts of worthy men. Shall the church do less than yield her best to lift men to where Christ gave His life to bring them, especially a: one declared "this work is worth more than it costs for the heroic martyr spirit with which it inspires the church?" I have counted it the honor of my life that I grasped the hands of men in heathendom who will bear to their graves the deep scars of wounds received in Christ's service, and who gave me loftier views of Christian character, the Christ-like spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion to assigned work after the imperilment of life and loss of earthly possessions. In the matter of delayed results there are some notable examples. Dr. Judson labored in Burmah seven years before he baptized a convert. Dr. Morrison, in China, toiled for nearly seven years; in New Zealand it was nine years before the first convert, and two years more before the second; in Foo Chow Conference of M. E. Church it was ten years before a convert was made; in Sierre Leone it was twelve years, while in Tahiti and the Society Islands it was sixteen years. And yet as we survey those and other fields it is impossible to estimate present results and the far-reaching influences and forces at work for the emancipation of mankind from idolatry and sin. That the most painstaking efforts were required amid greatest difficulties, largely removed from many present fields, is evident. For example, while Japan was occupied by missionaries in 1859, from that date "until 1872 there was persecution and constant danger to native believers," but now the constitution grants religious freedom. On the other hand in Korea Christianity is proscribed, and in some lands while outwardly tolerated the work is beset with secret opposition most difficult to

counteract. But with every passing year Christianity demonstrates more and more its right to a hearing, and its uplifting agencies are becoming recognized as necessary in rearing social and national fabrics.

A word as to meager results. I know a few hundred souls saved from idolatry have provoked the sneer of cynics, the contempt of godless tourists, the complaint of some American Christians, but who of them knew what it meant to have them saved or what it prefigured? In this regard one man like our Maruyama, Tokida or others easily named represents more achieved, and the doing of more hereafter for God and native land than scores of home converts, if the past is a safe criterion. To lead men out of heathen night to Jesus infinitely transcends ministering at home altars glorious as is this work, for in the transition from the old life out into unbeaten paths seeking the safest and best for home and nation the men of God have unrivaled opportunities to inject divine truth, Christian principles, and Gospel morality into every department, and magnify all by a godly life and unimpeachable character.

Need I refer to the oft used sedative for a disturbing conscience, the loss of converts abroad? I ought not to seemingly reflect upon your intelligence by again insisting that you cannot expect abroad what none of us always realize at home. What church or what Conference has not mourned over the deflection of those of whom much was hoped? What of the old Jewish characters, of Judas, Ananias, Demis and others? Why raise a higher standard for heathen converts, rather why not grant the force of besetments which exceed ours, of ostracism from kindred and national customs unappreciated ordinarily by us, and of ever present appeals to return to the old life, and tendencies to becloud Christian doctrines with former beliefs.

But I believe much of the opposition to Foreign Missions is another form of the insatiate cry for success, immediate, electrifying. A captain of a man-of-war told me when Dr. ———, now a prominent New York Minister, was a Missionary, he reported the lapse of a native pastor and other losses to his Board, to which they replied, "Do not send us word of failures, we want reports of success." The trouble is the church clamors for it, and responds often in proportion to what satisfies and indicates progress whether retarding causes are understood or not. Surely this is neither just nor right, and the freedom with which criticism is made in some quarters is not only reprehensible, but positively harmful and iniquitous. I cannot understand how Christians can conclude that when expected or desired success does not come then, forsooth, Missionaries are indolent, incompetent or something worse. Must years of upright character and commendable labors here count for naught, is there no honor left to a man when transferred to a heathen land commissioned of God and the church for holiest work on earth? In justice to our Missionaries I must say not one ever brought dishonor to himself or reproach upon his Mission, but each was faithful to duty as he understood and was able to perform it. I must say further that they are the peers of our average home ministers, capable of being used of God for great things if we but supply the means. Nearly all have had the best training our denomination could supply, and are worthy of our confidence, deserving of our sympathy and heartiest support.

4. And now briefly let us consider our own work. The fact that our board

has seldom been in financial straits is not proof positive that all is serene, for the situation is a grave one. Had our people appreciated not so much the needs of our Japan work as the awful state of the heathen in all lands, the gospel's power to transform them, and our bounden duty to send it forth, then I believe men and means would have been at hand to fully develop our Japan interests and plant missions in other dark regions. I no not mourn over the so called poverty and smallness of our denomination, but over the absence of the true spirit of missions without which we cannot answer the ends of our creation as a church. Inasmuch as a correct estimate of our missionary operations can hardly be formed without knowledge of facts not generally recalled, my reference thereto will not, I hope, be deemed inappropriate. Dr. Robinson wrote: "The most pathetic spectacle in this world is that of one foreign missionary in some distant heathen city." Miss Brittan, an Episcopalian, was in charge of our work in Yokohama for three years, without a member of our church to help her, in which time she gathered a mixed school of forty-seven scholars. After that your present speaker was there for nearly four years without a ministerial colleague, yet a church of fifty nine members, from which two of our ministers and other helpers have come, greeted the second male missionary in 1887. The occupancy of the strategic city of Nagoya in 1887 resulted in a church of nineteen members in five months, our two most gifted pastors being included. The opening of a mission station in Shizuoka in 1892 gave us a church of eighteen members in about five months. Like results were possible at other points, but men and means were not supplied. The plans proposed by the superintendent in 1885, when the pro-foreign sentiment was strong, were overruled by the home authorities on their honest judgment, but were acceded to when the anti-foreign feeling had gained ascendancy in 1891-2, influenced by the recommendation of their duly accredited investigator, and this explains somewhat the embarrassments and restricted development of the work. It is most reasonable to believe that if the opportunities and favoring conditions of 1885-6 had been utilized by us such headway would have been made that the temporary reaction which swept over the land would not have seriously affected our operations and growth. But the great drawback has ever been the inadequate manning of the mission, from which we have suffered beyond comparison. That enterprise, however, ought to be gratifying in its enlargements with five church buildings, one parsonage, three organized churches, two to be organized soon, twenty Sabbath-schools, and an operating conference of ten charges, with thirty-one appointments, and a membership of five American and four Japanese ministers, four Japanese preachers, two evangelists, and five theological students. The educational work, with all its hinderances and difficulties, is growing in power, and will yet be a mighty factor in all our operations with its college and schools, including the important and helpful work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, conducted by its three missionaries, seven Bible women and other helpers.

In property matters we have made substantial gains at all points. The worth of the Yokohama Bluff property, which was occupied from 1883, was secured by the board, and the new lot on a commanding site right among the Japanese could have been sold recently for twice the amount paid for it. The

Nagoya land, which cost us little more than a yen per tsubo (36 square feet), including six Japanese houses, is now appraised by government officials at 40 yen per tsubo. But I cannot enlarge. Our workers are content to abide by our impartial decisions, knowing that the church must appreciate what has been done amid peculiar difficulties attending the enterprise from its inception. They rightly claim our earnest prayers, practical interest, and generous gifts without which their hands are tied and their hearts burdened. We cannot as a denomination steel our hearts against the woes of mankind, close our purses to the calls of that work, localize our energies when it is possible to revolutionize affairs at home and shake the strongholds of heathendom, else we contravene God's word, pervert our mission to men, and cripple and impoverish our powers and resources for which the heathen will arise in all the horrors of their idolatries and attendant miseries to condemn us.

How can Christ ever hold even nominal sway over those lands unless we comply with His command and pay our vows? Not that we shall as iconoclasts destroy, and engender racial strife which thwarts true progress, but that we seek to reach reason and affection, stir faith to exercise, excite conscience to activity, touch cords responsive to divine truth and personal need, that out of binding traditions, degrading superstitions, false belief, wasteful life, there may arise new creatures in Christ.

If, as one declares, "we shall make the Republic safe only as we make it thoroughly Christian," then what awaits those nations without the gospel? If, as ex-Secretary Foster said, "The reason of our greatness is mainly because we are a Christian country," then the heathen problem is forever solved. They must have Christianity, and woe, woe unto us if we impart it not to them.

When I think of the "Little Corporal," who could gather about him armies of men dominated by his will, imbued with his purposes, willing instruments of his ambitions, ready to die at his command that crowns, dominions and fame might be secured, I stand humiliated before the supine indifference of the church of God that, with resources adequate, laborers abundant, fields "white already to harvest," her resistless Captain's commands imperative and victory assured, maintains only a skirmish line with which to win whole nations to God and righteousness, and such unremitting labor required at home to keep up supplies. O, for a baptism of the Holy Ghost, for such conceptions of God's plan to save men, of our high privileges, ennobling duties, surpassing joys, that we may yield ourselves to persistent, continuous endeavors for the oncoming of the kingdom of universal peace and righteousness. I have wondered when, commensurate with our obligations and abilities, we will assert ourselves and plant a mission in another land, and still another? What does God want with our gold other than what its giving will accomplish within us, and through us, do for others? Our faith is the essential; our growth into His thoughts, feelings, purposes that we become like Himself, forms the ultimate objective; and, assuredly, laboring to disseminate the gospel, to lead men to Christ, and to enrich the world with spiritual truth and power brings us into closest sympathy with Him, and is the earnest of our rewards "compared with which the laurels that a Caesar reaps are weeds."

FRED. C. KLEIN.

MANUAL.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR THE

Government of the Maryland Annual Conference.

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE.

1. Pastors shall send to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the certificate of election of the delegate or delegates to the Annual Conference immediately after the election of the same.
2. The Secretary shall make a list of the delegates so certified, omitting all contested cases; and this list, together with the list of the ministerial members, shall constitute the roll of Conference upon which the Conference shall organize.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

RULE I.

Duties of the President.

1. To take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.
2. Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.
3. Not allow improper personalities, nor reflections upon any religious communities.
4. Announce each person rising to speak, so soon as he shall have addressed the chair by declaring him "The minister from —," or "The delegate from —."
5. State a question sitting, but stand when the question is put and taken; also when he states a point of order; and also when he makes any formal communication to the Conference.
6. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken, unless there be a tie; but he may vote in case of ballot.
7. May call any member to the chair, when he wishes to participate in debate, or for other purposes; but such person shall not be entitled to the chair after adjournment.

RULE II.

Duties of the Secretary.

1. To perform such duties as are usually required of the Secretary of a deliberate body.
2. Should the President not be in place at the hour of meeting, the Secretary, or in his absence one of his assistants, shall announce the fact, and the Conference shall elect a chairman pro tempore, and proceed to business.
3. Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference, and be accountable for them.

4. Be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.
5. Keep an accurate list of members of the Conference.
6. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of Conference, including all written resolutions, whether adopted or rejected, and the mover and seconder of all written resolutions.
7. Keep a list of business, on which he shall record all business brought before the Conference, and in the order of its presentation.
8. Keep a list of committees, on which he shall record, *First*, The standing committees, in the order of their arrangement in these rules; and *Second*, All other committees that may be appointed, and in the order of their appointment.
9. Keep a correct list of the Circuits and Stations, to be used as occasion may require.
10. Report to the Conference any unfinished business of the preceding annual session.
11. Be the Committee on the Publication of the Minutes.
12. Supply the pastors with blanks.

COMMITTEES.

RULE III.

All committees shall be appointed by the President, except otherwise directed in the Book of the Discipline, or by special vote of the Conference.

RULE IV.

Standing Committees.

1. Finance—2 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
2. Itinerancy and Orders—The Faculty of Instruction.
3. Pulpit Services—3 Ministers.
4. Church Extension—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
5. Superannuates—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
6. Literature—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
7. Sabbath Schools—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
8. Temperance—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
9. Benevolent Agencies—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
10. Fraternal Relations—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
11. Official Character—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
12. Statistics—1 Minister, 1 Layman.
13. Obituaries—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.
14. Education—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
15. Committee on Missions.
16. President's Report—2 Ministers, 1 Layman.
17. Sabbath Observance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
18. Committee on Credentials—1 Minister, 2 Laymen.
19. Christian Endeavor Work—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
20. Publication of Minutes—The Secretary.
21. Committee on Transportation.

RULE V.

Any person being a member of two committees, shall have the right to decline an appointment to another.

MOTIONS.

RULE VI.

Every motion shall be written, signed and read aloud by the mover, handed to the chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before any order can be taken

upon it by the Conference; except motions for amendment, to lie on the table, the previous question, or to adjourn.

RULE VII.

Any motion may be divided, if the sense will admit of the proposed division.

RULE VIII.

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to commit, to substitute, to amend, or to make the order of the day; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand in this rule; the *first three* to be taken without debate; and the *first* always in order. But when the report of a committee has been under discussion, the motion to lay on the table shall not prevail until the chairman of the committee shall have been heard once on the subject, if he desires to speak.

RULE IX.

The question under discussion shall be put whenever a call for it is made by five brethren, and sustained by a majority of the Conference.

RULE X.

When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select committee, and to a standing committee, the question on reference to the standing committee shall be first put.

RULE XI.

No motion to commit, or to lie on the table, being decided, shall be again allowed, on the same day, at the same stage of the proposition.

RULE XII.

A motion, after it is seconded, is the property of the Conference, and the mover has no power to withdraw or have it amended, without leave.

RULE XIII.

No amendment shall be in order, further than an amendment to the amendment.

RULE XIV.

In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put. In balloting, blanks shall be rejected and not reported by the tellers.

DECORUM.

RULE XV.

When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall arise and address the chair, "Brother President," and then pause until he is announced to the Conference; after which he may proceed, addressing the chair, and restricting his remarks to the subject before the Conference.

RULE XVI.

If two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall determine which of them is entitled to the floor.

RULE XVII.

No interruption shall be allowed, while a member is addressing the chair except a call to order by the President or by a member.

RULE XVIII.

When a member is called to order, he shall take his seat immediately, and be silent, until the President or member who made the call shall state the rule of order supposed to be infringed; after which the member called to order shall have the right to explain, and the President shall decide.

RULE XIX.

In deciding a question of order the President shall restrict himself to the rules of order, and any member declared to be out of order by the President, may, if he obtain a second, appeal to the Conference; the question, on such appeal shall be taken without debate; but the appellant may state the ground of his appeal. If the Conference sustain the chair, the member shall be allowed to proceed only in order.

RULE XX.

No member shall speak oftener than twice to the same question, without special leave of Conference; nor longer than fifteen minutes at any one time, unless by the same special permission.

RULE XXI.

No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in a previous speech, except in regular debate, unless the member replying thereto request it, or unless another member requests.

RULE XXII.

Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of the subject under consideration.

RULE XXIII.

Every member shall report at roll call of the first day's session, and be present at the daily sessions of Conference.

RULE XXIV.

After the affirmative of a question has been put, any member who has not spoken before to the question may rise and speak before the negative is put.

RULE XXV.

A member may change his vote at any time before the Chair announces the decision of the question.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

RULE XXVI.

At 9 o'clock A.M., on the day to which the Conference adjourned from the last annual session, the President shall open the Conference by reading a portion of the Word of God, singing and prayer.

RULE XXVII.

1. Examination of the President. The President shall call another minister to the chair and read his annual report. The Chairman shall then address the Conference thus: "Brethren, you have heard the report of the President; shall his character pass?" In case of any charge against the official character of the President, it shall be handed to the Standing District Committee; and the chairman of that committee shall answer the question, "Shall his character pass?"

2. Roll Call. The roll shall then be called, including the Dead Roll. In the event of the death of any member of this Conference, the President shall appoint some member to formally announce the fact to the Conference, and

such announcement shall be made when the name of the deceased is reached in the calling of the Conference Roll; and the name shall then, on motion, be transferred to the Dead Roll by the Secretary in the presence of the Conference, and when the name is reached on the Dead Roll, an order of the day shall be named for memorial services for the deceased.

RULE XXVIII.

At 11 o'clock, on the first day of each session of the Annual Conference, the President or his substitute shall preach a sermon on some of the following subjects: Foreign Missions, Church Extension, including Home Missions, Superannuated Fund, Seminary, including Ministerial Education.

RULE XXIX.

At two-and-a-half o'clock P. M., on the first day of the session, the officers of the Conference shall be elected by ballot, as follows: 1. President; 2. Secretary; 3. Conference Steward; 4. Church Extension Steward; 5. Superannuated Fund Steward; 6. Foreign Missionary Steward; 7. General Home Missionary Steward; 8. Educational Steward; 9.—The Board of Stewards elected at one session to serve the following session of Conference, and the Conference Steward to appoint an assistant.—Standing District Committee, consisting of three elders and three laymen; 10. Committee of Appeals, three ministers and three laymen.

RULE XXX.

Examination of Official Character. The roll shall be called, and the pastors shall deposit their reports, and the collections prescribed by the Conference, each in a sealed envelope, upon which shall be marked the amount, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor, and the name of the charge, in the box of the Conference Steward. The reports and charges against official character shall be handed to the Committee on Official Character. Pastors whose official reports are defective in any point shall be summoned before the committee to explain, and only those cases in which explanation may be unsatisfactory to the committee shall be reported to the Conference; and the characters of all ministers whose names are not reported shall be considered passed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DIURNAL SESSION.

RULE XXXI.

The Conference shall be opened each day by reading the Scriptures, singing a hymn, and prayer.

RULE XXXII.

The reading of the Minutes of the preceding day for correction shall be first in order.

RULE XXXIII.

The President shall then announce that it is in order for delegates to present any business from the churches they represent; when any delegate, upon recognition by the chair, may present any business, and it shall be recorded without debate on the list of business.

RULE XXXIV.

The business next in order shall be the Reports of Committees, called for in the order in which they stand on the List of Committees. They shall not report at any other time without special leave.

RULE XXXV.

When any business is laid before the Conference it may be made the order of the day for any other day of the session, and at a specific hour.

RULE XXXVI.

Unfinished business from the last annual session shall have precedence of all business except the order of the day.

RULE XXXVII.

Ordinary business shall have precedence in the order in which it stands on the List of Business.

RULE XXXVIII.

When any business is taken into consideration, it shall not be interrupted by any other business except the order of the day, or by adjournment.

RULE XXXIX.

When there are present Fraternal Messengers and other visitors to whom the courtesy of formal recognition is due, the Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations shall quietly inform the President; whereupon the President may request the visitors to be brought to him, to be by him introduced to Conference, either at that time, or when the state of business may with more propriety be arrested.

RULES OF ADMINISTRATION.

Duties of the President.

1. The President shall appoint the speakers who shall address the Superannuated Fund and Church Extension Societies at the ensuing Annual Conference; and Friday and Monday evenings are set apart for the public meetings, the anniversaries to alternate in the order of their occurrence. The President of Conference Christian Endeavor Union shall appoint speakers for the Annual Rally on Thursday evening.

2. The office of stationing the ministers and preachers is committed to the hands of the President of the Conference.

3. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical report for all charges unsupplied.

4. In the event of the death of any ministerial member, the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee from any number of the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

5. The failure of the President to visit any charge does not vitiate his right to the amount assessed for his salary.

6. The President shall represent the general interests of the Conference, and shall present their claims in such a manner and at such times as in his judgment may be necessary.

DUTIES OF STEWARDS.

1. The Conference Steward, Church Extension Steward, Superannuated Fund Steward, Foreign Missionary Steward, General Home Missionary Steward and Educational Steward shall constitute a Conference Board of Stewards to whom the Secretary shall hand all reports and collections as received from pastors.

2. The Board of Stewards shall meet immediately after their election and open the envelopes containing the various collections, count the money enclosed, noting its agreement with the statement of the official report, and on the envelope, and prepare a report of collections to the Conference. The money in hand shall then be passed to the persons designated by the Conference to receive it, and the Reports to the Committee on Official Reports.

3. Other duties belonging to the several Stewards shall be performed and reported upon separately as now.

DUTIES OF PASTORS.

1. The pastor shall seek the co-operation of the Stewards in collecting the assessments made by the Annual Conference; admonishing them of their duty in this matter as contained in the Discipline, under the head of "Duties of Stewards," pp. 116-17.

2. It is the duty of pastors to examine and see that suitable deeds be had for all churches, so as to secure them to the Methodist Protestant Church, and, wherever possible, have them incorporated.

3. Pastors are required to apportion the President's salary equitably among the several appointments, and use their utmost endeavors to collect the same before the annual visit of the President.

4. Pastors are required to see that the families belonging to their respective charges are duly supplied with the Catechism of our Church.

5. Pastors are instructed to ascertain of those received into the church whether they have been baptized, and if not, to administer the ordinances of baptism without unnecessary delay.

6. Every pastor is required to do his utmost to collect the full amount of the assessments made upon his charge, whatever may be the difficulties that he may encounter.

7. It is the duty of the pastor to preside on the trial of an accused unstationed minister or pastor.

8. Pastors are required to report to the Annual Conference the amounts contributed to Foreign Missions by the auxiliaries of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, and due credit shall be given in the Minutes.

EXPENSES OF CONFERENCE.

The churches shall be assessed in a sum sufficient to meet the incidental expenses, including the publication of the Minutes; each church receiving Minutes in proportion to the amount contributed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

The Conference shall be opened by reading a portion of the Word of God and prayer, after which the business shall proceed in the following order:

1. Call the roll, noting those present and absent.
2. Read minutes of last meeting.
3. Make necessary corrections in official list.
4. Consider objections to official character.
5. At first Quarterly Conference elect a Secretary, an Advisory Committee, and Committee on Examinations.
6. Hear Reports—
 1. From pastor and associates.
 2. From superannuates.
 3. From unstationed ministers, preachers and exhorters.
 4. From class leaders, S. S. superintendents and presidents of C. E. societies.
 5. From trustees and stewards.
7. Hear and decide on appeals.
8. Inquire faithfully whether candidates for exhorter's and preacher's license, for itinerancy and orders, pursue the prescribed course of study and reading.
9. Grant and renew licenses.
10. Recommend to Board of Ministerial Education.
11. Recommend for orders and itinerancy.
12. Consider applications of ministers and preachers who desire to become members of this Quarterly Conference.
13. Hear suggestions from Advisory Committee.
14. Inquire why church property is not insured.

15. Incidental business.
16. Fix place for next Quarterly Conference.
17. Adjourn with benediction.

SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY.

1st. Every minister, preacher and member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the ages of twenty-one years, shall be entitled to vote in all cases.

2d. All members in full communion and fellowship shall have the right to vote in the election of their class-leaders; and those who have attained the age of twenty-one years shall be "qualified members" for the purpose indicated in Section 3 of Article IV, of the Constitution, and in divisions 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," found on pages 114 and 115 of Discipline.

3d. Every minister, preacher and lay male member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-five years, shall be eligible as a representative in the General Conference.

4th. Every member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-one years, shall be eligible as a Steward, Class-Leader and Sunday-school superintendent, and every male member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-one years, shall be eligible as a Trustee and a Delegate to the Annual Conference.

5th. No minister shall be eligible to the office of President of the Annual Conference until he shall have faithfully exercised the office of Elder two years.

ADMINISTERING ORDINANCES.

No person, in virtue merely of a license to preach, or even election to orders, is empowered to administer, or assist in administering the Christian ordinances.

UNSTATIONED MINISTERS.

The Conference will not recognize as a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church any man who does not bring credentials from some other orthodox denomination, or who has not received suitable testimonials of ministerial character from our own church. In returning the list of ministers and preachers, pastors shall name no person who does not possess the foregoing qualifications.

LOTTERIES.

The practice of raising funds for church purposes, by means of lotteries and other games of hazard, is disapproved by the Conference, and pastors are enjoined to discountenance their use.

MORTGAGING CHURCH PROPERTY.

The placing of Mortgages upon church property, for the purpose, directly or indirectly, of paying the pastor's salary, is so far as it has authority, disallowed by the Conference.

OBITUARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the Committee, appointed in accordance with the rule of Conference, to prepare an obituary, without delay, containing a notice of the place and date of the birth of the brother, the date of his conversion, receiving license to preach, and his reception into the Conference, together with any other important facts connected with his history which their judgment may dictate, in addition to the particulars of his death, and said obituary shall at once be forwarded to *The Methodist Protestant* for publication, and be reported to the ensuing session of Conference.

2. Every ministerial member of this Conference is hereby requested to